

24.15 Trade Policy Changes in Edible oils

April, 1994	Import of RBD Palmolein placed on OGL with 65% import duty.
March, 1995	Import of all edible oils (except coconut oil, palm kernel oil, RBD palm oil, RBD palm stearin) placed on OGL with 30% import duty.
1996-97 (in regular Budget)	Further reduction in import duty to 20% +2%(special duty of customs) bringing total import duty to 22%. Another special duty of custom @ 3% was later imposed bringing the total import duty to 25%.
July, 1998	Import duty further reduced to 15%.
1999-2000	Import duty raised to 15% (basic) + 10%(surcharge)=16.5%.
December, 1999	Import duty on refined oils raised to 25% (basic) + 10% (surcharge) = 27.5%. In addition, 4% SAD levied on refined oils.
June, 2000	Import duty on crude oils raised to 25% (basic) + 10% (surcharge)=27.5% and on refined oils raised to 35%(basic)+10%(surcharge)+4%(SAD)=44.04%. Import duty on Crude Palm Oil (CPO) for manufacture of vanaspati retained at 15% (basic) + 10%(surcharge)=16.5%.
November, 2000	Import duty on CPO for manufacture of vanaspati raised to 25% and on crude vegetable oils raised to 35%. Import duty on CPO for other than vanaspati manufacture raised to 55%. Import duty on refined vegetable oils raised to 45%(basic)+4%(SAD)=50.8%. Import duty on refined palm oil and RBD palmolein raised to 65%(basic)+4%(SAD)=71.6%.
March, 2001 (As amended on 26.4.2001)	Import duty on crude oils for manufacture of vanaspati/refined oils by the importers registered with Directorate of VVO&F raised to 75% (for others import duty levied at 85%) except soyabean oil, rapeseed oil and CPO at 45%, 75% and 75% respectively. The duty on refined oils including RBD Palmolein raised to 85% (basic) except in the cases of Soyabean Oil and Mustard oil where the duty is placed at 45%(basic) and 75%(basic) respectively due to WTO binding. In addition, 4% SAD levied on refined oils.
October, 2001	Import duty on Crude Palm Oil and its fractions, of edible grade, in loose or bulk form reduced from 75% to 65%.
November, 2001	Import duty on crude sunflower oil or safflower oil reduced to 50% upto an aggregate of 1,50,000 MTs (Tariff Rate Quota) of total imports of such goods in a financial year subject to certain condition. Import duty on refined rape, colza or mustard oil reduced to 45% upto an aggregate of 1,50,000 MTs (Tariff Rate Quota) of total imports of such goods in a financial year subject to certain condition.
March, 2002	Statusquo on import duty structure of vegetable oils/edible oils maintained. Import of vanaspati from Nepal be levied SAD @ 4%.
August,2002	SAD is not applicable on vanaspati imported from Nepal under TRQ.
March, 2003	Statusquo on import duty structure of vegetable oils/edible oils maintained.
April, 2003	Import duty on Refined Palm Oil and RBD Palmolein reduced from 85% to 70% and SAD not applicable on edible oils.
July, 2004	Import duty on Refined Palm Oil and RBD Palmolein raised from 70% to 75%
February, 2005	Import duty on Crude Palm Oil and Crude Palmolein raised from 65% to 80% Import duty on Refined Palm Oil and RBD Palmolein raised from 75% to 90%
2006-2007 (Budget)	With effect from 1.3.2006, edible oils attract a special additional duty of Customs @ 4% and Import Duty on Vanaspati and similar products raised from 30% to 80%.
August, 2006	With effect from 8.8.2006, special additional duty of customs not applicable on vanaspati imported from Nepal w.e.f. 11.8.2006, import duty on Crude Palm oil/Crude Palmolein reduced from 80% to 70% and import duty on refined Palm Oil/RBD Palmolein reduced from 90% to 80%.
January,2007	W.e.f.24.1.2007,import duty on Crude Palm Oil /Crude Palmolein reduced from 70%to 60%, import duty on refined Palm Oil/RBD Palmolein reduced from 80%to 67.5%, import duty on Crude Sunflower oil reduced from 75%to 65% and import duty on refined Sunflower oil reduced from 85%to75%.

2007-08 (Budget)	With effect from 1.3.2007, import duty on Crude Sunflower Oil has been reduced from 65% to 50% and import duty on refined Sunflower Oil and other Oils has been reduced from 75% to 60%. Further edible oils (except Soybean oil, rapeseed oil and mustard oil) will attract education cess of 3% of the aggregate of customs duty. With effect from 1.3.2007, all edible oils will not attract Special Additional Duty of customs @ 4%.
April, 2007	With effect from 13-04-2007 import duty on Crude Palm Oil /Crude Palmolein has been reduced from 60% to 50 % and import duty on refined Palm Oil /RBD Palmolein has been reduced from 67.5% to 57.5%
July, 2007	With effect from 23.7.2007 import duty on Crude Palm Oil and Refined Palm Oil/Palmolien reduced to 45% and 52.5% respectively and Import Duty on Crude and refined sunflower oil reduced to 40% and 50.0% respectively. Import Duty on Crude/Refined Soybean Oil reduced to 40%.
March, 2008	With effect from 21.3.2008 import duty on Crude Palm Oil/Palmolien and Refined Palm Oil/Palmolien has been reduced from 45% to 20% and 52.5% to 27.5% respectively and import duty on Crude and Refined Sunflower Oil has been reduced from 40% to 20% and 50% to 27.5% respectively and import duty on Crude & Refined Mustard/Rapeseed Oil has been reduced from 75% to 20% and 75% to 27.5% respectively.
April, 2008	With effect from 1st April, 2008, the customs duty on crude and refined forms of Palm Oil, Palmolein, Palm Kernel Oil, Soyabean Oil, Rapeseed/Mustard Oil, Sunflower Oil, Safflower Oil, Groundnut Oil, Coconut Oil and some other Vegetable Oils has been reduced to zero percent and 7.5% respectively, vide Notification no.42/2008-Customs.
November, 2008	w.e.f 18.11.2008 the custom duty on degummed Soybean oil has been increased to 20% vide notification No. 122/2008-Customs. w.e.f 20.11.2008 the export of edible oils is permitted in branded consumer packs of up to 5kgs, subject to a limit of 10,000 tons during the next one year up to 31st Oct, 2009 vide notification no. 60(RE-2008)/2004- 09.w.e.f 20.11.2008 the export of fish oil is permitted vide notification no. 39(RE- 2008)2004-09.
March, 2009	w.e.f 24.03.2009 custom duty on crude Soybean oil has been reduced to zero percent vide Notification No. 27/2009-customs. Ban on export of edible oils (except coconut oil and oils of minor forest origin through Kochi port) extended up to 16.03.2010 vide Notification No. 98 (RE-2008)/2004-09 dt. 17-4-2009.
August, 2009	w.e.f. 31.8.2009 Min.of Finance vide Notification No: 30/2009, dated: 31.8.2009 exempted service tax for transportation of edible oils through National Waterways.
September, 2009	w.e.f. 04.09.2009 Min. of Commerce & Industry, vide Notification No: 04/2009-14, dated: 4th September, 2009 prohibited export of edible oil in branded consumer packs of upto 5 kgs.
February, 2010	w.e.f. 27.02.2010 Min. of Finance vide Notification No: 08/2010-Service Tax, dated: 27th February, 2010 exempted from service tax on transport by rain on edible oils
November, 2010	w.e.f. 01.11.2010 Min. of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce vide Notification No: 09(RE-2010)/2009-2014, dated: 1st November, 2010 permitted for export of 10,000 tons of edible oil in branded consumer packs from 01.11.2010 to 31.10.2011
March, 2011	w.e.f. 01.03.2011 Ministry of Finance vide Notification No: 27/ 2011-CUSTOMS, dated; 1.3.2011 imposed 10% Custom duty on export of Deoiled Rice Bran
August, 2012	w.e.f. 01.08.2012 Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce vide Notification No: 9 (RE-2012)/2009-2014, dated: 1st August, 2012 ban on export of edible oil in branded consumer packs.
January, 2013	w.e.f. 23.01.2013 Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue (Central Board of Excise and Customs) vide Notification No: 02/2013-CUSTOM, dated: 23rd January, 2013 imposed 2.5% import duty on Crude Edible Vegetable Oils.
March, 2013	w.e.f. 01.03.2013 Ministry of Finance vide Notification No: 9-2013-CUSTOMS, dated; 1.3.2013, withdraw the exemption from Education Cess and Secondary & Higher Education Cess on import of soybean oil, rapeseed oil, olive oil as duty has reduced to below WTO bound rate.