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PLAN TO RAISE CHINA TARIFFS ON LIST 3 TO 25% AND TO CREATE NEW LIST 4 TARIFFS AT 25%

Today, as negotiations with China over a trade deal reach a critical phase (Chinese government representatives are in Washington, DC this week to negotiate over trade issues), President Trump [threatened](#) to raise the Section 301 "List 3" tariffs on Chinese origin goods, which have been at 10% since September 2018, to 25% effective this Friday. He also threatened to place Section 301 tariffs on the balance of Chinese origin goods that are not currently subject to List 1, 2 or 3 tariffs.

Whether the new tariffs will come into effect on Friday, or whether this is just a negotiating tactic for the trade talks this week remains to be seen. However, importers of goods on List 3 as well as importers of Chinese goods not on Lists 1, 2 or 3, will want to closely monitor developments this week.

At the same time, it is noteworthy that last week, the U.S. Trade Representative ("USTR") did indicate that it would publish, by the end of May, an exclusion process for companies to request exclusions from List 3. Previously, Congress had directed the USTR to publish such a process no later than March 17.

Pisani & Roll LLP is monitoring the situation closely and will send out updates as soon as details are available. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@worldtradelawyers.com.

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