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ELCINA POLICY CAPSULE

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1. DGFT Notification No. 60/2024-25-DGFT dated 5th March 2025: DGFT Amends Import Policy for Platinum under ITC (HS) 7110

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has issued **Notification No. 60/2024-25-DGFT** on **5th March 2025**, amending the **import policy for platinum** under **HS Code 7110** in **Chapter 71** of ITC (HS) 2022.

Key Changes:

- **Platinum in unwrought form (HS 71101110), powder form (HS 71101120), and other forms (HS 71101900)** has been reclassified from “Free” to “Restricted” for import.
- **Exception:** Platinum alloy with **99% or more purity by weight of Platinum** remains **freely importable**.

These changes tighten import regulations on platinum while allowing high-purity platinum alloys to be imported without restrictions. The amendment is in line with the government’s efforts to regulate the precious metals trade.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official DGFT website regarding DGFT Notification No. 60/2024-25-DGFT dated 5th March 2025.

2. DGFT Public Notice No. 50/2024-25 – DGFT, dated 10th March 2025: DGFT Amends Handbook of Procedures to Streamline Export of Repaired SCOMET Items

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has amended **Paragraph 10.12(D) of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP) 2023** to introduce a **General Authorization for Export after Repair (GAER)** for SCOMET items. This amendment simplifies the process of exporting imported SCOMET items after repair in India by allowing multiple re-exports under a **one-time authorization**, subject to **quarterly post-reporting** instead of seeking fresh approvals for each shipment.

Key Highlights of GAER

- ✓ **Applicable Entities:** Exports allowed to **related entities** (foreign parent, subsidiary) or **authorized repair supply chain vendors/OEMs**.
- ✓ **Authorization Validity:** One-time approval valid for **one year**, subject to quarterly reporting.

- ✓ **No Value Addition:** Items must retain their **original characteristics and specifications** post-repair.
- ✓ **Simplified Documentation:** Requires a one-time **Bill of Entry** submission and contractual proof of repair obligations.
- ✓ **Compliance Requirements:** Mandatory **Internal Compliance Programme (ICP) certification** for intra-company transfers and **Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) certification** for vendor/OEM re-exports.
- ✓ **Restrictions:** No authorization for exports to **sanctioned destinations, military applications, or proliferation-sensitive uses.**

This revision aims to **enhance ease of doing business** and facilitate India's role as a **global repair hub** for high-tech and strategic goods.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official DGFT website DGFT Public Notice No. 50/2024-25 – DGFT, dated 10th March 2025.

3. DGFT Trade Notice No. 33/2024-25 Dated 12th March 2025: DGFT Seeks Stakeholder Feedback on Proposed Amendments to SCOMET Stock and Sale Policy

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has issued Trade Notice No. 33/2024-25, inviting industry feedback on proposed amendments to Paragraph 10.10 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP) 2023. These amendments aim to refine the authorization process for bulk export of SCOMET (Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment, and Technologies) items under the Stock and Sale policy.

Key proposed changes include:

- **Clarification of Eligibility:** Defining a stockist entity as a subsidiary, principal (parent) company, affiliate, or an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).
- **Enhanced Documentation Requirements:** Mandatory submission of corporate documents, end-use certificates, and compliance statements.
- **Regulatory Oversight:** Introduction of in-principle approvals for re-exports, along with post-transfer reporting obligations and annual inventory disclosures by stockist entities.
- **Compliance Measures:** Exporters must ensure adherence to end-use restrictions and report all transfers to DGFT.

Industry stakeholders, including exporters and trade associations, are encouraged to submit feedback within 10 days of the notice issuance to help shape the final policy framework.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official DGFT website DGFT Trade Notice No. 33/2024-25 Dated 12th March 2025.

4. CBIC Circular No. 06/2025-Customs dated 4th March 2025: CBIC Issues New Guidelines for Disposal of Confiscated Drones

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has issued **Circular No. 06/2025-Customs** on March 4, 2025, revising guidelines for the disposal of **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)/Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)/Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)/Drones**. This circular modifies **Circular No. 32/2019** and its subsequent amendment **Circular No. 05/2024**, streamlining the process for handling confiscated drones.

Key Amendments:

- **Centralized Storage & Processing:** Confiscated drones will now be transferred to designated **local Commissionerate** at major airports: **Chennai, Delhi (IGIA), Kolkata, Mumbai, and Bengaluru (Airport & Air Cargo)**. All Customs Zones have been mapped to these locations for stocking, segregation, joint inspection, and distribution.
- **Updated Mapping of Customs Zones:** Annexure-A has been replaced with a new **Appendix-I**, outlining the revised allocation of Customs Zones to the focal Commissionerate.
- **Revised Nodal Officer List: Annexure-C** has been replaced with **Appendix-II**, updating the list of designated officers from various security agencies, including SPG, CRPF, CISF, BSF, ITBP, Army, Navy, Air Force, Intelligence Bureau, and Delhi Police, who will oversee drone disposal and security protocols.

This move aims to enhance regulatory oversight, improve coordination among agencies, and ensure the efficient disposal of seized drones.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official CBIC website CBIC Circular No. 06/2025-Customs dated March 4, 2025, and the Annexures details.

5. CBIC Notification No. 10/2025 – Central Tax dated 13th March 2025: CBIC Issues Notification on GST Jurisdiction Amendments

The **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** has issued **Notification No. 10/2025 – Central Tax** on **March 13, 2025**, revising the territorial jurisdiction of GST authorities in several districts across **Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu**. This notification

amends the 2017 jurisdiction framework under Notification No. 02/2017-Central Tax, incorporating the latest administrative restructuring.

Key Changes in Jurisdictional Boundaries:

- *Alwar Zone (S. No. 7): Now includes Alwar, Khairthal-Tijara, Kotputli-Behror, Bharatpur, Deeg, Dholpur, Dausa, Karauli, Sawaimadhapur, Sikar, and Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan.*
- *Chennai Outer Zone (S. No. 23): Covers districts of Viluppuram, Kallakurichi, Thiruvannamalai, Vellore, Tirupathur, Ranipet, Tiruvallur, Kanchipuram, Chengalpattu, and parts under Pallavaram Cantonment Board, excluding Chennai Corporation Zones I to XV and St. Thomas Mount Cantonment Board in Tamil Nadu.*
- *Jaipur Zone (S. No. 49): Now includes Jaipur, Ajmer, Beawer, and Tonk districts.*
- *Jodhpur Zone (S. No. 53): Expanded to include Jodhpur, Phalodi, Nagaur, Didwana-Kuchaman, Pali, Sirohi, Jalore, Barmer, Balotra, Jaisalmer, Bikaner, Churu, Ganganagar, and Hanumangarh in Rajasthan.*
- *Madurai Zone (S. No. 63): Covers Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Virudhunagar, Tuticorin, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Kanyakumari, Theni, and Dindigul (except D. Gudalur Village) along with territorial waters and seabed jurisdiction of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.*
- *Tiruchirappalli Zone (S. No. 100): Now includes Tiruchirappalli, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Karur, Pudukottai, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Cuddalore, and D. Gudalur village of Dindigul District.*
- *Udaipur Zone (S. No. 102): Expanded to Udaipur, Salumbar, Rajsamand, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh, Dungarpur, Banswara, Bundi, Baran, Kota, and Jhalawar in Rajasthan.*

These updates aim to streamline tax administration, improve jurisdiction clarity, and align GST enforcement with recent administrative changes.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official CBIC website CBIC Notification No. 10/2025 – Central Tax dated 13th March 2025.

6. DPIIT F. No. P-29026/8/2023-LEI dated 17th March 2025 : Clarification on Copper Products QCO for Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Sector

The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** has issued a clarification regarding the applicability of the **Copper Product (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2025**, notified via **Gazette Notification No. S.O. 884(E) dated February 19, 2025**.

Key Highlights:

- **Import Limit for Non-BIS Marked Copper Tubes:** Manufacturers of **Air Conditioning and Refrigeration equipment** in India are permitted to import **non-BIS marked Copper Tubes** up to **25% of the total volume imported in FY 2023-24** during the period **January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025**.
- This limit applies **irrespective of prior imports undertaken in FY 2024-25**.

This measure aims to support domestic manufacturers while ensuring compliance with quality control regulations.

For more details, members are advised to refer to the official DPIIT website DPIIT F. No. P-29026/8/2023-LEI dated 17th March 2025.

7. MOF No. 04/2025-Customs (ADD) dated 18th March 2025: Anti-Dumping Duty Imposed on Soft Ferrite Cores from China

The **Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue**, has imposed an **anti-dumping duty** on imports of **Soft Ferrite Cores** from **China PR**, following the final findings of the **Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)**.

Key Findings:

- Soft Ferrite Cores from China have been exported to India at **dumped prices**.
- These imports have caused **material injury** to India's domestic industry.
- The injury is directly linked to **dumped imports**, warranting corrective action.

Anti-Dumping Duty Structure:

S. No.	Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Country of Origin	Country of Export	Producer	Duty (% of CIF Value)
1	8505 11 10	Soft Ferrite Cores	China PR	Any country (including China PR)	Huzhou Haotong Electronic Technology Co., Ltd.	31%

2	8505 11 10	Soft Ferrite Cores	China PR	Any country (including China PR)	Yibin Jinchuan Electronics Co., Ltd. & Hengdian Group DMEGC Magnetics Co., Ltd.	Nil
3	8505 11 10	Soft Ferrite Cores	China PR	Any country (including China PR)	Any other producer (not listed in S. No. 1 & 2)	35%
4	8505 11 10	Soft Ferrite Cores	Any country (including China PR)	China PR	Any producer	35%

Scope of Products Covered: The duty applies to **Manganese-Zinc-based Soft Ferrite Cores** of various geometries and sizes, including:

- **EE/E/EF (10 mm - 128 mm)**
- **PQ/EQ (20 mm - 71 mm)**
- **ET (24 mm - 35 mm)**
- **Toroid (3 mm - 202 mm, with/without coating)**
- **UU/UI (10 mm - 141 mm)**
- **I Bars (20 mm - 245 mm)**
- **ER (11 mm - 67 mm)**

The **anti-dumping duty** will be in effect for **five years** unless revoked earlier and will be **payable in Indian currency**. The exchange rate will be determined as per the prevailing **Government of India notifications** under the **Customs Act, 1962**.

This move aims to **protect Indian Soft Ferrite Cores manufacturers** from unfair trade practices and ensure a level playing field in the electronics components sector. However, the **transformer industry** could face challenges due to the **high anti-dumping duties** on **Soft Ferrite Cores**, as these are **critical components** used in transformers, power supplies, and inductors which is an important MSME based industry in India and a key input for electronic equipment.

*For more details, members are advised to refer to the official **Ministry of Finance** website MOF No. 04/2025-Customs (ADD) dated 18th March 2025.*

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