

Voluntary Report – Voluntary - Public Distribution

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Report Highlights:

On October 30, the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) extended over 220 voluntary tariff suspensions announced following the 2021 and 2023 application periods, through June 30, 2026. The announcement synchronizes multiple expiration periods across different suspension applications. The UK government is also continuing to review applications for tariff suspensions received in early 2024, with suspensions for accepted products expected to be implemented in early 2025. The UK has also confirmed volumes for 2025 for its 6 autonomous tariff quotas (ATQs) for fish products and raw cane sugar with commitments to review these for 2026.

Overview

On October 30, the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) [extended](#) over 220 voluntary tariff suspensions, previously set to expire, at least through June 30, 2026. Certain voluntary tariff suspensions have expirations beyond June 30, 2026, which are not impacted by this update. A previous report on the UK's voluntary tariff suspensions can be found at GAIN Report: [UK Tariff Suspensions - Update | UK2024-0016](#).

The UK voluntary tariff suspensions cover a wide range of agricultural products including tree nuts, dried fruit, juices, wheat, and corn gluten, among others. For prunes and prune juice the extension of voluntary tariff suspensions may have a significant affect on exports of U.S. products. For example, tariff rates for dried prunes went from 8 percent to 0 percent and for prune juice from 16 percent to 0 percent. U.S. prune production is primarily located in California, which produces more than 90 percent of the United States' supply and about 40 percent of the world's prunes, exporting to over 60 countries worldwide. In the UK, U.S. prune products have competed with produce from France and Chile which both have preferential tariff access to the market under the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement and the UK-Chile Association agreement. In 2023, UK imports of prunes and prune juice were \$27 million and \$31 million, respectively. The UK's voluntary tariff suspensions through June 2026 may prove a valuable opportunity for U.S. prunes to compete in the UK market.

Attachments:

No Attachments.