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What the Next President Should Do About U.S. Manufacturing

Top industry executives, political leaders, small business and trade union leaders, researchers and policymakers are offering a blueprint for maintaining the competitiveness of the nation's manufacturing sector. A nonpartisan gathering, which took place at The National Press Club, was convened to produce immediate, concrete policy steps for the next U.S. president. Close to 200 people attended the conference. The conclusions will be delivered in position papers to the Democratic and Republican presidential campaign teams this fall. [More »](#)

MTB Petition Process Will Launch On October 14

Patrick J. Togni and Clint Long

The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) has published [interim rules](#) that will govern the submission and consideration of petitions for duty suspensions and reductions under the new Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) process. Under MTB, U.S. manufacturers and other likely beneficiaries may obtain possible savings of up to \$500,000 on imported articles not otherwise available in the United States, such as raw materials or other key inputs. [More »](#)

ITC Votes to Impose Duties on Steel Imports

Saud Aldawsari

In September, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) made affirmative determinations that imports of cold-rolled and hot-rolled steel flat products from several countries injure or threaten to injure U.S. producers of these products. Together with an affirmative decision on imports of corrosion-resistant steel products [in June 2016](#), the ITC's decisions mark a historic moment, as it is the first time in history where duties are imposed on cold-rolled, hot-rolled, and corrosion-resistant steel products simultaneously. [More »](#)

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Following the Federal Aviation Administration's [rollout](#) of final regulations governing the use of certain commercial drones in the National Airspace, Defense News [reports](#) that the United States has taken steps to facilitate the future adoption of global standards for exports of armed unmanned aerial systems (UAS). [More »](#)

Building on a New Foundation: U.S.-Africa Trade & Investment

Betre Gizaw

As a result of the initiatives put into place over the last two decades, the United States has positioned itself to take advantage of Africa's economic resurgence, suggests a [report](#) issued by the Office of U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) in September. However, as various countries on the Continent become more attractive to foreign investors, it will become increasingly important that the United States builds on its solid foundation to ensure its private sector is able to be a part of a growth story that has larger trends, such as demographics, underdevelopment, and geo-political pressures, on its side. [More »](#)

Energy Bill Goes to Conference

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On September 8, House and Senate conferees met for the first time to consider the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016, the comprehensive energy reform bill that has slowly been making its way through Congress. The meeting marked the first time since 2005 that the House and Senate have held a conference on a comprehensive energy bill. [More »](#)

News of Note

- **The WTO Opens Its Doors for the 15th Annual Public Forum – *Jordan Shepherd*** – For the fifteenth time, the World Trade Organization (WTO) hosted its annual [Public Forum](#) in Geneva to provide a platform for an exchange of views among diplomats, business representatives, legal and economic practitioners, civil society representatives, and a range of experts on the most pressing trade issues of the day. [More »](#)
- **Customs and Border Protection Issues Update on Enforcement**

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of Trade Orders – [P. Lee Smith](#) – U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its [AD/CVD Update](#) for June/July 2016. [More »](#)

- **ITC Reinstates 337 Case on Imports of Steel** – [Benjamin Bay](#) – [On August 5](#), the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) reversed an Initial Determination issued by Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Dee Lord in the Section 337 investigation *In the Matter of Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Products* (Inv. No. 337-TA-1002). [More »](#)
- **New Sanctions on Russian Entities** – [Elizabeth Owerbach](#) – In September, the Treasury Department and the Department of Commerce placed sanctions on a new set of Russian entities. [More »](#)

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