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Report Highlights:

Indonesia implemented Ministry of Trade Regulation No. 46/2013, issuing beef import permits for the first time according to the terms of the regulation. Importers report that beef import permits were issued without quota.

General Information:

In October 2013, Indonesia's Ministry of Trade (MOT) issued fourth quarter animal and animal product import permits (beef) to registered importers (IT). This is the first implementation of MOT Regulation No. 46/2013. Importers applied for import recommendations to the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) in September 2013 based on the MOA Regulation No. 84/2013.

Importers report that the Government of Indonesia (GOI) set no quota for this term, and that they received import permits for the quantity requested. This follows the GOI policy to issue import permits as long as domestic meat retail prices fall above the set reference price (the current reference price for beef is IDR 76,000/kg). MOT is in the process of developing a price monitoring system to assess daily retail prices of meat products. In the absence of this system, MOT relies on trade associations to provide up-to-date price information. MOT also reports they will also start to audit animal and animal products registered importers to ensure compliance with regulations.

U.S. beef export to Indonesia reached \$28.4 million in CY 2011, but declined to \$8.5 million in 2012. The decline is attributable to quotas implemented by the GOI.