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Korea's Adjustment and In-Quota Tariffs for 2013

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Report Highlights:

In order to stabilize domestic consumer prices, Korea recently announced changes to its 2013 tariff schedule for certain agricultural products, most of which are used for livestock feed production and food processing (wheat flour, vegetable oils and sugar).

General Information:

Adjustment Tariffs & Voluntary TRQs Announced for 2013

On January 1, 2013, the Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MOSF) published updated adjustment tariffs (Table I) and voluntary TRQs (Table II, III & IV) for selected agricultural, forestry and fishery products. These revisions (I & IV) are effective through calendar year 2013, while the table II and the table III will be effective for the first half of 2012 (January 1 – June 30, 2013). These changes are expected to facilitate continued imports of U.S. agricultural products, particularly feed grains and food ingredients. The most notable changes are listed below.

- ROKG maintains 22 feed ingredients for TRQ items to reduce business cost of local livestock farms and ROKG also applies zero duty on unhulled barley imports in 2013, which was at 4 percent in 2012.
- ROKG also newly includes “Other preparations of animal feed” and “Glass eel for aquaculture” for 2013 due to its import price have surged recently.

Table I. Adjustment Tariffs for CY 2013
(Effective as of January 1, 2013)

HS No.	Commodity	WTO Bound Rate	Adjustment Tariff		
			2012	2013	Changes
0301 (Live)	Eels (Anguilla spp.) 0301 92	None	27 A/	27 A/	-
	Sea-bream 0301 99	None	28 B/	28 B/	-
	Sea bass 0301 99	None	28	28	-
	Croaker 0301 99	None	28	28	-
0303 (Frozen)	Alaska Pollack 0303 67 (Theragra chalcogramma) 0303 69	None	25	25	-
	Saury, excluding horn fish 0303 89	None	28	28	-
	Croaker 0303 89	None	43	40	-3
0306	Salted or brine shrimp 0306 26 0306 27	None	38 C/	35 D/	-3
0307	Squid (Frozen) 0307 49	None	22	22	-
0709	0709 59 Oak mushroom	90 E/	40 E/	40 E/	-
0712	0712 39				
1902	Chinese vermicelli 1902 19	54 F/	28 G/	28 G/	-

1904	Steamed or boiled rice 1904 90	54	50	50	-
2103	Tomato Sauce 2103 20	54	45	45	-
2103	Gochujang (red pepper paste), Other 2103 90	54	45	45	-
2103	Mixed Seasonings 2103 90	54	45	45	-
2103	Mae Joo (fermented soybean) 2103 90	54 H/	13 I/	13 I/	-
4412	Plywood 4412 31 4412 32 4412 39 4412 99	None	10	10	-

Source: Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MOSF)

Note:

A/ or 1,879 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

B/ or 2,052 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

C/ or 256 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

D/ or 236 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

E/ or 1,625 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

F/ or 238 Won/kg, whichever is greater

G/ or 222 Won/kg, whichever is greater

H/ or 218 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

I/ or 52 Won/kg, whichever is greater.

Table II. Voluntary Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Quantities and In-quota rates for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 Period

HS No.	Commodity	Base Tariff Rate	Quota Tariff Rate (%)		Trade (Metric ton)	
			2013 1/	2013 Quota (MT) 1/	2012 Total Imports 2/	2012 Imports from U.S. 2/
1701	Other cane sugar, raw 1701 14	3	Zero	Unlimited	1,722,648	4
1701	Other sugar, containing added flavouring or coloring matter 1701 91	30	Zero	300,000	479	353
1701	Other sugar 1701 99	30	Zero		46,519	874

Source: Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MOSF), Korea Trade Information Service (KOTIS)

Note:

1/ Quota and Tariffs will be applied for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 Period

2/ Import data for January 1 – December 31, 2012 period

Table III. Voluntary Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Quantities and In-quota rates for January 1 – June 30, 2013 Period

HS No.	Commodity	Base Tariff Rate	Quota Tariff Rate (%)		Trade (Metric ton)	
			2013 1/	2013 Quota (MT) 1/	2012 Total Imports 2/	2012 Imports from U.S. 2/
0301	Glass eel (<i>Anguilla</i> spp.) for aquaculture 0301 92	10	3	Unlimited	147	16
0504	Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked. These have been processed as casings for sausages 0504 00	27	18	250	25,514	9,241
0714	Manioc chips for alcohol 0714 10	20	5	163,000	182,514	0
1001	Wheat and meslin, other for milling 1001 99	1.8	0	1,000,000	2,376,445	1,170,752
1003	Malting barley, other 1003 90	30	8	25,000	51,588	809
1005	Maize for popcorn & processing 1005 90	3	0	1,250,000	2,179,433	114,423
1107	Malt for beer brewing 1107 10 1107 20	30 / 27	8	130,000	200,683	0
1205	Rape seeds for oil crushing & oil cake 1205 10 1205 90	10	5	75,000	10,845	0
1507	Soybean oil, crude oil for food 1507 10	5	3	175,000	330,585	4,991
1515	Other rice bran oil 1515 90	5	3	6,500	13,948	1
1515	Other refined grape seed oil 1515 90	5	3	7,500	11,901	136

Source: The Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MSOF), Korea Trade Information Service (KOTIS)

Note:

1/ January 1 – June 30, 2013 period

2/ January 1 – December 31, 2012 period

Table IV. Voluntary Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Quantities and In-quota rates for January 1 – December 31, 2013 Period

HS No.	Commodity	Base Tariff Rate	Quota Tariff Rate (%)		Trade (Metric ton)	
			2012 1/	2012 Quota (MT) 1/	2011 Total Imports 2/	2011 Imports from U.S. 2/
0404	Whey for feed Modified whey for feed Other whey for feed 0404 10	20	0	30,000	13,605	6,186
0714	Manioc chips for feed 0714 10	20	0	200,000	185,514	0
0714	Manioc pellets for feed 0714 10	7	0	900,000	383,492	0
1002	Rye for green manure 1002 10	3	0	6,500	10,690	4,830
1003	Unhulled barley for feed 1003 90	5	0	50,000	34,550	1,286
1004	Oats for feed 1004 90	3	0	130,000	3,799	36
1005	Maize for feed (includes for mushroom growing) 1005 90	3	0	9,010,000 3/	6,040,528	2,721,454
1201	Soybean for oil crushing & oil cake for feed 1201 90	3	0	1,000,000	814,140	305,036
1207	Cotton seeds for feed 1207 29	2	0	160,000	151,349	38,049
1213	Cereal straw and husks for mushroom farming 1213 00	8	4	10,000	28,900	1,225
1214	Lucerne(alfalfa) meal and pellets for feeding 1214 10	1	0	Unlimited	21,526	3,653
1214	Other lucerne(alfalfa) meal and pellets for feeding 1214 90	1	0	Unlimited	159,599	149,666
1214	1214 90	20				
2308	Fodder roots and other vegetables for feed 2308 00	5	0	660,000 4/	972,666	702,292
1518	Animal or vegetable fat for feed (excludes dehydrated castor oil and epoxidised soya oil) 1518 00	5	2	50,000	20,806	0
1702	Lactose and lactose syrup for feed 1702 11 1702 19	20	0	6,000	17,932	7,798
1703	Cane molasses for feed 1703 10 1703 90	3	0	450,000	817,916	5
2302	Wheat bran for feed	2	0	350,000	266,531	0

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2303	Beet-pulp for feed (including for mushroom farming) 2303 20	5	2	200,000 5/	154,883	918
2303	Brewing or distilling dregs & waste for feed 2303 30	3	0	920,000	504,894	468,586
2304	Soybean Oil-cake for feed 2304 00	1.8	0	2,700,000	1,538,795	13,719
2306	Oil cake of cotton seeds 2306 10	2	0	180,000 6/	22,926	447
2306	Coconut or copra oil cake 2306 50	2	0	200,000	526,941	0
2306	Oil cake of palm nuts or kernels 2306 60	2	0	200,000	797,319	0
2308	Cotton seed hulls for feed (including for mushroom farming) 2308 00	5	2	125,000 7/	67,581	569
2309	2309 90 Other Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding.	5	2	4,400	73,067	9,129
5205	Cotton yarn 5205 12 5205 32 5205 33	2 / 8	0	Unlimited	33,067	0

Source: The Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MSOF), Korea Trade Information Service (KOTIS)

Note:

1/ January 1 – December 31, 2013 period

2/ January 1 – December 31, 2012 period

3/ Consists of 9,000,000 MT for feed and 10,000 MT for mushroom growing

4/ Consists of 600,000 MT for feed and 60,000 MT for mushroom growing

5/ Consists of 170,000 MT for feed and 30,000 MT for mushroom growing

6/ Consists of 165,000 MT for feed and 15,000 MT for mushroom growing

7/ Consists of 110,000 MT for feed and 15,000 MT for mushroom growing