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Report Highlights:

On May 14, 2019, the Government of India's (GOI) Ministry of Finance (MOF) further deferred the implementation date, from May 16, 2019, to June 16, 2019, of the proposed increase in the basic custom duty (BCD) for exports of specific U.S. agricultural products (i.e. artemia, shelled and in-shell almonds, in-shell walnuts, fresh apples, and pulses).

General Information:

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Date of Announcement: Dated May 14, 2019

Date of Enforcement: May 16, 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 May 14, 2019, the MOF issued customs notification [15/2019](#) announcing a delay in the implementation of increases in the effective BCD for specific U.S. agricultural imports from May 16, 2019, to June 16, 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 another 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 a further 30-day delay, from March 2, 2019 to April 1, 2019. See GAIN [IN9012](#)

On March 29, 2019, the MOF issued notification [11/2019](#) announcing a further delay, from April 1, 2019 to May 2, 2019. See GAIN [IN9027](#)

On May 2, 2019, the MOF issued notification [14/2019](#) announcing a further delay, from April 1, 2019 to

May 2, 2019. See GAIN IN9042

| Table 1. India: Products Effected and Effective BCD to be Implemented on June 16, 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. 15/2019-Customs

New Delhi, the 14th May, 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 “16th day of May, 2019”, the words and figures “16th day of June, 2019” shall be substituted.

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

(Gunjan Kumar Verma)
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. 14/2019 -Customs, dated the 1st May, 2019 published, *vide*, number G.S.R. 344 (E)., dated the 1st May, 2019.

