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Update - GOI Raise Tariffs on U.S. Ag Products from June 16

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Report Highlights:

UPDATED on 7/9/2019: This is the updated version of previously released GAIN reports. On June 15, 2019, the Government of India's (GOI) Ministry of Finance (MOF) announced the implementation date of the proposed increase in the basic custom duty (BCD) for exports of specific U.S. agricultural products (i.e. shelled and in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, fresh apples, and pulses) from June 16, 2019.

General Information:

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Date of Announcement: Dated June 15, 2019

Date of Enforcement: June 16, 2019

Products Effected: Shelled almonds, in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, fresh apples, and pulses

Agency in Charge: Government of India's Ministry of Finance

On June 15, 2019, the MOF issued customs notification [17/2019](#) announcing the implementation of increases in the effective BCD for specific U.S. agricultural imports beginning June 16, 2019. The current announcement eliminates the proposed tariff increase in artemia (used as shrimp feed), and marginally lowered the proposed duty on in-shell almonds and fresh apples. The notification also dropped the HS codes 07132010 and 07132020 as GOI sources have verbally confirmed that US exports of chickpeas to India are now covered under HS code 07132090. In a separate notification [16/2019](#), the MOF raised the proposed duty on lentils to 50 percent. The increased tariffs applied to U.S. origin agricultural products are below:

Table 1. India: Products Effected and Effective BCD on U.S. and Other Origins

S.No.	HS Code	Product Description	Effective Date	Effective BCD on other origins	Effective BCD on U.S. Origin
1.	08021200	Almonds Shell	June 16	INR100/kg	INR120/kg
2.	08021100	Almonds In-Shell	June 16	INR35/kg	INR41/kg
3.	08023100	Walnuts In-Shell	June 16	100%	120%
4.	08081000	Apples Fresh	June 16	50%	70%
5.	07132090	Chickpeas (Garbanzo)	June 16	60%	70%
6	07134000	Lentils	June 16	30%	50%

Background Information:

On June 20, 2018, the MOF issued notifications [48/2018](#) and [49/2018](#) announcing increases in the BCDs for these specified U.S.-origin agricultural products, effective August 4, 2018. (See GAIN [IN8078](#))

On August 3, 2018, the MOF issued notification [56/2018](#) announcing a 45-day delay in the implementation, from August 4, 2018 to September 18, 2018. (See GAIN [IN8093](#))

On September 17, 2018, the MOF issued notification [62/2018](#) announcing another 45-day delay, from September 18, 2018 to November 2, 2018. (See GAIN [IN8108](#))

On November 2, 2018, the MOF issued notification [77/2018](#) announcing another 45-day delay, from November 2, 2018 to December 17, 2018. (See GAIN: [IN8124](#))

On December 17, 2018, the MOF issued notification [80/2018](#) announcing another 45-day delay, from December 17, 2018 to January 31, 2019. (See GAIN [IN8135](#))

On January 29, 2019, the MOF issued notification [03/2019](#) announcing another 30-day delay, from January 31, 2019 to March 2, 2019. (See GAIN [IN9007](#))

On February 26, 2019, the MOF issued notification [06/2019](#) announcing a further 30-day delay, from March 2, 2019 to April 1, 2019. See GAIN [IN9012](#)

On March 29, 2019, the MOF issued notification [11/2019](#) announcing a further delay, from April 1, 2019 to May 2, 2019. See GAIN [IN9027](#)

On May 2, 2019, the MOF issued notification [14/2019](#) announcing a further delay, from April 1, 2019 to May 2, 2019. See GAIN [IN9042](#)

On May 14, 2019, the MOF issued a notification [15/2019](#) announcing another delay in the implementation of increases in the effective BCD for specific U.S. agricultural imports from May 16, 2019, to June 16, 2019. See [IN9045](#)

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SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION (i)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)
Notification No.16/2019–Customs

New Delhi, the 15th June, 2019

G.S.R. (E).-WHEREAS the Central Government on being satisfied that the import duty leviable on goods, falling under Chapters 7, 28 and 38 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975), should be increased and that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 8A of the said Customs Tariff Act, the Central Government, hereby directs that the First Schedule to the said Customs Tariff Act, shall be amended in the following manner, namely:-

In the First Schedule to the said Customs Tariff Act,-

- (1) in Chapter 7, for the entry in column (4) occurring against tariff item 0713 40 00, the entry "50%" shall be substituted;
- (2) in Chapter 28, for the entry in column (4) occurring against tariff item 2810 00 20, the entry "27.5%" shall be substituted;
- (3) in Chapter 38, for the entry in column (4) occurring against tariff item 3822 00 90, the entry "30%" shall be substituted.

[F.No.341/15/2018-TRU]

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(Department of Revenue)

Notification No.17/2019-Customs

New Delhi, the 15th June, 2019

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) and sub-section (12) of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975), the Central Government, being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 50/2017-Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), *vide* number G.S.R. 785(E), dated the 30th June, 2017, namely:-

In the said notification,-

(a) in the Table,-

(i) serial number 14A and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted;

(ii) after serial number 24A and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
"24AA	0802 11 00	All goods originating in or exported from the United States of America	Rs. 41 per kg/-	-	-";

(iii) after serial number 32A and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
"32 B	0808 10 00	All goods originating in or exported from the United States of America	70%	-	-";

(iv) serial number 177A shall be renumbered as serial number 177B and before the serial number 177B as so renumbered, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
"177A	2809 20 10	All goods originating in or exported from the United States of America	10%	-	-";

(b) for the second proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted namely:-

"Provided further that nothing contained in entries against serial numbers 21C, 21D, 24A, 24B, 26A, 32A, 177, 177B, 249A, 250A, 371A, 371B, 376A, and 377A of the said Table shall apply to goods originating in the United States of America.";

(c) the third proviso shall be omitted.

2. This notification shall come into force from the 16th day of June, 2019.

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