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Report Highlights:

The Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) enhanced inspection list for food imports in calendar year 2021 contains no U.S. products. Ongoing engagement from FAS Taipei helped ensure the removal of blueberries and onions, the last two U.S. products on the list.

THIS REPORT CONTAINS ASSESSMENTS OF COMMODITY AND TRADE ISSUES MADE BY USDA STAFF AND NOT NECESSARILY STATEMENTS OF OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY The Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) has published the updated enhanced inspection list for food imports in calendar year 2021. Effective January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, no U.S. origin products are on the list. Designated products from specified countries on the list would be subject to a heightened 20 to 50 percent import inspection rate before quarantine clearance.

Last year, U.S. fresh blueberries and onions were subject to enhanced inspections when entering Taiwan. Ongoing engagement by FAS Taipei helped resolve the underlying issues that prevented the recurrence of violations and aided in removing these two remaining products, as well as numerous others in recent years. Overall, these efforts are part of a long-term policy engagement to remove barriers and ensure that the nearly \$300 million dollar market (average 2015-19) for U.S. fresh fruits and vegetables to Taiwan continues to flow undisturbed.

The full list of countries and tariff codes is available from the TFDA website (Chinese only).

Attachments:

No Attachments.