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**Report Highlights:**

On March 4, 2025, the Ministry of Finance State Council Tariff Commission (SCTC) announced that China will impose retaliatory tariffs on U.S. agricultural products. According to the SCTC announcement, the duties would apply to anything not shipped out of the United States by March 10 and that had not arrived in China by April 12. A 10-percent tariff will be applied to commodities such as sorghum, soybeans, pork, beef, aquatic products, fruits, vegetables, and dairy products, while a 15-percent tariff will be imposed on items including chicken, wheat, corn, and cotton. The report provides an unofficial translation of the SCTC announcement and includes tables listing the affected commodities.

FAS China provides this analysis and reporting as a service to the United States agricultural community, and to our farmers, ranchers, and rural communities in support of a worldwide agricultural information system and a level playing field for U.S. agriculture.

On March 4, 2025, the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China (PRC) State Council Tariff Commission (SCTC) published 2025 Announcement No. 2 which introduced new retaliatory tariffs on certain U.S. agricultural products. These tariffs will apply to 740 commodities, divided into two lists, with additional rates of 10 percent and 15 percent. The SCTC announcement indicates this action is in response to the United States' decision to impose a 10-percent tariff on all Chinese exports, effective March 4, 2025.

The SCTC announcement also indicates that current exemption policies like the Section 301 retaliatory tariff exclusions that are market-based and filed on a case-by-case basis by importers remain in place.

FAS China is further working to analyze the 740 retaliatory tariffs in relationship to the tariffs China assesses as part of its assessments on Most Favored Nations, Section 232 retaliation, and Section 301 retaliation to ascertain what the possible final duty rates are facing U.S. agricultural products when coupled with the tariffs enumerated in the March 4 SCTC announcement.

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**Announcement of the State Council Tariff Commission on Imposing Additional Tariffs on Certain Imported Commodities from the United States**

March 4, 2025

SCTC Announcement No. 2 of 2025

On March 3, 2025, the U.S. government announced an additional 10% tariff on all Chinese exports to the United States, citing fentanyl as the reason. The unilateral tariff increase by the U.S. undermines the multilateral trading system, exacerbates the burden on U.S. businesses and consumers, and disrupts the foundation of China-U.S. economic and trade cooperation.

In accordance with the Tariff Law of the People's Republic of China, Customs Law of the People's Republic of China, the Foreign Trade Law of the People's Republic of China, and other relevant laws and regulations, as well as fundamental principles of international law, and with the approval of the State Council, China will impose additional tariffs on certain U.S.-origin imports starting from March 10, 2025. The details are as follows:

1. A 15 percent tariff will be imposed on chicken, wheat, corn, and cotton. The specific product list can be found in Annex 1.
2. A 10 percent tariff will be imposed on sorghum, soybeans, pork, beef, aquatic products, fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. The specific product list can be found in Annex 2.
3. The additional tariffs will be applied to the listed U.S.-origin imports on top of the current applicable tariff rates. The existing bonded and tariff reduction/exemption policies will remain unchanged, but the newly imposed tariffs will not be exempted.
4. Goods that have been shipped from the place of origin before March 10, 2025, and imported between March 10 and April 12, 2025, will not be subject to the additional tariffs specified in this announcement.

Annexes:

1. [List of products subject to a 15% tariff increase](#)
2. [List of products subject to a 10% tariff increase](#)

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**Attachments:**

[250304 SCTC Retaliatory Ag Tariff Announcement HS Codes En.xlsx](#)