

Press Release

Import Duty of Big Onions and Potatoes is revised.

The harvesting season of Big Onions and Potatoes has started by now. Considering an increase in supply of potatoes and big onions during the months of August and September, measures have been taken by the government to increase import duty of 1 kg of Big onions from Rs.10/- to Rs.25/- and 01 kg of Potatoes from Rs. 30 to Rs.35/- with effect from 10th August 2011. Moreover, In order to maintain stable price for garlic at the market, remaining import duty of Rs. 10/- for 1 kg of garlic has been increased up to Rs. 25/-.

In the light of an expected increase in supply of local potatoes and big onions during the coming weeks and an increase of the production cost of the local farmers, the government has made these revisions to the import duty so as to protect the local farmers.

The requests made to the government by the farmers Associations and the representatives of the farmers were taken into consideration in the revision of import duties to suspend importation of potatoes and big onions and to increase import duties temporarily.