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Report Name: The Dominican Republic Activates CAFTA-DR Safeguard Mechanism for Mozzarella Cheese from the United States

Country: Dominican Republic

Post: Santo Domingo

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Report Highlights:

The Dominican Republic, through its Ministry of Industry, Commerce and SME's (MICM), announced the activation of the CAFTA-DR agricultural safeguard measure for imports of mozzarella cheese from the United States on May 31, 2023. The measure entails an applicable tariff rate of 12.4 percent to those imports for the rest of the year.

General information

The Viceministry for Foreign Trade in the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and SME's of the Dominican Republic (MICM), announced the activation of the CAFTA-DR agricultural safeguard measure for imports of mozzarella cheese (HS code 0406.10.10) from the United States on May 31, 2023. The safeguard activation entails an applicable tariff rate of 12.4 percent, up from the 4.0 percent out of quota tariff rate that had been applied. The measure will remain in effect until December 31, 2023.

According to data provided by MICM, from January 1 to April 30, 2023, the Dominican Republic imported 491 metric tons (MT) of mozzarella cheese from the United States, exceeding the 455 MT threshold established under CAFTA-DR for the safeguard activation in 2023.

Attachments:

No Attachments.