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Report Name: China Extends Tariff Exclusions on Hardwood Products

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Report Highlights:

China extended the Section 301 retaliatory tariff exclusions on five hardwood categories that accounted for U.S. \$824 million in American exports to China in 2020. The five hardwood tariff lines are part of a list of 65 commodities that had their Section 301 tariff exclusions extended through September 16, 2021. The exclusions were set to expire on February 27, 2021, which would have resulted in the reimposition of additional tariffs of 20 to 25 percent on the affected hardwood exports.

General Information

On February 26, 2021, the Ministry of Finance published Tariff Commission Announcement No. 2 (2021) of the State Council Customs Tariff Commission (SCCTC), which extends the Section 301 tariff exclusions on 65 U.S. tariff lines, including five hardwood product categories, through September 16, 2021. The exclusions were set to expire on February 27, 2021, which would have resulted in the reimposition of additional tariffs of 20 to 25 percent on the affected U.S. hardwood exports. The United States is China's largest supplier of the five hardwood categories, with exports of U.S. \$824 million in 2020. China first granted Section 301 retaliatory tariff exclusions on these products on February 28, 2020 (see GAIN report [CH20200020](#)).

This report provides relevant trade data and an unofficial translation of the announcement, which is available at http://gss.mof.gov.cn/gzdt/zhengcefabu/202102/t20210226_3662916.htm.

Unofficial Translation of the SCCTC Announcement

The State Council Customs Tariff Commission (SCCTC) Regarding the Extension of the First Exclusion Lists for the Second Batch of U.S. Products Imposed with Additional Tariffs
Tariff Commission Announcement No. 2 (2021)

February 26, 2021

According to *the Notice of the State Council Tariff Commission on the First Exclusion Lists for the Second Batch of U.S. Products Imposed with Additional Tariffs* (Tariff Commission Announcement No. 3 (2020)), the first exclusion list for the second batch of U.S. products imposed with additional tariffs will expire on February 27, 2021. The SCCTC has decided in accordance with procedures to extend the exclusion period for the above-mentioned commodities. The relevant issues are now announced as follows:

For the 65 commodities listed in the Annex, the exclusion period stipulated in the Tariff Commission Announcement No. 3 (2020) will be extended through September 16, 2021 and no retaliatory Section 301 tariffs will be imposed.

Annex: The third exclusion list to be extended for the U.S. products imposed with additional tariffs (see [link](#)).

END TRANSLATION

The First Exclusion List for the Second Batch of U.S. Products Subject to Additional Tariffs (Agricultural-related products only)

HS Code	Commodity Description	China's 2020 imports from the world (million US\$)	China's 2020 imports from the United States (million US\$)
44039100	Other oak (Quercus spp.) logs (except those treated with paint, colorant, creosote, or other preservatives)	342	98
44039960	North American hardwood logs (including cherry, walnut and maple)	251	222
44079100	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of oak (Quercus spp.), end-jointed/not end-jointed, thickness > 6mm	440	333
44079400	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of cherry, end-jointed/not end-jointed, thickness > 6mm	84	79
44079500	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of ash, end-jointed/not end-jointed, thickness > 6mm	166	92

Attachments:

No Attachments.