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Thailand Reduces Raisin Tariff to Five Percent

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Report Highlights:

On November 12, 2013, Thailand's Ministry of Finance approved a tariff reduction on raisin imports to 5 percent from 30 percent (HS code 0806.20), effective November 13, 2013.

In 2012, Thailand imported 1,502 metric tons of raisins valued at US\$3 million. Post believes the tariff reduction will enable U.S. raisin imports to be more competitive in Thailand. Trade sources indicate that the lower tariff rates could push U.S raisin exports to exceed \$4 million a year.

Thailand's Raisin Imports - 2010-2012

Partner Country	2010		2011		2012	
	USD	Quantity (tons)	USD	Quantity (tons)	USD	Quantity (tons)
United States	2,196,991	1,097	2,933,356	1,266	3,056,380	1,502
China	946,695	429	1,165,645	407	2,040,770	924
Malaysia	8,299	3	24,821	8	68,724	12
South Africa	-	-	-	-	25,409	19
Australia	3,722	0	3,420	0	3,716	0
Other	49,603	17	7,896	20	5,041	2
Total	3,205,311	1,546	4,135,139	1,701	5,200,041	2,458

Source: Thai Customs Department

End of the Report.