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## India Clarifies on QRs for Pea Imports

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### Report Highlights:

On May 16, 2018, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry issued a clarification on its April 25, 2018 notification regarding the quantitative restrictions (QRs) on imports of peas ([IN8049](#)) that the restrictions are applicable on all peas, including yellow peas and green peas.

## General Information:

On May 16, 2018, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) issued a [trade notice](#) clarifying certain provisions of the earlier [notification](#) of April 25, 2018 regarding the quantitative restrictions (QRs) on imports of peas for the period of April 1 to June 30, 2018 (see Gain Report [IN8049](#)).

The April 25, 2018 notification stated that the import policy for peas (07131000) had been changed from 'free' to restricted list for the period April 1 to June 30, 2018, subject to policy conditions. However, the policy condition in the April notification only specifically mentioned yellow peas, but the cited HS code covered all peas.

DGFT's May trade notice clarifies:

- Import Policy for items under Exim Code 07131000- Peas (*pisum sativum*), which includes all Peas ( Yellow peas, Green peas, Dun peas and Kasper peas ) and restricts not only to "Yellow Peas", but to all items classified under Exim Code 07131000.
- In cases where the import shipment of Peas are dated April 1, 2018 to April 24, 2018, no registration with DGFT is required for shipments with bill of lading (B/L) prior to April 25, 2018, as the Notification restricting import of peas was issued only on April 25, 2018.

Trade sources report that the issue that QRs should be limited only to yellow peas has been referred to an inter-ministerial committee of the Secretaries, but the date for the next meeting of this committee has yet to be finalized. Meanwhile, the QRs will remain in effect on all pea imports.