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Starch industry "disappointed" by Chinese decision on duties: The European Starch Industry Association, Starch Europe, has attacked a decision by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce to extend anti -subsidy duties, ranging from 7.8% to 12.4%, on exports of EU potato starch to China for another five years. In a statement issued today (Sept 15), the association said the decision, issued by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce, "fails to be supported by hard facts, figures & sound justification". The anti-subsidy duties were originally justified by the EU potato starch support scheme. But the EU production quota system for potato starch ended on July 1, 2012. Starch Europe "deeply regrets" that the Chinese Ministry did not "provide any justification supporting the decision" to extend the application of countervailing duties & questions the arguments it has provided. The levy comes on top of an anti-dumping duty ranging from 12.6% to 56.7% on EU potato starch exports to China (dating back to Aug 2006), which is up for review in Feb 2018.