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Report Highlights:

Starting August 11, 2026, importers of pecans from the United States and Mexico must pay provisional anti-dumping duties, in the form of deposits, following a preliminary ruling by the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) announced on August 10. Imports from the United States are subject to a deposit rate of 54.3 percent of the product value, pushing the total import duty rate for U.S. pecans to 86.3 percent. For pecans from Mexico, the provisional deposit rates range from 17.8 percent to 51.6 percent. This report contains an unofficial translation of the MOFCOM announcement and a table detailing deposit rates for various companies from the two countries.

General Information

On August 10, 2026, the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) published on its website a preliminary ruling on the anti-dumping investigation of imported pecans from Mexico and the United States (MOFCOM Announcement No. 32 of 2026). The preliminary ruling determines that imports of pecans originating from Mexico and the United States are being dumped, that the domestic pecan industry has suffered substantial harm, and that there is a causal link between the dumping and the substantial harm. Therefore, MOFCOM has decided to implement provisional anti-dumping measures in the form of a security deposit. Effective August 11, 2026, when importing pecans originating in Mexico and the United States, importers shall provide security deposits to Chinese Customs based on deposit rates for each company as determined by the preliminary ruling (see Table 2). The deposit rates for Mexican companies range from 17.8 percent to 51.6 percent. The MOFCOM spokesman commented that since no U.S. companies participated in the investigation, the deposit rate for all U.S. companies is set at 54.3 percent based on "facts available," in accordance with relevant Chinse laws and WTO rules.

Meanwhile, all interested parties may submit written comments to MOFCOM within 10 days from the issuance date of this announcement (i.e., by August 20, 2026). According to the original announcement about the anti-dumping investigation, the final ruling will be published before September 25, 2026, with a possible extension of six months. On September 25, 2025, MOFCOM initiated an anti-dumping investigation against pecans imported from Mexico and the United States (MOFCOM Announcement No.52 of 2025). MOFCOM stated that preliminary evidence indicated pecans from Mexico and the United States were exported to China at prices below normal value, causing price undercutting and suppression for like products within the domestic industry. Therefore, MOFCOM had decided to conduct investigations through methods such as questionnaires, samplings, hearings, and on-site verifications.

The United States and Mexico are the two top pecan producers, followed by South Africa. The United States was the second largest pecan supplier to China in 2024 with an export volume of 18,800 metric tons (MT) (see Table 1). However, pecan exports from all origins to China dropped dramatically in 2025 because of subdued consumption amid an economic downturn.

In addition to the most favored nation (MFN) tariff, U.S. pecans also face a retaliatory Section 232 tariff (15 percent), Section 301 tariff (30 percent, which can be excluded), and reciprocal tariff (10 percent). Including the anti-dumping duties, the total duty rate imposed on U.S. pecans is 86.3 percent. Refer to USDA GAIN report CH2025-0209 for the latest tariff updates.

Table 1. China Pecan Imports, Whether or not Shelled

Partner Country	Unit	Calendar Year				January-June		
		2022	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	%Δ 2026/25
World	T	44,284	48,681	69,528	56,879	7,625	2,170	-71.54
South Africa	T	26,325	22,195	32,746	48,860	1,145	76	-93.36
Mexico	T	13,154	13,238	17,807	5,090	4,106	618	-84.95
United States	T	4,740	13,023	18,797	2,504	2,374	1,381	-41.83
Australia	T	64	225	177	375	0	0	0

Peru	T	0	0	0	50	0	75	0
Argentina	T	0	0	0	0	0	20	0

Source: Trade Data Monitor

Table 2. Deposit Rate for Mexican and U.S. Companies

Company Name	**Deposit Rate (dumping margin)**	**Import VAT**
Mexican company		
1) Sampled Mexican company		
NEGOCIO AGRÍCOLA SAN ENRIQUE S.A. DE C.V.	23.0%	9%
VIÑEDOS ALTA, S.A.P.I. DE C.V.	17.8%	9%
2) Other Mexican companies cooperating with the investigation		
Premium Pecanas S.A. de C.V.	22.2%	9%
VIÑAS DE LA COSTA SA DE CV	22.2%	9%
NUECES OKO SA DE CV	22.2%	9%
3) Other Mexican companies	51.6%	9%
U.S. company		
All U.S. companies	54.3%	9%

Source: MOFCOM

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The Ministry of Commerce issued Announcement No. 32 of 2026, announcing the preliminary ruling on the anti-dumping investigation into imported pecans originating from Mexico and the United States.

Issuing Authority: Trade Remedy Bureau
Document Number: Ministry of Commerce Announcement No. 32 of 2026
Date of Issuance: August 10, 2026

In accordance with the provisions of the Anti-dumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Anti-dumping Regulations), on September 25, 2025, the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as the investigating authority) issued Announcement No. 52 of 2025, deciding to initiate an anti-dumping investigation into imported pecans (hereinafter referred to as the investigated products) originating from Mexico and the United States.

The investigating authority investigated whether the investigated product was being dumped and the extent of dumping, whether the investigated product had caused injury to the domestic industry in China and the degree of injury, and the causal relationship between dumping and injury. Based on the investigation results and the provisions of Article 24 of the Anti-dumping Regulations, the investigating authority has made a preliminary ruling (see Annex 1). The relevant matters are hereby announced as follows:

I. Preliminary Ruling
The investigating authority has preliminarily determined that imported pecans originating from Mexico and the United States are being dumped, causing substantial harm to China's domestic pecan industry, and that there is a causal relationship between the dumping and the substantial harm.

II. Collection of security deposit
In accordance with Articles 28 and 29 of the Anti-dumping Regulations, the investigating authority has decided to implement provisional anti-dumping measures in the form of security deposits. From August 11, 2026, importers of the investigated products shall provide the corresponding security deposits to the Customs of the People's Republic of China based on the security deposit rates determined for each company in this preliminary ruling.

The specific description of the investigated product is as follows:
Scope of investigation: Imported fresh or dried pecans originating from Mexico and the United States.
Product name under investigation: Fresh or dried pecans (American hickory, thin-shelled hickory).
Foreign name: Carya illinoensis.
Product Description: Pecan seeds, thin-shelled pecans, belonging to the genus Juglandaceae; fresh pecans or pecan fruits processed through selection, drying, and other techniques, whether shelled or peeled, are the main nuts for human consumption.
Main uses: Pecans can be eaten raw or roasted and can also be used to make various desserts or extract oil.
This product falls under the "Customs Tariff of the People's Republic of China": HS Code 08029990. Other products under this tariff code are not within the scope of this investigation.
The deposit rates levied on each company are listed in Annex 2 to this announcement.

III. Methods of collecting security deposits
Effective August 11, 2026, importers of pecans originating from Mexico and the United States shall provide the corresponding security deposit to the Customs of the People's Republic of China in accordance with the security deposit rates determined for each company in this preliminary ruling. The security deposit shall be levied ad valorem based on the customs-determined taxable value of the imported goods, and the calculation formula is as follows:
*Security deposit value = (customs-determined taxable value of imported goods * security deposit rate) * (1 + import VAT rate).*

IV. Comments
All interested parties may submit written comments to the investigating authority within 10 days from the issuance date of this announcement.

Annexes:
1. Preliminary ruling of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China on the anti-dumping investigation of imported pecans originating from Mexico and the United States.pdf
2. Table of Deposit Rates for Various Companies.pdf

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