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Report Highlights:

On May 7, 2012, the Ministry of Trade (MOT) issued Regulation No. 30/2012 (Regulation 30) that regulates the importation of both fresh and processed horticultural products. According to language in the MOT regulation, it will become effective June 15, 2012.

General Information:

Regulation 30 was signed on May 7, 2012 and is scheduled to be implemented on June 15, 2012. Regulation 30 is the Ministry of Trade's corresponding regulation to the Ministry of Agriculture's Regulation No. 3/2012 on fresh and processed horticultural product imports.

A full, unofficial English translation of the regulation can be read through the following link: <u>No 30/M-DAG/PER/5/2012</u>. The regulation in original <u>Bahasa</u> is published in full by the Indonesian Ministry of Trade.

Despite repeated requests from U.S. Embassy-Jakarta, the Indonesian government has not provided a 'socialization' of the two regulations. A request has been made to suspend the regulation to allow for proper discussions with the trading partners. Pending these discussions, we advise U.S. exporters to consult directly with their respective Indonesian importers prior to shipping any product affected by the regulations.

The regulation covers five primary aspects of the horticultural importation process, to include:

1. Import Allocations

This regulation states that horticultural importers must receive specifically allocated import permits. These permits will be allowed only if domestic production and supplies are deemed insufficient. Domestic production and supply will be determined by the Ministries of Trade and Agriculture. A total of 59 horticultural commodities are specifically regulated under Regulation 30.

2. Importer registration

Horticultural product imports are allowed only by the *Importer Producers* and *Particular Importers* that are recognized by the Ministry of Trade.

3. Packaging

The regulation requires that product packaging materials meet MOT requirements. Packaging compliance should be proven by a competent laboratory test recognized by local government.

4. Labeling

Products, except ornamental plants, must use an Indonesian label on each product and/or packaging. The label must not easily separate, wash out or become damaged from the product or packaging. For smaller size products, the label may be put on the package or attached to the product.

5. Import Surveillance

Every horticultural product exported to Indonesia requires pre-shipment verification in the country of origin. This will be completed by a surveyor assigned by the MOT and will verify documents to include health certificates, the phytosanitary certificates, certificates of origin, registration numbers, food grade packaging test certificates, and food grade calibration logos.