2025 tariff suspensions on certain agricultural products

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EU suspends duties on certain agricultural products to meet domestic industry needs

Council Regulation (EU) 2024/3211 of 16 December 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2278 suspending the Common Customs Tariff duties referred to in Article 56(2), point (c), of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain agricultural and industrial products

Update

The EU has suspended import tariffs (duties) on specific agricultural products – certain vegetables and fruit (raw and processed), oils, and processed cereal products – to ensure adequate supply to meet the needs of European manufacturers (food and non-food products).

What is changing?

The EU has suspended Common Custom Tariff (CCT) duties in 2025 on a range of agri-food products that are currently in short supply, and to support the needs of European food and non-food industries. These are for products generally intended for further processing and not for direct sale on the EU market, including the following customs categories [Combined Nomenclature (CN) chapter codes are equivalent to HS chapter codes]:

- vegetables for further processing (CN 07): fresh/chilled chanterelles, frozen bamboo shoots, certain mushrooms
- fruit for use in the manufacture of foods and drinks (CN 08): fresh/dried dates, frozen boysenberries, frozen pineapple pieces
- oils for the manufacture of specific non-food products (CN 15): palm, coconut, and palm kernel oils
- certain types of microbial oil, vegetable oil, hydrogenated castor oil, and an edible mixture of animal or vegetable oils consisting of fish oil from Pacific pollock (CN 15)
- certain glass noodles for further processing (CN 19)
- prepared vegetables/fruit (e.g. pulp or concentrate) for use in the manufacture of food and/or drinks (CN 20): certain forms of bamboo shoots; mango, papaya, and guava purée concentrates; sweetened dried cranberries; boysenberry purée; vine leaves; Chinese water

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chestnuts; acai berries pulp; pineapple juice, juice concentrates (cranberry passionfruit, boysenberry, acerola, and acai berry); coconut water

- miscellaneous edible preparations (CN 21): certain forms of soy/casein protein.

Full details on the relevant products (with specific customs codes and product descriptions) are set out in the Annex to the Regulation.

Why?

The EU can "autonomously" (without negotiating with trading partners) remove or reduce CCT duties on imports of raw materials for intermediate products that are not produced in sufficient quantities within the EU to ensure adequate supply for the European food industry. In this way, the EU aims to prevent disturbances to its markets.

This new Regulation continues the tariff reductions that were in place in 2024.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from **1 January 2025**.

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