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Report Name: GACC Announces Suspension of Soybean Shipments from Three US Entities

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Report Highlights:

On March 4, 2025, the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) announced it was suspending soybean imports from three U.S. based entities. GACC stated that these suspensions were in response to recent, alleged detections of ergot and seed coating agents in U.S. soybean shipments.

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On March 4, 2025, the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC), announced it was suspending shipments of soybeans from three U.S. based entities, CHS Inc., Louis Dreyfus Grains Merchandising LLC, and EGT LLC. GACC stated that these suspensions were in response to recent, alleged detections of ergot and seed coating agents in U.S. soybean shipments.

Also on March 4, 2025, the Chinese Ministry of Finance State Council Tariff Commission (SCTC) published 2025 Announcement No. 2 which introduced new retaliatory tariffs on certain U.S. agricultural products. These tariffs will apply to 740 harmonized tariff system (HS) line items, divided into two lists, with additional rates of 10 percent and 15 percent. Soybeans are subject to the 10 percent tariff. The SCTC announcement indicates this action is in response to the United States' decision to impose a 10-percent tariff on all Chinese exports, effective March 4, 2025.

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General Administration of Customs Announcement No. 30 of 2025 (Announcement on Suspending the Qualification of CHS Inc. and Three Other Companies to Export Soybeans to China)

Recently, Chinese customs detected ergot and soybeans with seed coating agents in imported American soybeans. In order to protect the health of Chinese consumers and ensure the safety of imported food, in accordance with the Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China and its implementing regulations, the Measures for the Supervision and Administration of Inspection and Quarantine of Imported and Exited Grains, and the relevant provisions of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization, the General Administration of Customs has decided to suspend the soybean export qualifications of the three companies involved, CHS Inc. (Chinese registration number: QUSA0824071600058), LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY GRAINS MERCHANDISING LLC (Chinese registration number: QUSA0823071500143, QUSA0824071600057), and EGT, LLC (Chinese registration number: QUSA0823071500087), from the date of this announcement.

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