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Norway Plans to Change Import Tariffs

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Report Highlights:

The Norwegian government announced changes from specific duties to ad valorem duties for six tariff lines comprising beef steaks and fillets, lamb carcasses and hard cheeses. Changes take effect from 1 January 2013. The effect on U.S. trade is limited but it will disadvantage higher quality/priced products.

The Government of Norway (GONO) announced to change specific duties to ad valorem duties for six tariff lines comprising beef steaks and fillets, lamb carcasses and hard cheeses (see table below). Changes take effect from 1 January 2013. In addition the GONO proposes:

- An import quota of 500 tons beef steaks and fillets from developing countries at reduced duties.
- Fourteen import cheeses are exempt from the switch to ad valorem duties.

For the official press release of October 8, 2012, go to:

<http://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/lmd/press-center/pressemeldinger/2012/changes-to-border-protection-for-selecte.html?id=701321>

HS Code	Description	Duty 2012	Proposed Duty 2013
0201.3001	Boneless beef, fresh or chilled, steaks and fillets	119.01 kr/kg	344%
0202.3001	Boneless beef, frozen, steaks and fillets	119.01 kr/kg	344%
0204.1000	Lamb, carcasses, fresh or chilled	32.49 kr/kg	429%
0204.3000	Lamb, carcasses, frozen	32.49 kr/kg	429%
0406.9091 (1)	Cheese, other, unpasteurized	27.15 kr/kg	-
0406.9098 (2)	Cheese, other, unpasteurized	-	277%
0406.9099	Cheese, other	27.15 kr/kg	277%
0406.9092 (3)	Appenzeller, Beaufort, Comté, Gamle Ole, Grana Padano, Gruyère, Le Vieux Panè, Morbier, Munster, Parmiggiano Reggiano, Queso Manchego, Pecorino, Saint Albray, Västerbotten	-	27.15 kr/kg

Kr = Norwegian Kroner. 1) Tariff line 04.06.9091 is discontinued, and is replaced by tariff line 04.06.9098. 2) New tariff line. 3) New tariff line for the exempted unpasteurized cheeses. The duty for these cheeses is 27,15 kr/kg in 2012.

The annual export value of U.S. meat and dairy products to Norway under the affected HS codes, is limited (see table below). During, the past six years, trade under these codes ranged between US\$ 0 (2010) and US\$ 199,928 (2008). As the import duty will be changed from specific to ad valorem it is anticipated to disadvantage higher quality/priced products, such as U.S. high quality beef. However, specific duties could work to the advantage of U.S. cheese.

U.S. Export to Norway (US\$)

HS Code	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 Jan-Aug
0201.3001	10,588	20,364	0	0	17,634	55,207
0202.3001	105,935	20,089	0	0	0	30,489

0204.1000	0	0	0	0	0	0
0204.3000	0	0	0	0	0	0
0406.9091	0	0	0	0	0	0
0406.9099	2,559	159,475	2,145	0	106,965	0

Source: GTIS (Statistics Norway)