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PRESS RELEASE

The United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) Excludes Harmonized Tariff Schedule (“HTS”) Subheading 0504.00.00 from Latest Round of Section 301 Tariffs

Washington, DC – On September 24, 2018, the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) formalized a list of subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (“HTS”) subject to an additional 10% tariff. These tariffs will rise to 25% on January 1, 2019.

The proposed list of HTS subheadings in this latest round of tariffs subjected thousands of products, including agricultural and animal products, to new tariffs. The actual list, however, excluded HTS subheading 0504.00.00 (guts, bladder, and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof), which include animal products that are used to create natural casings for sausages made from beef, lamb, and pork.

Camelia C. Mazard, partner at Doyle, Barlow & Mazard PLLC, and the lead attorney representing the industry trade association seeking to exclude HTS subheading 0504.00.00, said: The law firm of Doyle, Barlow & Mazard PLLC represented industry interests before the USTR in Section 301 hearings, and also submitted comments and post-hearing comments on behalf of the industry trade association.

These natural casings are created in the United States and sent to China to be sorted into different sizes, and then are sent back to the United States. As a result, any tariffs merely would have taxed U.S. manufacturers and increased costs for the everyday consumer.

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