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Report Highlights:

On July 4, 2024, the Colombian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism (MINCIT) announced the self-initiation of a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation into U.S. milk powder. On September 17, 2024, MINCIT issued a preliminary determination that imposes a provisional duty of 4.86 percent on U.S. milk powder imports for up to four months. U.S. milk powder exports to Colombia reached nearly \$70 million (over 24,000 tons) in 2023.

Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigation Background

On July 4, 2024, MINCIT published [Resolution 192 of 2024](#), which initiated a CVD investigation into U.S. milk powder imports. This is the first time the Colombian government self-initiated a CVD case, as opposed to industry filing a petition.

MINCIT issued an initial questionnaire to all the interested parties including the United States Government, U.S. industry, and Colombian industry. The U.S. Government responded to this questionnaire on August 29, 2024.

Colombia's dairy industry is primarily centered on fluid milk production and relies significantly on imported milk powder for food manufacturing. U.S. milk powder exports enter Colombia under the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement through a duty-free tariff rate quota, which increases annually. Additionally, over-quota tariffs are gradually reduced each year, becoming fully duty-free and unlimited by 2026. The United States accounts for more than 50 percent of Colombia's milk powder imports. For more information on Colombia's dairy market, refer to [GAIN Report: An Overview of the Colombian Dairy Market](#).

Preliminary Determination

On September 17, 2024, MINCIT issued [Resolution 271 of 2024](#), which announces the imposition of a provisional duty of 4.86 percent (of the FOB price) on U.S. milk powder imports for up to four months. This duty will be applied in addition to the out-of-quota tariff on milk powder imports under the trade promotion agreement, which is currently at 4.4 percent. The provisional duty applies to products falling under the Colombian tariff subheadings: 0402.10.10.00, 0402.10.90.00, 0402.21.11.00, 0402.21.19.00, 0402.21.91.00, 0402.21.99.00, 0402.29.11.00, 0402.29.19.00, 0402.29.91.00, and 0402.29.99.00

According to Article 2 of Resolution 271 of 2024, the provisional duties will not apply to imports that were already shipped to Colombia before this resolution takes effect (September 17), based on the transport document date. The provisional duties will also not apply to imports in a primary custom area or free zone, as long as they are processed under the standard import procedure within 20 days of the preliminary determination resolution coming into effect.

Official translations of Resolution 192 of 2024 and Resolution 271 of 2024 are attached to this report.

Attachments:

[Resolution 192 of 2024 - Case Initiation.pdf](#)

[Resolution 271 of 2024 - Preliminary Determination.pdf](#)