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Regulation of The Minister of Trade Concerning Import Provisions of Horticultural Products: Simplification of Permit Process, Ensure Business Certainty and Keep Import Administration Order

Jakarta, 24 April 2013 – The Government just issued the Regulation of the Minister of Trade No. 16/M-DAG/PER/4/2013 dated 22 April 2013 concerning the Import Provisions for Horticultural Products.

The Director General of Foreign Trade Bachrul Chairi asserted, *“The issuance of this regulation revokes the previous regulation, namely the Regulation of the Minister of Trade No. 30/M-DAG/PER/6/2012 and the changes that were made to it through Regulation No. 60/M-DAG/PER/9/2012 concerning Import Provisions of Horticultural Products.”*

The new Regulation of the Minister of Trade regulates the import of 39 types of horticultural products. This means that the number of horticultural products regulated has been reduced by 18 when compared to the previous regulation. As for the types of horticultural products that are no longer regulated by the regulation, they are garlic, garlic powder, chili powder, cabbage, chrysanthemum Flowers, Heliconia Flowers, Orchid Flowers, and several processed horticultural products.

The Issuance of the Regulation of the Minister of Trade No. 16/M-DAG/PER/4/2013 was done for several purposes. Regarding this matter, Director General Bachrul Chairi said, *“We want the permit process to be simpler and administration of imports to be more orderly so that a higher degree of business certainty can be achieved.”*

In this Regulation of the Minister of Trade, the key regulatory provisions of horticultural product imports are, one, every horticultural product import may only be done by an Importer Producer (IP) and Registered Importer (IT) of Horticultural Products, and every Import Approval for Horticultural Products must come with an Import Recommendation of Horticultural Products (RIPH) from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Two, the issuance request for IP, IT and Import Approval for Horticultural Products to the Ministry of Trade can only be made through the online system (INATRADE). The Trade Services Unit will conduct the entire IP, IT and Import Approval process in a maximum of 2 (two) days time after all the requirements have been declared complete.

Three, all imports of horticultural products must be verified or undergo a technical import review at the port of origin by an appointed Surveyor. Furthermore, the company conducting the import of horticultural products must meet the requirements of

quarantine, packaging, and labeling that are in accordance with the provisions of regulations and laws that apply.

Four, regarding IP, IT, and Import Approval for Horticultural Products that were issued under the Regulation of the Minister of Trade No. 30/M-DAG/PER/6/2012 and the changes that were made through the issuance of Regulation of the Minister of Trade No. 60/M-DAG/PER/9/2012, they are deemed valid until the end of their expiration date.

“With the new regulation that has just been issued, imports of horticultural products will no longer apply any quota allocation restrictions and will have a simpler permit process that is done online,” said Director General Bachrul Chairi.

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