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### Import Tariffs of Key Agricultural and Food Products Reduced

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**Report Highlights:** For the second times in less than 3 months, the Government of Vietnam has reduced import tariffs on key agricultural and food products in order to lower the inflation rate. The tariffs are termed temporary but no date for a return to previous rates has been given.

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## Report summary

Even though the Government of Vietnam has in recent months implemented a number of measures to control market prices including a reduction in food and feed import tariffs (see [VM 7057](#)), consumer prices have continued to increase rapidly. According to Vietnam's General Statistical Office, consumer prices in October, 2007 increased by 0.74% compared with consumer prices in September and 8.12% compared with prices in December 2006. Prices of food increased at the fastest pace, 1.09% for the month and 11.78% compared to December 2006.

Accordingly as part of continuing efforts to fight inflation, on October 22, 2007 Vietnam's Ministry of Finance (MOF) issued Decree No.86/2007/QD-BTC titled "Temporary Amendment of Preferential Import Tax Rates of a Numbers of Good on the List of Vietnam's Preferential Import Tariffs (i.e. MFN Tariff)". This lowers tariff for food and feed products most of which just saw cuts in August. Most importantly for U.S. exports, there are further decreases in dairy tariffs particularly for powdered milk and whey. The import tariff for corn (except popcorn) will now go completely to 0%. The tariffs on byproducts of corn processing, most notably corn gluten meal, and a number of other feed and feed ingredients in Chapter 23 of the HS tariff code will also fall to 0%. Wheat flour will enjoy a lower rate of 10% as compared with the previous rate of 20%.

Although termed temporary, no date for reversing the tariff cuts was given.

The following tables list the Decree's changes:

**List of MFN Tariffs on Food/Agricultural products**  
(Promulgated with the Finance Ministry's Decision No.86/2007/QD-BTC of October 22, 2007)

HS Code				Description	New MFN Tariff (%)	Previous MFN Tariff (%)
<b>0401</b>				<b>Milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter</b>		
0401	10	00	00	- of fat content, by weight, not exceeding 1%	<b>5</b>	10
0401	20	00	00	- of fat content, by weight, exceeding 1% but not exceeding 6%	<b>5</b>	10
0401	30	00	00	- of fat content, by weight, exceeding 6%	<b>5</b>	10
0402				Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter		
0402	10			- in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 1.5%		
				- - fit for human consumption		

0402	10	11	00	- - - Not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, in powder form	<b>3</b>	5
0402	10	12	00	- - - not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, in other forms	<b>3</b>	7
0402	10	13	00	- - - Other, powder form	<b>7</b>	15
0402	10	19	00	- - - Others, other forms	<b>7</b>	15
				- - Other		
0402	10	21	00	- - - Not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, in powder form	<b>3</b>	5
0402	10	22	00	- - - not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, in other forms	<b>3</b>	7
0402	10	23	00	- - - Other, powder form	<b>7</b>	15
0402	10	29	00	- - - Others, other forms	<b>7</b>	15
				- In powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat contents, by weight, exceeding 1.5%		
0402	21			- - Not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter		
0402	21	10	00	- - - Powder form	<b>3</b>	7
0402	21	90	00	- - - Other form	<b>3</b>	7
0402	29			- - Others		
0402	29	10	00	- - - Powder form	<b>7</b>	15
0402	29	90	00	- - - Other form	<b>7</b>	15
				- Others		
0402	91	00	00	- - Not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	<b>3</b>	7
0402	99	00	00	- - Others	<b>7</b>	15
0403				Butter milk, curdled milk and cream, yogurt, kephir and other fermented or acidified milk and cream, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavour or containing added fruit, nuts or cocoa		
0403	10			- Yogurt		
				- - Containing fruits,, nuts, cocoa or flavoring matter; liquid yogurt		
0403	10	11	00	- - - in liquid form, including condensed form	<b>7</b>	15
0403	10	19	00	- - - Condensed form	<b>7</b>	15
				- - Others		
0403	10	91	00	- - - Condensed form	<b>7</b>	15
0403	10	99	00	- - - Other	<b>7</b>	15
0403	90			- Other		
0403	90	10	00	- - Buttermilk	<b>7</b>	15
0403	90	90	00	- - Other	<b>7</b>	15

0404				Whey, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, products consisting of natural milk constituents, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, not elsewhere specified or included		
0404	10			- Whey and modified whey, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter		
				- Fit for human consumption		
0404	10	11	00	- - - Whey	5	10
0404	10	19	00	- - - Other	7	15
				- - Fit for animal feed:		
0404	10	91	00	- - - Whey	5	10
0404	10	99	00	- - - Other	7	15
0404	90			- Other		
0404	90	10	00	- - Concentrated, sweetened with added preservative or in hermetically sealed cans	7	15
0404	90	90	00	- - Other	7	15
0506				<b>Bones and horn-cores, un-worked, defatted, simply prepared (but not cut to shape), treated with acid or degelatinised; powder and waste of these products</b>		
0506	10	00	00	- Ossein and bones treated with acid	0	5
0506	90	00	00	- Other	0	5
0714				<b>Manioc, arrowroot, salep, Jerusalem atrichokes, sweet potatoes and similar roots and tubers with high starch or inulin content, fresh chilled, frozen dried, whether or not sliced in the form of pellets; sago pith</b>		
0714	10			- Manioc (cassava):		
0714	10	10	00	- - Sliced or in the form of pellets	5	10
0714	10	90	00	- - Other	5	10
1001				<b>Wheat and meslin</b>		
				- - Not for Human Consumption		
1001	90	99	00	- - - Other	0	5
1005				<b>Corn</b>		
1005	90	90	00	- - Other than seed, excluding popcorn	0	2

<b>1101</b>				<b>Wheat or meslin flour</b>		
1101	00	10	00	- Wheat flour	<b>10</b>	20
1101	00	20	00	- Meslin flour	<b>10</b>	20
<b>1104</b>				<b>Cereal grain otherwise worked (for example, hulled, rolled, flaked, pearled, sliced or kibbled), except rice or heading 10.06; germ of cereals, whole, rolled, flaked or ground</b>		
				- - Rolled or flaked grains		
1104	19	10	00	- - - of corn	<b>5</b>	10
				- other worked grains (for example, hulled, pearled, sliced or kibbled)		
1104	23	00	00	- - Of corn	<b>0</b>	5
1104	29			- - of other cereals		
<b>1208</b>				<b>Flours and meals of oilseeds or oleaginous fruits, other than those of mustard</b>		
1208	10	00	00	- of soybean	<b>20</b>	30
<b>1214</b>				<b>Swedes, mangolds, fodder roots, hay, lucerna (alfafa), clover, sainfoin, forage kale, lupines, vetches and similar forage products, whether or not in the form of pellets</b>		
1214	90	00	00	- Meals and Pellets other than Alfalfa	<b>0</b>	1
<b>1504</b>				<b>Fats and oils and their fractions, of fish or marine mammals, whether or not refined but not chemically modified</b>		
1504	10			- Fish liver oil and their fraction		
1504	10	10	00	- - Fit for human consumption	<b>5</b>	10
1504	10	90	00	- - Other	<b>5</b>	10
1504	20	00	00	- Fats and oils and their fraction; of fish, other than liver oils	<b>5</b>	10
1504	30	00	00	- Fats and oils and their fractions of marine mammals	<b>5</b>	10
<b>1506</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>Other animal fats and oils and their fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified</b>	<b>10</b>	15

1901				Malt extract; food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40% by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included; food preparations of goods of heading 04.01 to 04.04, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5% by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included		
1901	10			- Preparations for infant use, put up for retail sale		
1901	10	10	00	- - of malt extracts	10	15
				- - - good of headings 04.01 to 04.04		
1901	10	21	00	- - - Medical nutritional products	5	7
1901	10	29	00	- - - Others	10	15
1901	10	30	00	- - made from soybean flour	20	30
				- - Others:		
1901	10	91	00	- - - used for lactase deficiency infants	10	15
1901	10	92	00	- - - other medical nutritional products	5	7
1901	10	93	00	- - - others containing cocoa	15	25
1901	10	99	00	- - - Others	15	25
1901	20			- Mixed and doughs for the preparation of bakers wares of heading 19.05		
1901	20	10	00	- - - of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa	15	25
1901	20	20	00	- - of flour, groat, meal, starch or malt extract, containing cocoa	15	25
1901	20	30	00	- - others, not containing cocoa	15	25
1901	20	40	00	- - others, containing cocoa	15	25
1901	90			- Others:		
				- - Infant food, not put up for retail sale		
1901	90	11	00	- - - goods of headings 04.01 to 04.04	10	15
1901	90	12	00	- - - for lactase deficiency infants	10	15
1901	90	13	00	- - - Other Medical products	5	7
1901	90	19	00	- - - Others	15	25
1901	90	20	00	- - Malt extracts	10	15
				- others, of good of headings 04.01 to 04.04:		
1901	90	31	00	- - - filled milk	10	15
1901	90	32	00	- - - medical food	5	7
1901	90	33	00	- - - others, not containing cocoa	10	15

1901	90	34	00	- - - Others, containing cocoa	10	15
				- Other soya base Preparations:		
1901	90	41	00	- - - in powder form	20	30
1901	90	49	00	- - - in other form	20	30
				- - Others:		
1901	90	51	00	- - - medical food	5	7
1901	90	52	00	- - - others, not containing cocoa	15	25
1901	90	53	00	- - - others, containing cocoa	15	25
<b>2301</b>				<b>Flours, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal, of fish or of crustaceans, mollucs or other aquatic invertebrates, unfit for human consumption; greaves</b>		
2301	10	00	00	- Flours, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal; greaves	0	3
2301	20	00	00	- - Flours, meals and pellets, of fish or of crustaceans, mollucs or other aquatic invertebrates	0	3
<b>2302</b>				<b>Bran, sharp and other residues, whether or not in the form of pellets, derived from the sifting, milling or other working of cereals or of leguminous plan</b>		
2302	10	00	00	- of maize	0	5
2302	20	00	00	- of paddy, rice	0	5
2302	30	00	00	- of wheat	0	2
2302	40	00	00	- of other grain	0	5
2302	50	00	00	- of leguminous plants	0	5
<b>2303</b>				<b>Residues of starch manufacture and similar residues, beet-pulp, bagasse and other waste of sugar manufacture, brewing or distilling dregs and waste, whether or not in the form of pellets</b>		
2303	10			- Residues of starch manufacture and similar residues		
2303	10	10	00	- - of manioc (cassava) or sago	0	5
2303	10	90	00	- - Others	0	2
2303	20	00	00	- Beet pupl, bagassae and other waste of sugar manufacture	0	5
2303	30	00	00	- - Brewing of distilling dregs and waste	0	2

<b>2307</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>Wine lees; argol</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2308</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>Vegetable materials and vegetable waste, vegetable residues and by-products, whether or not in the form of pellets, of a kind used in animal feeding, not elsewhere specified or included</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2309</b>				<b>Prepared animal fodders</b>		
2309	10			- Dog or cat food, put up for retail		
2309	10	10	00	- - Containing meat	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
2309	10	90	00	- - Others	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
2309	90			- Others:		
				- - Complete feed :		
2309	90	11	00	- - - for poultry	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
2309	90	12	00	- - - for pigs	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
2309	90	13	00	- - - Prawn feed	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
2309	90	19	00	- - - Others	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
2309	90	20	00	- - Premixes, feed supplements and feed additives	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
2309	90	30	00	- - Others, containing meat	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
2309	90	90	00	- - Others	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

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