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Government of India Increases Tariff on Certain Agricultural Imports

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Report Highlights:

On May 23, the GOI's [Ministry of Finance](#) (MOF) published notification numbers [45/2018](#) and [46/2018](#) regarding increases in the Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on several imported agricultural products including shelled almonds, in-shell walnuts, wheat, protein concentrate and textured protein substances. The MOF notification, which applies to all third country suppliers of the identified product, entered into force immediately from the date of publication on May 23.

General Information:

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Date of Announcement: May 23, 2018

Date of Enforcement: May 23, 2018

Products Effected: Shelled almonds, In-shell walnuts, wheat, protein concentrates, and textured protein substances.

Agency in Charge: Government of India's [Ministry of Finance](#)

On May 23, 2018, the Government of India's [Ministry of Finance](#) published notification numbers [45/2018](#) and [46/2018](#) regarding increases in the Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on several imported agricultural products including shelled almonds, in-shell walnuts, wheat, protein concentrate and textured protein substances. The notices follow at the end of this report. The MOF notification, which applies to all third country suppliers of the identified product, entered into force immediately from the date of publication on May 23.

Chapter 08:

- HS 08021200: Almonds, Fresh or Dried, Shelled from INR 65/ Kg to INR 100/Kg
- HS 08023100: Walnuts, Fresh or Dried, In-Shell from 30 percent to 100 percent

Chapter 10:

- HS 10011900: Durum Wheat, Other Than Seed from 20 percent to 30 percent
- HS 10019910: Wheat and Meslin, not Durum Wheat, Other Than Seed from 20 percent to 30 percent

Chapter 21:

- HS 21061000: Protein Concentrates from 10 percent to 40 percent
- HS 21061000: Protein Concentrates and textured protein substances from 30 percent to 40 percent

The notification can be accessed from the website of Ministry of Finance: <http://www.finmin.nic.in/> at the following link: Notification [45/2018](#); [46/2018](#).

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SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION (i)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)

Notification No. 45 /2018 – Customs

New Delhi, the 23rd May, 2018

G.S.R. (E). - Whereas the Central Government on being satisfied that the import duty leviable on goods falling under heading 0802 31 00 and 2106 10 00 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975), should be increased and that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 8A of the said Customs Tariff Act, the Central Government, hereby directs that the First Schedule to the said Customs Tariff Act, shall be amended in the following manner, namely:-

In the First Schedule to the said Customs Tariff Act,-

- (i) in Section II, in Chapter 8, against tariff item 0802 31 00, for the entry in column (4), the entry "100%" shall be substituted.
- (ii) in Section IV, in Chapter 21, against tariff item 2106 10 00, for the entry in column (4), the entry "40%" shall be substituted.

[F.No.354/170/2018-TRU]

(Mohit Tewari)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(Department of Revenue)

Notification No. 46 /2018-Customs

New Delhi, the 23rd May, 2018

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) and sub-section (12) of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975), the Central Government, being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 50/2017-Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), *vide*, number G.S.R. 785(E), dated the 30th June, 2017, namely:-

In the said notification, in the Table,-

- (i) serial number 25 and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted;
- (ii) against serial number 37, for the entry in column (4), the entry "30%" shall be substituted;
- (iii) serial number 102 and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted.

[F.No. 354/68/2006- TRU]

(Mohit Tewari)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Note: The principal notification No.50/2017-Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) *vide* number G.S.R. 785(E), dated the 30th June, 2017 and last amended *vide* notification No. 44/2018-Customs, dated the 10th April, 2018, published *vide* number G.S.R. 358 (E), dated the 10th April, 2018.