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## **Regulation on Importation of Horticulture Product to Indonesia**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

The Government of Indonesia recently issued two corresponding ministerial regulations which regulate the importation of horticultural products. While the two regulations were separately issued by the Ministries of Agriculture (MOA) and Trade (MOT) respectively, they are both numbered 60/2012. Ministry of Agriculture Regulation No. 60/2012 (MOA Reg. 60) was issued on September 24, 2012 and Ministry of Trade Regulation No. 60/2012 (MOT Reg. 60) on September 21, 2012. All horticultural products shipped after September 28, 2012 must comply with these two regulations. Both MOA Reg. 60 and MOT Reg. 60 regulate the importation of horticulture products into Indonesia. RIPH applications and any required attachments for fresh horticultural products must be written in Bahasa Indonesia.

#### **General Information:**

#### Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) Regulation No. 60/2012

MOA Regulation No. 60 requires Indonesian importers to apply for and receive an Import Recommendation of Horticulture Products (RIPH) as a prerequisite for applying for an Import Permit Letter (SPI) from the MOT. An SPI is required before horticulture products can be imported into Indonesian. One RIPH application is valid for one HS code, one country of origin, one port of entry, and one supplier.

MOA Reg. 60 also identified three categories of horticulture products, to include: 1. fresh, 2. processed, and 3. raw materials for manufacturers. Importers of processed horticulture products (to include items such as jams, fruit juices, and french fries) must also obtain an import approval letter from National Agency for Drug and Food Control (BPOM) before they can apply for an RIPH. Food processors and manufacturers must receive a technical recommendation from Ministry of Industry as a prerequisite to obtaining an RIPH.

Additionally, MOA Reg. 60 requires that any horticulture imports will be subjected to the following criteria:

- a. Producer registration;
- b. Packing house registration;
- c. Implementation of Good Agriculture Practices and/or food safety;
- d. Sanitary and Phytosanitary Certificate or a letter to show the ability to give Sanitary and Phythosanitary Certificate from country of origin;
- e. Time of harvest; and
- f. Warehouse storage time;

FAS Jakarta's unofficial translation of MOA Reg. 60 can be found at this link.

#### Ministry of Trade (MOT) Regulation No. 60/2012

MOT Reg. 60 requires importers to satisfy a number of criteria in order to apply for an import permit (SPI) from Ministry of Trade.

Indonesian importers must have become recognized by the MOT as a Registered Importer (IT) and/or a Producer Importer (IP). MOT Reg. 60 requires that IT Importers must own adequate cold storage facilities in order to properly store the horticultural products. As mentioned above, all importers must receive an RIPH issued by the MOA and present the RIPH to MOT officials in order to apply for an SPI.

Also, MOT Reg. 60 requires that horticulture products shipped to Indonesia must be verified by Indonesian surveyors and/or their authorized agents in the country of origin. The verification is not a

food safety and/or quarantine inspection, but rather a way for the MOT to oversee the completeness and correctness of import documents, product accountability, and the physical condition of the products. Finally, the products must have Bahasa Indonesia labels attached to the packaging, and the labels must be attached prior to entering the Indonesian customs zone.

FAS Jakarta's unofficial translations of MOT Reg. 60 can be found at the following links: <u>MOT Regulation No. 60/2012</u> and its <u>Appendix</u> Please also see the verification procedure



### **Procedure to Import Horticulture Products**