

January

- Jan. 3: The 117th session of Congress is sworn in.
- Jan. 5: Two runoff elections in Georgia could flip control of the Senate to the Democrats once Biden is sworn in, or could keep it in GOP hands.
- Jan. 6: The end of a 180-day suspension period USTR imposed for tariffs on \$1.3 billion worth of French goods. USTR put the tariffs, announced in response to France's imposition of a digital services tax, on hold as France agreed to delay the collection of the tax while negotiators at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development worked to reach a deal on digital taxes by the end of 2020. The OECD deadline has been pushed to mid-2021, though, and France has [begun billing U.S. companies](#). Accordingly, U.S. tariffs are set to be imposed in January.
- Jan. 6, 8: India undergoes its trade policy review at the WTO.
- Jan. 6: Post-hearing comments from USTR's December hearing on its Section 301 investigation into Vietnamese timber practices are due.
- Jan. 7: Post-hearing comments are due to USTR following its December hearing on its Section 301 investigation into Chinese currency practices.
- Jan. 12: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual "State of American Business" event.
- Jan. 12: The International Trade Commission holds a hearing on whether imported fresh, chilled or frozen blueberries are causing injury to the domestic industry. USTR in September asked the commission to conduct the investigation as part of its attempt to mollify U.S. growers of seasonal and perishable produce.
- Jan. 14-15: The OECD will hold a public consultation session for its work on a new international tax structure that could supersede individual digital services taxes.
- Jan. 20: Biden is inaugurated as the 46th president of the United States.
- Jan. 25: The WTO's Dispute Settlement Body holds its first regular meeting in 2021.

February

- Feb. 8-9: The Washington International Trade Association holds its annual conference.
- Feb. 11: The deadline for the ITC to issue its injury determination in its blueberries investigation.
- Feb. 15: The one-year anniversary of the U.S.-China phase-one agreement. The agreement requires that the USTR and a Chinese vice premier meet every six months. The two sides held the first six-month check-in in August.
- Feb 16: The ITC is scheduled to hold a hearing in its investigation into whether imports of Chinese twist ties are injuring the domestic industry as part of the Commerce Department's trade remedy investigation. The Commerce investigation includes consideration of whether China's currency is undervalued -- the second time the department has considered currency as a countervailable subsidy and the first time in a case with China.

- Feb. 17: Commerce is scheduled to announce its final determination for countervailing duties on Chinese twist ties.
- Feb. 18-19: The Agriculture Department hosts its annual “Agricultural Outlook Forum,” this time virtually.

March

- March 2-3: The G20 holds its first trade and investment working group meeting in 2021.
- March 5: China’s National People’s Congress will hold its fourth session in Beijing. China is expected to unveil its 14th five-year plan during the session.
- March 9-12: Georgetown Law hosts its annual international trade update. Former USTR Charlene Barshefsky will give the keynote address.
- March 16: Commerce is slated to announce its final determination in a countervailing-duty probe involving Vietnamese tires. Commerce preliminarily issued countervailing duties, a portion of which were attributed to an undervalued Vietnamese dong. The case marked the first time Commerce has treated an undervalued currency as countervailable subsidy.
- March 23: The proposed date for an ITC vote on whether imports of Chinese twist ties are injuring the domestic industry.
- March 27: The deadline for the director of National Intelligence to submit a report to Congress assessing whether China exploited pharmaceutical and information and communications technology supply chains during the coronavirus pandemic.
- March 29: The deadline for the ITC to issue a report to the president with its findings from its investigation into whether imported blueberries are harming the domestic industry.
- March 31: USTR is due to release its annual National Trade Estimate report on foreign trade barriers.
- March 31: Section 301 tariff exclusions on some medical-care products, extended in late December due to COVID-19 concerns, are set to expire.

April

- April 1: The deadline for the executive branch to submit trade deals to Congress under the 2015 Trade Promotion Authority law, which expires later in the year.
- April 2: The ITC is scheduled to issue a determination on whether imports of Chinese twist ties are injuring the domestic industry.
- April 15: The Treasury Department is due to issue a semiannual report on the currency practices of major trading partners. The last report, issued in December 2020, named Vietnam and Switzerland as currency manipulators.
- April 27, 29: Vietnam undergoes its trade policy review at the WTO.
- April 30: The ITC is slated to make its final injury determination on whether Vietnamese tire imports injure the domestic industry.
- April 30: USTR is due to publish its annual Special 301 report on foreign intellectual property rights protections.

May

- May 3-4: The G20 holds its second trade and investment working group meeting in 2021.
- May 25-28: The World Economic Forum will take place in Singapore. Government and business leaders typically convene for the event in Davos, Switzerland, every January. The theme of this year's "special" summit is recovering from the pandemic. A WTO mini-ministerial typically is held on the sidelines of the annual forum.

June

- June 27: Two reports required by the fiscal year 2021 omnibus spending package are due to Congress. One requires that the director of National Intelligence assess partner countries' export control regimes as well as the semiconductor supply chain. The other report that requires department and agency heads evaluate recommendations made in 2020 by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission on developing and implementing an information and communications technology industrial base strategy.
- June 30: Trade Promotion Authority expires.

July

- Early July: The State and Treasury secretaries are required to establish a Multilateral Semiconductors Security Fund within 180 days of the enactment of the fiscal year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, or report to Congress if they are unable to do so.
- July 1: The one-year anniversary of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement's entry-into-force. Most committees established under USMCA are required to have met once by this time.
- July 14, 16: China undergoes its trade policy review at the WTO.
- July 26-28: The Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security will hold its annual conference on export controls.

August

- Aug. 15: The 18-month anniversary of the U.S.-China phase-one deal, at which point the USTR and Chinese vice premier are supposed to meet to assess progress.

September

- Sept. 30: Fiscal year 2020 ends. Congress and the White House must act by this date to extend government funding.

October

- Oct. 4: The G20 is slated to hold a third trade and investment working group meeting.
- Oct. 5: G20 trade ministers are scheduled to meet in Sorrento, Italy.
- Oct. 13, 15: Korea undergoes its trade policy review at the WTO.
- Oct. 15: The Treasury Department is due to issue a semiannual report on the currency practices of major trading partners.
- Oct. 30-31: The G20 leaders summit is scheduled to be held in Rome.

November

- Nov. 11: U.S. companies have until this date to divest from securities found to support the Chinese military, according to a November 2020 Trump executive order.

December

- The World Trade Organization could hold its next ministerial this month -- its first since December 2017. WTO ministerials generally happen every two years, but the body's 12th ministerial was initially slated for June 2020 before being further delayed by the coronavirus pandemic.