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QR on Pea Imports Extended Until 31 March 2019

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Report Highlights:

On December 31, 2018, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) issued a <u>trade notice</u> extending the quantitative restrictions on all peas by another three months through March 31, 2019.

General Information:

GOI Extends Quantitative Restrictions on Pea Imports

On December 31, 2018, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) issued a <u>trade notice</u> extending the restrictions on pea (HS 0713100) imports, including yellow peas, green peas, dun peas, and kaspa peas, through March 31, 2019.

Background

Earlier, on September 28, 2018, the DGFT issued a <u>notice</u> extending the restrictions on pea (HS 0713100) imports, including yellow peas, green peas, dun peas, and kaspa peas, through December 31, 2018.

On July 2, 2018, the DGFT issued a <u>notice</u> further extending the restrictions on pea (HS 0713100) imports from June 30, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

On April 25, 2018, the DGFT issued a <u>notification</u> that moved imports of peas under ITC HS 0713 1000 from the 'free' to 'restricted' category under the import policy for the period of April 1 to June 30, 2018, with import quota restrictions of only 100,000 metric tons (see <u>IN8049</u>). Market sources report that imports against the 100,000 metric ton quota announced on April 25, 2018, were filled by early July 2018.

The latest notification effectively continues to prohibit any imports of peas until March 31, 2019.

As a result of the QR and the November 2017 tariff increase on peas, US pulse exports to India totaled only US \$10.6 million during first ten month of calendar year (CY) 2018, compared to US\$47.5 million during the same period in CY 2017.