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The following Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN) reports were released on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

[China: China Extends Tariff Exclusions on Hardwood Products](#)

China extended the Section 301 retaliatory tariff exclusions on five hardwood categories that accounted for U.S. \$824 million in American exports to China in 2020. The five hardwood tariff lines are part of a list of 65 commodities that had their Section 301 tariff exclusions extended through September 16, 2021. The exclusions were set to expire on February 27, 2021, which would have resulted in the reimposition of additional tariffs of 20 to 25 percent on the affected hardwood exports.

[Taiwan: Long Awaited Building Codes Offer Opportunities for US Lumber Exports to Taiwan](#)

After years of effort by ATO Taipei in collaboration with APA - The Engineered Wood Association (APA), Taiwan authorities announced a long-awaited revision to wood building codes on fire protections. Taiwan's building regulations were previously unfriendly to wood frame construction and acted as a de facto trade barrier for U.S. wood product exports. However, the revised codes will facilitate U.S. exports by allowing for the application of U.S. PS-2 structural panel sheathing (structural plywood, oriented strand board, other mat-formed panels and composite panels) without additional approval. ATO Taipei and APA estimate this change will increase U.S. exports by ten percent in 2021.

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