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Report Highlights:

On February 21, 2020, the State Council Customs Tariff Commission (SCCTC) announced two tariff exclusion lists for certain U.S. products subject to Section 301 retaliatory duties. List I includes seven U.S. hardwood products. The tariff exclusions are effective from February 28, 2020 through February 27, 2021. In addition, products on List I are eligible for refunds of tariffs already collected. This report provides an unofficial translation of the SCCTC announcement identifying the agricultural-related products newly subject to tariff exclusions.

Summary:

On February 21, 2020, the State Council Customs Tariff Commission (SCCTC) announced two tariff exclusion lists for certain U.S. products subject to Section 301 retaliatory duties. This provision applies to the 301 tariffs implemented on September 24, 2018 and increased on June 1, 2019. List I includes seven hardwood products under six tariff lines, including oak logs and lumber, cherry lumber, and ash lumber, while List II does not include any food, agricultural, or agricultural-related products. The tariff exclusions are effective from February 28, 2020 through February 27, 2021. In addition, products on List I are eligible for refunds of tariffs already collected. Relevant importing enterprises must apply for tariff refunds within six months of the publication of the announcement. NOTE: This is the second batch of tariff exclusions published as a result of applications submitted during two application periods in 2019.

The SCCTC announcement is available at:

http://gss.mof.gov.cn/gzdt/zhengcefabu/202002/t20200221_3472600.htm

Unofficial Translation of the SCCTC Announcement

The State Council Customs Tariff Commission Announcement on the First Exclusion Lists for the Second Batch of U.S. Products Imposed with Additional Tariffs

(Tariff Commission Notice [2020] No. 3)

Feb. 21, 2020

According to the *Notice of the State Council Customs Tariff Commission on the Trial Implementation of the Exclusion Process for U.S. Products Subject to Additional Tariffs* (Tariff Commission Notice [2019] No. 2), the State Council Tariff Commission has organized a review of the valid applications submitted by applicants and has decided to exclude certain products for the first time from the second batch of U.S. products imposed with additional tariffs. The exclusion process will be implemented through two lists. The relevant matters are announced as follows:

For products included in List I, the additional tariffs which were imposed to counter U.S. 301 Measures will no longer be collected from February 28, 2020 to February 27, 2021 (one year). Tariffs already collected shall be refunded and the relevant importing enterprises shall apply to customs within 6 months of the publication of the exclusion list.

For products included in List II, the additional tariffs which were imposed to counter U.S. 301 Measures will no longer be collected from February 28, 2020 to February 27, 2021 (one year). Tariffs already collected will not be refunded.

The State Council Customs Tariff Commission will continue to carry out the exclusion work for U.S. products imposed with additional tariffs and will publish follow-up lists in due course.

Attachments

1. [Exclusion List I of Second Batch of U.S. Products Subject to Additional Tariffs](#)
2. [Exclusion List II of Second Batch of U.S. Products Subject to Additional Tariffs](#)

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

EX*	H.S. Code	Commodity Description
Ex	44039100	Other oak (<i>Quercus</i> spp.) logs (except those treated with paint, colorant, creosote, or other preservatives)
	44039960	North American hardwood (including cherry, walnut and maple)
Ex	44079100	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of oak (<i>Quercus</i> spp.), end-jointed, thickness > 6mm
Ex	44079100	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of oak (<i>Quercus</i> spp.), not end-jointed, thickness > 6mm
	44079400	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of cherry, end-jointed/not end-jointed, thickness > 6mm
	44079500	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of ash, end-jointed/not end-jointed, thickness > 6mm
	44079930	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of North American broadleaf hardwood (including walnut), end-jointed/not end-jointed, thickness > 6mm

*Note 1: “EX” indicates that the excluded commodity is under this HS line but “commodity description” shall prevail.

Note 2: Based on People’s Republic of China 2020 Tariff Schedule.

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