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Impex # 1 Amendment in Time Period of Export Obligation for QCOs under Ministry of Textile

In an amendment to para 2.03(A) (i) (g) DGFT notified that Export Obligation Period against the import of products that are subjected to mandatory QCOs by Ministry of Textiles will not be restricted to 180 days from the date of clearance, however it will be as per Para 4.40 of Handbook of Procedures.

Copy of Notification No. 20/2025-26-DGFT | Dated: 23rd June, 2025

Subject: Amendment in Para 2.03(A) (i) (g) of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 laying down enabling provisions for import of inputs, that are subjected to mandatory Quality Control Orders (QCOs), by Advance Authorisation holders, EOU and SEZ.

S.O. 278(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 read with Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 (No. 22 of 1992), as amended, read with Para 1.02 and 2.03 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2023, the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments relating to Advance Authorisation in Para 2.03(A) (i) (g) of FTP, 2023, notified vide Notification No. 71/2023 dated 11.03.2024, with immediate effect:

Existing Para 2.03(A) (i) (g)	Revised Para 2.03(A) (i) (g)
The Export Obligation period for such authorizations shall be as per 4.40 of Handbook of Procedures. However, EO period is restricted to 180 days from the date of clearance of import consignments in respect of QCO exemption for textile and chemical Products, notified by Ministry of Textiles and Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC) respectively.	The Export Obligation period for such authorizations shall be as per Para 4.40 of Handbook of Procedures. However, EO period is restricted to 180 days from the date of clearance of import consignments in respect of QCO exemption for chemical products, notified by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC).

Effect of this Notification:The Export Obligation Period against the import of products that are subjected to mandatory QCOs by the Ministry of Textiles, under Advance Authorisation shall be as per Para 4.40 of Handbook of Procedures.

Impex # 2 Clarification Regarding "Organic Textiles"

With reference to the Public Notice No. 39/2024-25 dated 05.01.2025 issued by National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), DGFT clarified that the matter was taken up with APEDA, NPOP and Ministry of Commerce, GOI.

The Stake holders discussed the details and it was confirmed that Organic Textiles do not fall within the ambit of accreditation categories prescribed under NPOP and thus requirement of a Transaction Certificate (TC) from a NAB - Accredited body under the said PN does not apply to exports of Organic Textile Products.

The valid transaction certificate (TC) by certification bodies like Textile Exchange, Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) or as per buyer may be provided at the time of export.

Copy of Policy Circular No. 1/2025-26 - DGFT | Dated: 15 July 2025

Subject: Clarification regarding Export of "Organic Textiles" - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to the Public Notice No. 39/2024-25 dated January 05, 2025 whereby the Eighth Edition of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) was notified.

2. In this regard, requests for clarification have been received from various stakeholders including exporters and Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) regarding applicability of the said Public Notice on the exports of organic textiles.

2.1. The matter has been taken up with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), which is implementing the NPOP under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

3. APEDA has clarified that as per Clause 4.1 of Chapter 4 of the said edition, the scope of accreditation is limited to specific categories, namely:

   i. Crop Production
   ii. Livestock, Poultry and Products
   iii. Beekeeping / Apiculture
   iv. Aquaculture Production
   v. Food Processing & Handling
   vi. Animal Feed Processing & Handling
   vii. Mushroom Production
   viii. Seaweed, Aquatic Plants and Greenhouse crop production, and,
   ix. Any other categories as approved under the NPOP from time to time.

3.1. In view of the above, it has been highlighted that organic textiles do not fall within the ambit of accreditation categories prescribed under the NPOP. Therefore, the requirement of a Transaction Certificate (TC) from a NAB-accredited body under the said Public Notice does not apply to exports of Organic textile products.

4. It may further be noted that for exports of organic textiles, the exporters need to furnish a valid Transaction certificate (TC) issued by the certification bodies designated through Textile Exchange, Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) or as mandated by the buyer(s) at the time of export.

Impex # 3 Port restriction on import of certain goods from Bangladesh

DGFT notified port restrictions on Import of Goods from Bangladesh for specific 9 HSN Codes related to Woven Fabrics, flax, yarn jute etc.

The Import from Bangladesh will not allow any land port. Import only from Nhava sheva Sea Port is allowed.

Copy of Notification No. 21/2025-26-DGFT | Dated:27 June, 2025

Subject: Port restriction on import of certain goods from Bangladesh to India under ITC (HS), 2022 Schedule 1 (Import Policy)

S.O.2887(E).-- In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 read with Section 5 of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, as amended from time to time, and in continuation to DGFT Notification No. 07/2025-26 dated 17.05.2025, the Central Government hereby introduces a new sub-para 2 below Para 19 (1) to General Notes Regarding Import Policy under ITC (HS), 2022 Schedule 1 (Import Policy) with immediate effect.

"19. The import of following goods from Bangladesh to India shall be regulated as under: (2) Port Restrictions on import of Goods from Bangladesh.

Sl. No.	HS Code	Item Description	Import Policy /Port restriction
(i)	530130	Flax tow and waste (including yarn waste and garnetted stock)	Import from Bangladesh shall not be allowed from any land port on India-Bangladesh Border. However, it is allowed only through Nhava Sheva Seaport.
( )	530310	Jute and other textile bast fibers, raw or retted	
(i)	530390	Jute (excluding flax, true hemp and ramie)	
(ii)	530610	Single flax yarn	
(iii)	530710	Single yarn of jute or of other textile bast fibers	

(iv)	530720	Multiple folded
(v)	530919	Woven fabrics or flax
( )	530929	Woven fabrics or flax
(vi)	531010	Unbleached woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibers

2. The above restrictions at sub-Para 2 shall not apply to Bangladesh exports to Nepal/Bhutan transiting through India. However, re-export of the aforesaid Bangladesh Goods to India from Nepal/Bhutan shall not be allowed.

Effect of the Notification: Import of certain goods from Bangladesh to India are regulated with immediate effect. This is issued with the approval of Minister of Commerce & Industry.