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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Argentina increased the tariffs on most high value consumer ready food products to 35 percent on April 10, 2001 as part of a new economic recovery plan. The tariffs on most fruits and vegetables were increased to 25 percent, while the tariff on cat and dog food increased to 20 percent (from 16.5 percent).**

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The Argentine Government increased the import tariffs on most consumer products to 35 percent (both agricultural and non-agricultural) as part of a new economic policy to stimulate local production (the tariffs on most capital goods were also reduced to zero). The tariffs on fruits and vegetables were increased to 25 percent (with some exceptions such as almonds which remained unchanged), while the tariff on cat and dog food increased to 20 percent (up from 16.5 percent).

The new tariffs were established at the maximum allowed under World Trade Organization rules, where Argentina has bound (ceiling) tariffs for most products of 35 percent (20 percent in the case of pet food). The higher tariffs are not applicable to imports from other Mercosur countries (Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), nor are they applied to imports from Andean Pact countries.

Argentina received a waiver from Mercosur’s common external tariff shortly after announcing the increased tariffs, under the understanding that the tariff increase would not be permanent (beyond the end of 2002). Tariffs on products entering other Mercosur countries did not increase.

The increases will raise the tariffs on approximately half of U.S. food and agricultural exports to Argentina, which according to Argentine Government statistics totaled \$126 million in 2000 (excluding fiber and forestry). Tariffs prior to the recent increase were generally between 13 and 20 percent.

The 35 percent tariff applied to some chocolate confectionery products (1806 31 20 and 1806 32 20) is currently in excess of the WTO bound tariff level, an issue which FAS/Buenos Aires has raised with the Argentine Government. According to the official response, the WTO bound tariff takes precedence over the new tariff increase and customs officials are only allowed to collect the bound tariff of 25 percent. Exporters should contact the Agriculture Section in the US Embassy if Argentine Customs charges the higher duties on these products.

The new tariffs were published in Resolution ME No. 27/2001 dated April 10, 2001 (which amended Resolution ME 8/2001 (BO 27/03/01)). The attached tables list the tariff increases in two different tables. Table 1 includes the products where the tariff was increased to between 20 and 26.6 percent. Table 2 includes all products where the tariff was increased to 35 percent.

Please note that the product descriptions are informal translations and exporters should consult with Argentine customs officials for the official description or contact the Agriculture Section in the US Embassy ([agbuenosaires@fas.usda.gov](mailto:agbuenosaires@fas.usda.gov)) for a more complete description. Tariff descriptions at the 6-digit level under the Harmonized System are the same in both the US and Argentina, while descriptions generally vary at the 8-digit level.

**Table 1: Increase in Applied Tariffs - Products with Tariffs of 20 to 26.6 Percent**

<b>Tariff Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>New Tariff</b>
0207.13.00	Chicken, cuts and offals, fresh	26.6
0207.14.00	Chicken, cuts and offals, frozen	26.6
0207.26.00	Turkey, cuts and offals, fresh	26.6
0207.27.00	Turkey, cuts and offals, frozen	26.6
0701.90.00	Potatoes, fresh and chilled	25.0
0702.00.00	Tomatoes, fresh and chilled	25.0
0703.10.19	Onions	25.0
0703.10.29	Shallots	25.0
0703.20.90	Garlic	25.0
0703.90.90	Leeks	25.0
0704.10.00	Cauliflower and broccoli	25.0
0704.20.00	Brussels sprouts	25.0
0704.90.00	Other similar vegetables, including cabbage	25.0
0705.11.00	Head lettuce	25.0
0705.19.00	Other lettuce	25.0
0705.21.00	Chicory	25.0
0705.29.00	Chicory	25.0
0706.10.00	Carrots and turnips	25.0
0706.90.00	Radishes, beets, etc.	25.0
0707.00.00	Cucumbers	25.0
0708.10.00	Peas	25.0
0708.20.00	Beans	25.0
0708.90.00	Other leguminous vegetables	25.0
0709.10.00	Globe artichokes	25.0
0709.20.00	Asparagus	25.0
0709.30.00	Eggplants	25.0
0709.40.00	Celery	25.0
0709.51.00	Mushrooms	25.0
0709.52.00	Truffles	25.0
0709.60.00	Peppers	25.0
0709.70.00	Spinach	25.0
0709.90.00	Other fresh or chilled vegetables	25.0
0710.10.00	Potatoes, frozen	25.0
0710.21.00	Peas, frozen	25.0
0710.22.00	Beans, frozen	25.0
0710.29.00	Other leguminous vegetables, frozen	25.0
0710.30.00	Spinach, frozen	25.0
0710.40.00	Sweet corn, frozen	25.0
0710.80.00	Other vegetables, frozen	25.0

<b>Tariff Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>New Tariff</b>
0710.90.00	Mixtures of vegetables, frozen	25.0
0711.10.00	Onions, preserved, not for immediate cons.	25.0
0711.20.10	Olives, preserved, not for immediate cons., with salt water	25.0
0711.20.20	Olives, preserved, not for immediate cons., with sulfur water or other substances	25.0
0711.20.90	Olives, preserved, not for immediate cons., other	25.0
0711.30.10	Capers, preserved, not for immediate cons., with salt or sulfur water or other substances	25.0
0711.30.90	Capers, preserved, not for immediate cons., other	25.0
0711.40.00	Cucumbers, preserved, not for immed. cons.	25.0
0711.90.00	Other vegetables or mixtures, preserved, not for immediate consumption	25.0
0712.20.00	Onions, dried	25.0
0712.30.00	Mushrooms and truffles, dried	25.0
0712.90.10	Garlic, dried, in powder	20.0
0712.90.90	Garlic, dried, other	20.0
0713.10.90	Peas, dried, not for seed	25.0
0713.20.90	Chickpeas (garbanzos), dried, not for seed	25.0
0713.31.90	Mung beans, dried, not for seed	25.0
0713.32.90	Adzuki beans, dried, not for seed	25.0
0713.33.19	Common black beans, dried, not for seed	25.0
0713.33.29	Common white beans, dried, not for seed	25.0
0713.33.99	Other common beans, dried, not for seed	25.0
0713.39.90	Other beans, dried, not for seed	25.0
0713.40.90	Lentils, dried, not for seed	25.0
0713.50.90	Broad beans and horse beans, dried, not seed	25.0
0713.90.90	Other dried leguminous vegetables, not seed	25.0
0714.10.00	Cassava (manioc), chilled, frozen or dried	25.0
0714.20.00	Sweet potatoes, chilled, frozen or dried	25.0
0714.90.00	Other tubers, chilled, frozen or dried	25.0
0801.11.10	Coconuts, dried, without shell	25.0
0801.11.90	Coconuts, dried, other	25.0
0801.19.00	Coconuts, other	25.0
0801.21.00	Brazil nuts, in shell	25.0
0801.22.00	Brazil nuts, shelled	25.0
0801.31.00	Cashew nuts, in shell	25.0
0801.32.00	Cashew nuts, shelled	25.0
0802.21.00	Hazelnuts or filberts, in shell	25.0
0802.22.00	Hazelnuts or filberts, shelled	25.0
0802.32.00	Walnuts, shelled	25.0

<b>Tariff Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>New Tariff</b>
0802.40.00	Chestnuts	25.0
0802.50.00	Pistachios	25.0
0802.90.00	Other nuts, fresh or dried	25.0
0803.00.00	Bananas and plantains, fresh or dried	25.0
0804.10.10	Dates, fresh	25.0
0804.10.20	Dates, dried	25.0
0804.20.10	Figs, fresh	25.0
0804.20.20	Figs, dried	25.0
0804.30.00	Pineapples, fresh or dried	25.0
0804.40.00	Avocados, fresh or dried	25.0
0804.50.00	Guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh or dried	25.0
0805.10.00	Oranges, fresh or dried	25.0
0805.20.00	Mandarins, clementines, etc., fresh or dried	25.0
0805.30.00	Lemons and limes, fresh or dried	25.0
0805.40.00	Grapefruit, fresh or dried	25.0
0805.90.00	Other citrus, fresh or dried	25.0
0806.10.00	Grapes, fresh	25.0
0806.20.00	Dried grapes, raisins	25.0
0807.11.00	Watermelons, fresh	25.0
0807.19.00	Other melons, fresh	25.0
0807.20.00	Papayas, fresh	25.0
0808.10.00	Apples, fresh	25.0
0808.20.10	Pears, fresh	25.0
0808.20.20	Quinces, fresh	25.0
0809.10.00	Apricots, fresh	25.0
0809.20.00	Cherries, fresh	25.0
0809.30.10	Peaches, fresh	25.0
0809.30.20	Nectarines, fresh	25.0
0809.40.00	Plums and sloes, fresh	25.0
0810.10.00	Strawberries, fresh	25.0
0810.20.00	Raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, fresh	25.0
0810.30.00	Currants and gooseberries	25.0
0810.40.00	Cranberries, blueberries, fresh	25.0
0810.50.00	Kiwi fruit, fresh	25.0
0810.90.00	Other fresh fruit	25.0
0811.10.00	Strawberries, frozen	25.0
0811.20.00	Raspberries, blackberries, currants, frozen	25.0
0811.90.00	Other fruit, frozen	25.0
0812.10.00	Cherries, preserved, not for direct cons.	25.0
0812.20.00	Strawberries, preserved, not for direct cons.	25.0
0812.90.00	Other preserved fruit, not for direct cons.	25.0

<b>Tariff Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>New Tariff</b>
0813.10.00	Apricots, dried	25.0
0813.20.10	Prunes, without pit	25.0
0813.20.20	Prunes, with pit	25.0
0813.30.00	Apples, dried	25.0
0813.40.10	Pears, dried	25.0
0813.40.90	Other dried fruit	25.0
0813.50.00	Mixtures of nuts or dried fruit	25.0
0814.00.00	Citrus and melon peels	25.0
1517.10.00 (1)	Margarine	20.0
1704.10.00	Chewing gum	25.0
1806.31.10	Chocolate, in blocks, slabs or bars, filled	25.0
1806.32.10	Chocolate, in blocks, slabs or bars, not filled	25.0
1806.90.00	Other chocolate and food preps. with cocoa	25.0
2008.19.00	Nuts and peanuts, prepared and preserved	22.0
2103.10.10	Soy sauce in containers of less than 1 kg.	22.0
2103.10.90	Soy sauce, other	22.0
2103.20.10	Ketchup	22.0
2103.20.90	Ketchup	22.0
2103.30.10	Mustard powder	22.0
2103.30.21	Prepared mustard	22.0
2103.30.29	Other mustard	22.0
2103.90.11	Mayonnaise	22.0
2103.90.19	Other condiments	22.0
2103.90.21	Other condiments	22.0
2103.90.29	Other sauces and condiments	22.0
2103.90.91	Other sauces and condiments	22.0
2103.90.99	Other sauces and condiments	22.0
2104.10.11	Preps for soups and broths, less than 1 kg.	22.0
2104.10.19	Preps for soups and broths, other	22.0
2104.10.21	Soups and broths, less than 1 kg.	22.0
2104.10.29	Soups and broths, other	22.0
2106.90.21	Other food preparations, powders	22.0
2106.90.29	Other food preparations, powders	22.0
2106.90.50	Other food preparations	22.0
2106.90.60	Other food preparations	22.0
2106.90.90	Other food preparations	22.0
2309.10.00	Pet food for cats and dogs	20.0
2309.90.30	Pet biscuits	20.0

(1) Only in containers of net equal to or less than 5.1 kg.

**Table 2: Increase in Applied Tariffs - Products with Tariff of 35 Percent**

<b>HS Code</b>	<b>Description - Products with 35 Percent Duty</b>
0203.22.00	Pork, frozen, hams and cuts
0203.29.00	Pork, frozen, other (not carcasses)
0210.11.00	Pork, hams, dried, smoked, etc.
0210.12.00	Pork, bellies, dried, smoked etc.
0210.19.00	Pork, other, dried, smoked, etc.
0401.10.10	Milk and cream
0401.10.90	Milk and cream
0401.20.10	Milk and cream
0401.20.90	Milk and cream
0401.30.10	Milk and cream
0401.30.21	Milk and cream
0401.30.29	Milk and cream
0402.10.10	Milk and cream, concentrated, in powder
0402.10.90	Milk and cream, concentrated, in powder
0402.21.10	Milk and cream, concentrated, in powder
0402.21.20	Milk and cream, concentrated, in powder
0402.21.30	Milk and cream, concentrated, in powder
0402.29.10	Milk and cream, concentrated, in powder
0402.29.20	Milk and cream, concentrated, in powder
0402.29.30	Milk and cream, concentrated, in powder
0402.91.00	Milk and cream, concentrated, other
0402.99.00	Milk and cream, concentrated, other
0403.10.00	Yogurt
0403.90.00	Other, buttermilk, curdled milk and cream
0405.10.00	Butter
0405.20.00	Dairy spreads
0406.10.10	Cheese and Curd, fresh cheese
0406.10.90	Cheese and curd, fresh cheese
0406.20.00	Cheese and curd, grated or powdered
0406.30.00	Cheese and curd, processed cheese, not grated/ powdered
0406.40.00	Cheese and curd, blue veined cheese
0406.90.10	Cheese and curd, other cheese, less than 36% moisture
0406.90.20	Other cheese, between 36 and 46 percent moisture
0406.90.30	Other cheese, between 46 and 55 percent moisture
0406.90.90	Other cheese, over 55 percent moisture
0409.00.00	Natural Honey
0603.10.00	Fresh cut flowers
0603.90.00	Other cut flowers

HS Code	Description - Products with 35 Percent Duty
0604.10.00	Mosses and lichens
0604.91.00	Other fresh foliage and branches
0604.99.00	Other dried foliage and branches
0902.10.00	Green tea (not fermented) in packages of less than 3 kg
0902.30.00	Black tea (fermented) in packages of less than 3 kg
1105.20.00	Potato flakes, granules and pellets
1509.10.00(1)	Olive oil, virgin
1509.90.10(1)	Olive oil, other
1509.90.90(1)	Olive oil, other
1512.19.11	Sunflowerseed oil, refined
1515.29.10	Corn oil, refined
1515.90.00(1)	Other vegetable oils
1517.90.10	Mixed vegetable oils
1601.00.00	Sausages and similar products
1602.10.00	Other prepared or preserved meat, homogenized preps.
1602.20.00	Other prepared or preserved meat, of liver
1602.31.00	Other prepared or preserved meat, of turkey
1602.32.00	Other prepared or preserved meat, of chicken
1602.39.00	Other prepared or preserved meat, other
1602.41.00	Other prepared or preserved meat, of hams and cuts
1602.42.00	Other prepared or preserved meat, of pork shoulders
1602.49.00	Other prepared or preserved meat, other pork
1602.50.00	Other prepared or preserved meat, of bovine animals
1602.90.00	Other prepared or preserved meat, other
1604.11.00	Prepared or preserved fish, salmon
1604.12.00	Prepared or preserved fish, herrings
1604.13.10	Prepared or preserved fish, sardines
1604.13.90	Prepared or preserved fish, sardinella and brisling
1604.14.10	Prepared or preserved fish, tuna
1604.14.20	Prepared or preserved fish, listado
1604.14.30	Prepared or preserved fish, bonito
1604.15.00	Prepared or preserved fish, mackerel
1604.16.00	Prepared or preserved fish, anchovies
1604.19.00	Prepared or preserved fish, other
1604.20.10	Other prepared or preserved fish, of tuna
1604.20.20	Other prepared or preserved fish, of listado
1604.20.30	Other prepared or preserved fish, of sardines
1604.20.90	Other prepared or preserved fish, other
1604.30.00	Caviar and caviar substitutes
1605.10.00	Prepared or preserved crustaceans and molluscs, crab
1605.20.00	Prepared or preserved crustaceans and molluscs, shrimp
1605.30.00	Prepared or preserved crustaceans and molluscs, lobster
1605.40.00	Prepared or preserved crustaceans and molluscs, other

HS Code	Description - Products with 35 Percent Duty
1605.90.00	Prepared or preserved crustaceans and molluscs, other
1704.90.10	Sugar confectionary without cocoa, white chocolate
1704.90.20	Sugar confectionary without cocoa, candy, caramel
1704.90.90	Sugar confectionary without cocoa, other, excluding gum
1806.10.00	Cocoa powder, sugar added
1806.20.00	Chocolate blocks, bars and slabs, over 2 kg. packages
1806.31.20	Confectionary blocks, bars and slabs, filled (9)
1806.32.20	Confectionary blocks, bars and slabs, not filled (10)
1901.10.10	Infant food preparations
1901.10.20	Infant food preparations
1901.10.30	Infant food preparations
1901.10.90	Infant food preparations
1901.20.00	Mixes and doughs for baking
1901.90.10	Other food preparations of flour, meal or starch
1901.90.20	Other food preparations of flour, meal or starch
1901.90.90	Other food preparations of flour, meal or starch
1902.11.00	Pastas, uncooked, containing eggs
1902.19.00	Pastas, uncooked, other
1902.20.00	Stuffed pasta
1902.30.00	Other pasta
1902.40.00	Couscous
1904.10.00	Prepared foods such as cornflakes
1904.20.00	Prepared foods such as cornflakes
1904.90.00	Prepared foods such as cornflakes
1905.10.00	Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits
1905.20.00	Gingerbread and the like
1905.30.10	Sweet biscuits, waffles and wafers
1905.30.90	Sweet biscuits, waffles and wafers
1905.40.00	Toasted bread and similar toasted products
1905.90.00	Other bread, pastry and cakes
2001.10.00	Cucumbers, prepared or preserved in vinegar
2001.20.00	Onions, prepared or preserved in vinegar
2001.90.00	Other prepared or preserved vegetables in vinegar
2002.10.00	Tomatoes, prepared or preserved
2002.90.10	Tomatoes, prepared or preserved
2002.90.90	Tomatoes, prepared or preserved
2003.10.00	Mushrooms, prepared or preserved
2003.20.00	Truffles, prepared or preserved
2004.10.00	Potatoes, prepared or preserved
2004.90.00	Other prepared or preserved vegetables
2005.10.00	Homogenized vegetables, prepared or preserved
2005.20.00	Potato chips and granules
2005.40.00	Peas, prepared or preserved

HS Code	Description - Products with 35 Percent Duty
2005.51.00	Beans, shelled
2005.59.00	Other prepared or preserved, not with vinegar
2005.60.00	Asparagus, prepared or preserved
2005.70.00	Olives
2005.80.00	Sweet corn, prepared or preserved
2005.90.00	Other vegetables, prepared or preserved
2006.00.00	Vegetables, fruits, nuts prepared in sugar
2007.10.00	Jams, fruit jellies and marmalades
2007.91.00	Jams, fruit jellies and marmalades
2007.99.10	Jams, fruit jellies and marmalades
2007.99.90	Jams, fruit jellies and marmalades
2008.11.00	Peanuts and peanut butter
2008.20.10	Pineapples, prepared
2008.20.90	Pineapples, prepared
2008.30.00	Citrus, prepared or preserved
2008.40.10	Pears, prepared or preserved
2008.40.90	Pears, prepared or preserved
2008.50.00	Apricots, prepared or preserved
2008.60.10	Cherries, prepared or preserved
2008.60.90	Cherries, prepared or preserved
2008.70.10	Peaches, prepared or preserved
2008.70.90	Peaches, prepared or preserved
2008.80.00	Strawberries, prepared or preserved
2008.91.00	Palm hearts, prepared or preserved
2008.92.10	Mixtures, prepared or preserved
2008.92.90	Mixtures, prepared or preserved
2008.99.00	Other prepared or preserved fruits and nuts
2009.11.00	Frozen orange juice
2009.19.00	Other orange juice
2009.20.00	Grapefruit juice
2009.30.00	Any single citrus juice
2009.40.00	Pineapple juice
2009.50.00	Tomato juice
2009.60.00	Grape juice
2009.70.00	Apple juice
2009.80.00	Juice of any other single fruit or juice
2009.90.00	Mixtures of juices
2101.11.10(2)	Extracts and essences of coffee, tea or mate preparations
2101.11.90(4)	Extracts and essences of coffee, tea or mate preparations
2101.12.00(4)	Extracts and essences of coffee, tea or mate preparations
2101.20.10	Extracts and essences of coffee, tea or mate preparations
2101.20.20(5)	Extracts and essences of coffee, tea or mate preparations
2101.30.00(5)	Extracts and essences of coffee, tea or mate preparations

HS Code	Description - Products with 35 Percent Duty
2102.10.00(6)	Active yeasts
2102.20.00(7)	Inactive yeasts
2102.30.00(8)	Prepared baking powders
2104.20.00	Homogenized food preparations
2105.00.10	Ice cream
2105.00.90	Ice cream
2201.10.00	Mineral water
2201.90.00	Other waters
2202.10.00	Waters, including added sugar, soft drinks
2202.90.00	Other waters
2203.00.00	Beer
2204.10.10	Sparkling wine
2204.10.90	Sparkling wine
2204.21.00	Other wine, in containers 2 liters or less
2204.29.00	Other wine, in containers of more than 2 liters
2205.10.00	Vermouth, in containers of 2 liters or less
2205.90.00	Vermouth, in containers of more than 2 liters
2206.00.10	Other fermented beverages, cider
2206.00.90	Other fermented beverages, other
2208.20.00	Distilled spirits
2208.30.20	Whiskies, in bottles of less than 2 liters
2208.30.90	Whiskies in containers of less than 50 liters
2208.40.00	Rum
2208.50.00	Gin
2208.60.00	Vodka
2208.70.00	Liqueurs and cordials
2208.90.00	Other
2209.00.00	Vinegar
2402.10.00	Cigars, tobacco
2402.20.00	Cigarettes, tobacco
2402.90.00	Other
2403.10.00	Smoking tobacco
2403.91.00	Homogenized or reconstituted tobacco
2403.99.10	Tobacco extracts
2403.99.90	Other tobaccos

- (1) In containers of net less than or equal to 5.1 kg.
- (2) Not decaffeinated, in containers of less than or equal to 2 kg.
- (3) Others, in containers of less than or equal to 1 kg.
- (4) In containers of less than or equal to 2 kg.
- (5) In containers of less than or equal to 1 kg.
- (6) Only leaven for bread use, in containers equal to or less than 100 grams.
- (7) Only dead yeast/leaven in containers equal to or less than 100 grams.

(8) In containers of less than or equal to 500 grams.

(9) The applied tariff is in excess of the bound tariff of 25 percent. FAS/Buenos Aires has raised this issue with Argentina authorities, who have informed us that customs is not allowed to apply a duty in excess of the bound duty. Included in this category is are filled preparations in blocks, bars or tablets containing cocoa in packages of less than 2 kg (but excluding chocolate in this category).

(10) The applied tariff is in excess of the bound tariff of 25 percent. FAS/Buenos Aires has raised this issue with Argentina authorities, who have informed us that customs is not allowed to apply a duty in excess of the bound duty. Included in this category is are unfilled preparations in blocks, bars or tablets containing cocoa in packages of less than 2 kg (but excluding chocolate in this category).