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The Week Ahead

Monday, January 10

- U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk will take part in trilateral meetings of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Commission in Mexico. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance Michael Camunez will also participate in the meetings.
- Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Arturo Valenzuela travels to Argentina and Chile through January 15.

Wednesday, January 12

- The Commerce Department's Manufacturing Council will meet in Perrysburg, OH.

Thursday, January 13

- The Commerce Department releases data on U.S. international trade in goods and services.
- The Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy will hold a meeting on International Telecommunications Policy.

Looking Ahead

January 17-19: Chinese President Hu Jintao will visit Washington and meet with President Obama.

January 22: Colombian Vice President Angelino Garzon will visit Washington.

The Past Week in Review

This week saw convening of the 112th Congress and the announcement of new White House leadership. The new Republican majority in the House of Representatives approved [rules](#) on January 5 that require new spending to be offset with cuts to existing programs. On January 6, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner sent a [letter](#) to Congress warning that failure to extend the U.S. debt limit, which is expected to be reached sometime between March 31 and May 16, 2011, could have catastrophic economic consequences. Also this week, President Obama announced former Commerce Secretary [Bill Daley](#) as his new Chief of Staff and [Gene Sperling](#) as Director of the National Economic Council (NEC) and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. Meanwhile, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi was in Washington this week to meet with Administration officials in preparation for Chinese President Hu Jintao's upcoming visit.

I. ADMINISTRATION & CONGRESS

A. Mexico – Transportation Department Releases Concept Paper on Trucking Dispute

The U.S. Department of Transportation on January 6 released a [concept paper](#) providing a proposal to address the cross-border trucking dispute with Mexico. Mexico has applied retaliatory tariffs on U.S. exports, amounting to \$2.4 billion, since March 2009 following the cancellation of a previous pilot program for Mexican trucks. The proposal is expected to be discussed at next week's NAFTA Commission meeting in talks between U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk and Mexican Economy Secretary Bruno Ferrari. Contact: [Steve Ziehm](#)

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B. Trade Preferences – GSP Expires, ATPA Extended Short-Term

Prior to adjourning on December 22, the 111th Congress passed an amended version of H.R. 6517 (the Omnibus Trade Act of 2010), extending the Andean Trade Preferences Act (ATPA) and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for six weeks, until February 12, 2011. Holds in the Senate held up other portions of the legislation, including an extension of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program and nearly 300 duty suspension and reduction provisions. With the failure of Congress to extend GSP, the program expired on December 31, 2010. Contact: [Steve Ziehm](#)

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II. NEW LEGISLATION (December 20, 2010 – January 6, 2011)

111th Congress

S. 4055, *December 22, 2010*, by Mr. Brown (D-OH) – A bill to extend trade adjustment assistance, and for other purposes.

112th Congress

H. Res. 16, *January 5, 2011*, by Mr. Royce (R-CA) – A resolution calling on the State Department to list the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as a "Country of Particular Concern" with respect to religious freedom.

H.R. 29, *January 5, 2011*, by Mr. McIntyre (D-NC) - A bill to provide for the withdrawal of the United States from the North American Free Trade Agreement.

H.R. 43, *January 5, 2011*, by Mr. Issa (R-CA) – A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the diversity immigrant program and to re-allocate those visas to certain employment-based immigrants who obtain an advanced degree in the United States.

H.R. 62, *January 5, 2011*, by Mr. Doggett (D-TX) – A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce international tax avoidance and restore a level playing field for American businesses.

H.R. 64, *January 5, 2011*, by Mr. Doggett (D-TX) – A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent corporations from exploiting tax treaties to evade taxation of United States income.

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III. FEDERAL REGISTER HIGHLIGHTS (December 21, 2010 – January 7, 2011)**Agency for International Development**

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Commerce Department – Bureau of Industry and Security

The Bureau of Industry and Security published notices for:

- **PROPOSED RULES** Export Control Modernization: Strategic Trade Authorization License Exception; Correction, 81152 [2010–32441], December 27, 2010
- Final Decisions and Orders: Yuri I. Montgomery, Respondent; Final Decision and Order, Pages 82464–82487 [2010-32563], December 30, 2010
- Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting Page 323 [2010-33220], January 4, 2011
- Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting Page 323 [2010-33222], January 4, 2011
- Publicly Available Mass Market Encryption Software and Other Specified Publicly Available Encryption Software in Object Code, Pages 1059-1063 [2010-32803], January 7, 2011

Commerce Department – International Trade Administration

The International Trade Administration published antidumping and countervailing duty notices for:

- Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From India, Pages 80455-80456 [2010-32170], December 22, 2010
- Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet and Strip From India, Page 80457 [2010-32168], December 22, 2010
- Superalloy Degassed Chromium From Japan, Pages 80457-80458 [2010-32172], December 22, 2010
- Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China, Pages 80458-80469 [2010-32166], December 22, 2010
- Pure Magnesium from the People's Republic of China, 80791–80795 [2010–32329], December 23, 2010
- Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, 80795–80796 [2010–32339], December 23, 2010
- Floor Standing Metal Top Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China, 81212 [2010–32469] and 81212 [2010–32471], December 27, 2010
- Certain Pasta from Italy, 81212–81214 [2010–32473], December 27, 2010
- Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Italy, 81214–81217 [2010–32476], December 27, 2010
- Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium, 81217–81218 [2010–32495], December 27, 2010
- Laminated Woven Sacks from the People's Republic of China, 81218–81221 [2010–32475], December 27, 2010
- Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Mexico, 81221–81224 [2010–32478], December 27, 2010
- Certain Non-Frozen Apple Juice Concentrate from People's Republic of China, 81564–81565 [2010–32675], December 28, 2010
- Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part, 81565–81570 [2010–32683], December 28, 2010
- Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from India, 81570–81574 [2010–32680], December 28, 2010
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- Top of the Stove Stainless Steel Cooking Ware From the Republic of Korea: Pages 81966-81967 [2010-32869], December 29, 2010
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- Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Pages 81968-81969 [2010-32862], December 29, 2010
- Certain Non-Frozen Apple Juice Concentrate From the Peoples' Republic of China: Pages 81969-81970 [2010-32865], December 29, 2010
- Wooden Bedroom Furniture From the People's Republic of China: Pages 82373-82374 [2010-32937], December 30, 2010
- Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico Pages 82374-82375 [2010-32939], December 30, 2010
- Laminated Woven Sacks From the People's Republic of China: Pages 82376-82377 [2010-32938], December 30, 2010
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- Multilayered Wood Flooring From the People's Republic of China: Page 92 [2010-33133], January 3, 2011
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- Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof From France: Pages 327-328 [2010-33227], January 4, 2011
- 1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid From the People's Republic of China: Pages 772-773 [2011-57], January 6, 2011
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- Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From Mexico: Page 774 [2011-64], January 6, 2011
- Fresh Garlic From the People's Republic of China: Page 775 [2011-25], January 6, 2011
- Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof From the People's Republic of China: Pages 775-776 [2011-63], January 6, 2011
- Steel Wire Garment Hangers From the People's Republic of China: Pages 1134-1135 [2011-143], January 7, 2011
- Frontseating Service Valves From the People's Republic of China: Page 1135 [2011-62], January 7, 2011
- Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From the Republic of Korea: Pages 1135-1136 [2011-145], January 7, 2011

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The International Trade Administration published additional notices for:

- Meetings: The Manufacturing Council: Meeting of the Manufacturing Council, Page 80039 [2010-31945], December 21, 2010
- U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board: Meeting of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board Pages 80039-80040 [2010-31924], December 21, 2010
- Manufacturing Council, Pages 80040-80041 [2010-31944], December 21, 2010

- Proposed Methodology for Respondent Selection in Antidumping Proceedings; Correction , 80796 [2010–32342], December 23, 2010
- **PROPOSED RULES** Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Duty Proceedings, 81533–81536 [2010–32632], December 28, 2010
- North American Free Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review Pages 82375-82376 [2010-32881], December 30, 2010
- North American Free Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review Page 82376 [2010-32883], December 30, 2010
- **PROPOSED RULES** Foreign Trade Zones in the United States, Pages 82340-82362 [2010-32940], December 30, 2010
- Eurasian Oil and Gas Suppliers Mission to Almaty, Kazakhstan Ankara and Istanbul Turkey Pages 537-539 [2010-33248], January 5, 2011

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements published notices for:

- Amendment of Limitation of Duty- and Quota-Free Imports of Apparel Articles Assembled in Beneficiary ATPDEA Countries From Regional Country Fabric, Page 1137 [2011-141], January 7, 2011

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The Customs and Border Protection Bureau published notices for:

- **NOTICES** Australia Beef Imports Approved for the Electronic Certification System , 81632 [2010–32537], December 28, 2010
- Expansion of Global Entry Pilot to Mexican Nationals, Pages 82200-82202 [2010-32832], December 29, 2010
- Utilization of Global Entry Kiosks by NEXUS and SENTRI Participants, Pages 82202-82205 [2010-32829], December 29, 2010
- Technical Correction: Completion of Entry and Entry Summary-Declaration of Value Pages 82241-82242 [2010-32912], December 30, 2010
- United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Pages 697-708 [2010-33350], January 6, 2011

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The International Trade Commission published import investigation notices for:

- Aluminum Extrusions From China, Pages 80527-80528 [2010-32030], December 22, 2010
- Wooden Bedroom Furniture From China, Pages 80528-80529 [2010-32029], December 22, 2010
- Certain Reduced Ignition Proclivity Cigarette Paper Wrappers and Products Containing Same, 80842–80843 [2010–32211], December 23, 2010
- Petroleum Wax Candles from Canada, 80843 [2010–32212], December 23, 2010
- Certain Gaming and Entertainment Consoles, Related Software and Components Thereof , 80843–80844 [2010–32213], December 23, 2010
- Certain Digital Television Products and Certain Products Containing Same and Methods of Using Same, 80844 [2010–32214], December 23, 2010
- Stainless Steel Plate from Belgium, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan, 81309–81310 [2010–32411], December 27, 2010
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- Certain Semiconductor Products Made by Advanced Lithography Techniques and Products Containing Same, 81643–81644 [2010–32515], December 28, 2010
- Certain Underground Cable and Pipe Locators: Page 82069 [2010-32714], December 29, 2010
- Ethyl Alcohol for Fuel Use: Determination of the Base Quantity of Imports, Pages 82069-82070 [2010-32696], December 29, 2010
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- Notice of Receipt of Complaint; Solicitation of Comments Relating to the Public Interest Pages 383-384 [2010-33131], January 4, 2011
- Investigations: Certain Semiconductor Chips and Products Containing Same; Notice of Investigation Pages 384-385 [2010-33207], January 4, 2011
- In the Matter of Certain Handbags, Luggage, Accessories and Packaging Thereof; Notice of Investigation Pages 585-586 [2010-33249], January 5, 2011
- Notice of Receipt of Complaint; Solicitation of Comments Relating to the Public Interest Pages 797-798 [2010-33356], January 6, 2011
- Remand Proceedings: Ball Bearings From Japan and the United Kingdom Pages 798-799 [2010-33355], January 6, 2011

Office of the United States Trade Representative

The Office of the United States Trade Representative published notices for:

- Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice Regarding the Acceptance of Petitions To Grant a Competitive Need Limitation (CNL) Waiver, Page 82130 [2010-32859], December 29, 2010
- WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding China-Subsidies on Wind Power Equipment, Pages 82130-82132 [2010-32868], December 29, 2010
- 2011 Special 301 Review: Identification of Countries Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974: Request for Public Comment and Announcement of Public Hearing, Pages 82424-82426 [2010-32916], December 30, 2010

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The State Department published notices for:

- Meeting of Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy Pages 80105-80106 [2010-31996], December 21, 2010
- Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting: Pages 82129-82130 [2010-32887], December 29, 2010
- Intents to Establish Advisory Committees: The Secretary of State's International Council on Women's Business Leadership, Page 82424 [2010-32884], December 30, 2010
- Visas: Waiver for Ineligible Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, Pages 82242-82243 [2010-32944], December 30, 2010
- Notice of Receipt of Application for a Presidential Permit To Operate and Maintain Pipeline Facilities on the Border of the United States Pages 620-621 [2010-33297], January 5, 2011
- Bureau of Nonproliferation; Determination Under the Arms Export Control Act Page 818 [2011-22], January 6, 2011

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The Treasury Department published notices for:

- **NOTICES** Survey of U.S. Ownership of Foreign Securities as of December 31, 2010 , 80895–80896 [2010–32188], December 23, 2010

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- Designation of Three Individuals and Seven Entities Pursuant to Executive Order 13224 Pages 80112-80113 [2010-32003], December 21, 2010
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