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> **October in one line**: 26 developments tracked (24 FR notices + 2 Oct 1 effective-date nodes); the dominant theme is **rebuilding the small-parcel lanes after de minimis** — CBP's "Low-Value Shipments" proposed rule reworks informal entry (≤$2,500, ET11) and creates a new electronic postal informal entry (ET13, comments due Dec 7), while the postal formal-entry compliance date moved to Jan 20, 2027; two substantive duty actions: the Canada Section 338 motor-vehicle 50% additional duty rescoped again (eff. Oct 30) and the Section 232 metals "U.S. content" guidance (applicable Oct 14); the China truce extension still had no FR document all month, so the 301 exclusions keep their Nov 10 expiry.

1. The Month at a Glance

Metric	Value
Developments tracked	26 (24 FR notices + 2 effective-date nodes)
Substantive duty actions (Section 232/338)	2 (Canada 338 motor-vehicle rescope eff. 10-30; 232 metals "U.S. content" guidance applicable 10-14)
China 301 developments	2 (conforming amendment to an exclusion; RFC on a further two-month suspension of the maritime action)
Intellectual-property Section 337 actions	3 (1 final determination with LEO+CDO; 2 institutions)
Major entry-process rules	2 (Low-Value Shipments NPRM; postal compliance extension + ET13 test relaxation)
Quota / fee items	4 (MPF and AGOA Oct 1 effective nodes; 2027 broker permit fee $190.88; softwood subsidy report)
Other procedural notices	12
Non-tariff notices (no HTS impact)	1 (DEA reexport-period proposal)

The four actions most likely to matter to cross-border sellers:

1. **CBP "Low-Value Shipments" NPRM** (91 FR 64532, comments due 2026-12-07): the informal-entry (ET11) deadline would tighten from 15 days after arrival to on or prior to the date of importation, with a new final deliver-to party data element; the **$250 informal-entry cap for Chapter 99 Subchapter III/IV goods (Section 232/301) would be removed**, so $251–$2,500 trade-remedy goods could go informal; mail shipments ≤$2,500 would be required to file through the new ET13 electronic entry.

2. **Postal-lane breathing room**: the compliance date for formal-entry mandates under the June 24 mail de minimis suspension moved from Oct 22 to **Jan 20, 2027** (91 FR 66638); the ET13 test was simultaneously relaxed to allow filing without complete PGA data (91 FR 66707).
3. **Canada Section 338 motor-vehicle 50% duty rescoped again** (Proclamation 11076, effective 2026-10-30 12:01 ET): the third Canada scope change in two months (after Sep 15); the 50% rate is unchanged, annex items move both ways, and the annexes are image-only — verify line by line.
4. **Section 232 metals "U.S. content" guidance** (91 FR 65162, applicable from 2026-10-14): for USMCA-qualifying Canada/Mexico steel, aluminum, and copper products, a two-part test — (1) the value of parts wholly obtained, entirely produced, or substantially transformed in the U.S.; (2) to the extent not accounted for under (1), the value of U.S. melted-and-poured steel and U.S. smelted-and-cast aluminum/copper.

2. Deep Dives

2.1 The Low-Value Shipments NPRM: the post-de-minimis architecture for small parcels (91 FR 64532)

CBP published the proposed rule on Oct 8 (docket USCBP-2026-0298, comments due **2026-12-07**), amending 19 CFR parts 113, 128, 141, 143, and 145 to systematically rework low-value processing after the de minimis suspension. Three core changes:

Change	Current	Proposed
Informal entry (ET11) deadline	Within 15 days of arrival	**On or prior to the date of importation**
New ET11 data element	—	**Final deliver-to party**
Informal-entry cap for Chapter 99 Subch. III/IV goods (232/301)	$250 (above must enter formally)	**Cap removed** — $251–$2,500 could enter informally
Postal shipments ≤$2,500	ET13 electronic entry in test	**Mandatory** ET13 filing

Why it matters: this is the most substantive process overhaul since the de minimis suspension took effect (June 24, 2026). The direction is "low value ≠ low documentation" — deadlines and data requirements tighten across the board. But removing the $250 cap on 232/301 goods effectively opens an informal lane for mid-value trade-remedy goods — good news for $251–$2,500 Section 301 importers. Comments close Dec 7; postal sellers and logistics providers should weigh in.

Source: FR 2026-20650 — Low-Value Shipments, 91 FR 64532

2.2 The postal lane: compliance deadline moves to Jan 20, 2027, and ET13 gets running room (91 FR 66638 / 66707)

Two paired notices published Oct 22:

- **Compliance extension (91 FR 66638)**: the formal-entry mandate for postal shipments subject to PGA requirements, Chapter 98/99 duties, or Chapter 98/FTA duty-free claims (19 CFR 145.12(a)(2)(v)–(vi)) — goods ineligible for the new postal informal-entry process created by the June 24, 2026 interim final rule — moves its compliance date from **Oct 22, 2026 to Jan 20, 2027**. The de minimis suspension for mail itself stays in force.
- **ET13 test relaxed (91 FR 66707)**: filers in the Entry Type 13 test (electronic informal entry for international mail, live since Sep 22, covering ≤$2,500 mail shipments including formerly de minimis-eligible goods and Section 232/301 trade-remedy shipments) may **temporarily omit complete electronic PGA data** while building submission capability; Chapter 98/99 duty data and FTA claims must still be transmitted. CBP will announce the end of temporary acceptance in a future FR notice.

How to read it: the regulator is balancing a tighter framework against real-world ramp time — the hard deadline in late January 2027 means the Q4 peak (Black Friday/Christmas) mail volume runs under the current test terms, with full compliance expected from Jan 20.

Sources: FR 2026-21600 — Indefinite Suspension of the De Minimis Exemption for Mail Shipments and New Postal Informal Entry Process; Delayed Compliance Extension · FR 2026-21570 — Modification of the Test of the New Electronic Informal Entry Process for Mail

2.3 Canada Section 338: the third motor-vehicle scope change in two months (Proclamation 11076, 91 FR 68861)

Proclamation 11076 (signed Oct 23, published Oct 30) further adjusts the scope of the 50% additional duty on Canadian motor vehicles under the Proclamation 11048 series: Annex I Part A removes products from the duty, Part B adds products, with conforming HTSUS changes in Annex II — effective for goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after **12:01 a.m. ET, Oct 30, 2026**. The 50% rate is unchanged and continues to stack on Section 232 and other layers.

This is the third Canada scope revision since Sep 15 (vehicles + alcoholic beverages then, vehicles again now) — the Canada 338 lists are iterating fast. **Caution**: the annexes are published as images; verify individual HTS classifications against the annex tables, not the narrative text.

Source: FR 2026-22292 — Further Modifying the Scope of Products of Canada Subject to the Additional Duties… (Proclamation 11076)

2.4 Section 232 metals: "U.S. content" now has an official definition (91 FR 65162)

Proclamation 11032 (June 1, 2026, 91 FR 34085) restructured the steel/aluminum/copper tariff regimes and left an opening: USMCA-qualifying Canadian/Mexican products could get partial relief based on "U.S. content," with the assessment methodology to be defined. On Oct 14, Commerce/BIS delivered the guidance — a **two-part test**:

Part	Content
(1) Parts value	The value of the product attributable to parts wholly obtained, entirely produced, or substantially transformed in the United States
(2) Metal value	To the extent not otherwise accounted for under (1), the value attributable to steel melted and poured in the U.S., and aluminum and/or copper smelted and cast in the U.S.

Applicable from **2026-10-14**. **Why it matters for North American metals supply chains**: the cost model for steel/aluminum/copper products processed in Canada or Mexico and re-imported must be rebuilt on this basis — the higher the U.S.-content share, the smaller the 232 tax base; the remainder is fully subject to the 232 metals layer (steel/aluminum/copper currently at 50%). Melt-and-pour / smelt-and-cast traceability records become an entry-file necessity.

Source: FR 2026-20938 — Guidance to CBP Regarding the Assessment of "U.S. Content" for Purposes of Proclamation 11032 (91 FR 65162)

2.5 The China front: truce FR still missing, maritime 301 moves first

Two 301 developments plus one pending status:

- **Exclusion conforming amendment** (91 FR 64211, Oct 7): after USITC's July 1 changes to ten-digit statistical reporting categories, five China 301 exclusions were affected — four were fixed on Sep 2; this notice completes the last one: U.S. note 20(vvv)(i)(20) is described under the new statistical reporting number **8479.90.9591** effective July 1, 2026 (coverage unchanged — purely technical).
- **Maritime/logistics/shipbuilding 301 further suspension RFC** (91 FR 67388, Oct 26): USTR seeks comments on further suspending the April 23, 2025 action — Annexes I–III port fees and Annex V.A duties — **from 12:00 a.m. ET Nov 10, 2026 (when the current one-year suspension ends) through 11:59 p.m. ET Jan 9, 2027**; comments were due Oct 30. This is the landing sequence for the truce's port-fee standdown.
- **Truce extension FR still pending (checked through Nov 4)**: the Sep 23 announcement extending the truce elements (the 178 China 301 exclusions, the 24% reciprocal suspension, fentanyl rates) to 2027-01-10 **did not reach the Federal Register all month**. Under the current reading, the 301 exclusions still expire **Nov 10**; this site's radar flips them automatically, and the 30-FOR-30 landing document has not been published either.

Sources: FR 2026-20511 — Notice of Conforming Amendment to Product Exclusion · FR 2026-21755 — Request for Comments on Further Suspension of Section 301 Action

3. Fees, Quotas, and Information-Collection Calendar

Item	Value	Applies / due	Source
FY2027 MPF min/max (eff. Oct 1)	Minimum $34.58 / maximum $670.86 (0.3464% ad valorem unchanged)	Entries dated on/after 2026-10-01	91 FR 48398
AGOA sub-Saharan apparel duty-free annual limit (eff. Oct 1)	Aggregate 1,690,799,016 SME (7% of preceding 12 months); lesser-developed-beneficiary sub-limit 845,399,508 SME (3.5%)	2026-10-01 to 2027-09-30	FR 2026-19191
Customs broker national-permit user fee, 2027	**$190.88 per permit** (FAST Act inflation adjustment)	Due by 2027-01-29; unpaid permits revoked by operation of law (19 CFR 111.45(b))	FR 2026-21853
Softwood lumber subsidy report — request for comment	Brazil/Canada/Germany/Sweden (4407.11–.19, countries ≥1% of U.S. imports), covering H1 2026 subsidies	Comments due 2026-11-30	FR 2026-22102
FMC renewal of the Carrier Automated Tariffs collection (46 CFR part 520, Form FMC-1)	Extension with change (burden estimates raised on respondent growth)	Comments due 2026-12-14	FR 2026-21083
IEEPA court-ordered refund Worksheet collection extension	The refund tool for duties collected under the tariffs the Supreme Court struck down on 2026-02-20	Comments due 2026-11-04	FR 2026-20228

How to read this: the broker permit fee deadline is a hard revocation — sellers working with sole-proprietor or small brokerage partners should nudge payment before late January; the AGOA limit is an aggregate cap, not a per-country allocation — entries above it are MFN-dutiable.

4. Section 337 IP Actions: 3 This Month — Phones and AI Power Chains Enter the Arena

- **trinamiX v. Apple instituted (337-TA-1525, 91 FR 64398)**: accused products are **iPhones, iPads, and components** — processors and TrueDepth camera modules (VCSEL, flood-illumination VCSEL, near-infrared camera components with face-authentication/3D-sensing/material-detection capabilities), six patents alleged ('925, '421, '334, '760 et al.). Consumer-electronics and component distributors should track exclusion-order risk.
- **Vicor vertical power delivery instituted (337-TA-1526, 91 FR 65254)**: the accused products power AI accelerators, TPUs, GPUs and CPUs in data-center server, AI and cloud computing systems; **20 respondents** across Taiwan, Germany, mainland China, the U.S. and Canada — Delta Electronics, Infineon, Luxshare, MPS, Quanta, Foxconn et al. The AI-server supply chain and system importers should watch this one.

- **Storage containers/toolboxes final determination (337-TA-1409, 91 FR 62746)**: on the Milwaukee Tool/Keter complaint, a Section 337 violation is found on patents '026 and '952, with a **limited exclusion order and cease-and-desist order** issued; covered articles enter during Presidential review at a bond of 18% of entered value. No determination yet on the '167 patent (target date extended to Nov 2). Tool and outdoor-storage sellers should check SKUs against the order.

Sources: FR 2026-20672 · FR 2026-20993 · FR 2026-20208

5. Procedural and Process Notices (Selected)

- **Rail APIS proposed rule** (91 FR 64840, Oct 13): rail carriers would be required to transmit advance notice of arrival/departure plus electronic traveler information for each passenger and crew member on trains entering, leaving, or transiting the U.S. — converting today's voluntary submissions into a mandate. Passenger-rail focused; limited freight impact.
- **CBP Form 7501/3461 collection revisions** (91 FR 62537/62538, Oct 1): routine PRA revisions for the Entry Summary and Entry forms.
- **IEEPA court-ordered refunds Worksheet** (91 FR 63299, Oct 5): CBP is building an automated refund tool for the IEEPA duties the Supreme Court held unlawful (collected since 2025-02-03); the refund pipeline remains under construction.
- **Four commercial gauger/laboratory accreditations** (91 FR 66342–66344, Oct 20): SGS (St. Rose/Carteret/Reserve) and AmSpec (La Porte) — petroleum gauging and testing, three-year terms.
- **Malta added to the cruising-license country list** (91 FR 68028, eff. Oct 29): Maltese-flagged pleasure yachts may get cruising licenses up to one year — no formal entry/clearance, no tonnage duties.
- **CR-TAP new information collection** (91 FR 62738, Oct 2): a technical-assistance portal for ABI/ACE cargo issues, ~54,000 annual responses estimated.

6. November Watch List

Date	Item
2026-11-04	IEEPA refund Worksheet comments due
2026-11-09	USITC Section 338(g) implementation comments due (opened in September)
2026-11-10	**China Section 301 product exclusions expire** (truce-extension FR still missing as of Nov 4 — the 11-10 schedule stands; affected codes revert to list rates, e.g. List 3 at 25%. This site's radar flips automatically); the current maritime-301 suspension ends the same day (extension to 2027-01-09 proposed)
2026-11-13	337-TA-1449 (balloon dilation devices) target date
2026-11-30	Softwood lumber subsidy report comments due
2026-12-01	CBP import-disclosure ANPRM comments due (opened in September, 19 CFR 141/142/143/163)
2026-12-04	Polysilicon 232 anti-stockpiling rule current expiry (watch for extension); CRTAP test begins (45 days)
2026-12-07	**Low-Value Shipments NPRM comments due** (§2.1)
2027-01-09	Proposed end of the further maritime-301 suspension
2027-01-10	New expiry for the U.S.–China truce elements (FR confirmation pending)
2027-01-20	Postal formal-entry compliance deadline (§2.2)
2027-01-29	2027 broker permit user fee ($190.88) payment deadline

7. Put the Report to Work

- **Price a shipment**: open the Tariff Calculator, enter HTS and value — the duty stack (MFN + 301 + 232) is computed automatically, with FY2027 MPF limits applied by entry date.
- **Watch for changes**: the Tariff Radar scans the Federal Register every 12 hours and flips the Nov 10 exclusions automatically; email alerts available.
- **Background reading**: De Minimis Suspension: What Small-Parcel Costs Look Like Now, How U.S. Tariffs Are Calculated, MPF and HMF Fees Explained.

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Appendix: All 26 Developments

Date	Notice	Type	One-liner
10-01	Effective node	Fee	FY2027 MPF min/max $34.58/$670.86 in effect
10-01	Effective node	Quota	AGOA apparel duty-free annual limit of 1,690,799,016 SME in effect
10-01	FR 2026-20170	Procedural	CBP Form 3461 (Entry) collection revision — comments requested
10-01	FR 2026-20171	Procedural	CBP Form 7501 (Entry Summary) collection revision — comments requested
10-01	FR 2026-20084	Non-tariff	DEA proposes extending the reexport period for controlled substances 180→365 days
10-02	FR 2026-20208	**337**	Storage containers/toolboxes final: LEO+CDO, 18% bond during review (337-TA-1409)
10-02	FR 2026-20229	Procedural	CR-TAP technical-assistance portal — new information collection
10-05	FR 2026-20228	Procedural	IEEPA court-ordered refund Worksheet collection extension
10-07	FR 2026-20511	**301**	China exclusion conforming amendment: statistical number 8479.90.9591 (technical)
10-08	FR 2026-20672	337	trinamiX v. Apple mobile devices instituted (337-TA-1525)
10-08	FR 2026-20650	**NPRM**	Low-Value Shipments: ET11 rework + ET13 created (comments due Dec 7)
10-13	FR 2026-20884	Procedural	Rail APIS proposed rule (mandatory advance traveler information)
10-14	FR 2026-20993	337	Vicor vertical power delivery instituted, 20 respondents (337-TA-1526)
10-14	FR 2026-20938	**232**	Metals "U.S. content" guidance (two-part test, USMCA CA/MX goods)
10-15	FR 2026-21083	Procedural	FMC carrier automated tariffs collection renewal (comments due Dec 14)
10-20	FR 2026-21405	Procedural	SGS (St. Rose, LA) gauger/laboratory accreditation
10-20	FR 2026-21406	Procedural	AmSpec (La Porte, TX) gauger/laboratory accreditation

Date	Notice	Type	One-liner
10-20	FR 2026-21407	Procedural	SGS (Carteret, NJ) gauger/laboratory accreditation
10-20	FR 2026-21408	Procedural	SGS (Reserve, LA) laboratory accreditation
10-22	FR 2026-21600	**Process**	Postal formal-entry compliance date extended to Jan 20, 2027 (91 FR 66638)
10-22	FR 2026-21570	Procedural	ET13 test relaxed: complete PGA data temporarily optional (91 FR 66707)
10-26	FR 2026-21755	**301**	Maritime/logistics/shipbuilding 301 further suspension to 2027-01-09 proposed (comments were due Oct 30)
10-27	FR 2026-21853	Fee	Customs broker 2027 permit fee $190.88 (due by 2027-01-29)
10-29	FR 2026-22102	Procedural	Softwood lumber subsidy report — comments requested (BR/CA/DE/SE, due Nov 30)
10-29	FR 2026-22089	Procedural	Malta added to the cruising-license country list (eff. Oct 29)
10-30	FR 2026-22292	**338**	Canada motor-vehicle 50% duty scope further modified (Proclamation 11076, eff. Oct 30)