



## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

### [Investigation No. 731-TA-1770 (Preliminary)]

#### Fresh Winter Strawberries from Mexico; Determination

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of fresh winter strawberries from Mexico, provided for in subheading 0810.10.40 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”).<sup>2</sup>

#### COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL PHASE INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission’s rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigation. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the *Federal Register* as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission’s rules, upon notice from the U.S. Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) of an affirmative preliminary determination in the investigation under § 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determination is negative, upon notice of an affirmative final determination in that investigation under § 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigation need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigation. Any other party may file an entry of appearance for the final phase of the investigation after publication of the final phase notice of scheduling.

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<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

<sup>2</sup> 91 FR 6822 (February 13, 2026).

Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in a Commission antidumping investigation. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigation. As provided in section 207.20 of the Commission's rules, the Director of the Office of Investigations will circulate draft questionnaires for the final phase of the investigation to parties to the investigation, placing copies on the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, <https://edis.usitc.gov>) for comment.

## **BACKGROUND**

On December 31, 2025, Strawberry Growers for Fair Trade ("SGFT")<sup>3</sup> filed a petition with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV imports of fresh winter strawberries from Mexico. Accordingly, effective December 31, 2025, the Commission instituted antidumping duty investigation No. 731-TA-1770 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the *Federal Register* on January 6, 2026 (91 FR 380). The Commission conducted its conference on January 21, 2026. All persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

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<sup>3</sup> SGFT is an ad hoc trade association consisting of Astin Strawberry Exchange (Plant City, Florida); BBI Produce, Inc. dba Berry Boss (Dover, Florida); Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Tallahassee, Florida); Grimes Produce Company (Plant City, Florida); Mathis Farms (Plant City, Florida); Simmons Farms, Inc. (Plant City, Florida); Sizemore Farms, Inc. (Plant City, Florida); Sweet Life Farms (Plant City, Florida); Ultra Farms (Wimauma, Florida); and the Florida Strawberry Growers Association (Dover, Florida).

The Commission made this determination pursuant to § 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determination in this investigation on March 10, 2026. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5713 (March 2026), entitled *Fresh Winter Strawberries from Mexico: Investigation No. 731-TA-1770 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.

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