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Report Highlights:

On September 16, 2026, Taiwan's Executive Yuan announced the 18th wave of tariff and business tax cuts on selected agricultural imports, extending relief through March 31, 2027. The measures maintain full waivers on the business tax for soybeans, wheat, and corn, a full waiver on the wheat import tariff, and 50 percent tariff reductions on butter, baking-use milk powder, anhydrous milk fat, and beef. The extension responds to renewed Middle East volatility, with Brent crude reaching \$130.54 per barrel on September 15, up more than 80 percent since late February 2026.

Executive Yuan Launches 18th Wave of Agricultural Tariff and Tax Cuts, Extends Measures Through March 2027

On September 16, 2026, Executive Yuan Vice Premier Cheng Li-chun convened a meeting of the “Price Stabilization Task Force” and [announced](#) the 18th wave of tariff and business tax reduction measures for selected agricultural imports. The measures, originally set to expire at the end of September 2026 under the 17th wave (previously reported in [TW2026-0008](#)), will now continue through March 31, 2027. The program, first implemented in December 2021, is intended to ease import costs for domestic businesses and limit the pass-through of international commodity price volatility to Taiwan's consumers.

Key Measures

The government will maintain the following tariff and tax reductions through March 31, 2027:

Business Tax (fully waived)

- Soybeans: reduced from 5 percent to 0 percent
- Wheat: reduced from 5 percent to 0 percent
- Corn: reduced from 5 percent to 0 percent

Import Tariffs

- Wheat: reduced from 6.5 percent to 0 percent (fully waived)
- Butter: reduced from 5 percent to 2.5 percent (50 percent reduction)
- Anhydrous milk fat: reduced from 8 percent to 4 percent (50 percent reduction)
- Milk powder for baking: reduced from 10 percent to 5 percent (50 percent reduction)
- Beef: reduced from NT\$10 per kilogram to NT\$5 per kilogram (50 percent reduction)

Rationale

The extension follows renewed tensions in the Middle East, which pushed Brent crude oil prices to \$130.54 per barrel on September 15, 2026, which is more than 80 percent above the level in late February 2026. Taiwan relies heavily on imports to meet domestic demand for corn, soybeans, wheat, and beef. The government is continuing the tariff and tax reductions to help limit additional price pressures on consumers and businesses.

Economic Context

The 18th wave is part of the government’s broader seven-pillar price stabilization strategy, pursued since February 2026, which also includes measures related to energy supply and pricing. Vice Premier Cheng directed relevant ministries to monitor international market conditions and adjust policy tools as needed to limit the effect of external volatility on domestic prices.

Attachments:

No Attachments.