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## **SAVE THE DATE: U.S. Manufacturing and Public Policy Conference: “What the Next President Should Do About U.S. Manufacturing: An Agenda for the First 100 Days”**

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On Wednesday, September 14, 2016, King & Spalding and the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs U.S.

Manufacturing and Public Policy Initiative will host a conference: “What the Next President Should Do About U.S. Manufacturing: An Agenda for the First 100 Days.” [More »](#)

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## **Relief from Unfair Imports of Plastic Retail Carrier Bags to Continue for Five More Years**

*Brian E. McGill*

On April 27, the International Trade Commission (Commission) issued the public views of its unanimous determination in favor of continuation of the relief provided by the orders on polyethylene retail carrier bags from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. The Commission’s finding was that revoking the orders would likely result in continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry. The Department of Commerce had previously found that dumping and subsidization (in the case of Vietnam) would likely recur if the orders were revoked. As a result, the orders will continue to be in effect for at least five more years. [More »](#)

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## **Opening Iranian Skies: OFAC Issues General License I to Jumpstart the Commercial Aviation Industry, and Iran Tests its Ballistic Missiles**

*Jane Y. Cohen*

The sanctions stranglehold on Iran is loosening as the Obama Administration continues to chip away at restrictions on the commercial passenger aircraft industry. Pursuant to the phased enactment of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), last month the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets

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Control (OFAC) issued [General License I \(GL I\)](#), which authorizes U.S. persons to enter into, and to engage in transactions that are ordinarily incident to the negotiation of and the entry into, contingent contracts for activities eligible for authorization under the [Statement of Licensing Policy for Activities Related to the Export or Re-export to Iran of Commercial Passenger Aircraft and Related Parts and Services \(SLP\)](#) issued by OFAC on JCPOA's Implementation Day (January 16, 2016). [More »](#)

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## The Global Steel Crisis: Where Do We Go from Here?

*Adriana D. Groot*

Hearings held by the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) and Congressional Steel Caucus during April 12-14 provided a direct look at how steel overcapacity in foreign countries has drastically affected the domestic steel industry in the United States. Domestic producers, trade associations, political leaders, and workers came from all over the country to share their stories and offer up solutions on how to address what some are calling a global crisis. [More »](#)

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- USTR Issues 2016 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers** – [Quinn Bailey and Kathleen L. Benner](#) – The [National Trade Estimate \(NTE\)](#) of the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) provides a yearly account of the state of international trade and outlines the successes and continued challenges faced by negotiators on behalf of American exporters. [More »](#)
- Appropriations Update: Senate Appropriations Committee Passes FY 2017 C-J-S Bill** – [William Clarkson](#) – On April 21, the Senate Appropriations Committee marked up and passed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations bill. [More »](#)
- Brazil, U.S. Leaders Meet to Discuss Trade Issues** – [Clint Long](#) – [In late March](#), U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman and the Brazilian Ministers of External Relations and Development, Industry, and Foreign Trade held the third meeting of the United States-Brazil Commission on Economic and Trade Relations. [More »](#)

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