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Report Highlights:

While the Chinese government has not issued an official statement, industry sources report that Beijing will suspend the market-based tariff exclusion process on certain U.S. imports, including agricultural imports, as of August 1, 2025, and that all approved exclusions are only valid until September 14, 2025.

General Information

Chinese importers have reported to FAS China that a pop-up window appears when they apply for tariff exclusions for U.S. commodities on the Ministry of Finance website that states, “no new applications will be accepted for this tariff line from August 1, 2025, and approved applications will be valid until September 14, 2025.” The Ministry of Finance has not provided any announcement or explanation about the apparent policy change. It is not immediately clear whether the suspension of tariff exclusion covers all applicable products from the United States, but industry sources have confirmed that most U.S. agricultural products, including grains, oilseeds, meat, pulses, tree nuts, alcohol, leather/hide, and fruit, are affected.

In March 2020, the State Council Tariff Commission (SCTC) under the Ministry of Finance put in place a market-based tariff exclusion process where importers can apply to waive the Section 301 retaliatory tariffs imposed on products from the United States (see GAIN report [CH2020-0017](#)). A list of 696 tariff lines, including approximately 150 agriculture-related products, are eligible for tariff exclusion. SCTC also allows the exclusion applications to cover products outside the list. (Note: Section 232 retaliatory tariffs are not included in the process.) The attached spreadsheet includes the tariffs currently applicable to U.S. agricultural products entering the Chinese market.

Attachments:

[250718 Tariff Analysis Assuming MOFCOM Ends Section 301 China Tariffs on US Commodities.xlsx](#)