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**Report Highlights:**

Industry sources report that the Ministry of Finance has extended the planned suspension of the market-based Section 301 tariff exclusion process for certain U.S. products, including agricultural goods, to October 30, 2025, with all approved exclusions remaining valid until December 13, 2025. The Chinese government has not issued any official announcements or provided explanations regarding this policy update.

The Ministry of Finance has reportedly extended the application period for requesting exclusions from Section 301 retaliatory tariffs to October 30, 2025, with approved applications set to expire after December 13, 2025. Chinese importers report that the updated pop-up window on the Ministry of Finance website now states: “No new applications will be accepted for this tariff line after October 30, 2025, and approved applications will remain valid until December 13, 2025.” This policy update appears to apply to all agricultural products from the United States subject to Section 301 retaliatory tariffs, including but not limited to grains, oilseeds, meat, pulses, tree nuts, alcoholic beverages, leather/hides, and fruit. Previously, the application system indicated that no new applications would be accepted after August 1, 2025, and that approved exclusions would only remain valid until September 14, 2025 (see GAIN report [CH2025-0147](#)).

In March 2020, the State Council Tariff Commission (SCTC) under the Ministry of Finance put in place a market-based tariff exclusion process where importers can apply to waive the Section 301 retaliatory tariffs imposed on products from the United States (see GAIN report [CH2020-0017](#)). A list of 696 tariff lines, including approximately 150 agriculture-related products, are eligible for tariff exclusion. SCTC also allows the exclusion applications to cover products outside the list. (Note: Section 232 retaliatory tariffs are not included in the process.) The attached spreadsheet includes the tariffs currently applicable to U.S. agricultural products entering the Chinese market.

**Attachments:**

[250801 Tariff Analysis Assuming MOF Ends Section 301 China Tariffs on US Commodities.xlsx](#)