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Report Highlights:

On September 3, 2021, India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry/Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), issued Notification No. 23/2015-2020 pertaining to the "Inclusion of Ports of Import in Continuation to Notification No. 20/2015-20 (August 24, 2021)." This notification authorizes the inclusion of three additional seaports, capable of receiving bulk shipments of soybean meal, in addition to the existing two ports of Nhava Sheva (India's largest container port) and LCS Petrapole (a land port on the India-Bangladesh border). The three additional seaports, include: Mumbai Seaport (INBOM1), Tuticorin Seaport (INTUT1), and Vishakhapatnam Seaport (INVTZ1). The measure is meant to facilitate the import of up to 1.2 million metric tons of soybean meal destined for India's livestock production.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

On September 3, 2021, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) issued Notification No. 23/2015-2020 pertaining to the “Inclusion of Ports of Import in Continuation to Notification No. 20/2015-20 (August 24, 2021)” (see, Appendix I).

This notification authorizes the inclusion of an additional three seaports, capable of receiving bulk shipments of soybean meal, in addition to the existing two ports of Nhava Sheva (India’s largest container port) and LCS Petrapole. The three additional seaports, include:

- Mumbai Seaport (INBOM1)
- Tuticorin Seaport (INTUT1)
- Vishakhapatnam Seaport (INVTZ1)

These three additional seaports included allow for imports under Notification No. 20/2015-20 (August 24, 2021). The notification is accessible on the Ministry of Commerce and Industry/Directorate General of Foreign Trade’s website located at: <https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/d4c4c6fc-fb11-4876-b8d5-c8c2175945df/Notification%2023%20dated%203%20Sept%2021%20-%20Eng.pdf>.

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On August 24, 2021, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade published Notification No. 20/2015-2020 in the Gazette of India Extraordinary (official gazette) permitting Indian traders to import 1.2 million metric tons (MMT) of soybean meal and soy cake derived from GE-soybeans through October 31, 2021 (see, [GAIN-INDIA – IN2021-0102 – India Officially Permits Limited Soybean Meal Imports](#)). The DGFT is the national authority that governs all agricultural import requirements (see, [GAIN-INDIA - IN2021-0096 – India - A Thumbs Up for Soybean Meal Imports Possible](#)).

In the Directorate General of Foreign Trade’s notification of August 24, 2021, the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MOEF) specifies that “Since soya de-oiled and crushed (DOC) cake does not contain any living modified organism (LMO), this Ministry has no concerns and no objections for imports of soya cake from [sic] environmental angle.”

APPENDIX I – INDIA, MoCI/DGFT NOTIFICATION 23/2015-2020

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

Notification No. 23/2015-2020
New Delhi, Dated: 3rd September, 2021

Subject: Inclusion of Ports of Import in continuation to Notification 20/2015-20 dated 24.08.2021.

S.O. (E): In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 read with Section 5 of FT(D&R) Act, 1992 and paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends the provision in Para 3 of Notification no. 20/2015-20 dated 24th August 2021 as under --

The following (3) ports are included in addition to the existing (2) ports of Nhava Sheva (INNSA1) port and LCS Petrapole (INPTPB) –

- i. Mumbai Sea Port (INBOM1)
- ii. Tuticorin Sea Port (INTUT1)
- iii. Vishakhapatnam Sea Port (INVTZ1)

2. All other conditions as mandated under Notification 20/2015-20 dated 24th August 2021 shall continue to apply.

Effect of the Notification: The ports of Mumbai Sea Port (INBOM1), Tuticorin Sea Port (INTUT1), Vishakhapatnam Sea Port (INVTZ1) have been additionally included for allowing imports as under Notification 20/2015-20 dated 24.08.2021.

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


03/09/2021
(Amit Yadav)

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Attachments:

No Attachments.