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Report Highlights:

On September 9, 2026, the Dominican government repealed Decree 693-24, removing tariff restrictions on U.S. rice imports. Discretionary import licensing requirements remain in place and would be needed for any shipment of rice to the Dominican Republic.

General information

On September 9, 2026, Dominican Republic President Luis Abinader issued Decree 635-26, repealing Decree 693-24, which had restricted U.S. rice imports into the country. Decree 635-26 was published in the Official Gazette on September 24, 2026, and is available [HERE](#).

Decree 693-24, issued on December 17, 2024, established a preferential tariff-rate quota (TRQ) of 23,300 metric tons (MT) for U.S. rice at a zero percent tariff, with imports exceeding that quota generally subject to a 99 percent ad valorem tariff. U.S. rice had been scheduled to receive unrestricted market access beginning January 1, 2025, under the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). Decree 693-24 was based on Law 75-24, which authorizes the National Council for Food Sovereignty and Nutritional Security (CONASSAN) to recommend special measures affecting sensitive products on national security grounds. More information on Decree 693-24 can be found [HERE](#).

Although Decree 635-26 removes the tariff restrictions established under Decree 693-24, rice imports remain subject to discretionary import licenses issued by the Dominican Ministry of Agriculture.

Attachments:

No Attachments.