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Tariff Hike on U.S. Agricultural Products Further Deferred to May 2

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Report Highlights:

On March 29, 2019, the Government of India's (GOI) Ministry of Finance (MOF) further deferred the implementation date from April 1, 2019, to May 2, 2019, of the proposed increase in the basic custom duty (BCD) for exports of 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: March 29, 2019

Date of Enforcement: May 2, 2019

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

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

On March 29, 2019, the MOF issued customs notification [11/2019](#) announcing a delay in the implementation of increases in the effective BCD for specific U.S. agricultural imports from April 1, 2019 to May 2, 2019. If implemented, these tariff increases would apply to exports of U.S.-origin shelled and in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, apples, artemia and pulses.

Background Information:

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

On August 3, 2018, the MOF issued notification [56/2018](#) announcing a 45-day delay in the implementation, from August 4, 2018 to September 18, 2018 (See GAIN [IN8093](#)).

On September 17, 2018, the MOF issued notification [62/2018](#) announcing another 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 another 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 another 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](#)).

On February 26, 2019, the MOF issued notification [06/2019](#) announcing another 30-day delay, from March 2, 2019 to April 1, 2019 (See GAIN [IN9012](#)).

Table 1. India: Products Effected and Effective BCD to be Implemented on May 2, 2019

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.	05119911	Artemia	30%	5%	April 01	5%	15%
2.	08021200	Almonds Shell	INR100/kg	INR100/kg	April 01	INR100/kg	INR120/kg
3.	08021100	Almonds In-Shell	INR35/kg	INR35/kg	April 01	INR35/kg	INR42/kg
4.	08023100	Walnuts In-Shell	100%	100%	April 01	100%	120%
5.	08081000	Apples Fresh	50%	50%	April 01	50%	75%
6.	07132010	Chickpeas	30%	60%	April 01	60%	70%
7.	07132020	Bengal Gram (Desichana)	30%	60%	April 01	60%	70%
8.	07132090	Chickpeas (Garbanzo)	30%	60%	April 01	60%	70%
9	07134000	Lentils	30%	30%	April 01	30%	40%

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(Department of Revenue)

Notification No. 11/2019-Customs

New Delhi, the 29th March, 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 "1st day of April, 2019", the words and figures "2nd day of May, 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. 06/2019 -Customs, dated the 26th February,2019 published, *vide*, number G.S.R. 155(E)., dated the 26th February, 2019.