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Report Highlights:

On December 24, 2021, the State Council Tariff Commission (SCTC) extended the Section 301 retaliatory tariff exclusion period for Sorbitol and other select U.S. commodities. The exclusion was set to expire on December 25 but has now been extended until June 30, 2022. This report contains an unofficial translation of the announcement and links to reports for other retaliatory tariff exclusions announced by the SCTC on U.S. products.

General Information

On December 24, 2021, the Ministry of Finance published the SCTC announcement, which extends the retaliatory tariff exclusion period for select U.S. commodities until June 30, 2022. The affected agriculture-related product is the food additive D-glucitol (sorbitol). This is the third time that China has extended the tariff exclusion period for sorbitol. The United States was the largest supplier of sorbitol to China in 2020, with import values reaching U.S. \$1.6 million. Through November 2021, China's import value of U.S.-origin sorbitol declined to U.S. \$540,000, behind Germany (U.S. \$2.45 million) and France (U.S. \$590,000).

This report provides an unofficial translation of the SCTC announcement, which is available at http://gss.mof.gov.cn/gzdt/zhengcefabu/202112/t20211224_3777971.htm

In addition to the specific, time-limited retaliatory tariff exclusions lists issued by the SCTC, Chinese officials have separately managed an importer-led retaliatory tariff application process whereby importers apply for and may receive an exemption or exclusion from having Section 301 retaliatory tariffs imposed on imported products. The Section 232 retaliatory tariffs imposed on U.S. products have not been waived and are reportedly being levied or assessed on U.S. products.

Agricultural specific products covered by the Extension of the Sixth Exclusion List for the U.S. Products Subject to Additional Tariffs (2022 version)

HS Code	Commodity Description
29054400	D-glucitol (sorbitol)

Previous FAS China GAIN Reports on China's Retaliatory Tariffs and Tariff Exclusions:

[Section 301 Retaliatory Tariff Exclusions Extended](#) dated September 17, 2021

[China Extends Tariff Exclusion on the Food Additive Sorbitol](#) dated May 20, 2021

[China Extends First Exclusion List by One Year](#) dated September 17, 2020

[Updated Guidance on China's Retaliatory Tariffs and Tariff Exclusions Process for U.S. Products](#) dated August 5, 2020

[China Releases Second Exclusion List for Second Batch of U.S. Products](#) dated July 31, 2020

[China Announces a New Round of Tariff Exclusions](#) dated February 26, 2020

[China Announces Reductions in Certain Additional Tariffs](#) dated February 14, 2020

[China Calls Off Additional Tariffs on U.S. Products Planned for December 15](#) dated January 5, 2020

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Announcement of the State Council Tariff Commission (SCTC) on the Extension of the Sixth Exclusion List of U.S. Commodities Imposed with Additional Tariffs
SCTC Announcement No. 9 (2021)
December 24, 2021

According to the *Announcement of the State Council Tariff Commission on the Extension of the Second Exclusion List for the U.S. Commodities Imposed with Additional Tariffs* (SCTC Announcement No. 10 (2020)) and *Announcement of the State Council Tariff Commission on the Extension of the Fourth Exclusion List for the US Commodities Imposed with Additional Tariffs* (SCTC Announcement No. 5 (2021)), the extensions for the second and fourth exclusion lists of U.S. commodities imposed with additional tariffs will expire on December 25, 2021. The SCTC has decided to extend the exclusion periods for the above commodities in accordance with procedures. The relevant issues are announced as follows:

For commodities listed in SCTC Announcement No. 10 (2020)) and SCTC Announcement No. 5 (2021), the additional tariffs that were imposed against U.S. Section 301 Measures will continue to be excluded from December 26 to 31, 2021. For commodities listed in the annex, the additional tariffs imposed against U.S. Section 301 Measures will continue to be excluded from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

Annex: [Extension of the Sixth Exclusion List of U.S. Commodities Imposed with Additional Tariffs \(2022 version\)](#).

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Attachments:

No Attachments.