

Category Descriptions

Category provides a grouping of investigations to aid in searching for investigations of a similar type or pertaining to similar products.

Import Injury investigations are categorized based on the Harmonized Tariff Schedule chapter covering the majority of the products under investigation. Ron Heller, OTATA, assisted with grouping the chapters and also titling. The one deviation from the HTS is that products listed under product codes in chapters 72 and 73 are categorized as either Iron & Steel Mill Products, Iron and Steel Products and Castings, or Iron and Steel Pipe.

General Factfinding investigations are categorized based on type of study conducted.

All Section 337 investigations are categorized as "Section 337".

Categories for document collections other than official investigation files are determined by the Secretary.

Category	Definition
Agriculture	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 1-24, HTS Codes 01xx.-24xx.
Mineral Products	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 25-27, HTS Codes 25xx.-27xx.
Chemical Products	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 28-38, HTS Codes 28xx.-38xx.
Plastics and Rubber	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 39-40, HTS Codes 39xx - 40xx.
Hides, Skins, Leather and Products	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 41-43, HTS Codes 41xx.-43xx.
Forest Products	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 44-49, HTS Codes 44xx - 49xx.
Textile and Textile	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 50-63, HTS Codes 50xx - 63xx.
Footwear, Headgear, Artificial Flowers	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 64-67, HTS Codes 64xx - 67xx.
Stone, Plaster, Concrete, Ceramics and Glass	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 68-70, HTS Codes 68xx - 70xx.
Precious or Semi-Precious Stones and Metals	Import Injury Investigations. Chapter 71, HTS Codes 71xx.
Base Metals (except Iron & Steel)	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 74-83, HTS Codes 74xx - 83xx.
Iron & Steel Mill Products	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 72-73, HTS Codes 72xx - 73xx.
Iron & Steel Products & Castings	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 72-73, HTS Codes 72xx.- 73xx.

Iron & Steel Pipe	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 72-73, HTS Codes 72xx - 73xx.
Machinery and Electronics	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 84-85, HTS Codes 84xx - 85xx.
Transportation	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 86-89, HTS Codes 86xx - 89xx.
Scientific or Medical; Clocks and Music	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 90-92, HTS Codes 90xx.- 93xx.
Arms and Ammunition	Import Injury Investigations. Chapter 93, HTS Codes 93xx.
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 94-96, HTS Codes 94xx - 96xx.
Works of Art and Antiques	Import Injury Investigations. Chapter 97, HTS Codes 97xx.
Special Provisions	Import Injury Investigations. Chapters 98-99, HTS Codes 98xx.-99xx.
Country Monitoring	General Factfinding Investigations. Monitor specific countries or regions with respect to economic and trade activities as specified by the requestor.
Customs or Nomenclature	General Factfinding Investigations. Examine current practice, seek public input, and propose alternative methods or structures in the areas of customs procedures or tariff nomenclature.
Economic Effects /Impact	General Factfinding Investigations. Analyze and estimate, to the extent possible, the impact of reducing and/or removing trade barriers (tariff and non-tariff barriers) at the economy-wide level (i.e. GDP, exports, imports, employment, wages, prices, and investment) as well as at sector/industry level (i.e., output, exports, imports, and prices). This analysis can consist of both a qualitative and quantitative (modeling) assessments and may also focus on specific effects such as developmental, environmental, and labor market effects.
Industry Assessments	General Factfinding Investigations. Analyze specific U.S. industries and provide information such as industry profiles, trade levels and trends, government policies affecting the industry, and strengths and weaknesses relative to foreign industries.
Industry Monitoring	General Factfinding Investigations. Monitor specific industries and products with respect to trade, market share, and other factors identified by the requestor.
Negotiation Background Information	General Factfinding Investigations.. Examine specific foreign industries or countries for the purpose of identifying existing foreign trade barriers and compiling other background information to assist U.S. trade negotiators.

Probable Economic Effect	General Factfinding Investigations. Analyze the likely effect of a proposed change in trade policy on U.S. trade levels, industry, and consumers. Typically, these studies examine the probable economic effect of proposed multilateral trade agreements, free trade agreements between the United States and other countries, or changes in the tariff status of products under the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) or NAFTA.
Sanctions Analysis	General Factfinding Investigations. Examine the nature and significance of past and potential unilateral or multilateral trade sanctions involving the United State
Trade Agreement	General Factfinding Investigations. Examine recent trade agreements and assess the nature of the agreement and its significance.
Trade Liberalization	General Factfinding Investigations. Examine trade barriers (tariff and non-tariff) and assess the impact of removal of these barriers on economic growth, labor and capital productivity, technology, savings, investment and on the performance of specific industries.
Trade Preference	General Factfinding Investigations. Examine preferential trade benefits (i.e., ATPA or CBERA or African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)) granted to selected countries and assess the impact on the United States as well as on the beneficiary countries of providing reduced duty or duty-free treatment of eligible products imported into the United States.
Sec. 337	Section 337 Investigations. Investigations brought by domestic industries alleging infringement of U.S. intellectual property rights and other unfair methods of competition by imported goods.
Byrd Amendment	
Rule Making	
Correspondence.	