



WEEKLY TRADE UPDATE

Foreign Trade Update

A. Operationalisation of DGFT 'COVID-19 Helpdesk' for International Trade related Issues.'

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade vide Trade Notice No. 02/2021-22 dated April 26, 2021 has operationalised a 'COVID-19 Helpdesk' to support and seek suitable resolutions to issues arising in respect of International Trade. This COVID-19 Helpdesk would look into issues relating to Department of Commerce/DGFT, Import and Export Licensing Issues, Customs clearance delays and complexities arising thereon, Import/Export documentation issues, Banking matters etc. Helpdesk would also collect and collate trade related issues concerning other Ministries/Departments/Agencies of Central Government and State Governments and will co-ordinate to seek their support and provide possible resolution(s).

Trade Notice is available at:

<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/55a43a38-cc37-471c-9c66-0c52a395245e/Trade%20Notice%2002%20-Covid%20Helpdesk%20Apr%202021.pdf>

B. Amendment in import policy and incorporation of a Policy Condition under HS Code 85167920 and 85167990 of Chapter-85 of ITC (IIS), 2017, Schedule-I (Import Policy).

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade vide Notification No.2/2015-2020 dated April 26, 2021 has revised the import policy of mosquito killer racket under HS Codes 85167920 and 85167990 from 'Free' to 'Prohibited' if C.I.F value is below Rs. 121/per racket.

Notification is available at:

<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/f42639ef-fe8b-4eb9-8558-435bf44f09ac/Notification%20No.2%20english.pdf>

C. Amendment in import policy of Melon Seeds - Other under HS Code 12077090 of Chapter-12 of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule-I (Import Policy).

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade vide Notification No.3/2015-2020 dated April 26, 2021 has revised the import policy of Melon Seeds falling under HS Code 12077090 from 'Free' to 'Restricted' subject to the revised policy condition.

Notification is available at:

<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/99ade9aa-8c4c-4900-ad58-26d0daad779b/Notification%20No.3%20english.pdf>

D. Amendment in Para 2.25 of Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-20.

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade vide Notification No.4/2015-2020 dated April 30, 2021 has revised Para 2.25 of Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-20 to include import of oxygen concentrators for personal use through post, courier or e-commerce portals in the list of exempted categories, where Customs clearance is sought as "gifts", till July 31 2021.

Notification is available at:

<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/74faa907-f5b2-4079-ac79-39f5cda6f71e/Notification%204%20dt%2030-04-21.pdf>

Trade Remedy Measures Update

The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (**DGTR**), Ministry of Commerce and Industry has recently undertaken the following measures concerning trade remedy investigations.

- **April 16, 2021-** Final Findings issued in anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Copper & Copper Alloy Flat Rolled Products” originating in or exported from China PR, Korea RP, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Notification link:

https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/NCV_FF%20-%20Copper_compressed.pdf

- **April 19, 2021-** Initiation notification issued in sunset review investigation concerning imports of “Axle Trailers” from China PR.

Notification link:

https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Initiation%20Notification_SSR_Axle%20for%20Trailers_China%20PR_0.pdf

- **April 20, 2021-** Final Findings issued in anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Plain Medium Density Fibre Board having thickness less than 6mm” originating in or exported from Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.

Notification link:

<https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/FF%20MDF%2020th%20April%20English%20NCV.pdf>

The **Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance** has recently undertaken the following measures.

- **April 15,2021-** Amendment of Notification No. 14/2016-Customs (ADD) dated April 21, 2016 vide Notification No 22/2021-Customs (ADD) dated April 15,2021, to extend the applicability of anti-dumping duty on imports of 'Barium Carbonate' originating in or exported from China PR, upto 20th October,2021.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd22-2021.pdf>

- **April 20, 2021-** Amendment of Notification No. 50/2018-Customs (ADD) dated October 5, 2018 vide Notification No 23/2021-Customs (ADD) dated April 20, 2021 regarding imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of nylon filament yarn originating in or exported from Vietnam and European Union, to exclude goods of certain specification from the scope of the anti-dumping duty.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd23-2021.pdf>

- **April 26, 2021-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty vide Notification No 24/2021-Customs (ADD) dated April 26, 2021 on imports of Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) originating in or exported from Korea RP, to prevent the circumvention of anti-dumping duty levied on Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) originating in or exported from Russia.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd24-2021.pdf>

- **April 26, 2021-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty vide Notification No 25/2021-Customs (ADD) dated April 26, 2021 on imports of Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) originating in or exported from China PR, to prevent the circumvention of anti-dumping duty levied on Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) originating in or exported from Russia.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd25-2021.pdf>

- **April 27, 2021-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty vide Notification No 26/2021-Customs (ADD) dated April 27, 2021 on import of "1-phenyl-3-methyl-5-Pyrazolone" originating in or exported from China PR for a period of 5 years from the date of imposition of provisional ADD, i.e. June 9, 2020.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd26-2021.pdf>

- **April 27, 2021-** Rescinding of Notification No. 43/2018-Customs (ADD) dated December 2, 2020 vide Notification No 27/2021-Customs (ADD) dated 27 April 2021.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd27-2021.pdf>

- **April 27, 2021-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty vide Notification No. 28/2021-22 Customs (ADD) dated April 27, 2021 on imports of “Toluene Di-isocyanate” (TDI) having isomer content in the ratio of 80:20, originating in or exported from European Union, Saudi Arabia, Chinese Taipei and UAE, for a period of 5 years from the date of imposition of provisional ADD, i.e. December 2, 2020.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd28-2021.pdf>

- **May 1, 2021-** Reduction of IGST on Oxygen Concentrators vide Notification No. 30/2021/Customs dated May 1,2021 imports of oxygen concentrators for personal use has been reduced from 28% to 12%.

This notification shall remain into force upto June 30,2021.

Notification Link: -

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-tarr2021/cs30-2021.pdf>

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