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## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**China Extends Section 301 Tariff Exclusions for U.S. Agricultural Products**

- China's Ministry of Finance (MOF) has extended the market-based Section 301 tariff exclusion process for U.S. agricultural products through December 31, 2026, according to a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS) [GAIN report](#).
- Importers report now seeing updated guidance on the MOF website, with application deadlines varying by product. For several agricultural categories, new exclusion applications will no longer be accepted after November 10, 2026.
- The USDA report includes an attachment detailing current tariffs on U.S. agricultural products, including with the 301 tariff exclusion applied.

## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**China Publishes Announcement on Foreign Facility Registration and Associated Product Catalog**

- China's Customs Administration (GACC) issued [Announcement No. 219 of 2025](#) (in Chinese) on the Requirements for Declaration Management of Overseas Enterprises for Imported Agricultural Products on November 7, 2025, introducing its first official [Catalog of Imported Agricultural Products Requiring Overseas Official Recommendation](#) (in Chinese). The U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS) published an [unofficial translation and analysis](#) of the GACC announcement.
- Beginning December 15, 2025, importers must ensure that any catalog-listed products come from foreign facilities registered with GACC's Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine (DAPQ), verify registration status through GACC's designated [platform](#), and accurately list each facility's Chinese registration number on customs declarations.
- For cherries, FAS and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) oversee the process and manage facility lists transmitted to DAPQ. FAS has previously provided detailed [DAPQ facility registration guidance](#).

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### EU Notifies Amendment to Plastic Food Contact Material Regulation Transition Enforcement Date

- On November 19, the European Union (EU) [notified](#) the WTO of the adoption of [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2240](#), amending [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1442](#), which provides the positive list of substances approved for use in plastic food contact materials (FCMs).
- As previously reported, *Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1442* revoked the authorizations for the substances 'wood flour and fibers, untreated' (FCM No 96) and 'salicylic acid' (FCM No 121) with transitional measures (*BCI Monitors 8-1-23, 8-12-25*). The draft regulation adjusts these dates:
  - Plastic FCMs manufactured with salicylic acid or untreated wood flour or fibers may continue to be placed on the EU market between February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026, if: (i) an authorization application for was submitted to the competent authority before August 1, 2024 and (ii) the use of the substance is limited to the intended conditions of use described in the application.
- This amendment enters into force November 25, 2025.