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Founded in 1978, the International Trade Association of Greater Chicago (ITA/GC) is a not-for-profit, 501(c)6 voluntary business association dedicated to promoting international commerce in all its forms. The ITA/GC provides a forum for the exchange of practical information and insight within the international business community. Members share interests in import and export matters, in international investment, alliance, and licensing opportunities, and – in the broader sense – doing business across the world.

The ITA/GC's focus is on practicality: on building knowledge and enabling relationships that help people do international business. While our scope of interest is diverse – all aspects of trading and commercial activity across all geographies and all industries – our work is simple: **to help others gain understanding that is personal, current and actionable.**

New events, and events with additional/revised information, are indicated in Green.

FEATURED ITA/GC PROGRAMS

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- Jun. 20 **2024 MIDDLE EAST MARKET BRIEFING: REGIONAL GEOPOLITICAL CHANGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ILLINOIS EXPORTERS.** Webinar sponsored by the Illinois Trade Office in partnership with the **International Trade Association of Greater Chicago**. Presentations by **Sherwin Pomerantz**, Managing Director, Illinois' Middle East Regional Office and **Seth Vogelmann**, Trade Director, Illinois' Middle East Regional Office who will discuss: What regional geopolitics looks like today; The effect of change in the regional economic landscape; Export opportunities in the region. 9:30 a.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: <https://tinyurl.com/bp8r5nsc>.
- Jun. 26 **BIG CHANGES TO CHINA TARIFFS: RISK MITIGATION TOOLS.** Luncheon program & Executive Briefing sponsored by the **International Trade Association of Greater Chicago**. Section 301 duties imposed on imports from China starting in 2018 are going to be around for at least four more years. This has led more companies to explore strategies to mitigate or avoid entirely the duties. Presentation by **David Fogue**, Partner, Barnes, Richardson & Colburn, LLP, who will address: What are Section 301 duties?; What recent changes to Section 301 duties have been made?; What strategies work to mitigate or avoid Section 301 duties?; What strategies do not work to mitigate or avoid Section 301 duties? 11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Carlucci Rosemont, 6111 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. ITA/GC Members - \$55; Non-members - \$75. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/risk-mitigation-tools-for-new-china-tariffs-tickets-916886982647>.

Of Note:

Indo-Pacific Framework Comments Due by June 21: As reported in the Barnes/Richardson [Global Trade Law](#), the Department of Commerce is currently seeking comments from the trade community and associated industries that will be used by the IPEF Supply Chain Council “to inform its work on assessing and analyzing risk in global supply chains,” including a determination of an initial list of “critical sectors” and “key goods.” The council will also use the comments to “inform other analytical tools and methodologies developed by Commerce’s Industry & Analysis unit to support resilient supply chains for U.S. industry.” The comment period closes on **June 21, 2024**.

U.S.-Brazil Commercial Dialogue - Request for Comments: The International Trade Administration is seeking input on proposed topics for the [U.S.-Brazil Commercial Dialogue](#). The U.S.-Brazil Commercial Dialogue is a bilateral cooperative mechanism between the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Brazilian Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade. Comments are sought on the agenda to better address the needs of U.S. exporters. Deadline: **July 31, 2024**.

Hearing on USMCA Automotive Rules of Origin: The U.S. International Trade Commission has scheduled an **October 8th** public hearing for [USMCA Automotive Rules of Origin: Economic Impact and Operations, 2025 Report](#). The deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing is **September 24th**.

Treasury Department Amends Cuba Sanctions, Expands Access to Internet and Financial Services for Cuban Nationals: Wiley Rein LLP [reports](#) that on May 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) announced amendments to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (CACR), which expand authorizations for certain financial and internet-based activities for Cuban nationals. The amendments expand and update the list of examples and definitions for authorized services under the CACR, including updating and clarifying authorizations in support of internet-based services, updating definitions to support independent Cuban private sector entrepreneurs, and expanding access to certain financial services for Cuban nationals, among other changes.

Global Manufacturing Could See Strong 2025 – 2028: Although the global manufacturing economy is on track for “sluggish” growth of just an 0.6% annual expansion in 2024, that picture is forecast to brighten considerably in 2025, according to a [report](#) from the industrial automation research firm Interact Analysis. Manufacturing output is expected to recover in 2025 and maintain a steady rate through to 2028, despite seeing a slight dip in the growth rate in 2026, the firm said in its latest Manufacturing Industry Output Tracker (MIO). While most territories see optimistic signs of future growth, the global measure of manufacturing production could be hindered by a stuttering economy in China. The report includes a slight downward revision for China compared with the previous edition; from 2.8% to 2.4%.

European Council Adopts the EU-Kenya Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA): The [agreement](#) will provide duty-free, quota-free EU market access to all exports from Kenya (except arms) as soon as it enters into force, as well as partial and gradual opening of the Kenyan market to imports from the EU. The agreement includes binding provisions on trade and sustainable development, such as climate and environmental protection and labor rights, and a transparent dispute resolution mechanism.

EXIM Releases Updated Country Limitation Schedule: EXIM's updated [Country Limitation Schedule](#) (CLS) is effective May 30. The CLS indicates where EXIM is “open for cover” and where EXIM is “off-cover.” The “open for cover” designation refers to the possibility, rather than the certainty of EXIM support in particular cases. Where the CLS presents an X mark, EXIM is “off-cover,” and is therefore not willing to consider approval of routine transactions. These “off-cover” determinations are due to economic and/or political risks associated with the country.

USTR Issues Federal Register Notice on Section 301 Proposed Tariff Modifications: On May 22, 2024, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) released the text of a Federal Register [notice](#) detailing the tariff codes to be impacted by the Biden Administration's proposed increase in tariffs on \$18 billion in imports from China under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. The notice follows the release of USTR's [report](#), Four-Year Review of Actions Taken in the Section 301 Investigation: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation.

Import Volume Remains Strong at U.S. Ports: Cargo traffic at major ports in the United States is growing year-over-year and is expected to be above 2 million Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units through this summer and into early fall, according to the monthly Global Port Tracker [report](#) from the National Retail Federation and Hackett Associates. U.S. ports covered in the report handled 1.93 million TEU – one 20-foot container or its equivalent – in March, the latest month for which final numbers are available. That was down 1.4% from February but up 18.7% from March 2023

Creating a Rationale: An Analysis of the UK's MoU Initiative with U.S. States: As of March 2024, the UK has signed eight Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with U.S. states. This [paper](#) offers a comprehensive analysis of all the MoUs, by delving into their structures, objectives, areas and industries of focus, implementation mechanisms and means of cooperation, and progress monitoring. The report underscores the value of these agreements in fostering economic collaboration, while emphasizing the need for a clear strategic vision, coordinated implementation, and transparent communication to maximize their long-term economic value.

USTR Releases 2024 Special 301 Report on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) released its [2024 Special 301 Report](#) April 25 on the adequacy and effectiveness of U.S. trading partners’ protection and enforcement of intellectual property (IP) rights. This annual report details USTR’s findings in a review of more than 100 trading partners after significant research and enhanced engagement with stakeholders.

USCBC Releases Annual Report on US Exports to China: The US-China Business Council (USCBC), a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of 270 American companies that do business in China, released its annual [US Exports to China](#) report, which provides an overview of the most recent data available on US goods (2023) and services exports (2022) to China and the American jobs supported by those exports (2022). The US-China trade relationship has grown steadily for decades, but those ties weakened for US goods exports in 2023. US goods exports to China dropped by 4.3 percent in 2023 after reaching a record high the year before. On the services front, US exports to China increased in 2022 but had not recovered from the shock of the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Global Services Trade Data Hub Offers Extensive, Tailored Access to WTO Data: The new Global Services Trade Data Hub now available on the [WTO website](#) provides access to comprehensive data on services trade. It provides visualizations and customizable features for download – catering to the diverse needs of trade negotiators, analysts, researchers and decision-makers – to deliver insights into global services trade. Four separate WTO datasets are available, covering digitally delivered services, trade in services by mode of supply, trade in commercial services, and the WTO-OECD Balanced Trade in Services dataset.

USTR Releases 2024 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers: United States Trade Representative Katherine Tai released the [2024 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers](#) (NTE Report), which provides a comprehensive review of significant foreign barriers to U.S. exports of goods and services, U.S. foreign direct investment, and U.S. electronic commerce in key export markets for the United States.

USTR Releases President Biden’s 2024 Trade Policy Agenda and 2023 Annual Report: The Office of the United States Trade Representative has released President Biden’s [2024 Trade Policy Agenda and 2023 Annual Report](#) to Congress, which details USTR’s work to advance President Biden’s trade agenda. The President’s 2024 Trade Policy Agenda stands up for workers’ rights and sustainable trade practices, supports U.S. farmers, ranchers, fishers, and food manufacturers, bolsters supply chain resilience, addresses unfair policies and practices, and advances inclusive, durable trade policy through expanded engagement.

USTR Releases Annual Report on China’s WTO Compliance: Just released, “this [report](#) details the breadth and scale of China’s non-market policies and practices and the serious harm that they cause to workers, businesses, and industries in the United States and around the world. It is a stark reminder that the members of the international trading system must continue to work together to defend our shared interests against these many harmful policies and practices, particularly in sectors targeted by China’s industrial plans,” said USTR Katherine Tai.

Annual Report on the U.S. Manufacturing Economy: 2023: Recently released by the National Institute on Standards & Technology (NIST), this [report](#) provides an overview of the U.S. manufacturing industry with three aspects of U.S. manufacturing considered: (1) how the U.S. industry compares to other countries; (2) the trends in the domestic industry; and (3) the industry trends compared to those in other countries. The study provides aggregate manufacturing industry data and industry subsector data to develop a quantitative depiction of the U.S. manufacturing industry.

Handbook on Measuring Digital Trade: In response to growing demand for coherent and comparable data on digital trade, the OECD, WTO and IMF produced the first edition of the Handbook on Measuring Digital Trade in 2019. The Handbook formalized for the first time a statistical definition of digital trade which focuses on the nature of the transaction: “digital trade is all international trade that is digitally ordered and/or digitally delivered.” Building on the first edition, the IMF, OECD, UNCTAD and WTO have produced a second edition of the [Handbook on Measuring Digital Trade](#), published in 2023 which provides clarifications on the concepts and definitions related to digital trade, and to the guidelines on how to operationalize them.

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Jun. 10 **PREPARING FOR GLOBAL E-COMMERCE.** Webinar, sponsored by the World Trade Research Institute, will provide information you will need to complete international online sales and explain how to integrate that information in your sales fulfillment process. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$79. For information & registration, please see: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/d9j2dbs>.

- Jun. 11 - ***AUTOMATED COMMERCIAL ENVIRONMENT (ACE) EXPORTS COMPLIANCE***. Webinar, sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic District Export Council, is a two-day program bringing together experts from the Census Bureau, Bureau of Industry and Security, and Clark-Esposito Law Firm to provide training on export filing requirements. Topics include: *Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR), including filing requirements of the FTR; How to classify your commodities & Schedule B classification requirements; Overview of the ACE platform, including AESDirect and Export Report; Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) regulatory compliance and updates; International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) compliance and updates; Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctions programs overview*. 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. both days. Fee: \$125. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/automated-commercial-environment-ace-exports-compliance-webinar-tickets-840463076687>.
- Jun. 11 ***FORGING PARTNERSHIPS. EMPOWERING COMMERCE***. U.S. Customs and Border Protection 2024 Trade Day sponsored by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Chicago Field Office. Connect with CBP personnel, Chicago Field Office Trade Staff, and representatives from partnered government agencies to discuss today's most relevant topics in importing and exporting. Topics include: *Chicago Field Office; Port of Chicago; De Minimis: Risk and Rewards; Combatting Exploitation: Forced Labor; Insights: Agriculture Programs & Trade Strategies; Green Trade Initiatives & Opportunities; Navigating Trade Fairness: Anti-Dumping Measures; Agriculture K-9 Demonstration*. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Four Point by Sheraton, 10249 West Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, IL. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TradeDay2024>.
- Jun. 11 ***REPORT LAUNCH: FRIENDSHORING THE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SUPPLY CHAIN***. Hybrid event sponsored by the Center for Strategic & International Studies. Senator **James Lankford** (R-OK) will join the CSIS Scholl Chair in International Business for the launch of its report on *Friendshoring the Lithium-Ion Battery Supply Chain*. He will offer keynote remarks on the importance of reducing dependence on China for critical minerals, followed by a fireside chat with CSIS's **William Reinsch**. This discussion will be followed by a panel of experts from industry and government which will dive deeper into the report's findings. 8:45 – 10:00 a.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.csis.org/events/report-launch-friendshoring-lithium-ion-battery-supply-chain>.
- Jun. 11 ***EXPORTING ALCOHOL BEVERAGES: NAVIGATING THE TECHNICAL AND TRADE DYNAMICS OF EXPORTING TO CANADA AND THE EU***. Webinar sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service in collaboration with the Alcohol Tobacco Tax Bureau (TTB), Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA), USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), and partners at the Kentucky and Tennessee Departments of Agriculture. Discover valuable insights from leading experts on exporting beer, wine, and spirits to top U.S. export markets. Learn about current market trends and opportunities, and gain knowledge from presentations by organizations offering programs and events designed to help you develop robust export strategies and identify new buyers. 9:00 – 10:45 a.m. CDT. Fee: \$35. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/en/ExportingAlcoholCanadaandEU/go-beyond-virtual-hybrid-vh-events.php>.
- Jun. 11 ***A TALK WITH TRG ON BONDS AND CARGO INSURANCE***. Webinar, sponsored by Star USA, features **Travis Smith**, President of Trade Risk Guaranty, who will discuss what's been happening in the international trade landscape and how these trends overlap with compliance, import bonds, and cargo insurance. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: https://starusa.org/events/trg/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Becoming%20an%20LCB%20-%20April%202024&utm_content=Becoming%20an%20LCB%20-%20April%202024+CID_42af9fd79b131b5835e1b569ca99ce4b&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Learn%20more%20%20register.

- Jun. 11 **TRADE COMPLIANCE TOOLBOX: A JURISDICTION AND CLASSIFICATION DEEP DIVE.** Webinar, sponsored by Content Enablers, will cover: *The pros and cons of self-classification; A review of “specially designed”; The impact of incorporation and the see-through rule; Nuances in reading the control lists; Levels of classification; Documenting the analysis; Classification matrices; Third-party classifications; Best practices and challenges.* 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$185. For information & registration, please see: <https://contentenablers.com/live-events/webinars/a-jurisdiction-and-classification-deep-dive/>.
- Jun. 11 **UNDERSTANDING U.S. CUSTOMS VALUATION IN THE BIOPHARMA AND LIFE SCIENCES INDUSTRY.** Webinar, sponsored by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, provides an overview of basic U.S. customs law valuation principles and highlights specific areas for review relevant to the industry. Topics include: *The World Customs Organization’s Customs Valuation Agreement; Basic concepts of customs valuation; Valuation tools and resources; Primary methods of appraisalment; Meaning of “total payment” and “when sold for exportation to U.S.”; Understanding the five statutory additions to value; Treatment of related party transactions; Best practices for conducting reviews and declared value corrections.* 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$200. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.strtrade.com/training/events/upcoming-webinars/understanding-u-s-customs-valuation-in-the-biopharma-and-life-sciences-industry>.
- Jun. 12 **CONDUCTING SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS IN THE VOLATILE US-CHINA RELATIONS.** Luncheon program sponsored by the Central Asian Productivity Research Center. Presentation by **Siva Yam**, President, U.S.-China Chamber of Commerce. 11:30 a.m., Evergreen Restaurant, 2411 South Wentworth Avenue, Chicago. CAPRC Members - \$35; Non-members - \$45. For information & registration, please e-mail: lepinske@sbcglobal.net.
- Jun. 12 **NEW INCOTERMS 2020.** Webinar, sponsored by the World Trade Research Institute, will cover the basics of Incoterms including the most recent updates from 2020. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$79. For information & registration, please see: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/xm58wga>.
- Jun. 12 **PREPARING FOR A CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION.** Webinar, sponsored by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, will review the different types of investigations and how to handle them. 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$200. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.strtrade.com/training/events/upcoming-webinars/preparing-for-a-customs-investigation>.
- Jun. 12 **SELLING TO COLOMBIA: INSIGHTS & RESOURCES FOR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES.** Webinar, sponsored by the SBA Office of International Trade, will provide insights on opportunities in the Colombian market, considerations for U.S. women-owned businesses on doing business in Colombia and information on programs and services available from both the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the U.S. Department of Commerce to support you. 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/selling-to-colombia-insights-resources-for-women-owned-businesses-tickets-895513443817?utm_experiment=follow_template.B.
- Jun. 13 **U.S.-CHINA AND TRADE FRICTIONS: HOW MUCH WORSE WILL IT GET?** Webinar, sponsored by Institute for China-America Studies Trade ‘n Technology Program, will discuss pressing bilateral and multilateral trade and tariff-related questions. Speakers include: **Mary Lovely**, Anthony M. Solomon Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics; **Tu Xinquan**, Professor & Dean, China Institute for WTO Studies, University of International Business and Economics; **Sourabh Gupta**, Senior Fellow & Head of Trade ‘n Technology Program, Institute for China-America Studies. 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. CDT. No fee; Advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: <https://chinaus-icas.org/event/u-s-china-and-trade-frictions-how-much-worse-will-it-get/?c/>

- Jun. 13 ***MEXICO EXPANSION SUMMIT***. Program sponsored by Nepanoa. Meet with Mexican Government representatives from Nuevo Leon, Jalisco, Baja California, and Chihuahua; Learn about the different industries driving the Mexican economy such as Logistics, Manufacturing, Real Estate, Financial Services, Technology; Forge connections with fellow executives dedicated to nearshoring initiatives; Lay the groundwork for your expansion into Mexico. 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Convene, 311 West Monroe Street, Chicago. Fee: \$215. For information & registration, please see: https://www.nepanoa.com/mexico-expansion-summit?cid=48d0f3b0-flc2-4acb-a19a-c24e5a521157&utm_campaign=583c8fa5-139c-4543-826c-64f68da3fd7c&utm_medium=mail&utm_source=so.
- Jun. 13 ***DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA***. Webinar, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, will describe the benefits of joining their Design and Construction Business Development Mission to Hong Kong, Taipei, and Ho Chi Minh City (Oct. 28th – Nov. 1st, 2024). The program will cover: Green Building Technologies & standards; Sustainable design & Resilient Infrastructure; Advanced building materials; Retrofitting & refurbishment; Recycling & circular economy; Construction robotics & automation; Safety; Digital technology & PropTech. 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/TradeGov/DesignConstructionOpportunitiesinSEAsiaWebinar/>.
- Jun. 13 ***THIRD-PARTY RISK AND DUE DILIGENCE: BUILDING A SCREENING PROGRAM AND CREATING A TRADE COMPLIANCE SHARED RESPONSIBILITY MODEL***. Fifth of ten Troubleshooting Compliance webinars, sponsored by Export Compliance Manager, will present the essential planks of the screening program appropriate for your organization today, and how to take a whole-of-business approach to risk analysis and mitigation. 10:00 a.m. CDT. Series of ten: ECM Subscribers – No fee; Non-subscribers - \$195. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.exportcompliancemanager.com/troubleshooting/>.
- Jun. 13 ***MANAGING CURRENT TRADE TRENDS: THE RED SEA AND GLOBAL TRADE***. Virtual program sponsored by the International Trade Council of Greater Kansas City. Presentation by **Gary Hobin**, Assistant Professor, Department of Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations (DJIMO), U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), who will discuss: The importance of trade on the Red Sea and the disruptions on this vital waterway; The impact of the disruptions on global economic growth; “Tyranny of Distance” and limiting factors; How trade networks are supporting customers with alternative solutions; Increasing agility and innovative supply chain strategies in the midst of geopolitical tensions; International cooperation for maintaining freedom of maritime navigation. 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. CDT. ITCGKC Members – No fee; Non-members - \$15. For information & registration, please see: <https://itcgkc.org/event-5710688>.
- Jun. 13 ***OPPORTUNITIES IN PERU’S BOOMING AEROSPACE & DEFENSE SECTOR***. Webinar sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service. Speakers include: General **Victor Muñoz Curto**, Peruvian Air Force; Col. **Joel Bolina**, U.S. Air Attaché in Lima; Mr. **Philip Finiello**, U.S. Commercial Attaché. 11:00 a.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=8oPRoXtsmk251F8vMbP3gPdRYDCg88ZNq6qh5e8VaF9UN05CWVg5TkJJQ0haV0tPUIY5RThPUTY4Wi4u>.
- Jun. 13 ***TIBS – TEMPORARY IMPORT BONDS – THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY***. Webinar, sponsored by Braumiller Law Group, will explore what qualifies for TIBs, the requirement for export or destruction, and how to respond to possible penalty notices. 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$35. For information & registration, please see: https://www.bigmarker.com/braumiller-law-group-llc/TIBs-Temporary-Import-Bonds-the-Good-the-Bad-the-Ugly?show_live_page=true.
- Jun. 13 ***BEST LAID PLANS: EXPORT CONTROL ISSUES ARISING ON OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES***. Sixth of ten Troubleshooting Compliance webinars, sponsored by Export Compliance Manager, will look at some of the disasters waiting to happen and consider the best responses in difficult circumstances. 12:00 p.m. CDT. Series of ten: ECM Subscribers – No fee; Non-subscribers - \$195. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.exportcompliancemanager.com/troubleshooting/>.

- Jun. 13 ***SOUTHERN CONE CLEAN TECH WEBINAR SERIES: SMART GRID & ENERGY STORAGE.*** Second of three webinars, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, features presentations by industry and government experts to introduce U.S. industry to the Initiative for Mitigating Pollution and Climate Threats (IMPACT). 12:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$50. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/en/SouthernConeCleanTechWebinarSeries/>.
- Jun. 13 ***FOOD IMPORTS: CLASSIFICATION, QUOTAS, AND COST SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES.*** Webinar, sponsored by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, will review the food provisions of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the U.S., with a focus on some of the more difficult classification questions and some practical guidance for importers. 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$200. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.strtrade.com/training/events/upcoming-webinars/food-imports-classification-quotas-and-cost-savings-opportunities>.
- Jun. 14 ***UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING RISK FOR COMPLIANCE.*** Seventh of ten Troubleshooting Compliance webinars, sponsored by Export Compliance Manager, will consider the key steps to take to: (1) Identify trade compliance risks from a regulatory and a business perspective; (2) Assess the organization's appetite for that risk; (3) Track and communicate risk to senior and executive leadership; (4) Use risk to build a business case to optimize resources accounting for business operations and financial constraints. 12:00 p.m. CDT. Series of ten: ECM Subscribers – No fee; Non-subscribers - \$195. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.exportcompliancemanager.com/troubleshooting/>.
- Jun. 14 ***EXPORTING TO KOREA DUTY-FREE.*** Webinar, sponsored by the World Trade Research Institute, will discuss the benefits of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (including qualification and documentary requirements) and how they can help increase your international sales. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$79. For information & registration, please see: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/baupjse>.
- Jun. 18 ***ENERGY DISTRIBUTION & TRANSMISSION PROJECTS AT THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.*** Webinar, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, will describe the energy challenges and priorities in the region, as well as the projects in energy distribution and transmission that the IDB is developing and financing. 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/9e6af0e2-9df4-4f4f-bdf3-421a1e07e2ac@a1d183f2-6c7b-4d9a-b994-5f2f31b3f780>.
- Jun. 18 ***BASIC EXPORT DOCUMENTATION.*** Webinar, sponsored by the World Trade Research Institute, will provide a comprehensive review of the most commonly used documents and terms in international trade. 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$79. For information & registration, please see: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/vqkgwpt>.
- Jun. 18 ***GLOBAL CHAMBER CHICAGO MEGA GLOBAL CONNECTING EVENT.*** Networking event sponsored by Global Chamber. Speakers include: **Margo Markopoulos** (Keynote), Director, Illinois Department of Commerce, Office of Trade and Investment; **Demitrus Evans**, The Evans International Law Firms (TEIL); **Dan Kim**, State Director, U.S. Commercial Service; **Tony Nasharr**, Polsinelli; **Doug Bruhnke**, founder/CEO, Global Chamber. 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., DIRT, 325 North Wells Street, Floor 10, Chicago. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.globalchamber.org/events/2024/06/18/gc-chicago/global-chamber-chicago-mega-global-connecting-event-at-dirt/>.

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- Jun. 20 **TAKE THE A TRAIN.** Eighth of ten Troubleshooting Compliance webinars, sponsored by Export Compliance Manager, shares latest thinking and best practices on training options, keeping content fresh, and utilizing technology to make training easier to implement and more engaging within the Trade team and beyond. 10:00 a.m. CDT. Series of ten: ECM Subscribers – No fee; Non-subscribers - \$195. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.exportcompliancemanager.com/troubleshooting/>.
- Jun. 20 **WARNING! DON'T PUT TRADE COMPLIANCE IN THE CORNER.** Ninth of ten Troubleshooting Compliance webinars, sponsored by Export Compliance Manager, will share experiences of finding the best (most appropriate) people, structures and organizational positioning for the Trade Compliance team. 12:00 p.m. CDT. Series of ten: ECM Subscribers – No fee; Non-subscribers - \$195. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.exportcompliancemanager.com/troubleshooting/>.
- Jun. 20 **SCHEDULE B AND HTS CODES – CLASSIFYING YOUR PRODUCTS FOR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING.** Webinar, sponsored by the World Trade Research Institute, will cover the details of HS codes, HTS codes, Schedule B numbers and the general rules of interpretation to give you confidence in classifying your products for export or import. 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$79. For information & registration, please see: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/526nhr3>.
- Jun. 21 **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: THE FIRST 30 DAYS IN YOUR NEW ROLE.** Last of ten Troubleshooting Compliance webinars, sponsored by Export Compliance Manager, will be for any Trade Compliance professional entering a new position and also for those already in place who would welcome some suggestions on how to refresh their role for the benefit of both themselves and their organization's compliance performance. 10:00 a.m. CDT. Series of ten: ECM Subscribers – No fee; Non-subscribers - \$195. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.exportcompliancemanager.com/troubleshooting/>.
- Jun. 24 **EXPORT TO SINGAPORE DUTY-FREE.** Webinar, sponsored by the World Trade Research Institute, will describe opportunities for doing business in Singapore and how to use the Free Trade Agreement. 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$79. For information & registration, please see: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/8b8sdzf>.
- Jun. 25 - **COMPLYING WITH U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS.** Event sponsored by the Bureau of Industry and
26 Security (BIS) and the East Michigan District Export Council, with the support of the U.S. Commercial Service. The program will cover U.S. Government export controls (Export Administration Regulations), including types of controls; classifying your product; licensing requirements; record keeping requirements; export clearance; enforcement; developing an export management compliance program; and laws and policies on U.S. economic and trade sanctions worldwide. Speakers will provide opportunities for Q&A during sessions and will also be available during networking breaks. The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago-Detroit Branch - 1600 East Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI. Fee: \$575. For information & registration, please see: <https://emdec.regfox.com/2024-complying-seminar#register>.

- Jun. 25 - **FUNDAMENTALS OF TRADE FINANCE AND EMERGING TRENDS.** Webinar, sponsored by Global Trade Review, targets students who want to opt for a commercial banking career and junior trade professionals who want to grow their career in banks, corporates and fintechs. It is designed to provide a strong understanding on the fundamental aspects of global trade finance as well the emerging trends. Structured over two days, the first focuses on the concept of working capital and trade finance in the corporate and banking context. The second day will center on the various types of risks and mitigants within trade finance and also the emerging needs in the industries followed by an assessment. 3:00 – 8:00 a.m. CDT. Fee: \$895. For information & registration, please see: https://www.gtreview.com/events/europe/gtr-training-2024-fundamentals-of-trade-finance-and-emerging-trends/#tab_overview.
- Jun. 25 **U.S. GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO ADVANCE U.S. COMPETITIVENESS.** Webinar, sponsored by the American Leadership Initiative, will host officials from the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), Export-Import Bank of the U.S. (EXIM), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and U.S. Trade and Development Agency (TDA) for a conversation about their funding strategies to advance U.S. competitiveness, the transition to a clean economy, and resilient supply chains. 9:30 a.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L8VasGkpTs6Dgft7zo2mLw#/registration.
- Jun. 25 **IMPORT COMPLIANCE.** Webinar, sponsored by the International Compliance Professionals Association with Braumiller Law Group, will help you understand what you should and should not be doing to ensure compliant practices while avoiding potential pitfalls. 10:30 a.m. CDT. ICPA Members - \$35; Non-members - \$75. For information & registration, please see: <https://web.cvent.com/event/55b923d1-3426-4d4f-ba5e-b393416fa5f7/summary?locale=en>.
- Jun. 26 **GO GLOBAL WITH GOOGLE MARKET FINDER.** Webinar sponsored by the Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at Bradley University in partnership with Grow with Google. With the right tools and international marketing strategy, businesses are expanding globally to meet new demands. This program introduces Google's Market Finder, a free tool that can help you identify new international business opportunities and plan for success. In this workshop, we'll: Discuss the benefits of exporting; Introduce Google Market Finder; Show you how to use the tool to explore other markets. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hbA-emDIXQ8k5ECDQgX-43m_ht_YsqZRidB3frpFa9g/edit?pli=1.
- Jun. 26 **BIG CHANGES TO CHINA TARIFFS: RISK MITIGATION TOOLS.** Luncheon program & Executive Briefing sponsored by the **International Trade Association of Greater Chicago**. Section 301 duties imposed on imports from China starting in 2018 are going to be around for at least four more years. This has led more companies to explore strategies to mitigate or avoid entirely the duties. Presentation by **David Forge**, Partner, Barnes, Richardson & Colburn, LLP, who will address: What are Section 301 duties?; What recent changes to Section 301 duties have been made?; What strategies work to mitigate or avoid Section 301 duties?; What strategies do not work to mitigate or avoid Section 301 duties? 11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Carlucci Rosemont, 6111 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. ITA/GC Members - \$55; Non-members - \$75. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/risk-mitigation-tools-for-new-china-tariffs-tickets-916886982647>.
- Jun. 26 **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN GUYANA.** Webinar, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, features U.S. Government and private sector experts addressing topics of interest to both new and seasoned export professionals. 12:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$30. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/en/CaribbeanRegionWebinarSeries/>.
- Jun. 27 **SOUTHERN CONE CLEAN TECH WEBINAR SERIES: HYDROGEN ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION.** Last of three webinars, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, features presentations by industry and government experts to introduce U.S. industry to the Initiative for Mitigating Pollution and Climate Threats (IMPACT). 12:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$50. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/en/SouthernConeCleanTechWebinarSeries/>.

- Jun. 27 ***HOW TO WRITE AN EFFECTIVE EXPORT PLAN.*** Webinar, sponsored by the World Trade Research Institute, will describe all the aspects that go into an export plan and how to put them together for success in foreign markets. 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$79. For information & registration, please see: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/bnuusyj>.
- Jun. 28 ***ADVANCED EXPORT DOCUMENTATION.*** Webinar, sponsored by the World Trade Research Institute, will cover less common export documents so that you're not surprised by unusual requests. 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$79. For information & registration, please see: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/gy3w8p6>.
- Jul. 9 ***US COMMERCIAL SERVICES.*** Webinar sponsored by Star USA. A representative from the U.S. Commercial Services will discuss their mission, goals, and services they provide, including: Trade expertise; Potential partners; Market research. 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: https://starusa.org/events/us-commercial-services/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Becoming%20an%20LCB%20-%20April%202024&utm_content=Becoming%20an%20LCB%20-%20April%202024+CID_42af9fd79b131b5835e1b569ca99ce4b&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Learn%20more%20%20register.
- Jul. 10 ***SCALING GLOBALLY: INSIGHTS AND INSPIRATION FROM A GLOBAL LEADER IN INNOVATION.*** Webinar sponsored by Women Entrepreneurs Grow Global. Presentation by **Missy Kelly**, Co-founder and CEO, CatTongue Grips, who will discuss: Global Leadership experience; Diverse industry knowledge; Entrepreneurial guidance; Inspirational leadership. 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT. No fee; advance registration required. For information & registration, please see: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5179136712385755230?mc_cid=596167d9d6&mc_eid=6499c7d108.
- Jul. 10 ***HKBAM SUMMER NETWORKING MIXER.*** Event sponsored by the Hong Kong Business Association of the Midwest. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., O'Brien's Riverwalk Cafe, 45 East Riverwalk South, Chicago. HKBAM Members - \$30; Non-members - \$40. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.hongkongmidwest.com/events-1/hkbam-summer-networking-mixer-1>.
- Jul. 14 - 20 ***ILLINOIS MULTI-SECTOR TRADE MISSION TO MEXICO.*** The Illinois Office of Trade and Investment invites Illinois small businesses to join them on a multi-sector trade mission. Participants will receive a customized itinerary which will include networking events and one-on-one pre-vetted meetings with potential distributors and business partners. Companies selected to participate in the mission will receive the following, in accordance with eligibility guidelines: Pre-scheduled B2B matchmaking; 50% - 75% partial reimbursement of lodging and airfare costs; In-country briefing materials; Assistance with travel logistics. Fee: \$750. For information & an application, please contact: chris.sedgwick@illinois.gov.
- Jul. 15 ***INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS.*** Course sponsored by the Global Training Center. Managing Forwarders, Brokers & Carriers is the theme of this course. Learn to control your international shipments by directly coordinating your documents with transportation rules and procedures. Review the air and ocean transportation & documentation process. A comprehensive review of the roles of the forwarder and the customs broker. Learn the evaluation and selection process of the international forwarder, customs broker, and carrier. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., DoubleTree Chicago - Arlington Heights. Fee: \$645. For information & registration, please see: <https://globaltrainingcenter.com/international-logistics-chicago-july-15-2024/>.
- Jul. 16 ***TARIFF CLASSIFICATION.*** Course sponsored by the Global Training Center. Classification for import, export, FTA determination & clarification on Section 301 and Section 232. The classification & valuation of goods are major decisions! Critical information not only for duty purposes but also to determine whether goods are subject to quotas, restraints, embargoes, or other restrictions. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., DoubleTree Chicago - Arlington Heights. Fee: \$645. For information & registration, please see: <https://globaltrainingcenter.com/tariff-classification-chicago-july-16-2024/>.

- Jul. 17 ***USMCA THE MODERNIZED NAFTA***. Course sponsored by the Global Training Center. This course is for those new to USMCA and for those already familiar with NAFTA. Learn what the new changes mean for you and how it will affect your current NAFTA process in this USMCA webinar. Special sectors will be discussed and covered. You may need to change your supply chain to continue to benefit under the new agreement. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., DoubleTree Chicago - Arlington Heights. Fee: \$645. For information & registration, please see: <https://globaltrainingcenter.com/usmca-the-modernized-nafta-chicago-july-17-2024/>.
- Jul. 17 ***BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN JAMAICA***. Webinar, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, features U.S. Government and private sector experts addressing topics of interest to both new and seasoned export professionals. 12:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$30. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/en/CaribbeanRegionWebinarSeries/>.
- Jul. 18 ***EXPORTING PROCEDURES***. Course sponsored by the Global Training Center. This course will provide an in-depth understanding of export regulations and procedures combined with a study of the appropriate documentation that will give you a valuable advantage in making your international trade business a success. Learn to comply with regulations to avoid violations, fines, fees, and delayed shipments. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., DoubleTree Chicago - Arlington Heights. Fee: \$645. For information & registration, please see: <https://globaltrainingcenter.com/exporting-procedures-chicago-july-18-2024/>.
- Jul. 19 ***INCOTERMS® 2020***. Course sponsored by the Global Training Center. Take this class to understand when the transfer of risk moves from the Seller to the Buyer and who is responsible for insurance. It's important that you understand which Incoterm is best for your company. 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., DoubleTree Chicago - Arlington Heights. Fee: \$445. For information & registration, please see: <https://globaltrainingcenter.com/incoterms-2020-chicago-july-19-2024/>.
- Jul. 22 - ***ILLINOIS GROUP TRADE MISSION TO FARNBOROUGH AIR SHOW***. The Illinois Office of Trade & Investment invites Illinois small businesses to join them in a group trade mission to the world's largest airshow held in Farnborough, UK. Six key themes are at the heart of the show: Space, Defense, Sustainability, Innovation, Future Flight, and Workforce. Qualifying Illinois companies will receive: Co-exhibitor space within the Illinois booth; Business and government matchmaking; In-country briefings and networking; Personalized hands-on assistance from recruitment to final exhibition; 25 - 75% partial reimbursement of travel costs for hotel and airfare in accordance with guidelines; Organized group hotel accommodation and transportation to and from the fairgrounds. Fee: \$750. For information & an application (deadline: **April 12**), please contact: zdenka.samson@illinois.gov.
- Jul. 22 - ***VIRTUAL CUSTOMS BROKER EXAM PREP COURSE - OCTOBER 2024 EXAM***. Virtual course sponsored by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg. This course is designed to prepare attendees to take and pass the customs broker examination. The course includes 40 hours of class instruction on topics such as broker regulations, entry, classification, valuation, free trade agreements, antidumping/countervailing duty, fines, penalties and forfeitures, bonds, country of origin marking, liquidation, search and seizure, and intellectual property. Fee: \$1,050. For information & registration, please see: <https://www.strtrade.com/training/events/upcoming-webinars/virtual-customs-broker-exam-prep-course-october-2024-exam>.
- Oct. 3
- Aug. 7 ***BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN SURINAME***. Webinar, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, features U.S. Government and private sector experts addressing topics of interest to both new and seasoned export professionals. 12:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$30. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/en/CaribbeanRegionWebinarSeries/>.

- Aug. 19 - ***SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA RAIL AND PORT TRADE MISSION (SOUTH AFRICA & ANGOLA)***
24 Organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, Global Automotive and Smart Mobility Team, the mission will include participation at the South African Railway Association's SARA Conference from August 20- 23 in Johannesburg South Africa. Participation in the trade mission will include tickets to attend the SARA Conference for each registered U.S. company participant as well as tailored assistance to help connect company delegates with sub-Saharan Government Transportation officials, private-sector railway and port companies and prospective business partners. U.S. companies mission participants will have several opportunities to network with prospective partners and sub-Saharan government officials, U.S. interagency project financing agency representatives from the Development Finance Corporation, U.S. Export-Import Bank, U.S. Trade and Development Agency and Prosper Africa, and rail and port equipment, technology, and management companies at both the South Africa and Angola stops. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/Sub-SaharanAfricaRailandPortTradeMission/>.
- Aug. 28 ***BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BAHAMAS***. Webinar, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, features U.S. Government and private sector experts addressing topics of interest to both new and seasoned export professionals. 12:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$30. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/en/CaribbeanRegionWebinarSeries/>.
- Sep. 18 ***BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO***. Webinar, sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, features U.S. Government and private sector experts addressing topics of interest to both new and seasoned export professionals. 12:00 p.m. CDT. Fee: \$30. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/en/CaribbeanRegionWebinarSeries/>.
- Sep. 22 - ***TAIWAN UNCREWED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS) AND COUNTER-UAS (C-UAS) BUSINESS***
25 ***DEVELOPMENT MISSION***. Led by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the objective of this mission is to advance U.S. national interests and focus on meeting Taiwan market demand for U.S. UAS and C-UAS commercial and defense solutions. Participating U.S. firms will explore market development opportunities, gain market insights, make industry contacts, solidify business strategies, and advance specific projects with the goal of increasing U.S. exports and services in the aerospace and defense sectors. For information & an application, please see: <https://www.trade.gov/aerospace-defense-trade-mission-taiwan>.
- Sep. 25 - ***AEROMEDICAL TRADE MISSION TO BRAZIL***. Organized and led by the U.S. Department of
27 Commerce, the goal of the Mission is to introduce U.S. suppliers to the growing aeromedical sector in Brazil, strengthen existing connections between aeromedical suppliers and their Brazilian clients, develop new connections for U.S. companies in the sector, and increase the capacity of Brazilian aeromedical operators, which will lead to additional opportunities for U.S. companies' exports. The trade mission will connect U.S. companies directly with the public sector (federal police, fire departments, and the defense secretariat) and private sector (aeromedical operators/outfitters, maintenance repair and overhaul companies and local business representatives) to sell goods and services in the identified subsectors of aircraft and helicopter sales, medical equipment needed for conversions of existing aircraft, flight simulators, and training for pilots, doctors, and nurse crews in aircraft. For information and an application, please see: <https://www.trade.gov/aeromedical-trade-mission-brazil-2024>.
- Oct. 21 - ***AEROSPACE & DEFENSE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MISSION (DENMARK & SWEDEN)***
24 Organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the objective for this mission is to give U.S. companies an opportunity to provide aerospace and defense equipment, technology, and services to Denmark and Sweden. Participating U.S. firms will gain market insights, make industry contacts, solidify business strategies, and advance specific projects, with the goal of increasing U.S. exports and services in the aerospace and defense sectors. The mission will introduce U.S. firms to aerospace and defense stakeholders in the region and assist U.S. companies in developing business in Denmark and Sweden. For information & an application, please see: <https://www.trade.gov/nordic-trade-mission-denmark-sweden>.

Nov. 17 - ***GLOBAL DIVERSITY EXPORT INITIATIVE (GDEI) TRADE MISSION TO THE CARIBBEAN***

22 ***REGION.*** Organized by the U.S. Commercial Service, the mission will include the “Opportunities for Minority-Led Businesses in the Caribbean Region Conference” in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on November 17-18. Selected participants will either engage in business-to-business (B2B) meetings in Santo Domingo if approved for the Dominican Republic Trade Mission, or travel to other markets in the region to engage in B2B appointments in those markets. B2B meetings will be conducted with pre-screened potential buyers, agents, distributors or joint-venture partners, in the selected city/market in the Dominican Republic, and/or Barbados/Eastern Caribbean, and/or Guyana, and/or Jamaica, and/or Suriname, and/or The Bahamas and/or Trinidad and Tobago. The mission is horizontal, with various sectors represented, based on best prospects for U.S. companies in the Caribbean region, such as automotive parts and services, consumer goods, construction equipment/road building machinery/building products/infrastructure projects, medical equipment and pharmaceuticals, ICT, energy equipment and services, safety and security equipment, hotel and restaurant equipment, franchising, manufacturing equipment, yachting/maritime services/sailing equipment, marine ports, aviation/airports, tourism and related construction, waste management, and water treatment and supply. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/en/TradeGov/GDEITradeMissionCaribbeanRegion/>.

Dec. 8 - ***GLOBAL DIVERSITY EXPORT INITIATIVE TRADE MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA.*** Led by the U.S.

9 Department of Commerce, the mission will offer women-owned, -led, and -operated businesses important market insights and meetings with pre-screened foreign business partners and key decision-makers. Included: B2B matchmaking meetings with pre-screened potential buyers, agents, distributors, or joint-venture partners will provide participants with substantive information on strategies for entering or expanding their business in Saudi Arabia, key contacts with Commercial Service officers and local staff, and networking opportunities to build vital business relationships. For information & registration, please see: <https://events.trade.gov/en/TradeGov/GlobalDiversityExportInitiativeGDEITradeMissiontoS/hotsite.php>.

About the ITA/GC

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