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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 3, 2022, the U.S. Government applied the measures authorized in section 3 of the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act (Pub. L. 109-353) against the following foreign persons identified in the report submitted pursuant to section 2(a) of the Act:

Beijing J&A Industry & Trade Co. Ltd. (People's Republic of China); and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;

Linda Zhai (PRC individual);
Synnat Pharma Pvt Ltd (India) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;

OTOBOT Project Group (Turkey) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 3 of the Act, the following measures are imposed on these persons:

1. No department or agency of the U.S. government may procure or enter into any contract for the procurement of any goods, technology, or services from these foreign persons, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;

2. No department or agency of the U.S. government may provide any assistance to these foreign persons, and these persons shall not be eligible to participate in any assistance program of the U.S. government, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;

3. No U.S. government sales to these foreign persons of any item on the United States Munitions List are permitted, and all sales to these persons of any defense articles, defense services, or design and construction services under the Arms Export Control Act are terminated; and

4. No new individual licenses shall be granted for the transfer to these foreign persons of items the export of which is controlled under the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 or the Export Administration Regulations, and any existing such licenses are suspended.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies of the U.S. government and will remain in place for two years from

the effective date, except to the extent that the Secretary of State may subsequently determine otherwise. These measures are independent of and in addition to any other sanctions imposed on such entities and/or individuals by other federal agencies under separate legal authorities.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from the Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle Metropolitan Planning Organization (WB22-54-10/4/22) for permission to use data from the Board's 2019 masked Carload Waybill Sample. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Board's website under docket no. WB22-54.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

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Regena Smith-Bernard,

Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Conforming Amendments: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) has implemented certain changes to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) to reflect Harmonized System modifications adopted by the World Customs Organization and changes to statistical categories. This notice announces conforming amendments to legal note provisions in the HTSUS associated with the actions in the

section 301 investigation of China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation.

DATES: The conforming amendments announced in Annex I to this notice are applicable as of October 14, 2022. The conforming amendments announced in Annex II to this notice apply as of July 1, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Associate General Counsel Philip Butler, Assistant General Counsel Rachel Hasandras, or Assistant General Counsel David Salkeld at (202) 395-5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions identified in the Annex to this notice, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The U.S. Trade Representative has taken actions under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, in the form of additional duties on products of China in the investigation of China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation. The China 301 actions are set out in notes to the HTSUS. *See, e.g.,* 87 FR 26797 (section A—summarizing the trade actions and modifications).

In Presidential Proclamation 10326 of December 23, 2021, the President directed the USITC to implement certain changes in tariff subheadings of the HTSUS, consistent with Harmonized System amendments adopted by the World Customs Organization. The changes were effective January 27, 2022. Additionally, the USITC implemented changes to certain ten-digit statistical categories approved by the Committee for Statistical Annotation of Tariff Schedules (formulated pursuant to section 484(f) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1484(f)), effective July 1, 2022.

B. Conforming Amendments

To maintain the pre-existing product coverage of the China 301 actions, conforming amendments to the corresponding note provisions in the HTSUS are required.

Annex I to this notice makes conforming amendments to a U.S. note in ch. 99 of the HTSUS in light of the changes in tariff subheadings made by the USITC in accordance with Presidential Proclamation 10326. In particular, this notice makes conforming amendments to U.S. note 20