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Report Name: India Notifies Unrestricted Imports of Select Pulses - Pigeon Peas and Urad-Black Gram Lentils

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Report Highlights:

On March 29, 2022, India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) issued Notification No. 63/2015-2020. This notification extends the unrestricted (free) import policy for pigeon peas (*Cajanus cajan*) and urad/black gram lentils (*Vigna mungo*) to March 31, 2023 (favorable treatment had been set to expire on March 31, 2022). Entry of these pulses can continue through March 31, 2023, without any quantitative restrictions, but remain subject to existing import duties.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

On March 29, 2022, India’s Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) issued [Notification No. 63/2015-2020](#) (see, Appendix D). This notification extends the unrestricted (free) import policy for pigeon peas (*Cajanus cajan*) and urad/black gram lentils (*Vigna mungo*) to March 31, 2023 (favorable treatment had been set to expire on March 31, 2022). Entry of these pulses can continue through March 31, 2023, without any quantitative restrictions, but remain subject to existing import duties.

Ministry: Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Date of Announcement: March 29, 2022

Products effected: Pigeon peas (*Cajanus cajan*) harmonized systems (HS) code 0713.60.00, HS 0713.31.90, and urad/black gram lentils (*Vigna mungo*) HS 0713.31.10.

Date of Enforcement: Import consignment with bill of lading issued on or before March 31, 2023.

Background: Through May 14, 2021, imports of select pulses, which include peas (HS 0713.10) - green peas, yellow peas, Dun (Dundale) peas, pigeon peas, mung beans (*Vigna radiata*), and urad/black gram lentils, were on India’s restricted import list. All were subject to specific Indian fiscal year (IFY April-March) import quota volumes. The Indian government determines import quota volumes based on the local supply and demand situation.

On May 15, 2021, the MOCI issued Notification S.O. 1858 (E). The notification amended the import policy for select pulses - pigeon peas, mung beans, and urad/black gram lentils - removing these from the restricted list and placing them on the free list. The notification authorized the unrestricted import of consignments with bills of lading issued on or before October 31, 2021, and which cleared Indian Customs before November 30, 2021. However, India by September 13, 2021, opted to extend unrestricted imports of pigeon peas and urad/black gram lentils for imports with bills of lading until December 31, 2021. The measure removed quantitative import volume restrictions on the commodities. Peas (green, yellow, and Dun peas) remain on India’s restricted list (see, [GAIN-INDIA – IN2021-0069 – India - Food Inflation Concerns Lead to the Removal of Import Restrictions on Select Pulses](#)).

On December 20, 2021, unrestricted imports of the three select pulses was extended until March 31, 2022. However, on February 11, 2022, the Indian government issued a new notification moving imports of mung beans back onto the restricted list with immediate effect. With the latest MOCI notification, imports of pigeon peas and black gram lentils will continue to remain on the free list. That is, imports are allowed without any quantitative restrictions. However, imports of the other peas (i.e., green, yellow, Dun) and of mung beans remain on the restricted list; no import quotas have been announced.

APPENDIX I: INDIA - MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY\ DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOTIFICATION

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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade

Notification No. 63/2015-2020
New Delhi, 29th March, 2022

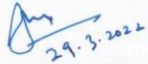
Subject: Amendment in Import policy of Urad [Beans of the SPP Vigna Mungo (L.) Hepper] (ITC(HS) 0713 31 10) and Tur/Pigeon Peas (Cajanus Cajan) (ITC(HS) 0713 60 00) under ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule – I (Import Policy)

S.O.(E): In exercise of powers conferred by section 3 read with section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 (22 of 1992), read with paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends the import Policy of Urad and Tur as under:

ITC(HS) Code	Item Description	Existing Import Policy	Revised Import policy	Revised Policy Condition
07133110	Urad [Beans of the SPP Vigna Mungo (L.) Hepper]	Free	Free	Import is 'Free' up to 31.03.2023
07136000	Tur/Pigeon Peas (Cajanus Cajan)	Free	Free	Import is 'Free' up to 31.03.2023

Effect of the Notification: The "Free" Import Policy of Urad and Tur shall stand extended up to 31.03.2023.

This issues with the approval of Minister of Commerce & Industry.


(Santosh Kumar Sarangi)
Director General of Foreign Trade &
Ex- officio Addl. Secretary to the Government of India

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Attachments:

No Attachments.