



Miscellaneous Tariff Bill

Miscellaneous Tariff Bills (MTBs) are pieces of legislation that incorporate temporary duty suspensions and corrections to trade law. MTBs benefit U.S. manufacturers by temporarily suspending or reducing duties on imported intermediate goods used in production in the United States or finished goods that have limited domestic availability.

New Duty Suspension Process

The new process emphasizes transparency and agency review. Congress delegated authority to the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) as lead agency to solicit petitions for duty suspension from the private sector. The initial petition period is 60 days. Petitions are open to public comment and other federal agency review for 45 days. Seventy-five days following the open review process, the USITC will issue its preliminary report, and 60 days later USITC issues its final report. The final report is presented to Congress where they have 90 days to review, consider, and pass USITC's final report. At this time, Congress may remove petitions from the USITC final report based on issues such as domestic industry objections. However, they may not add petitions for duty suspension to the final report based upon objections from domestic industry.

What Qualifies?

A temporary duty suspension must result in an annual revenue impact to the federal government of less than \$500,000.

| Do you import dutiable proprietary products? | Examples include: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No or limited domestic availability Not adverse to domestic industry No or limited domestic opposition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemicals Textiles Footwear Electronics Multi-functional devices not specifically identified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) Active pharmaceutical ingredients not covered by pharmaceutical agreement |

The Ryan Advantage

Deadlines are quickly approaching and the experts at Ryan can determine if you qualify for MTB benefits help mitigate future duty liability. Ryan's Customs and Foreign Trade practice focuses on opportunities to reduce, eliminate, and recover customs duties and taxes. Our approach combines a deep understanding of the new MTB regulations, having all the tools under one roof, history of success, and big data analysis/analytics. We utilize unique resources equivalent to having a trade attorney, lobbyist, account and customs broker all in one, leveraging long-standing relationships with key decision makers at USITC and Congress to maximize savings.



MTB Timeline

October 15, 2016:

Request for Petitions

December 12, 2016:

Deadline to Submit Petitions

January 13, 2017:

Public Comment Period Opens

February 27, 2017:

Public Comment Period Closes

April 13, 2017: Department of Commerce to Publish Comments

June 12, 2017: USITC to Publish Preliminary Report to Congress

August 11, 2017: USITC to Publish Final Report to Congress

November 9, 2017: Deadline for Congress to Pass MTB

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