



Trade – Miscellaneous Tariff Bill

NACD Position

NACD works closely with Congress and the administration to ensure trade policies continue to afford American businesses, like chemical distributors, opportunities to continue thriving in today's competitive global economy. One such policy, the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB), serves chemical distributors by ensuring imports that are not competitive with domestically manufactured products arrive duty-free.

NACD supports:

- Passage of the 2020 Miscellaneous Tariff Bill;
- Modification of the MTB authorizing language in the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016 to allow for future MTBs; and
- Continued management of the MTB review process by the International Trade Commission (ITC).

Policy Background

The American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act (AMCA), passed in 2016, established a new process for creation and passage of a Miscellaneous Tariff Bill – a piece of legislation designed to ensure imports without a domestic competitor can be purchased duty free. As many chemicals have either had their production shift offshore over the last several decades or have never been produced domestically to begin with, MTB is a crucial tool to ensure necessary inputs are not needlessly expensive. The AMCA authorized an MTB for 2018 and 2020, each lasting two years.

In its current form, the MTB is created by the ITC producing a report detailing each of the imports to the United States that are not manufactured domestically. That report is then sent to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means to be turned into legislation either reducing or suspending duties for imports on the list.

Latest Action

The ITC has released its first report on MTB-eligible goods, with the final report likely to be sent to the House this fall. Once there, the bill itself will be drafted and ready for debate and vote likely after the 2020 election. This bill will likely only include the duty reductions themselves, with any future reauthorization of the process coming later. NACD supports both the 2020 MTB and efforts to continue the process beyond 2020.