

CUSTOMER ADVISORY

U.S. Compliance Update
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- **Taiwan Gets Tariff Reduction to 15%** – An unconfirmed report has raised concerns over Taiwan's ability to invest up to \$500 billion in the U.S. in return, while China is vehemently opposed to this deal. A [Fact Sheet](#) on this trade deal was released by the International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, on January 15, 2026. This will include car parts and is the same deal offered to the European Union, Japan, and South Korea.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce's (DOC) Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) issued a [rule](#) on January 15, 2026, revising its licensing policy for semiconductor exports to China. This rule follows [President Trump's December 8, 2025](#), announcement that the United States will allow the H200 and similar chips to be shipped to approved customers in China. To qualify, license applicants must demonstrate that exporting these products to China will not reduce global semiconductor production capacity currently available to domestic customers.
- [International Emergency Economic Powers Act FAQs, January 15, 2026](#)
- [Trade Fraud Prevention Task Force](#) now scheduled to receive additional funding. Review the joint statement released on January 16, 2026.
- [EPA Accelerates Enforcement Crackdown on Toxic/Poisonous Imports in Concert with U.S. Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\)](#)

MANIFEST CONFIDENTIALITY

Did you know that under CFR § 103.31, we can file a Manifest Confidentiality Request on your behalf for confidential treatment of inward and outward manifests of importer /consignee/shipper? Contact us at: customs_compliance_group@kwe.com and we can set this up for you on an annual basis for a nominal fee.

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