

ELCINA POLICY CAPSULE

Part 2

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1. Government of Gujarat, Department of Science and Technology, Gr No.: DST/SEP/e-file/24/2025/0534/Electronics dated 22nd June 2025: Gujarat Launches Electronics Component Manufacturing Policy – 2025

The Government of Gujarat has announced the **Gujarat Electronics Component Manufacturing Policy-2025 (GECMS-2025)** in June 2025 to position the state as a **global hub for electronics production**. The policy aims to attract **₹35,000 crore in investments**, reduce import dependency, and strengthen domestic value addition.

❖ Eligible Sectors

The policy supports manufacturing of:

- Multi-layer & HDI PCBs
- Lithium-ion battery cells
- SMDs and passive components
- Display & camera modules
- Specialized electronics machinery

❖ Incentives at a Glance

- **Dual Incentives:** 100% Central + 100% matching State support for MeitY-approved projects
- **Turnover-linked benefits** for 6 years
- **Fast-track disbursement:** State incentives released within 30 days of Central disbursement
- **R&D Grants:** Up to ₹12.5 crore for Centres of Excellence and Labs in Gujarat
- **Cluster Infrastructure:** Need-based support for electronics parks

❖ Deadline & Eligibility

- **Apply by:** July 31, 2025
- **Eligible Projects:**
 - Not covered under Gujarat Electronics Policy 2022–28
 - Already approved or under implementation in Gujarat

Implemented by: Gujarat State Electronics Mission (GSEM)

Aligned with: Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) of MeitY

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official Government of Gujarat Department of Science and Technology website Gr No.: DST/SEP/e-file/24/2025/0534/Electronics dated 22nd June 2025.

2. Government of Tamil Nadu, G.O (Ms) No.: 69 dated 18th June 2025 : Press Release No 909 dated 30th April 2025: Tamil Nadu Electronics Component Manufacturing Policy – 2025

The **Government of Tamil Nadu** has notified dated 18th June 2025 (**Announce through: Press Release No 909 dated 30th April 2025**) , **Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (2025)** to strengthen local production and supply chains in the electronics sector. The scheme aims to position Tamil Nadu as a national leader in electronics manufacturing.

◆ Key Highlights:

- **Investment Target:** ₹30,000 crore
- **Employment Creation:** 60,000+ jobs
- **Incentives:** Matching state grants alongside MeitY's Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme

🔧 Focus Areas:

- HDI & MSAP PCBs
- Display and camera modules
- Lithium-ion cells and SMD/passive components
- Capital equipment for electronics manufacturing

📈 Strategic Alignment:

- Supports the **Tamil Nadu Semiconductor & Advanced Electronics Policy (2024)**
- Aims for **\$100 billion in electronics exports by 2030**
- Develop a skilled workforce of **2 lakh professionals**

🧠 Enabling Ecosystem:

- Strong R&D linkages (e.g., IIT Madras)
- Focus on Industry 4.0
- Reliable infrastructure: Power, water, logistics

This initiative complements Tamil Nadu's **Semiconductor & Advanced Electronics Policy (2024)** targeting **\$100 billion exports by 2030** and a skilled workforce of 2 lakh people.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official Government of Tamil Nadu website Government of Tamil Nadu, G.O (Ms) No.: 69 dated 18th June 2025 : Press Release No 909 dated 30th April 2025.

3. CBIC Instruction No. 16/2025-Customs dated 18th June 2025: Mandatory Adherence to Indian Standards for Imported Steel & Steel Products

CBIC has issued **Instruction No. 16/2025-Customs** directing Customs officers to strictly enforce compliance with the **Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order 2024** for all relevant imports.

◆ Key Highlights:

- As per the Ministry of Steel's Order dated 13.06.2025, **151 Indian Standards** have been notified under the QCO for items under **Chapters 72 and 73** of ITC(HS) codes.
- Imports of such steel and steel products must conform to the **Indian Standards applicable to both the final product and input materials**, as mapped by the Ministry of Steel.
- **Effective Date:** This compliance is mandatory for imports with **Bill of Lading dated on or after 16th June 2025**.
- **Registration on the Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS)** portal is also required, wherever applicable.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official CBIC website *CBIC Instruction No. 16/2025-Customs dated 18th June 2025* <https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1000549/ENG/Instructions>.

Action Points for Members:

- Review your import portfolio to identify steel and steel products covered under Chapters 72 and 73.*
- Check if your suppliers/exporters are certified for the **relevant Indian Standards**.*
- Ensure SIMS registration is completed for applicable imports well in advance.*
- Engage with your logistics and customs clearance teams to sensitize them about these requirements.*

We urge all members to take immediate steps to comply with these norms to prevent supply chain disruptions. For any challenges or assistance, please contact **ELCINA**.

4. CBIC Instruction No. 17/2025-Customs dated 19th June 2025: Amendment in Import Policy for Precious Metal Alloys under Chapter 71

CBIC has issued Instruction No. 17/2025-Customs in reference to **DGFT Notification No. 18/2025-26 dated 18.06.2025**, which introduces an amendment to the import policy for specific items under **Chapter 71** of the ITC (HS) 2022 Schedule-I.

◆ Key Changes:

The import policy for the following HS Codes remains **"Free"**, **except** in cases where the **alloy contains more than 1% gold by weight**, in which case the import becomes **"Restricted"**:

| ITC(HS) Code | Description |
|--------------|---|
| 71102100 | Palladium - Unwrought or in powder form |
| 71102900 | Palladium - Other |
| 71103100 | Rhodium - Unwrought or in powder form |
| 71103900 | Rhodium - Other |
| 71104100 | Iridium, Osmium & Ruthenium - Unwrought or in powder form |
| 71104900 | Iridium, Osmium & Ruthenium - Other |

- Importers using these precious metals in electronics, plating, or semiconductor manufacturing must ensure that the **gold content in alloys does not exceed 1% by weight**, or else they will require a **restricted import license**.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official CBIC website *CBIC Instruction No. 17/2025-Customs dated 19th June 2025* <https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1000550/ENG/Instructions>.

Action Points for Members:

- **Review your sourcing and product specifications.**
- **Confirm alloy compositions** with suppliers before import.
- **Ensure documentation clearly states gold content** to avoid classification under "Restricted" category.

5. CBIC Instruction No. 18/2025-Customs dated 20th June 2025 – Import of Colloidal Precious Metals and Compounds Now Restricted

CBIC has issued **Instruction No. 18/2025-Customs** following **DGFT Notification No. 19/2025-26 dated 17.06.2025**, revising the import policy for several items under **CTH 2843** (Chapter 28 of ITC HS 2022).

◆ Key Change:

The import policy for the following items has been **revised from “Free” to “Restricted”**, requiring prior authorization for import:

| ITC(HS) Code | Description |
|--------------|--|
| 28431010 | Colloidal precious metals – Of gold |
| 28431020 | Colloidal precious metals – Of silver |
| 28431090 | Colloidal precious metals – Other |
| 28432100 | Silver compounds – Silver nitrate |
| 28432900 | Silver compounds – Other |
| 28433000 | Gold compounds |
| 28439011 | Other compounds – Sodium aurous thiosulphate |
| 28439012 | Noble metal solutions of platinum, rhodium & palladium |
| 28439019 | Other compounds – Other |
| 28439020 | Amalgams |

- Imports of **colloidal precious metals, gold/silver compounds, and amalgams** now fall under the “Restricted” category.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official CBIC website *CBIC Instruction No. 18/2025-Customs dated 20th June 2025* <https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1000551/ENG/Instructions>

Action Advised for Members:

- **Review sourcing contracts** for plating chemicals, colloidal gold, and silver solutions often used in electronics and PCB manufacturing.
- **Engage with suppliers** to ensure compliance with the revised import policy.
- Apply for DGFT licenses if required.

6. CBIC Circular No. 17/2025-Customs dated 19th June 2025: ICETABs Introduced for Export Examination & Clearance

CBIC has announced the rollout of **ICETABs (Inspection Custom Examination Tablets)** for **export examination and clearance**, building on their successful implementation for imports (Circular No. 10/2024-Customs). This initiative will be effective **from 19th June 2025** at all Customs formations across India.

◆ **Key Features of ICETAB Implementation:**

- **Paperless Export Examination** – Examining officers can access shipping bills, RMS instructions, and supporting documents directly on ICETABs. Physical submission of paper documents is no longer required.
- **Digital Examination Reports** – Officers will now enter examination reports directly on ICETABs and upload **four images of the cargo**, covering key aspects, for transparency and record-keeping.
- **Integrated with e-Sanchit** – Uploaded reports and images will be available in the **e-Sanchit repository** for stakeholders and Customs officials.

Faster export clearance and digital compliance will enable timely shipments of high-value electronics like PCBs and semiconductors. Enhanced traceability via e-Sanchit strengthens global supply chain integration for the industry.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official CBIC website *CBIC Circular No. 17/2025-Customs dated 19th June 2025* <https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1000551/ENG/Instructions>

7. DGFT Notification No. 19/2025-26 dated 17th June 2025 : Import Policy for Precious Metal Compounds Changed to “Restricted”

The DGFT has amended the import policy for **precious metal compounds and colloidal forms** under **CTH 2843** of Chapter 28 in the ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy).

◆ **Key Changes:**

The import policy for the following items has been revised **from “Free” to “Restricted”**, effective immediately:

| ITC(HS) Code | Description |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 28431010 | Colloidal Gold |
| 28431020 | Colloidal Silver |
| 28431090 | Other Colloidal Precious Metals |
| 28432100 | Silver Nitrate |

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| 28432900 | Other Silver Compounds |
| 28433000 | Gold Compounds |
| 28439011 | Sodium Aurous Thiosulphate |
| 28439012 | Noble Metal Solutions of Platinum, Rhodium, Palladium |
| 28439019 | Other Compounds |
| 28439020 | Amalgams |

These materials are widely used in **PCB manufacturing, semiconductor processes, electroplating, and hybrid circuits**. Going forward, imports of these items will require a **DGFT import license** under the "Restricted" category.

Action Points for Members:

- Identify impacted materials in your supply chain.
- Apply for **Restricted Import Licenses** through DGFT where required.
- Engage with vendors and CHAs to update documentation and ensure compliance.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official DGFT website DGFT Notification No. 19/2025-26 dated 17th June 2025.

8. DGFT Notification No. 18/2025-26 dated 17th June 2025 – Import Restrictions on Precious Metal Alloys Containing Gold

DGFT has notified amendments to the **import policy under Chapter 71 of ITC (HS) 2022**, revising the conditions for certain **precious metals and their alloys** with immediate effect.

◆ Key Changes:

While the import policy for the base metals **remains "Free"**, the **import of their alloys containing more than 1% gold by weight** is now **"Restricted"**.

| ITC(HS) Code | Description | Revised Import Policy Condition |
|---------------------|---|--|
| 71102100 | Palladium – Unwrought or in powder form | Restricted if alloy contains > 1% gold by weight |
| 71102900 | Palladium – Other | Restricted if alloy contains > 1% gold by weight |
| 71103100 | Rhodium – Unwrought or in powder form | Restricted if alloy contains > 1% gold by weight |

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| 71103900 | Rhodium – Other | Restricted if alloy contains >1% gold by weight |
| 71104100 | Iridium, Osmium & Ruthenium – Unwrought or in powder form | Restricted if alloy contains >1% gold by weight |
| 71104900 | Iridium, Osmium & Ruthenium – Other | Restricted if alloy contains >1% gold by weight |

This move applies tighter **import controls on gold-containing alloys**, which are used in **advanced electronics, sensors, aerospace, and catalytic applications**. The import of such alloys **now requires a Restricted Import License** if the **gold content exceeds 1% by weight**.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official DGFT website DGFT Notification No. 18/2025-26 dated 17th June 2025.

9. DGFT Corrigendum Notification No. 18/2025-26 dated 25th June 2025: Amendment to Import Policy for Precious Metal Alloys (Chapter 71)

The DGFT has issued a **Corrigendum** to its earlier **Notification No. 18/2025-26 dated 17th June 2025**, to **clarify and expand the scope** of the import restrictions on certain precious metal alloys under **Chapter 71** of ITC (HS) 2022.

◆ Key Update:

The import policy for **Iridium, Osmium, and Ruthenium alloys containing gold** has been revised as follows:

| ITC(HS) Code | Description | Revised Import Policy Condition |
|---------------------|---|---|
| 71104100 | Iridium, Osmium & Ruthenium – Unwrought or in powder form | Import of Iridium alloy, Osmium alloy, and Ruthenium alloy containing more than 1% gold by weight is Restricted. |
| 71104900 | Iridium, Osmium & Ruthenium – Other | Import of Iridium alloy, Osmium alloy, and Ruthenium alloy containing more than 1% gold by weight is Restricted. |

This **expands the restriction** from only *Iridium alloys* (in the earlier notification) to now include **Osmium and Ruthenium alloys** with gold content exceeding **1% by weight**.

These alloys are critical in **catalysts, high-precision electronics, and certain semiconductor applications**. Imports now require a **DGFT Restricted Import License** if the gold content exceeds the specified threshold.

Action Points for Members:

- Verify alloy composition with your suppliers to determine gold content.
- Plan for DGFT license applications for affected imports.
- Update compliance and logistics teams to avoid clearance delays.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official DGFT website DGFT Notification No. 18/2025-26 dated 25th June 2025 (Corrigendum to Notification No. 18/2025-26 dated 17.06.2025).

10. Ministry of Mines F. No. 28/15/2024-CMM-Part (1) dated 24 June 2025 National Critical Mineral Mission to Boost Electronics Manufacturing

The Government of India has launched the **National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM)** to ensure a secure and resilient supply chain for 24 critical minerals essential to sectors such as **electronics, semiconductors, renewable energy, and defence.**

Relevance to the Electronics Industry

✔ **Ensuring Raw Material Security:** Focus on lithium, cobalt, graphite, REEs, gallium, indium, silicon, and tin—vital for PCBs, semiconductors, batteries, and displays.

✔ **Promoting Recycling:** INR 1,500 Cr incentive scheme for recycling clusters to recover critical materials from e-waste and black mass.

✔ **Duty Reforms:** Import duties eliminated on critical minerals and recyclable inputs like e-waste to reduce costs for electronics manufacturers.

✔ **Global Collaboration:** India to partner with mineral-rich countries to secure upstream access for electronics raw materials.

✔ **Domestic Processing Push:** Mineral Processing Parks (INR 500 Cr) to support local value addition and backward integration.

The Mission is a game-changer for the electronics and semiconductor ecosystem, helping reduce import dependence and enabling India’s goal of becoming a global electronics manufacturing hub.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official Ministry of Mines website Ministry of Mines F. No. 28/15/2024-CMM-Part (1) dated 24 June 2025.

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