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Report Highlights:

The Ministries of Agriculture (MOA) and Trade (MOT) held a public meeting (socialization) for regulations 86/2013, 16 and 47/2013. The meeting was held to explain to stakeholders how the regulations will be implemented. These regulations revise the import permitting process for horticultural products.

General Information:

On October 29, 2013, the Ministries of Agriculture (MOA) and Trade (MOT) held a joint socialization of MOA Regulation No 86/2013 and MOT Regulations No. 16 and 47/2013 (See [GAIN ID1346](#) and [ID1321](#)). Regulations 86 and 47 were issued on August 30, 2013, and revised the import permitting process for horticultural products. The socialization was held to explain to stakeholders how the regulations will be implemented. The following points were highlighted during the meeting.

1. MOA Regulation No. 86/2013 and MOT Regulations No. 16 and 47/2013 were issued in response to the current WTO case dealing with import permits. The regulation consolidates the MOA and MOT permitting process under the INATrade system, which is intended to simplify the permit application process. The regulations cover 15 commodities under 39 HS Codes.
2. The regulations have special modalities for shallots and chilies, as the GOI is sensitive to their role in food inflation and protecting local producers. Specifically, import recommendations (RIPH) and import permits (SPI) will be issued on an open basis (three month validity), as long as chili and shallot prices fall above a set reference price. Currently, the reference price for shallots is Rp. 25,700, Rp. 26,300 for chilies, and Rp. 28,000 for small red chilies.
3. RIPH and SPI for other horticulture products will be issued twice annually. MOA will open the RIPH application for the January-June 2014 allocation on November 4 to 25, 2013 through INATrade online system. RIPHs will be issued within seven working days of the application. MOT will open the SPI application in early December 2013. SPI will be issued 2 working days after the application is completed.
4. Importers are required to import at least 80% of their total allocation. Importers who do not meet this requirement will not be allowed to apply for future permits for an unspecified period.
5. Importers must report their import realization to MOT every month.