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### China Enacts Tariffs in Response to U.S. 301 Tariffs

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**Report Highlights:**

On July 6, 2018, the People's Republic of China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) enacted additional tariffs on select U.S. products as previously announced. The products that the additional tariffs impact can be found in the following FAS GAIN report, [CH 18034](#). U.S. exporters of the affected commodities should be aware that the new tariffs are effective July 6, and should check with local importers to verify changes in tariff treatment.

**General Information:** This report contains an unofficial translation of the announcement titled “Ministry Of Commerce Spokesperson Speaks on U.S. Tariffs on \$34 Billion of Chinese Products” published on the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) website on July 6, 2018.

**Announcement Link:**

<http://www.mofcom.gov.cn/article/ae/ag/201807/20180702763232.shtml>

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**UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

“Ministry Of Commerce Spokesperson Speaks on U.S. Tariffs on \$34 Billion of Chinese Products”

Ministry of Commerce Press Office

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On July 6, the United States began imposing a 25-percent tariff on \$34 billion U.S. dollars of Chinese products. The United States violated the World Trade Organization’s (WTO) rules and launched the largest trade war in economic history to date. This kind of taxation is typical trade bullying, which is: seriously jeopardizing the security of the global industrial supply chain and the value-chain; hindering the pace of global economic recovery; triggering global market turmoil; and affecting more innocent multinational corporations, general enterprises, and ordinary consumers. This action will not help, but harm the interests of American businesses and people.

The Chinese side promised not to fire the first shot. But to defend the core interests of China and the interests of its people, we were forced to take necessary countermeasures. We will promptly inform the WTO about the situation and work with countries around the world to jointly safeguard free trade and the multilateral system. At the same time, China reiterates that we will unswervingly deepen reform, expand opening up, protect entrepreneurship, strengthen property rights protection, and create a good business environment for companies from around the world in China. We will continue to assess the impacts on affected companies and work to take effective measures to help their business.

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