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## India

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### **Tariff Hike on U.S. Agricultural Products Deferred to April 1**

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**Report Highlights:**

On February 26, 2019, the Government of India's (GOI) Ministry of Finance (MOF) further deferred the implementation date, from March 2 to April 1, 2019, to increase the basic custom duty (BCD) on specific U.S. agricultural products (i.e. shelled and in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, fresh apples, and pulses).

**General Information:**

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**Date of Announcement:** February 26, 2019

**Date of Enforcement:** April 1, 2019

**Products Effected:** Shelled almonds, in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, fresh apples, and pulses

**Agency in Charge:** Government of India's Ministry of Finance.

On February 26, 2019, the MOF issued notification [06/2019](#) announcing a further 30-day delay, from March 2, 2019 to April 1, 2019, for implementation of increases in the effective Basic Custom Duty on specific U.S. agricultural imports. If implemented, these tariff increases would apply only to U.S.-origin shelled and in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, apples, and pulses.

**Background Information:**

On June 20, 2018, the MOF issued notifications [48/2018](#) and [49/2018](#) announcing tariff increases on these specified U.S.-origin agricultural products, effective August 4, 2018. (See GAIN [IN8078](#))

On August 3, 2018, the Department of Revenue under the MOF issued notification [56/2018](#) that announced a 45-day delay on the implementation, from August 4, 2018 to September 18, 2018. (See GAIN [IN8093](#))

On September 17, 2018, the MOF issued notification [62/2018](#) announcing a 45-day delay, from September 18, 2018 to November 2, 2018. (See GAIN [IN8108](#))

On November 2, 2018, the MOF issued notification [77/2018](#) announcing a 45-day delay, from November 2, 2018 to December 17, 2018. (See GAIN: [IN8124](#))

On December 17, 2018, the MOF issued notification [80/2018](#) announcing a 45-day delay, from December 17, 2018 to January 31, 2019. (See GAIN [IN8135](#))

On January 29, 2019, the MOF issued notification [03/2019](#) announcing a 30-day delay, from January 31, 2019 to March 2, 2019. (See GAIN [IN9007](#))

Serial no.	HS Code	Product Description	Existing Basic Custom Duty (BCD)		06/2019 Notification		
			Standard BCD	Effective BCD	Effect Date	Effective BCD on other origins	Effective BCD on U.S. Origin
1.	0511991	Artemia	30%	5%	April	5%	15%

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2.	0802120 0	Almonds Shell	INR100/k g	INR100/k g	April 01	INR100/kg	INR120/k g
3.	0802110 0	Almonds In-Shell	INR35/kg	INR35/kg	April 01	INR35/kg	INR42/kg
4.	0802310 0	Walnuts In-Shell	100%	100%	April 01	100%	120%
5.	0808100 0	Apples Fresh	50%	50%	April 01	50%	75%
6.	0713201 0	Chickpeas	30%	60%	April 01	60%	70%
7.	0713202 0	Bengal Gram (Desichana )	30%	60%	April 01	60%	70%
8.	0713209 0	Chickpeas (Garbanzo)	30%	60%	April 01	60%	70%
9	0713400 0	Lentils	30%	30%	April 01	30%	40%

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(Department of Revenue)

**Notification No. 06/2019-Customs**

New Delhi, the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

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 third proviso for the words and figures "2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2019", the words and figures "1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2019" shall be substituted.

[F. No. 341/15/2018- TRU]

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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. 03/2019 -Customs, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> January,2019 published, *vide*, number G.S.R. 61(E), dated the 29th January, 2019.

