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Kuwait Applies Unified GCC Customs Law as of September 1, 2003

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Report Highlights:

On September 1, 2003, Kuwait joined ranks with the other GCC member countries by implementing the Unified GCC Customs Law. The law requires all member states to apply a unified customs duty of 5 percent on all imported goods including most processed food products. Exempt from this duty are agricultural products such as live animals, fresh fruits and vegetables, fish and seafood, grains, flours, tea, sugar, spices and seeds for planting.

Includes PSD changes: No
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Effective September 1, 2003 Kuwait Began to Apply the Unified GCC Customs Law

1. On September 1, 2003, Kuwait began applying the Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC) Unified Customs Law.
2. On April 1, 2003, Kuwait's National Assembly (Parliament) had ratified application of the above law and had authorized the Government of Kuwait to determine the actual enforcement date.
3. In January 2003 the five other GCC countries - Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates implemented the Unified GCC Customs Law.
4. With minor exceptions, the Unified GCC Customs Law requires that member states levy a unified customs duty of 5 percent on all imported goods, including practically all processed food products.
5. Exempted goods - i.e. zero duty - in the food products category, include practically all live animals, fresh fruits and vegetables, live or processed fish, tea, sugar, spices, rice, grains, cereals, flours and seeds for planting. All other food products are assessed the five percent duty.