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MOIT Maintains Safeguard Import Tariff on Refined Veg Oil

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Report Highlights:

On August 10, 2015, the Vietnamese Government (GVN) released Decision 8287/QD-BCT regarding the announcement of the midterm review of the application of official safeguard duties on refined soy and palm oil imports. The safeguard measures increase the import tariff on refined soy and palm oil products, aiming to help domestic refiners in response to an official request from domestic producers. Decision 8287 states that additional import duties will be applied and lowered over time, falling to 0 on May 8, 2017.

Policy:

In 2013, GVN applied an official safeguard measure against imported refined soy and palm oils claiming that domestic refiners in Vietnam were negatively impacted by the growing volume of refined oil imports, primarily from Malaysia and Indonesia. This safeguard is also applied against refined soy and palm oil imports from the United States. Please see GAIN [VM3051](#) for more details regarding the application of the safeguard and GAIN [VM5019 for information concerning Vietnam vegetable oil production, consumption, trade, import tariffs.](#)

GVN recently released Decision 8287/QD-BCT, dated August 10, 2015, to announce the results of the midterm review of the application of official safeguard duties on imported vegetable oil. The official safeguard measures continue to be applied on imported refined soy and palm oil products, under the following HS codes: 1507.90.90; 1511.90.91; 1511.90.92; and 1511.90.99 from all countries, except those listed in the appendix of the 2013 announcement. The additional import tariff will be 3 percent from May 8, 2015 until May 7, 2016, then drops to 2 percent until May 7, 2017, when it falls back to zero, unless it is extended. Below is the new schedule for the applied safeguard import duties:

Effective duration	Duty rate
From May 8, 2015 to May 7, 2016	3%
From May 8, 2016 to May 7, 2017	2%
From May 8, 2017 onward (if it is not extended)	0%

The effective duration of the safeguard duties is slightly changed from the previous decision.

Period of effectiveness	Tariff
5/7/2013 – 5/6/2014	5%
5/7/2014 – 5/6/2015	4%
5/7/2015 – 5/6/2016	3%
5/7/2016 – 5/6/2017	2%

An unofficial translation of the full Decision 8287/QD-BCT is below:

Article 3. This Decision is of full force and effect from the date of its signing.

Article 4. The Chief of the Ministry Secretariat, Director of Vietnam Competition Administration Department and Heads of units and relevant parties shall be responsible for the implementation of this Decision.

ON BEHALF OF MINISTER
DEPUTY MINISTER

(Signed)

Tran Quoc Khanh

Recipients:

- As stated in Article 4;
- The Minister;
- Deputy Ministers;
- The Government Office;
- Ministries: Finance, Foreign Affairs;
- The General Department of Customs;
- The Import and Export Department;
- Departments: Light Industry, Multilateral Department;
- Kept archives: Office, Competition Administration (04).