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USTR Launches 60 New Trade Investigations

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has officially initiated [60 Section 301 investigations](#) targeting countries that have failed to effectively prevent the importation of goods produced with forced labor.

These investigations, [announced on March 12, 2026](#), could lead to new tariffs, import restrictions, or trade enforcement actions, potentially impacting global supply chains, sourcing strategies, and import costs across multiple industries.

Countries under review include major global trade partners such as China, the European Union, India, Vietnam, and Mexico, among others.

What This Means for Importers & Businesses

- Increased scrutiny on global supply chains
- Potential new duties or trade barriers
- Greater emphasis on compliance and sourcing transparency
- Possible shifts in pricing and logistics strategy

The USTR is currently [accepting public comments](#) through April 15, 2026, with [hearings scheduled shortly after](#).

Additional details are outlined in the [Federal Register Notice \(FRN\)](#).

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