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Report Highlights:

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1. The imports under ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) and under contract farming from any country entitled to Ayerawaddy-Chao Phraya- Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) are subject to a zero tariff rate. The imports can be administered by (1) Public Warehouse Organization (PWO), or (2) any private importer. The private importers are eligible to import only from March to July and must comply with the import requirements as stipulated in Feed Quality Control Act B.E. 2525 (A.D. 1982).
2. The imports under WTO agreement are subject to the annual quota of 54,700 metric tons. The in-quota tariff rate is 20 percent and the imports is only conducted by the PWO only without a restricted window of import period. Out-of-quota imports are subject to tariff rate of 73 percent plus a surcharge of 180 baht/metric ton (approx. US\$ 6.0/metric ton).
3. The imports under Thailand-New Zealand Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (TNZCEP) are subject to a zero tariff rate without restrictions on import quota, import permit, and other import measures.
4. The Imports under Thailand-Australia Free Trade Area (TAFTA) are subject to the annual quota 8,081.68 metric tons. The in-quota tariff rate is zero, and the tariff rate for out-of-quota imports is 65.7 percent.
5. The imports under Japan-Thailand Economic Partnership Agreement (JTEPA) are subject to a zero tariff for the quota administered under WTO agreement (54,700 metric tons and only PWO is eligible importer). The tariff rate for out-of-quota imports is 73 percent.
6. The imports under ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP) are subject to 10.90 percent tariff rate for in-quota imports based on WTO quota commitments that arrive Thailand from January 1-March 31, 2013, and 9.10 percent for those arriving from April 1-December 2013. The out-of-quota tariff is 73 percent.