

Processed Products and Technical Regulations Division (PPTRD)
Monitoring of Processed Foods and Beverages
Product Categories

General Product Categories:

- Category 1: Dairy and dairy substitute products
- Category 2: Sugars and sugar containing products
- Category 3: Fats and oils
- Category 4: Meat and meat products
- Category 5: Egg and egg products
- Category 6: Flour and other intermediate goods
- Category 7: Grain-based products and other snack and breakfast foods
- Category 8: Fruits and vegetables
- Category 9: Edible nuts and nut products
- Category 10: Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Category 11: Pet food
- Category 12: Other miscellaneous food and beverages (as assigned)

Examples of Products and trade problems in each category

Category 1: Dairy and dairy substitute products (Chih-Yung Wu)

- Cheese, dry whey, milk proteins and milk sugars
- Infant formula
- Ice cream
- Non-fat dried milk
- Butter and lactose
- Other dairy based products
- Tofu

Problems: labeling requirements, food standards, Plant inspections, shelf life , Sanitary and Phytosanitary restrictions, high tariffs, TRQ's for many dairy products; State-trading, intellectual property rights and parallel import issues, standards of indentify, additive restrictions, certification requirements, licensing, handling instructions

Category 2: Sugars and sugar containing products (Kristina Horgan)

- Refined sugar confectionery
- Chocolate and cocoa products
- Fructose corn syrups and glucose syrup
- Molasses, maple syrup
- Chewing gum
- Honey and candy confectioneries

Problems: labeling/packaging requirements; mandatory recipe and manufacturing information, restrictions on coloring and additives/ import licensing, export subsidies, pre and post import restrictions

Category 3: Fats and oils (consumer packaged) (Lori Tortora)

- Soybean, corn, sunflower seed, cottonseed and other seed oils
- Hydrogenated vegetable oils and other cooking oils
- Tallow

Problems: labeling requirements, food standards, Plant inspections, shelf life, Sanitary and Phytosanitary restrictions, processing certification/registration requirements.

Category 4: Meat and meat products (Abdelsalam El-Farra)

- Beef, lamb, pork (hams, sausages, etc.), poultry, turkey,
- All meats dried, frozen, salted or smoked meats
- Deer, quail, buffalo, and other wild life consumer ready
- Edible and preserved meats, offal's, liver, blood of animals, fat, including food preparations
- All meat and meat containing products
- Fish or crustacean, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates

Problems: labeling requirements, food standards, Plant inspections, shelf life, Sanitary and Phytosanitary restrictions, high tariffs, standards, additive restrictions, certification and registration requirements, licensing, handling instructions, import bans, certification, GMOs, Kosher/Halal certification, packing material restrictions

Category 5: Egg and egg products (Abdelsalam El-Farra)

- Fresh shell eggs and table eggs (excluding hatching eggs)
- Yolks, dried eggs, albumin consumer ready
- Eggs and egg products (consumer ready)

Problems: Processing, labeling and shelf life requirements. GMO's import bans, quality classifications, COOL, Sanitary and Phytosanitary restrictions.

Category 6: Flour and other intermediate goods (Javier Fajardo)

- Flour and flour mixes and dough's
- Wheat, corn, potato, barley and other flours, starches and flakes
- Protein Concentrates and textured proteins
- Active yeast
- Corn meal and grouts'
- Rice and Rice products
- Other flour and milling products consumer ready

Problems: Labeling requirements, GMO's, preservation and testing routines, Sanitary and Phytosanitary restrictions, government TRQ's, import quotas, subsidies.

Category 7: Grain- based products and other snack and breakfast foods (Linda Wheeler)

- Cereal, breakfast cereal and cereal products
- Pasta and pasta-based products
- Breads and bakery products
- Sweet biscuits and crisp breads
- Other grain-based foods consumer-ready
- Snack foods (consumer packed)

Problems: Product registration, standards and technical requirements, processing, labeling and shelf life requirements. GMO's, COOL, Sanitary and Phytosanitary restrictions.

Category 8: Fruits and Vegetables (Javier Fajardo)

- Fresh, canned, or frozen fruits and vegetables
- Fruit jams, jellies, marmalades, purees and pastes
- Other prepared, homogenized, processed, or preserved fruits or vegetables
- Dried fruits and vegetables including beans and lentils
- Tomatoes whole, canned, dried, paste, puree, sauces and ketchup
- Fruits and vegetables juices

Problems: Product registration and classification, standards and technical requirements, COOL, Organic, processing, labeling and shelf life requirements, Sanitary and Phytosanitary requirements, domestic support programs, regulatory requirements for content testing and labeling.

Category 9: Edible nuts and nut products (Javier Fajardo)

- Almonds, peanuts, pistachios, walnuts, hazelnuts, raw, roasted in-shell and without shell
- Nuts and mixtures of nuts
- Other prepared nuts including mixtures and other tree nuts
- Processed nuts including peanut butter and other nut spreads

Problems: Aflatoxin levels, phytosanitary restrictions, testing and quarantine treatments, standards and technical requirements, processing, labeling and shelf life requirements.

Category 10: Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic beverages (Linda Wheeler)

- Wine, sparkling wine, beer, whisky, rum, brandy, vodka, liqueurs and cordials
- Other alcoholic beverages and distilled spirits
- Fermented beverages (cider, perry, mead)
- Undenatured alcohol for beverage purposes
- Mineral waters and aerated waters bulk and consumer ready
- Non-alcoholic beverages including Sports Drinks, dairy based drinks and non-alcoholic beer

Problems: Product standards, certification of compositional limits, labeling requirements, restrictions on use of product names, certification documentation concerns, import permits, complicated customs procedures, differential taxes, import licensing, excise taxes, bans on non-

kosher wines, monopolies, maximum retail prices, special custom zones, sanitary and phytosanitary barriers.

Category 11: Pet Food (Lori Tortora)

- Dog and cat food
- Other pet and animal food
- Animal feed preparations
- Supplemental animal feed including milk replacer

Problems: Sanitary and Phytosanitary barriers, Technical Barriers to Trade including restrictive certification and registration requirements, product standards, testing and certifications requirements that often reveal proprietary information, high taxes.

Category 12: Other miscellaneous food and beverages (as assigned by management):

- Coffee and tea's (Linda Wheeler)
- Coffee and tea extracts and essences (Linda Wheeler)
- Spices and Spice mixtures (Chih-Yung Wu)
- Sauces, soups, broths, condiments (Chih-Yung Wu)
- Ginseng (Chih-Yung Wu)
- Health Foods/Functional Foods (Kristina Horgan)
- Food Supplements (Javier Fajardo)
- Quick frozen foods (not product specific) (Javier Fajardo)

Problems: Food standards, certification, labeling requirements, certification documentation concerns, sanitary and phytosanitary barriers, certifications requirements that often reveal proprietary information, TRQ's.

Team Leaders: Process Product team leaders assist PPTRD professional staff in the development and coordination of trade-related issues in line with the strategic objectives of PPTRD management. Provide guidance and training, as needed, in building appropriate relationships with process products industry, identification of appropriate responses to product specific issues and/or WTO SPS/TBT notifications and other related activities. Support recommendations for outreach activities and trade support monitoring initiatives identified by management to US trade policy agenda and trade capacity activities including outreach to Industry and ATACs.

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