



MICA Member Alert

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Temporary Beef TRQ Increase for Lean Beef Trimmings

A [Presidential Proclamation](#) released this evening (August 26th) has authorized a temporary 300,000 metric ton (MT) increase to the 2026 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for lean beef trimmings. This increase applies exclusively to imports originating under the "Other Countries or Areas" TRQ allocation, which is primarily used by Brazil, Paraguay, Ireland, Japan, and the Netherlands.

According to MICA's initial review of the Proclamation, countries with their own TRQ allocation (such as Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Uruguay, and the United Kingdom), are not eligible to access this additional TRQ increase.

The increased TRQ is limited to lean beef trimmings that meet the product definitions in the following HTS Codes: 0201.30.5091, 0201.30.5097, 0202.30.5091, and 0202.30.5097 (Note: These are the same HTS codes for product currently eligible to enter under the additional 80,000 MT Argentina TRQ for 2026)

Implementation Timetable & Tranche Administration

The 300,000 MT quota will be administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on a first-come, first-served basis, divided into three consecutive 30-day tranches of 100,000 MT each:

- Tranche 1: Opens September 1, 2026 (12:01 a.m. port time) | Closes September 30, 2026
- Tranche 2: Opens October 1, 2026 | Closes October 30, 2026
- Tranche 3: Opens October 31, 2026 | Closes November 30, 2026 (11:59 p.m. ET) or when filled

IMPORTANT - 25% Price Floor Condition

According to the Proclamation, USDA and USTR will monitor import sales prices under this additional 300,000 MT. If imported trimmings under this quota are not sold at least 25% below the market price, the President may immediately eliminate any remaining portion of the expanded quota.

It is unclear to MICA what this provision of the Proclamation means in practice at this time. We will seek further information in the coming days about how this provision will be monitored and enforced. We urge MICA members to take caution regarding this provision until we have more information to share.