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Report Highlights:

On January 26, 2025, the PRC Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau (TRIB) published notice 2025 No. 28 which includes the relevant questionnaires for exporters, importers, and domestic producers registered to take part in the imported beef safeguard investigation. Completed questionnaires are due to MOFCOM by 5:00 p.m. February 17 (China). This report includes a translation of the announcement, links to all three questionnaires, and an unofficial translation of the questionnaire for beef exporters. All U.S. beef exporters are encouraged to undertake their own review of the notice and deadlines.



BACKGROUND

On December 27, 2024, MOFCOM published 2024 Announcement No. 60 on its website indicating that an application by the China Animal Agricultural Association (CAAA) was filed with a request for a safeguard investigation into the PRC's global beef imports during the period of January 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024. The safeguard investigation covers beef in HTS codes: 020110, 020120, 020130, 020210, 020220, and 020230. See FAS China GAIN Report CH2024-0179 for additional information.

Private importers, exporters, beef industry associations and foreign governments wishing to participate in the investigation were able to register with MOFCOM TRIB as interested stakeholders.

On January 6, the PRC published its notification of the beef safeguard investigation with the World Trade Organization (WTO) as: <u>G/SG/N/6/CHN/3</u> giving interested parties 20 days from the date of publication of the notice to a) comment on the initiation of the investigation, b) to register for participation in the safeguard investigation, or c) apply for a hearing with MOFCOM's TRIB and/or to request relevant information.

On January 26, TRIB issued a statement with instructions (translated below) and the questionnaires for interested participants taking part in the imported beef safeguard investigation. MOFCOM TRIB provided a deadline of February 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (China) by which completed questionnaires need to be submitted. U.S. exporters are encouraged to undertake their own review of the original MOFCOM statement and questionnaires. An unofficial translation of the exporter or exporter organization questionnaire is attached to this report along with the official questionnaires in Chinese language.

BEGIN TRANSLATION

Notice on the issuance of questionnaires on beef safeguard measures

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Notice on the issuance of questionnaires on beef safeguard measures

【Issuing Entity】 Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau

 [Issuance Number]
 [2025] No. 28

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Stakeholders:

On December 27, 2024, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China issued Announcement No. 60 of 2024, initiating a safeguard measure investigation against imported beef.

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In accordance with the relevant provisions of the "Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Safeguard Measures," the relevant matters concerning the issuance of the questionnaire in this case are notified as follows:

- 1. The questionnaire in this case is divided into three categories: foreign exporters or producers, domestic producers or producers' associations, and domestic importers (see annex). Please refer to each questionnaire for details of the answer requirements, submission method and submission time.
- 2. The exporter or producer shall fill in the Questionnaire for Foreign Exporters or Producers as required, and the Association of Foreign Exporters or Producers may provide relevant information on behalf of the member enterprises in accordance with the Questionnaire for Foreign Exporters or Producers. Domestic producers and producers' associations shall complete the Domestic Producers' Associations Questionnaire as required. Domestic importers shall fill in the Domestic Importer Questionnaire as required.
- 3. The date of issuance of this notice shall be the date of issuance of the questionnaire, and the interested party shall truthfully fill in and submit complete and accurate answers within the time limit specified in each questionnaire as required.
- 4. The investigating authority shall issue questionnaires to the interested parties registered to participate in the investigation through the "Trade Remedy Investigation Information Platform" (http://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn). Other interested parties can also download the questionnaire from the case dynamics section of the sub-website of the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau on the website of the Ministry of Commerce (the website is http://trb.mofcom.gov.cn) or the China Trade Remedy Information Network (http://www.cacs.gov.cn).
- 5. All interested parties shall submit the electronic version of the answer sheet through the "Trade Remedy Investigation Information Platform" (http:// etrb.mofcom.gov.cn), and submit the written version of the answer sheet at the same time. The electronic and written versions should be the same in content and in the same format. If interested parties have any questions in the process of issuing or answering this questionnaire, they can consult the personnel handling this survey.

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Annex:

- Beef Safeguards Survey Foreign Exporters or Producers Questionnaire .pdf
 Beef Safeguard Survey Foreign Exporter or Producer Questionnaire.wps
- Beef Safeguard Survey Domestic Producers (Producers' Associations) Questionnaire .pdf
 Beef Safeguards Survey Domestic Producers (Producers' Associations) Questionnaire.wps

3. <u>Beef Safeguard Measures Survey Domestic Importer Questionnaire .pdf</u>
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Attachments:

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250126 B PRC Importer Questionnaire cn.pdf

250126 C PRC Producer Questionnaire cn.pdf

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