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Tariff Hike on U.S. Agricultural Products Deferred to November 2

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Report Highlights:

On September 17 2018, the Government of India's (GOI) Ministry of Finance (MOF) extended the implementation date of an increase in the Basic Custom Duty on several U.S. agricultural products (i.e. shelled and in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, fresh apples, and pulses) by another 45 days, until November 2, 2018.

General Information:

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Date of Announcement: September 17, 2018

Date of Enforcement: November 2, 2018

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 September 17, 2018, the MOF issued notification [62/2018](#) announcing a 45-day delay, from September 18, 2018 to November 2, 2018, for implementation of increases in the effective Basic Custom Duty (BCD) on certain 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 August 3, 2018, the MOF issued notification [56/2018](#) announcing a 45-day delay, from August 4, 2018 to September 18, 2018, for tariff increases on certain U.S. agricultural imports to go into effect.

On June 20, 2018, the MOF issued notifications [48/2018](#) and [49/2018](#) announcing tariff increases on certain U.S.-origin agricultural products, effective August 4. For more information, see GAIN [IN8093](#).

Table 1. India: Products Effected and Effective BCD to be Implemented on Nov 2, 2018

S. no.	HS Code	Product Description	Existing Basic Custom Duty (BCD)		Notification 62/2018		
			Standard BCD	Effective BCD	Effect Date	Effective BCD on Other origins	Effective BCD on U.S. Origin
1.	08021200	Almonds Shell	INR100/kg	INR100/kg	Nov-2	INR100/kg	INR120/kg
2.	08021100	Almonds In-Shell	INR35/kg	INR35/kg	Nov-2	INR35/kg	INR42/kg
3.	08023100	Walnuts In-Shell	100%	100%	Nov-2	100%	120%
4.	08081000	Apples Fresh	50%	50%	Nov-2	50%	75%
5.	07132010	Chickpeas	30%	60%	Nov-2	60%	70%
6.	07132020	Bengal Gram (Desichana)	30%	60%	Nov-2	60%	70%
7.	07132090	Chickpeas (Garbanzo)	30%	60%	Nov-2	60%	70%
8.	07134000	Lentils	30%	30%	Nov-2	30%	40%

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(Department of Revenue)

Notification No. 62/2018-Customs

New Delhi, the 17th September, 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 third proviso for the words and figures "18th day of September, 2018", the words and figures "the 2nd day of November, 2018" shall be substituted.

[F. No. 341/15/2018- 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. 57/2018 -Customs, dated the 7th August, 2018, published, *vide*, number G.S.R. 753(E), dated the 7th August, 2018