April 17, 2025, as modified, is no longer appropriate and will be further suspended for two months, until January 10, 2027.

Therefore, effective on November 9, 2026, the U.S. Trade Representative is further suspending the responsive actions taken in this investigation in the April 23, 2025 FRN, as modified by the October 16, 2025 FRN and as further modified by the November 13, 2025 FRN, until January 10, 2027. Accordingly, effective on November 9, 2026, headings 9903.91.12, 9903.91.13, 9903.91.14, 9903.91.15, and 9903.91.16 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States are each amended by deleting ''November 10, 2026,'' and by inserting ''January 10, 2027,'' in lieu thereof.

During the suspension period, no party will accrue liability for or be required to pay the fees on maritime transport services under Annexes I, II, or III of the April 23, 2025 FRN, as modified by the October 16, 2025 FRN and as further modified by the November 13, 2025 FRN. Further, during the suspension period, no party will accrue liability for or be required to pay the duties provided in Annex V.A of the October 16, 2025 FRN, as further modified by the November 13, 2025 FRN.

III. Responses to Significant Comments

In response to the October 26, 2026 FRN, USTR received approximately 60 unique comments. Some comments supported the proposal to further suspend the action. Some comments noted that further suspension of the action would avoid increased shipping costs and prevent commercial disruptions. Some comments also recommended further suspension of the actions to provide time for continued negotiation with China on the issues raised in this investigation.

Comments opposing the further suspension asserted that the responsive action is needed to address China's acts, policies, and practices by creating incentives to invest in U.S. shipbuilding and related industries, such as containers. These comments argue that, without the action, China's dominance across the maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors will increase.

Some comments recommended permanent suspension of one or all of the maritime service fees provided for in Annex III of the April 23, 2025 FRN, as modified by the October 16, 2025 FRN. These comments generally asserted that if the suspension is not continued, there may be commercial disruptions that negatively impact U.S. exports.

Some comments addressing the suspension of restrictions of Annex IV of the April 23, 2025 FRN, as modified by the October 16, 2025 FRN, generally supported further suspension and recommended permanently lifting the restrictions provided in Annex IV.

Some comments addressing the suspension of the additional tariffs on STS cranes and other cargo handling equipment in Annex V.A of the October 16, 2025 FRN, as well as the proposed tariffs on additional cargo handling equipment in Annex V.B of the October 16, 2025 FRN, generally supported ending the suspension and addressing tariffs separately from the maritime service fees.

Considering the comments, the Trade Representative has determined that the action taken on April 17, 2025, as modified, is no longer appropriate and will be further suspended for two months, until January 10, 2027. During this further suspension, the United States will continue discussions with China to address the acts, policies, and practices at issue in this investigation and take actions to expand domestic commercial shipbuilding capacity, build a resilient workforce, and continue to partner with key allies to increase U.S. shipbuilding capacity. *See* The White House, America's Maritime Action Plan (Feb. 2026), *https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Restoring-Americas-Maritime-Dominance.pdf.*

IV. Ongoing Monitoring

The Trade Representative will continue to monitor the issues raised in this investigation pursuant to Section 301 of the Trade Act and will consider whether it is appropriate to continue the suspension period or whether further action is appropriate in advance of the January 10, 2027, suspension deadline. If modification to the action may be appropriate pursuant to Section 307 of the Trade Act, the Trade Representative may consider the comments received in response to previously proposed responsive actions.

Jennifer Thornton,

General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. USTR–2026–0364]

Notice of Determination To Extend Section 301 Investigation of Vietnam's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (Trade Representative) has determined to extend for three months the ongoing Section 301 investigation of certain acts, policies, and practices of the Government of Vietnam related to intellectual property (IP) protection and enforcement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Philip Butler, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring & Enforcement, or Christina Olson, Senior Associate General Counsel, at (202) 395–5725.

DATES: This notice is effective as of *Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. EDT.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 29, 2026, the Trade Representative initiated a Section 301 investigation into certain acts, policies, and practices of the Government of Vietnam related to IP protection and enforcement under Section 302(b)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act). *See* 91 FR 33285 (June 3, 2026). For investigations initiated under that section that do not involve a trade agreement, Section 304(a)(3)(A) directs the Trade Representative to make findings on actionability and what action, if any, to take within six months of the date of initiation. Section 304(a)(3)(B) provides that, if the Trade Representative determines that the investigation involves complex or complicated issues that require additional time, the foreign country involved in the investigation is making substantial progress in drafting or implementing legislative or administrative measures that will provide adequate and effective protection of IP rights, or the foreign country involved in the investigation is undertaking enforcement measures to provide adequate and effective protection of IP rights, then the Trade Representative shall make findings on actionability and what action, if any, to take within nine months of the date of initiation. Pursuant to this provision, the Trade Representative has

determined that the investigation involves complex or complicated issues that require additional time. Accordingly, the determinations in the investigation will be made by no later than February 28, 2027.

Jennifer Thornton,

General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Product Exclusion Extensions: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In prior notices, the U.S. Trade Representative (Trade Representative) modified the actions in the Section 301 investigation of China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation by excluding from additional duties certain products of China. While most exclusions have expired in prior years, certain exclusions remain in force. This notice announces the Trade Representative's determination to further extend all 178 current exclusions.

DATES: The modifications announced in the annexes to this notice further extend the exclusions through 11:59 p.m. eastern time on January 9, 2027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring & Enforcement Philip Butler at (202) 395–5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions, contact *traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

In the course of this investigation, the Trade Representative has imposed additional duties on products of China in four tranches. *See* 83 FR 28719 (June 20, 2018); 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018); 83 FR 47974 (September 21, 2018), as modified by 83 FR 49153 (September 28, 2018); and 84 FR 43304 (August 20, 2019), as modified by 84 FR 69447 (December 18, 2019) and 85 FR 3741 (January 22, 2020). Additionally, the Trade Representative has established certain processes by which U.S. stakeholders could request the temporary exclusion of particular products subject to the actions. With few exceptions, most of these exclusions expired in 2019 and 2020.

On December 29, 2023, USTR invited the public to submit comments on whether to extend 352 previously reinstated exclusions and 77 COVID-related exclusions. *See* 88 FR 90225 (December 29, 2023). On May 30, 2024, USTR announced the extension of 164 of these exclusions through May 31, 2025. *See* 89 FR 46948 (May 30, 2024) (the May 30, 2024 FRN). In connection with the four-year review of the actions taken in this investigation, on September 18, 2024, USTR announced fourteen exclusions covering certain solar manufacturing equipment. *See* 89 FR 76581 (September 18, 2024) (the September 18, 2024 FRN). The fourteen exclusions were effective from January 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025. On May 31, 2025, USTR announced the further extension of the 164 exclusions extended in May 2024 and the fourteen exclusions granted in September 2024, through August 31, 2025. *See* 90 FR 23987 (June 5, 2025). USTR announced a further extension for these 178 exclusions for 90 days, through November 29, 2025. *See* 90 FR 42500 (September 2, 2025).

On September 16, 2025, USTR invited the public to submit comments on whether any of the 178 current exclusions warrant further extension beyond November 29, 2025. *See* 90 FR 44749 (the September 16, 2025 FRN). Among the factors considered, the September 16, 2025 FRN provided that USTR would consider whether further extending an exclusion is consistent with the Administration's priorities and how further extending an exclusion would impact U.S. interests, including the overall impact of the exclusion on the goal of obtaining the elimination of China's acts, policies, and practices covered in the Section 301 investigation.

On November 1, 2025, the White House announced a historic trade and economic deal reached between President Trump and President Xi Jinping of China.[1] Pursuant to this deal, the United States would further extend the 178 exclusions scheduled to expire on November 29, 2025, until November 10, 2026. Among other actions, China would continue its exclusion process and further extend existing exclusions through December 31, 2026, which would facilitate China's purchases of U.S. goods.

On November 26, 2025, USTR announced the extension of all 178 current exclusions through November 9, 2026, and that USTR might consider further extensions or additional modifications as appropriate. *See* 90 FR 55232 (December 1, 2025).

B. Determination To Extend Exclusions

The Section 301 statute, which is set out in Sections 301 to 308 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2411–2418), provides authority for the Trade Representative to modify the action being taken in an investigation. In particular, Section 307(a)(1) authorizes the Trade Representative to modify or terminate any action taken under Section 301, subject to the specific direction, if any, of the President, if the burden or restriction on U.S. commerce of the acts, policies, and practices that are the subject of the action has increased or decreased, or the action is being taken under Section 301(b) and is no longer appropriate.

In light of ongoing discussions with China, the Trade Representative has determined that it is appropriate to further extend all 178 current exclusions until January 10, 2027.

The Trade Representative's decision to further extend the 178 current exclusions takes into consideration the public comments received in response to the September 16, 2025 FRN. The Trade Representative's decision to extend these exclusions also takes into consideration public comments previously provided, the advice of the advisory committees, and the advice of the interagency Section 301 Committee.

As indicated in the May 30, 2024 FRN and the September 18, 2024 FRN, the exclusion extensions in the annexes to this notice are available for any product that meets the description in the product exclusion. Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the ten-digit Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) statistical reporting numbers and product descriptions set forth in U.S. notes 20(vvv)(i), 20(vvv)(ii), 20(vvv)(iii), and 20(vvv)(iv) and 20(www) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

The Trade Representative may continue to consider further extensions or additional modifications as appropriate.

[1] Fact Sheet, The White House, President Donald J. Trump Strikes Deal on Economic and Trade Relations with China (Nov. 1, 2025), *https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/11/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-strikes-deal-on-economic-and-trade-relations-with-china/*.