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**Report Name:** Taiwan Invokes Special Safeguards for Chicken and Pork Imports

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**Report Highlights:**

On September 26 and September 28, 2023, Taiwan notified the WTO that it was invoking volume-based special safeguards on imports of other chicken cuts and pork belly, respectively. Between January 1 and September 5, 2023, Taiwan imported 9,211.2 MT of other chicken cuts. Between January 1 and September 11, 2023, Taiwan imported 15,160 MT of pork belly. Both of these volumes exceed the specified trigger levels for the activation of the special safeguards. Accordingly, Taiwan will impose additional duties, equivalent to an additional one third of the normal duties, from the date of the activation until December 31, 2023.

**General Information:**

On September 26, 2023, Taiwan notified the WTO that it was invoking a volume-based special safeguard (SSG) on imports of other chicken cuts under the HS codes of 02071100, 02071200, 02071319, 02071419, 02109919, and 16023220 ([G/AG/N/TPKM/227](#)). The product description associated with each HS code is listed below.

<b>HS Code</b>	<b>Product Description</b>
02071100	Meat of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled
02071200	Meat of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , not cut in pieces, frozen
02071319	Other meat of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , cut in pieces, fresh or chilled
02071419	Other meat of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , cut in pieces, frozen
02109919	Other cuts of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , salted, in brine, dried or smoked
16023220	Other prepared or preserved meat of fowls

Between January 1 and September 5, 2023, Taiwan imported 9,211.2 MT of other chicken cuts, which exceeds the 9,197.6 MT trigger level for the activation of the SSG. (NOTE: the SSG is triggered when imports exceed 125 percent of the average import volume of the last three years.) Accordingly, Taiwan is imposing additional duties on other chicken cuts (an additional one third of the normal duties of 20 percent for WTO members) from September 5 to December 31, 2023.

Taiwan customs data show that, between January and the end of September 2023, Taiwan imported 11,641.1 MT of other chicken cuts, 98 percent (11,447.7 MT) of which was from the United States.

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On September 28, 2023, Taiwan notified the WTO that it was invoking a volume-based SSG on imports of pork belly under the HS codes of 02031911, 02031991, 02032911 and 02032991 ([G/AG/N/TPKM/228](#)). The product description associated with each HS code is listed below.

02031911	Belly (including spareribs) of swine, boneless, fresh or chilled
02031991	Belly of swine (including spareribs), with bone in, fresh or chilled
02032911	Belly (including spareribs) of swine, boneless, frozen
02032991	Belly (including spareribs) of swine, with bone in, frozen

Between January 1 and September 11, 2023, Taiwan imported 15,160 MT of pork belly, which exceeds the 15,159.3 MT trigger level for the activation of the SSG. (NOTE: the safeguard is triggered when imports exceed the sum of (1) 110 percent of the average import volume of the last three years, and (2) the change in yearly consumption in the most recent year.) Accordingly, Taiwan is imposing additional duties on pork belly (an additional one third of the normal duties of 12.5 percent for WTO members) from September 11 to December 31, 2023.

Taiwan customs data show that Taiwan imported 16,009 MT of pork belly between January and the end September 2023, including 35 percent (5,639 MT) from Canada, 22 percent (3,566 MT) from the Netherlands, 15 percent (2,378 MT) from Spain, 12 percent (1,921 MT) from the United States, and 6.8 percent (1,095 MT) from Denmark.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.