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Report Highlights:

Following the suspension of the cocoa beans import duties, the Russian government allows duty free imports of not-roasted coffee and peanuts for 9 months starting in the beginning of February 2006.

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Summary

The Russian confectionary industry succeeded in gaining a temporary suspension of import tariffs on several important ingredients: cocoa beans, coffee (not roasted), and peanuts. The Resolution of the Government # 771 of December 20 on Suspension of Custom Tariff on Cocoa Beans (Gain Report RS5091 *Cocoa Beans Import Duties Suspended for Nine Months*) was followed by the Resolution #814 of December 28, 2005 "On Temporary Import Custom Tariff on Coffee, not Roasted", and the Resolution #820 of December 28, 2005 "On Temporary Import Custom Tariff on Some Kinds of Peanuts". The five percent import tariff on these products is suspended for 9 months starting beginning early February 2006. Texts of both resolutions follow.

The temporary zero import tariffs on cocoa beans, coffee not roasted, and peanuts, not roasted or otherwise cooked are the result of the lobby of the growing Russian confectionary industry interested in increased imports. In January-September 2005 Russia imported 27,100 metric tons of coffee, not roasted (up 27 percent from the same period last year) worth US\$ 47.1 million (up 55 percent). Imports of peanuts increased by 6.3 percent to 62,400 metric tons worth US\$ 33.9 million (up 9 percent from last year).

Text of the Resolution #814 of December 28, 2005

Begin text:

"On Temporary Custom Tariff on Coffee, not Roasted"

The Government of the Russian Federation decrees the following:

1. To approve for a period of 9 months import custom tariff on coffee, not roasted (Russia's TN VED code 0901 11 000 1, 0901 11 000 2, 0901 11 000 9, 0901 12 000 1, 0901 12 000 2, 0901 12 000 9), as per Customs Tariff of the Russian Federation approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation #830 of November 30, 2001 "On the Customs Tariffs of the Russian Federation and Commodity Codes, Used in the Implementation of Foreign Economic Activity" (Collection of Laws of the Russian Federation, 2001, #50, article 4735, 2003, #35, article 3441), at the level equal to zero.
2. The present Resolution enters into force one month from the date of its official publication.

Chairman of the Government
Of the Russian Federation

M. Fradkov

Moscow
December 30, 2005
#2734

End Text

Text of the Resolution #820 of December 28, 2005

Begin text:

“On Temporary Custom Tariff on Some Kinds of Peanuts”

The Government of the Russian Federation decrees the following:

1. To approve for a period of 9 months the attached import custom tariffs on some kinds of peanuts, as per Customs Tariff of the Russian Federation approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation #830 of November 30, 2001 “On the Customs Tariffs of the Russian Federation and Commodity Codes, Used in the Implementation of Foreign Economic Activity” (Collection of Laws of the Russian Federation, 2001, #50, article 4735).
2. The present Resolution enters into force one month from the date of its official publication.

Chairman of the Government
Of the Russian Federation

M. Fradkov

Approved
by the Resolution of Government
of the Russian Federation
#820 of December 28, 2005

Import Custom Tariffs on Some Kinds of Peanuts

TN VED numbers	Item <*>	Rate of Import Tariff (percent of customs value or in euros)
1202 10 100 0	-- used for sowing	0
1202 10 900 0	-- other	0
1202 20 000 0	- shelled, whether or not broken	0

<*> The commodities are defined exclusively by codes of the Customs Nomenclature of the Russia’s Foreign Trade Activity Russia’s TN VED.

End Text

Note: The codes of the Customs Nomenclature of the Russia’s Foreign Trade Activity Russia’s TN VED are close or similar to the HS codes.