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China Trip Yields Little Substance

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo concluded a four-day visit to China this week, meeting with her counterpart, Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao. The trip aimed to revive economic dialogue between the world's two largest economies, despite persistent tensions over trade issues and national security.

According to a statement from the Chinese Commerce Ministry on Thursday, China has urged the U.S. to extend "equal treatment" to Chinese companies investing in the United States. "China demands the U.S. give equal treatment to Chinese enterprises investing in the U.S. in terms of market access, regulatory enforcement, public procurement, and policy support," said Shu Jueting, a commerce ministry spokesperson.

China also raised "serious concerns" over the U.S. imposition of Section 301 tariffs, describing them as "discriminatory." **READ MORE**

WTO Chief Ngozi at Jackson Hole

World Trade Organization Director General Ngozi Okonjo-lweala addressed central bankers in Jackson Hole last week, making the case for trade central bankers and the trade community to work together, along with a neologism that may take some further selling.

A retreat from open global trade would undermine this supply "flexicurity" that comes when firms and households have more outside options from which to purchase goods and services. **READ MORE**

State: New. Sanctions To Protect Ukraine's Children

The Department of State is imposing sanctions and pursuing visa restrictions onindividuals and entities connected to forcible transfer and deportation of Ukraine's children.

"On Ukrainian Independence Day, we are sanctioning two entities and 11 individuals for their involvement in the forcible transfer of Ukraine's children to Russia-occupied areas. Ukraine's children are not forgotten," Secretary Blinken on Twitter. READ MORE

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U.S.-Mongolia Trade and Investment Council Meets

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Hearing on China's Global Transnational Repression

This hearing will highlight the PRC's use of transnational repression. Witnesses will discuss the diverse tactics used by the PRC, discuss specific cases of transnational repression and its effects on diaspora and dissident communities in the United States, Canada and worldwide, and offer recommendations for further congressional and administrative action and transatlantic cooperation. **READ MORE**

National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee

The Market Impact Committee is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Annual Materials Plan (AMP)

The Department of Defense (DOD) maintains a stockpile of critical and strategic materials known as the National Defense Stockpile (NDS).

During a war or national emergency, this stockpile is meant to provide strategic and critical materials to support national defense and essential civilian requirements in a time of national emergency. **READ MORE**

2023 ACE Customer Satisfaction Survey

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encourages all importers, brokers, carriers, and other trade community users of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) to take this brief survey. The survey is voluntary and anonymous. Your response will help CBP understand users' satisfaction with ACE, and a high response rate will ensure more accurate representation across the trade community. The survey will remain open through 11:59PM ET on September 13, 2023. READ MORE

CBP COAC Meeting 20 Sept

The COAC will meet on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than September 15, 2023.

Meeting materials will be available by September 11, 2023, at: http://www.cbp.gov/trade/stakeholder-engagement/coac/coac-public-meetings. **READ MORE**

BIS - Denial Orders Up to One Year

Under the newly adopted § 766.24(d)(1), BIS is now permitted to request the Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement to extend an existing TDO for up to one year, a substantial extension from the previous 180-day limit.

This enhanced provision is triggered in cases where a subject party has exhibited a pattern of repeated and ongoing violations of the EAR, thereby justifying the need for a more protracted control mechanism. READ
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Rules & Procedures (RAPTAC) Sept 12th

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet September 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 1401 Constitution ... READ MORE

US Invokes Rapid Response Labor Mechanism in Mexican Airline Case

The Interagency Labor Committee for Monitoring and Enforcement received a Rapid Response Labor Mechanism (RRM) petition from a Mexican aviation union July 31.

The petition, from Asociación Sindical de Pilotos Aviadores de México (ASPA), alleged retaliation against union members from Aerotransportes Mas de Carga (Mas Air), a cargo airline based in Mexico City. READ MORE

USTR Trade Enforcement Priorities Report: No Surprises

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) 2023 trade enforcement priorities as spelled out in their annual report to congress outlines a continuation of previous initiatives, elevating labor and environmental standards, but continuing a staunch America First approach to national security priorities in dealing with multilaterla and bilateral disputes. **READ MORE**

SEC Call for "Comprehensive" Risk Assessments

In a statement released August, Paul Munter, Chief Accountant of the SEC stated the Commission's opinion that the corporate community's risk assessment is inadequate and too narrowly focused.

"We are troubled by instances in which management and auditors appear too narrowly focused on information and risks that directly impact financial reporting, while disregarding broader, entity-level issues that may also impact financial reporting and internal controls," Munter writes.READ MORE

EXIM Monitoring Dual-Use Satellite Transaction in Mexico

As of August 2023, EXIM continued to monitor a prior years's transaction of two satellites for the government of Mexico, according to a GAO audit of EXIM's compliance financing dual-use items.

The first satellite, launched in December 2012, was a fixed-service satellite that went live in February 2013. The second, a mobile-service satellite, launched in October 2015 and became operational that December. The board last approved a new dual-use transaction in fiscal year 2012. **READ MORE**