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### **Report Highlights:**

On January 11, 2022, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced that India and the United States agreed to a framework that will implement market access for agricultural products from both countries. Among the successes, India agreed to finalize the mutually agreed export certificate to allow the importation of U.S. pork and pork products. Resulting from this trade facilitation success, FAS New Delhi (Post) projects U.S. pork exports potentially expanding to the \$750,000-\$1 million range in this nascent but promising market. India in calendar year (CY) 2021 (January-October) imported over \$2.4 million (about 524 metric tons by volume) of pork and pork products, mainly from Belgium and Italy.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

On January 11, 2022, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced that India and the United States agreed to a framework that will implement market access for agricultural products from both countries. Previously on November 23, 2021, at the Twelfth Ministerial meeting of the India-United States Trade Policy Forum (held in New Delhi), both countries agreed to address outstanding bilateral trade concerns. The meeting allowed both countries to explore important, emerging trade policy issues, including those pertaining to food and agricultural products. India's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal and U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), Ambassador Katherine Tai agreed to work to finalize the mutually agreed export certificate to allow for the importation of U.S. pork and pork products.<sup>1</sup>

Over the past several years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has negotiated with India on the export protocols and health certificate for U.S. pork. India's agreement to allow for the importation of U.S. pork and pork products marks the successful resolution to a long-standing barrier to U.S. agricultural trade. Indian market access will permit the United States to provide Indian consumers affordable, wholesome, and nutritious American pork and pork products.

While Indian consumption of animal protein is low compared to that of neighboring Asian markets, socio-economic and demographic changes in India are spurring on growing demand for affordable protein from pork and pork products. FAS New Delhi (Post) finds that major markets for pork and processed pork products reside in India's large Tier I and II cities (such as Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, and Pune). A large segment of the demand for pork and processed pork products (ham, bacon, and sausage) is from high-end hotels and restaurants for buffet breakfasts and other meals.

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Pork consumption in India is traditionally concentrated in the north-eastern Indian states of Assam, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, and Tripura. Other states with significant pork consumption include Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Goa, and Kerala.

**Table 1: India. Import Duty and Import Policy for Swine Meat and Various Products**

H.S. Code		Basic	IGST	Total Duty with SWS of 10% on BCD	Import Policy	Country Preference
	<b>Fresh or Chilled</b>					
0203.1100	Carcasses and half-carcasses	30	0/5	33/39.65	Free SanP	SA Sg Kr ASN My Jp LDC
0203.1200	Hams, shoulders, and cuts thereof, with bone in	30	0/5	33/39.65	Free SanP	SA Sg MERC Kr ASN My Jp LDC
0203.1900	Other	30	0/5	33/39.65	Free SanP	SA Sg MERC Kr ASN My Jp LDC
	<b>Frozen</b>					

<sup>1</sup> [Joint Statement from the United States - India Trade Policy Forum](#), November 23, 2021.

0203.2100	Carcasses and half-carcasses	30	0/5	33/39.65	Free SanP	SA Sg CI MERC Kr ASN My Jp LDC
0203.2200	Hams, shoulders, and cuts thereof, with bone in	30	0/5	33/39.65	Free SanP	SA Sg CI MERC Kr ASN My Jp LDC
0203.2900	Other	30	0/5	33/39.65	Free SanP	SA Sg CI MERC Kr ASN My Jp LDC
0206.2100-0206.9090	Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, goats, horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh chilled or frozen	30	0/5	33/39.65	R SanP	SA Kr MERC CI My JP LDC Sg
1601.0000	Sausages and similar products of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparation based on these products	100	12	135.200	Fr SanP	SA CI LDC
<b>1602</b>	<b>Other Prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood</b>					
1602.1000	Homogenized preparation	30	12	48.960	Fr SanP	SA CI LDC
1602.2000	Of liver of any animal	30	12	48.960	Fr SanP	SA Kr ASN My LDC
	Of poultry of heading 0105 i.e., Fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , ducks, geese, turkeys, and guinea fowls					
1602.3100	Of turkeys:	30	12	48.960	Fr SanP	SA Kr ASN My LDC
1602.3200	Of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i>	100	12	135.200	Fr SanP	SA CI LDC
1602.3900	Other	30	12	48.960	Fr SanP	SA CI Kr ASN My Jp LDC
	Of swine:					
1602.4100	Hams and cuts thereof	30	12	48.960	Fr SanP	SA Sg CI LDC
1602.4200	Shoulders and cuts thereof	30	12	48.960	Fr SanP	SA Sg LDC
1602.4900	Other, including mixtures	30	12	48.960	Fr SanP	SA Sg CI Kr ASN My Jp LDC
1602.5000	Of bovine animals:	30	12	48.960	Fr SanP	SA CI Kr ASN My Jp LDC
1602.9000	Other, including preparations of blood of any animal	30	12	48.960	Fr SanP	SA Kr ASN My Jp LDC

Note: H.S. Code = Harmonized Tariff System (HS). IGST = Integrated Goods and Service Tax. SWS = Social Welfare Charge. BCD = Basic Customs Duty. SanP = Sanitary Import Permit. R SanP = Restricted Sanitary Import Permit. Fr SanP = Free (without restrictions); Sanitary Import Permit. SA = South Asia. Sg = Singapore Free Trade Agreement. Kr = Korea. ASN = Association of Southeast Asian Nations. My = Malaysia. Jp = Japan. LDC = Least Developed Countries. MERC = MERCOSUR. CI = Chile.

Details on requirements for exporting pork and pork products to India are available from the [USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service \(FSIS\) Export Library](#).

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.