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Tariff for Chipping Potatoes Reduced

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Report Highlights:

Starting June 17, 2017, tariffs for fresh and chilled potatoes for chipping will drop from 40 percent to 3 percent. Out-of-quota tariffs will remain at 40 percent. The Philippines maintains an annual tariff-rate quota for fresh potatoes at 1,550 MT.

General Information:

In-quota tariffs for fresh or chilled potatoes (0701.90.00A) for chipping will drop to 3 percent from 40 percent (<http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/eo-61>) starting June 17, 2017. Out-of-quota tariffs of fresh or chilled potatoes (0701.9000B) remain at 40 percent. In and out-of-quota tariffs for other fresh or chilled potatoes (e.g., table stock) remain unchanged at 40 percent. The Philippines maintains a tariff-rate quota for fresh potatoes at 1,550 MT (from February 1 to January 31).

HDG NO.	AHTN Code 2012	Description	2017	2017 01 July to 31 Dec	2018	2019	2020
07.01		Potatoes, fresh or chilled -Other:					
	0701.90.00A	- - Chipping Potatoes, In-Quota	3	3	3	3	3
	0701.90.00B	- - Chipping Potatoes, Out-Quota	40	40	40	40	40
	0701.90.00C	- - Other, In-Quota	40	40	40	40	40
	0701.90.00D	- - Other, Out-Quota	40	40	40	40	40

Source: <http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/executive-order-20>

In 2016, the United States exported nearly \$6.6 million of fresh or chilled potatoes to the Philippines and was the largest exporter of potatoes to the country, followed by Germany (\$2.2 million) and China (\$82,000).

In 2013, the Philippines formally opened its market to U.S. fresh table stock potatoes for consumption. Prior to granting market access, almost all fresh potatoes that entered were exclusively for chipping. U.S. potato exports to the Philippines have grown from 5,300 MT in 2012 to 13,000 MT in 2016.

Executive Order No. 20 (EO 20) was issued on May 18, 2017 which modifies import duties on various products (e.g. rice, poultry, dairy, and rapeseed) under the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act from 2017 to 2020. EO 20 takes effect on June 17, 2017.