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Report Name: Morocco Raises Chocolate Tariffs- US Remains at Zero Duty

Country: Morocco

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Report Highlights:

Morocco approved a new tariff rate for imported chocolate and food preparations containing cocoa. The 2021 finance bill increases tariffs on these products from 17.5% in 2020 to 40% in 2021, effective January 1, 2021. Under the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (FTA), U.S. products under these tariff lines benefit from zero duty.

General Information: On November 13, 2020, the Government of Morocco (GOM) approved the 2021 finance bill ([PLF 2021](#)), increasing import duties for chocolate and food preparations containing cocoa from 17.5 to 40 percent, effective January 1, 2021. The tariff increase applies to products originating from all origins, with the notable exception of those trade partners benefitting from a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The U.S.-Morocco FTA permits U.S. exports of goods under these tariff lines at zero duty, providing a potential opportunity for U.S. exporters.

Market Access for Chocolate and Food Preparations Containing Cocoa

Product	HS	2021 Tariff		Imports (USD), 2019	
		MFN	U.S. ¹	World	U.S.
Chocolate and Other Cocoa Preps, Not Bulk, Filled	1806310010	40.0%	0.0%	\$6,220,920	\$22,319
	1806310090	40.0%	0.0%	\$2,012,511	\$138,903
Chocolate and Other Cocoa Preps, Not Bulk, Not Filled	1806320011	40.0%	0.0%	\$61,778	-
	1806320019	40.0%	0.0%	\$79,987	-
	1806320020	40.0%	0.0%	\$12,233,310	-
	1806320090	40.0%	0.0%	\$3,428,695	-

¹U.S. preferential tariffs are fully implemented (All chocolate products phase-out in 2020)

Morocco mainly imports chocolate from Europe, Egypt, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates.

Attachments:

No Attachments.