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India Notifies Continued QRs on Pulses in IFY 2019

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Report Highlights:

On March 29, 2019, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) notified the quantitative restrictions for the Indian fiscal year (IFY) 2019/20 (April/March) on imports of pulses including mung beans, peas, black gram lentils, and pigeon peas from all third country suppliers. Imports of these pulses will be subject to an import quota (pigeon pea 200,000 metric tons (MT) and others 150,000 MT, each) as per the procedure to be notified later by MOCI's Directorate General of Foreign Trade.

General Information:

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Date of Announcement: March 29, 2019

Date of Enforcement: April 1, 2019

Products Effected: Mung beans, peas, black gram lentils and pigeon peas.

Agency in Charge: Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI), Government of India (GOI).

On March 29, 2019, the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry issued [notifications \(SO No 1478-1481\)](#) restricting imports of various pulses including mung beans, peas, black gram lentil, and pigeon peas in the Indian fiscal year (IFY) 2019/20 (April/March), subject to specified quotas as per procedures to be notified later by the DGFT. See below the quota limits for each pulse category:

No	Item/HS Code	Annual (fiscal year) Quota
1	Mung Beans (<i>Vigna Mungo</i>) HS 07133110 (Whole) HS 07139010 (Split) HS 07139090 (Other)	150,000 MT
2	Peas (<i>Pisum Sativum</i>) including yellows peas, green peas, dun peas and kaspas peas HS 07131000 (Whole) HS 07139010 (Split) HS 07139090 (Other)	150,000 MT for IFY 2019/20
3	Black Gram Lentil or <i>Urad (Vigna Radiata)</i> HS 07133190 (Whole) HS 07139010 (Split) HS 07139090 (Other)	150,000 MT
4	Pigeon peas (<i>Cajanus Cajan</i>) HS 07136000 (Whole) HS 07139010 (Split) HS 07139090 (Other)	200,000 MT

Note: Quota restrictions shall not apply on GOI's import commitments under any bilateral or regional agreement, or memorandum of understanding (MOU)

Background Information

On August 5, 2017, the GOI imposed annual fiscal year quota restrictions of 200,000 MT on imports of pigeon peas for IFY 2017/18, and continued for IFY 2018/19.

On August 21, 2017, the GOI had imposed annual fiscal year quota restrictions of 300,000 MT on imports of mung beans and black gram lentils (150,000 MT each), and continued in IFY 2018/19.

On April 25, 2018, the GOI imposed quota restrictions (100,000 MT) on peas for the period April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018, which was subsequently extended through March 31, 2019.

Imports of pigeon peas, mung beans and black gram lentils in IFY 2018/19 were restricted to the quota limits, except for about 150,000 MT of various pulses imported from Mozambique under GOI import commitments. Imports of peas came to a halt after June 2018 as imports from April to June had already exceeded the 100,000 MT quota limits.

Procedures for Allocating the Quota to be announced

As of April 3, 2019, the DGFT has not yet announced the procedures for allocating the import quota. Industry sources are concerned that the ongoing elections may delay the announcement of the procedure.

Over the past few years, the GOI procedure for allocating the quota has been based on announcing a specified period in which importers have to apply for the quota, and then the government allocates the quota amongst various importers on a pro-rata basis based on the total quantity applied.

Industry sources report that import applications are likely to be significantly higher than the available quota, which will likely be filled within 30 to 45 days of allocation by DGFT.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(Department of Commerce)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th March, 2019

S.O. 1478(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by section 3 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 (22 of 1992), read with paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby notifies the Import Policy of items of Chapter 7 of the Indian Trade Classification (Harmonized System), 2017, Schedule-1 (Import Policy), as under-

Exim Code	Item Description	Existing Policy condition	Revised Policy condition
0713 31 10	Beans of the SPP Vigna Mungo (L.) Hepper.	Restricted.	Import of Moong shall be subject an annual (fiscal year) quota of 1.5 lakh MT as per procedure to be notified by Directorate General of Foreign Trade:- Provided that this restriction shall not apply to Government's import commitments under any Bilateral or Regional Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding.
0713 90 10	Split		
0713 90 90	Other		

2. This notification shall come into force from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

[F.No. 14/3/2018-EP(Agri-III)]

SANTOSH KUMAR SARANGI, Jt. Secy.

Note : The principal notification No. 36/2015-2020, dated the 17th January, 2017 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary *vide* S.O. 172(E), dated the 17th January, 2017 and last amended *vide* notification No. 06/2015-2020 dated the 4th May, 2018 which was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary *vide* S.O. 1826 (E), dated the 4th May, 2018.

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th March, 2019

S.O. 1479(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by section 3 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 (22 of 1992), read with paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends the Import Policy Conditions of items of Chapter 7 of the Indian Trade Classification (Harmonized System), 2017, Schedule-1 (Import Policy), as under -

Exim Code	Item Description	Existing Policy	Existing Policy condition	Revised Policy condition
0713 1000	Peas (Pisum Sativum) including Yellow peas, Green peas, Dun peas and Kaspas peas.	Restricted	Restricted for the period from 1 st January, 2019 to 31 st March, 2019.	During the period from 1 st April, 2019 to 31 st March, 2020, total quantity of 1.5 Lakh MT of Peas shall be allowed against license as per the procedure to be notified by Directorate General of Foreign Trade.
0713 90 10	Split			
0713 90 90	Other			

2. This notification shall come into force with effect from the 1st April, 2019.

[F.No. 14/3/2018-EP(Agri-III)]

SANTOSH KUMAR SARANGI, Jt. Secy.

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th March, 2019

S.O. 1480(E).— In exercise of powers conferred by section 3 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 (22 of 1992), read with paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby notifies the Import Policy of items of Chapter 7 of the Indian Trade Classification (Harmonized System), 2017, Schedule-1 (Import Policy), as under-

Exim Code	Item Description	Existing Policy condition	Revised Policy condition
0713 31 90	Beans of the SPP Vigna Radiata (L.) Wilczek.	Restricted.	Import of Urad shall be subject to an annual (fiscal year) quota of 1.5 lakh MT as per procedure to be notified by Directorate General of Foreign Trade: - Provided that this restriction shall not apply to Government's import commitments under any Bilateral or Regional Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding.
0713 90 10	Split		
0713 90 90	Other		

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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th March, 2019

S.O. 1481(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by section 3 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 (22 of 1992), read with paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby notifies the Import Policy of items of Chapter 7 of the Indian Trade Classification (Harmonized System), 2017, Schedule-1 (Import Policy), as under -

Exim Code	Item Description	Existing Policy condition	Revised Policy condition
0713 60 00	Pigeon Peas (Cajanus Cajan)/ Toor Dal.	Restricted	Import of Pigeon Peas (Cajanus Cajan)/ Toor Dal shall be subject to an annual (fiscal year) quota of 02 lakh MT as per procedure to be notified by Directorate General of Foreign Trade : Provided that this restriction shall not apply to Government's import commitments under any Bilateral or Regional Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding.
0713 90 10	Split		
0713 90 90	Other		

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