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Report Highlights:

On October 5, 2015, the Government of India increased the ghee (clarified butter), butter, and butter oil applied import tariff from 30 to 40 percent until March 31, 2016. To date, this applied import tariff increase has not been notified to the World Trade Organization.

General Information:

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On October 5, 2015, the GOI increased the ghee (clarified butter), butter, and butter oil applied import tariff from 30 to 40 percent until March 31, 2016. Post contacts believe that low global prices likely influenced the GOI to increase the rate in order to prevent a surge of less expensive imports. For more information, please see the [Notification](#) or the Central Board of Excise and Customs' website at <http://www.cbec.gov.in/>. As of October 23, 2015, this applied tariff increase has not been notified to the WTO.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(Department of Revenue)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 5th October, 2015

No. 49/2015-Customs

G.S.R. 756(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), 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, in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No.12/2012-Customs, dated the 17th March, 2012, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 185(E), dated the 17th March, 2012, namely:-

In the said notification, after the Table, in the proviso, after clause (j) the following clause shall be inserted, namely,—

“(k) the goods specified against serial number 8 of the said Table upto and inclusive of the 31st day of March, 2016;”.

[F. No. 354/197/2015-TRU]

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Note : The principal notification No.12/2012-Customs, dated the 17th March, 2012 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 185(E), dated the 17th March, 2012 and last amended vide notification No. 48/2015-Customs, dated the 30th September, 2015, published vide number G.S.R. 748(E), dated the 30th September, 2015.