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Report Highlights:

On December 12, 2025, the UK Department for Business and Trade (DBT) announced the launch of a new window for the public to apply for tariff suspensions, the fourth such window. The last day to apply for tariff suspensions is February 4, 2026. DBT has also launched a review of 300 duty suspensions set to expire on June 30, 2026, which were automatically extended through December 31, 2026. The UK government is soliciting feedback as to whether these suspensions should be extended through the end of 2028.

Summary/Overview: On December 12, 2025, the UK Department for Business and Trade (DBT) announced the launch of a new window for the public to apply for tariff suspensions, the fourth such window. The last day to apply for tariff suspensions is February 4, 2026. Submissions should be made via the official application form ([available here](#)). The guidance pack on submitting applications is available [here](#).

Simultaneously, the UK government has also launched a public review process for the almost 300 duty suspensions currently set to expire on June 30, 2026. These suspensions will now be extended through December 31, 2026. This extension is intended to allow for a comprehensive public review to run concurrently with the 2025–2026 application window for new suspensions. The government is soliciting stakeholder input on whether these suspensions should be further extended through December 31, 2028. A full list of the suspensions under review is available ([link here](#)). Stakeholders are invited to submit views both in support of and in opposition to the extension of these measures.

Background and Process

Since the UK's exit from the European Union, the government has conducted three application windows for duty suspensions, resulting in the implementation of over 300 tariff suspensions at the request of stakeholders. Suspensions granted from the 2021 and 2023 application processes are now due to expire on December 31, 2026, following the planned extension. The current review seeks input on whether these suspensions should be maintained through December 31, 2028.

Suspensions granted from the 2024 application process remain in force until June 30, 2027. The government has committed to reviewing these suspensions ahead of their expiry, with further information on the extension process to be announced in due course.

The UK's voluntary tariff suspensions are temporary reductions of the UK's Most-Favored Nation (MFN) applied tariff rates, typically set to zero percent for the duration of the suspension. These measures are available to all countries and are not subject to volume limitations. The UK government retains the right to revert to its published WTO MFN rates at its discretion.

Implications for U.S. Exporters and Stakeholders

The extension and review of these suspensions present a significant opportunity for U.S. exporters, particularly in the agricultural and food processing sectors. Products currently benefiting from suspended tariffs include a wide range of commodities such as tree nuts, dried fruits, juices, wheat, and corn gluten. The extension of these suspensions through December 2026—and potentially through December 2028—would provide continued tariff-free access for U.S. products, supporting competitiveness in the UK market.

Timeline

- Deadline to submit applications 11:59pm UK GMT, February 4, 2026.
- Tariff lines for which tariff suspensions have been requested, will be disclosed, with the public allowed to provide feedback. Government may also contact applicants for clarifications.

- Following a UK government review of this information, applications will be accepted or rejected, and come into force, typically with immediate effect.

Find previous FAS reports on UK duty suspensions linked below:

[Certain Voluntary Tariff Suspensions Extended to June 2026](#)

[UK Tariff Suspensions - 2024 Update](#)

Attachments:

No Attachments.