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GOI Defers Tariff Hike on U.S. Agricultural Products to December 17

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Report Highlights:

On November 2, 2018, the Government of India's (GOI) Ministry of Finance (MOF) extended the implementation date of an increase in the Basic Custom Duty on several U.S. agricultural products (i.e. shelled and in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, fresh apples, and pulses) by 45 days, until December 17, 2018.

General Information:

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Date of Announcement: November 2, 2018

Date of Enforcement: December 17, 2018

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 November 2, 2018, the MOF issued notification [77/2018](#) announcing a 45-day delay, from November 2, 2018, to December 17, 2018, for implementation of increases in the effective Basic Custom Duty (BCD) on certain U.S. agricultural imports. If implemented, these tariff increases would apply only to U.S.-origin shelled and in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, apples, and pulses.

Background Information:

On June 20, 2018, the MOF issued notifications [48/2018](#) and [49/2018](#) announcing tariff increase on certain U.S.-origin agricultural products, effective August 4. (See GAIN [IN8078](#))

On August 3, 2018, the Department of Revenue under the MOF issued notification [56/2018](#) that announced a 45-day delay, from August 4, 2018, to September 18, 2018, for tariff increases on certain U.S. agricultural imports to go into effect. (See GAIN [IN8093](#))

On September 17, 2018, the MOF issued notification [62/2018](#) announcing a 45-day delay, from September 18, 2018, to November 2, 2018, for implementation of increases in the effective Basic Custom Duty (BCD) on certain U.S. agricultural imports (i.e. shelled and in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, fresh apples, and pulses) by another 45 days, until November 2, 2018. (See GAIN [IN8108](#))

Table 1. India: Products Effected and Effective BCD to be Implemented on Dec17, 2018

| S. no. | HS Code | Product Description | Existing Basic Custom Duty (BCD) | | Notification 77/2018 | | |
|--------|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | Standard BCD | Effective BCD | Effect Date | Effective BCD on Other origins | Effective BCD on U.S. Origin |
| 1. | 08021200 | Almonds Shell | INR100/kg | INR100/kg | Dec 17 | INR100/kg | INR120/kg |
| 2. | 08021100 | Almonds In-Shell | INR35/kg | INR35/kg | Dec 17 | INR35/kg | INR42/kg |
| 3. | 08023100 | Walnuts In-Shell | 100% | 100% | Dec 17 | 100% | 120% |
| 4. | 08081000 | Apples Fresh | 50% | 50% | Dec 17 | 50% | 75% |
| 5. | 07132010 | Chickpeas | 30% | 60% | Dec 17 | 60% | 70% |
| 6. | 07132020 | Bengal Gram (Desichana) | 30% | 60% | Dec 17 | 60% | 70% |
| 7. | 07132090 | Chickpeas (Garbanzo) | 30% | 60% | Dec 17 | 60% | 70% |
| 8. | 07134000 | Lentils | 30% | 30% | Dec 17 | 30% | 40% |

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(Department of Revenue)

Notification No.77/2018-Customs

New Delhi, the 1st November, 2018

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, in the third proviso for the words and figures "2nd day of November, 2018", the words and figures "17th day of December, 2018" shall be substituted.

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

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Under Secretary to the Government of India

Note: The principal notification No.50/2017-Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017 was 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 and last amended, *vide*, notification No. 72/2018 -Customs, dated the 28th September, 2018, published, *vide*, number G.S.R. 944(E), dated the 28th September, 2018