

**Voluntary Report** – Voluntary - Public Distribution

**Date:** May 17, 2023

**Report Number:** IN2023-0038

**Report Name:** India Bans Imports of Apples with Declared CIF Values of Less Than Indian Rupees 50 per Kilogram

**Country:** India

**Post:** New Delhi

**Report Category:** FAIRS Subject Report

**Prepared By:** Radha Mani, Agricultural Specialist and Mariano J. Beillard, Senior Regional Agricultural Attaché

**Approved By:** Mariano Beillard, Senior Regional Agricultural Attaché

**Report Highlights:**

On May 8, 2023, the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) published Notification No. 5/2023, Amendment in Import Policy Conditions of Apples under the Indian Trade Classification (ITC) Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HS) Code 0808.1000 of Chapter-08 of the ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy). The amended import policy bans the import of apples where the cost, insurance and freight (CIF) import price is less than or equal to Indian rupees (INR) 50 per kilogram. If the CIF value is above INR 50 per kilogram, the import is 'Free.' The notification, however, exempts Bhutan from the minimum import price conditions.

**DISCLAIMER:** The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade website <https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=notification>. The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi – Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Office of Agricultural Affairs (OAA), USDA and/or the U.S. government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity. The Government of India has not officially endorsed this report. Import approval for any product is subject to local rules and regulations as interpreted by Indian officials at the time of product entry. [Note: Use Google Chrome to access the links that do not open in Internet Explorer and or Microsoft Edge. Indian host sites will geo-block site access on a rolling basis].

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

On May 8, 2023, the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry's (MOCI) Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) published **Notification No. 5/2023, Amendment in Import Policy Conditions of Apples under the Indian Trade Classification (ITC) Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HS) Code 0808.1000 of Chapter-08 of the ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy)** (see, Appendix I).

The amended import policy now bans the import of apples where the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) import price is less than or equal to Indian rupees (INR) 50 per kilogram. If the CIF value is above INR 50 per kilogram, the import is 'Free.' The notification, however, exempts Bhutan from the minimum import price conditions.

Post's trade sources inform that the Indian government's revised import policy is a step in the right direction. It will be of assistance for combatting the under invoicing of apples being imported into the country. This measure will not have any trade impact on U.S.-origin Washington state apples (i.e., Red Delicious) being shipped to India. Currently, Turkey is the dominant supplier of apples to India, enjoying a 26 percent market share, followed by Italy and Chile (14 percent). This measure will impact shipments of lower value, unsorted (mixed) Iranian and Afghani apples. This measure stands to benefit South Africa- and Turkey-origin apple consignments.

The full text of **Notification No. 5/2023, Amendment in Import Policy Conditions of Apples under the Indian Trade Classification (ITC) Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HS) Code 0808.1000 of Chapter-08 of the ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy)** is located on the MOCI/DGFT website located at: <https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=notification>.

**Details of Notification:** [Notification No. 5/2023](#)

**Publication Date:** May 8, 2023

**Implementation Date:** Immediate

**Products Affected:** All imported apples falling under ITC (HS) 0808.1000 of Chapter-08.

**Agency:** The Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Directorate General of Foreign Trade.

**Appendix I - Notification No. 5/2023, Amendment in Import Policy Conditions of Apples under the Indian Trade Classification (ITC) Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HS) Code 0808.1000 of Chapter-08 of the ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy)**

To be published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part-II, Section-3, Sub-Section (II)

Government of India  
Ministry of Commerce & Industry  
Department of Commerce  
Directorate General of Foreign Trade

**Notification No. 5 /2023**  
**New Delhi, Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

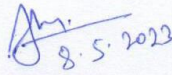
**Subject: Amendment in import policy condition of Apples under ITC (HS) 08081000 of Chapter-08 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy)**

**S.O.(E):** In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 read with Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends the import policy condition under ITC(HS) 08081000 of Chapter-08 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy) as under:

HS Code	Item Description	Existing policy	Revised Policy Condition	Existing policy condition	Revised policy condition
08081000	-Apples	Free	Prohibited	Nil	However, import is 'Free' if CIF value is above Rs.50/- per kilogram.  Minimum Import Price (MIP) conditions shall not be applicable for imports from Bhutan.

**Effect of this Notification:** Import of Apples under ITC (HS) 08081000 is 'Prohibited' wherever the CIF Import Price is less than equal to Rs. 50/- per kilogram. Minimum Import Price (MIP) conditions shall not be applicable for imports from Bhutan.

This issues with the approval of Minister of Commerce & Industry.

  
(Santosh Kumar Sarangi)  
Director General of Foreign Trade &  
Ex-officio Addl. Secretary to the Government of India  
E-mail: dgft@nic.in

[File No.01/89/180/79/AM-99/PC-2[A] /E-1863]

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.