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## International Trade and Customs Practice Group Newsletter



### Canada approves USMCA, its entry into force is coming closer

On March 13, 2020 the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada, approved the CUSMA (T-MEC) implementation bill. The Governor General granted the Royal Assent to this bill, and only the ratification Decree by the Prime Minister is pending for CUSMA to be ratified. Canada will join Mexico and the United States, which have already concluded their internal procedures for ratification.

The USMCA was signed by Mexico, the United States and Canada on November 30, 2018, and on December 10, 2019, all Parties signed the Protocol of Amendment to the USMCA. Mexico concluded its ratification procedure by approving the Protocol of Amendment to the USMCA in the Senate on December 12, 2019, and published the Decree through which the Protocol of Amendment to the USMCA is approved in the Federal Official Gazette on January 21, 2020. The United States concluded its ratification process by approving the implementation bill to USMCA in the House of Representatives and the Senate, besides having it signed by the President, on January 2020.

All Parties must notify, in writing, once the internal procedures are completed for the actual entry into force, and the USMCA will enter into force on the first day of the third month following the last notification, which is expected to take place on June 1, 2020.

Based on the foregoing, it is very important to implement preventive actions in preparation to the entry into force of the USMCA.

Our team of experts in the International Trade and Customs practice area will be at your full disposal, in case you may require additional information or support regarding the referenced matter.

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