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Government of India Allows Imports of Apples from all Ports

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Report Highlights:

On March 27, 2018, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Directorate General for Foreign Trade (DGFT) published a notification removing port restrictions for imports of fresh apples (falling under HS Code 08081000 of chapter 8). The March 27 notification will supersede the previous restriction allowing imports of apples to a few limited ports in India.

General Information:

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On March 27, 2018, via notification 56/2015-2020 DGFT removed port restrictions for imports of apples into India allowing imports of fresh apples falling under HS Code 080810000 via all land, sea, and air ports in India.

The full text of the final amendment published by DGFT on March 27, 2018, is provided below and is also available on their website: <http://dgft.gov.in/>.

Details of Notification: [Notification No. 56/2015-2020](#)

- Publication Date: March 27, 2018
- Date of Implementation: Immediate

Products affected: All imported apples (falling under HS Code 08081000 of chapter 8)

Agency in Charge: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Directorate General for Foreign Trade (DGFT), Government of India.

Background:

On September 14, 2015, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's [Directorate General for Foreign Trade](#) (DGFT) published a [notification](#) on its website stating that all imported apples (falling under HS Code 08081000 of chapter 8) will be limited to a single port of entry, namely the Nhava Sheva Port complex in Mumbai.

On January 12, 2016, the DGFT officially rescinded the September 14 notification ([via Notification No. 30/2015-2020](#)), stating that apples imports are eligible through both sea and airports in Kolkata, Cochin, Chennai, and Mumbai, as well as the dry port and airport in Delhi. The January 12 amendment also allowed imports of apples via India land borders.

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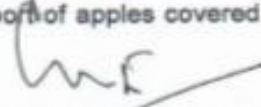
Notification No. 56/2015-2020
New Delhi, Dated: 27 March, 2018

Subject: Amendment in import policy conditions of apples under Exim code 0808 10 00 of Chapter 08 of ITC (HS), 2017 – Schedule – 1 (Import Policy).

S.O. (E): In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of FT (D&R) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 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 Conditions of apples under Exim code 0808 10 00 of Chapter 08 of ITC (HS), 2017 – Schedule – 1 (Import Policy) as under:

Exim Code	Item Description	Policy	Policy Condition	Revised Policy Condition
0808 10 00	Apples	Free	(i) Import through both sea ports and airports in Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai & Cochin; and land port & airport in Delhi. (ii) Import of apples is also allowed through India's land borders.	Nil

2. **Effect of this Notification:** Port restriction for import of apples covered under EXIM Code 0808 10 00 is hereby removed.


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