



WEEKLY TRADE UPDATE

Foreign Trade Update

A. Amendment in Export Policy of COVID-19 Rapid Antigen testing kits.

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade vide Notification No. 18/2015-2020 dated August 16, 2021 has amended the export policy of COVID-19 Rapid Antigen testing kits falling under the ITC (HS) Codes specified above or falling under any other HS Code and moved it into the Restricted category, with immediate effect.

Notification is available at:

<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/17e141d5-50ff-462f-9e0b-73c4b7a44378/Noti%2018%20Eng.pdf>

B. Procedure and Criteria for submission and approval of applications for export of COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing kits.

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade vide Trade Notice No. 16/2021-22 dated August 17, 2021 has notified the procedure and criteria for submission and approval of applications for export of COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing kits pursuant to DGFT Notification No. 18/2015-20 dated August 16, 2021 restricting the export of COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing kits.

Trade Notice is available at:

<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/b79877b2-d4a1-4bcc-bf09-81d7032e3825/Trade%20Notice%2016.pdf>

C. Scheme Guidelines for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP).

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade vide Notification No. 19/2015-2020 dated August 17, 2021 has amended the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 and notified the scheme guidelines for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP).

Notification is available at:

<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/ee052ba4-d026-4e3b-a100-20fdd0daeba2/Notification%20No.%2019%20English.pdf>

D. Relaxation in applicability of provision in Para 6 (b) of General Notes Regarding Import Policy Schedule – I (Imports) of the ITC(HS) 2017, Schedule – I (Import Policy).

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade vide Notification No. 20/2015-2020 dated August 24, 2021 has relaxed the application of provision as in Condition 6(b) of General Notes Regarding Import Policy Schedule – I (Imports) of the ITC (HS) to allow imports of 12 Lakh Metric ton of crushed and de-oiled GM soya cake (only Non-living organism) under ITC HS codes 23040020 and 23040030 from Nhava Sheva (INNSA1) port and LCS Petrapole (INPTPB), till October 31, 2021 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Notification is available at:

<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/729c1c8b-3ecc-4bc4-ab06-8a0927376deb/Notification%2020%20dt%2024-08-21%20Eng.pdf>

E. The Drone Rules, 2021

The Central Government vide Notification by Ministry of Civil Aviation dated August 25, 2021, has in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5, sub-section (2) of section 10 and sections 10A, 10B and 12A of the Aircraft Act, 1934, notified, The Drone Rules, 2021. The Rules shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

Rules are available at:

<https://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2021/229221.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.

- **August 19, 2021**-Final findings issued in anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Aceto Acetyl Derivatives of aromatic or hetrocyclic compounds also known as Arylides” from China PR.

Notification link:

https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/NCV_FF%20%20Arylides%20from%20China%20PR_19.08.2021%20English.pdf

- **August 19, 2021**-Final findings issued in anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Polyester Yarn (Polyester Spun Yarn)" originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam.

Notification link:

<https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/FF%20PSY%20NCV%20English.pdf>

- **August 23, 2021**-Final findings issued in sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duty investigation concerning imports of “Melamine” from China PR.

Notification link:

<https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Melamine%20English%20NCV.pdf>

- **August 23, 2021**-Final findings issued in 4th sunset review investigation concerning imports of “Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)” originating in or exported from Russia.

Notification link:

<https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/PTFE%20English%20NCV.pdf>

- **August 24, 2021**-Final findings issued in sunset review investigation on imports of "Glass Fibre and Article thereof" originating in or exported from China PR.

Notification link:

<https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/NCV%20signed%20Eng%20Glass%20Fibre.pdf>

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

- **August 24, 2021**- Rescinding of Notification No. 14/2016-Customs (ADD), vide Notification No 45/2021-Customs (ADD to remove levy of anti-dumping duty on “Barium Carbonate” originating in or imported from China PR.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd45-2021.pdf>

- **August 26, 2021**- Extending of Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) vide Notification No. 46/2021-Customs (ADD) on imports of "Axle for Trailers" originating in or exported from People's Republic of China, imposed vide Notification No. 54/2016- Customs (ADD), dated November 29, 2016, till January 28, 2022.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd46-2021.pdf>

- **August 26, 2021**-Levying anti-dumping duty vide Notification No. 47/2021-Customs (ADD) on imports of “Natural Mica based Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding cosmetic grade” originating in or exported from China PR for a period of five years.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd47-2021.pdf>

- **August 27, 2021**-Rescinding of Notification No. 56/2018-Customs (ADD) dated December 04, 2016, vide Notification No 48/2021-Customs (ADD) so as to extend the levy on "uncoated copier paper" from Indonesia & Singapore up to February 28, 2022.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd48-2021.pdf>

Tariff

- **August 19,2021**- The Central Government vide Notification No.40/2021-Customs has decided to amend Notification number 34/2021-Customs dated 29.06.2021, for reduction in the BCD on Crude Soya Oil [1507 10 00] from 15% to 7.5%; Crude Sunflower Oil [1512 11 10] from 15% to 7.5%; Refined Soya Oil [1507 90 10] from 45% to 37.5%; Refined Sunflower Oil [1512 19 10] from 45% to 37.5%, from 20th August 2021 till 30th September 2021.

Notification Link: -

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-tarr2021/cs40-2021-new.pdf>

- **August 30, 2021**- The Central government vide Notification No.41/2021-Customs has decided to amend notification No.28/2021-Customs to extend the exemptions under the said notification up to September 30,2021. The Central Government in notification No. 28/2021-Customs dated April 24,2021 had issued an exemption on customs duty for oxygen concentrators, oxygen filing systems, COVID vaccine etc.

Notification Link: -

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-tarr2021/cs41-2021.pdf>

Notification Link (**Notification No.28/2021-Customs**): -

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-tarr2021/cs28-2021.pdf>

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