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Report Highlights:

On February 15, 2023, the State Council Tariff Commission (SCTC) announced to extend the Section 301 retaliatory tariff exclusion period for sorbitol and other select U.S. commodities to September 15, 2023. The exclusion was set to expire on February 15, 2023. This report contains an unofficial translation of the announcement and links to reports of other retaliatory tariff exclusions announced by the SCTC on U.S. products.

General Information

On February 15, 2023, the Ministry of Finance published on its website a SCTC announcement (dated February 13, 2023) that extends the retaliatory tariff exclusion period for a total of 124 U.S. commodities until September 25, 2023. The affected agriculture-related products include food additive D-glucitol (sorbitol). This is the fifth time that China has extended the tariff exclusion period for sorbitol. The United States was the second largest supplier of sorbitol to China, with import value reaching \$1.4 million in 2022, according to China Customs statistics.

This report provides an unofficial translation of the SCTC announcement, which is available at http://gss.mof.gov.cn/gzdt/zhengcefabu/202302/t20230215_3866623.htm

Agricultural Specific Products Covered by the Extension of the Tenth Exclusion List for the U.S. Products Subject to Section 301 Retaliatory Tariffs

HS Code	Commodity Description
29054400	D-glucitol (sorbitol)

Previous FAS China GAIN Reports on China's Retaliatory Tariffs and Tariff Exclusions:

[Retaliatory Section 301 Tariff Exclusion Extended for Select Agricultural Products](#) dated December 5, 2022

[PRC Issues Fourth Extension of the Exclusion of Section 301 Retaliatory Tariffs on Sorbitol](#) dated July 8, 2022

[China: Section 301 Retaliatory Tariff Exclusion Extended](#) dated April 27, 2022

[Section 301 Retaliatory Tariff Exclusion on Sorbitol Extended Again](#) dated December 28, 2021

[Section 301 Retaliatory Tariff Exclusions Extended](#) dated September 17, 2021

[China Extends Tariff Exclusion on the Food Additive Sorbitol](#) dated May 20, 2021

[China Extends First Exclusion List by One Year](#) dated September 17, 2020

[Updated Guidance on China's Retaliatory Tariffs and Tariff Exclusions Process for U.S. Products](#) dated August 5, 2020

[China Releases Second Exclusion List for Second Batch of U.S. Products](#) dated July 31, 2020

[China Announces a New Round of Tariff Exclusions](#) dated February 26, 2020

[China Announces Reductions in Certain Additional Tariffs](#) dated February 14, 2020

[China Calls Off Additional Tariffs on U.S. Products Planned for December 15](#) dated January 5, 2020

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Announcement of the State Council Tariff Commission on the Tenth Extension of the Exclusion List of U.S. Commodities Imposed with Additional Tariffs

SCTC Announcement No. 1 (2023)

February 13, 2023

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According to the *Announcement of the State Council Tariff Commission on the Eighth Extension of the Exclusion List of the US Commodities Imposed with Additional Tariffs* (SCTC Announcement No. 7 (2022)), the eighth extension of the exclusion list of the U.S. commodities imposed with additional tariffs will expire on February 15, 2023. The State Council Tariff Commission has decided to extend the exclusion period for the relevant commodities in accordance with procedures. The relevant issues are announced as follows:

For commodities listed in the attachment, the additional tariffs that were imposed against U.S. Section 301 Measures will continue to be excluded from February 16, 2023, to September 15, 2023.

Attachment:

The Tenth Extension of the Exclusion list of the U.S. Commodities Imposed with Additional Tariffs

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Attachments:

No Attachments.