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U.S. Challenges China Over Chicken as Trade Friction Rises

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A mature broiler chicken in a poultry house in Iowa. The Obama administration filed a trade complaint against China Tuesday over access to the Asian giant's market for U.S. chicken.

The Obama administration filed a trade complaint against China on Tuesday over access to the Asian giant's market for U.S. chicken, the latest friction point in an election year that is casting a harsh light on U.S. economic ties with China. As WSJ's William Mauldin reports:

Washington is demanding China open its market to U.S. chicken, especially the chicken feet enjoyed in Asia, or face potential trade sanctions. The latest filing with the World Trade Organization accuses China of not removing chicken tariffs that the Geneva-based trade body previously ruled were improperly applied.

“Based on our review, it’s clear to us that China is ignoring the rules, and that’s unacceptable,” said Mike Froman, the U.S. trade representative, at a news conference Tuesday on Capitol Hill. “By breaking those commitments, China’s actions tilt the playing field further against hardworking Americans.”

“China respects and has implemented the ruling of WTO on this case,” said Zhu Haiquan, a spokesman for Beijing’s embassy in Washington. “China expresses regret over the United States’ request for consultations again.” The Chinese Commerce Ministry echoed that message on Wednesday.

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