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GOI Scraps Port-of-Entry Restrictions

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India scraps Port-of-Entry restrictions.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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In a dramatic volte-face, the GOI has scrapped Port-Of-Entry restrictions on the import of 300 sensitive items (including 147 agricultural items), 20 days following imposition of the policy. A report prepared by an inter-ministerial group charged with monitoring the import of sensitive items reported that during April 2001 (the first full month following removal of quantitative restrictions), the import of sensitive items declined sharply (rupees 3.6 billion or USD 80 million) from the previous year's level (rupees 5.2 billion or USD 118 million). Since the trade data do not indicate any undue surge in imports, the government has decided to withdraw its earlier notification restricting imports of sensitive items to designated ports.