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Sub : Amendments under Para 2.107 and Appendix-2A of HBP 2015-20 for inclusion of Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQs) under India-Australia ECTA

Dear Member,

DGFT has issued Public Notice No. 46/2015-20 dated 28th December, 2022 ([copy enclosed](#)) amending Para 2.107 (related to TRQ under FTA/CECA) and also Appendix-2A (related to List of Free Trade Agreements / Preferential Trade Agreements signed by India) of HBP 2015-20 to incorporate the items mentioned in the Public Notice related to provision for Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) under the India-Australia ECTA.

Relevant Extract of the Public Notice is as follows:

1) Para 2.107 of the HBP is amended to include the following annual Import TRQs under Ind-Aus ECTA:

HS Code: 52010020

Item Description: Extra Long Staple Cotton of minimum 28 mm staple length

In Quota Rate (%): 0% Duty

TRQ Quantity for Calendar Year 2022: 419 MTs

TRQ Quantity for Calendar Year 2023 onwards: 51,000 MTs

Important points to be noted:

2) Australia shall allocate TRQs to exporters or producers by issuing TRQ certificates up to relevant quantities for each TRQ.

3) The competent authority for TRQ certificates in Australia shall share each TRQ certificate over email with DGFT at [ddg1import-dgft@gov.in](mailto:ddg1import-dgft@gov.in) and [policy2-dgft@gov.in](mailto:policy2-dgft@gov.in).

4) The Indian Importer shall file an application for TRQ Certificate to DGFT on the DGFT Website (<https://dgft.gov.in>) >>> Services >>> Import Management System >>> Tariff Rate Quota (TRO) >>> 'Apply for TRQ'. The given applicant shall mandatorily upload or provide a reference to the Export TRQ issued to the Australian Exporter by the competent authority in Australia.

5) The TRQ issued by DGFT shall contain the name and address of the importer, IEC Code, Customs notification number, Tariff item as applicable, quantity, and validity period of the TRQ.

6) The TRQ authorization shall be issued electronically by the DGFT and transmitted to Indian Customs EDI System (ICES).

7) Imports against the TRQ shall be allowed only upon debiting electronically in the ICES system.

8) The year in respect of these TRQ imports will be from 1st January to 31st December, i.e., the Indian calendar year.

9) There shall be no end date for applying for the TRQ Certificate in the given year. DGFT shall monitor the cumulative quantities for TRQ Certificates issued. No TRQ Certificates shall be issued once the stated TRQ quantity limit is reached.

10) TRQ Certificate shall be valid for a maximum period of 12 months or the end of the year, whichever is earlier. The imports against a TRQ authorization may be cleared from Indian Customs only within the stated validity of the TRQ authorization.

11) Import would be subject to CBIC's Notifications issued in December 2022 relating to Ind-Aus ECTA (as amended from time to time). Also, DGFT reserves the right to make any changes in the modalities/ allocation process at any point of time, as deemed fit.

12) Procedure for application for imports under TRQ under Ind-Aus ECTA as enumerated above, shall be inserted under Annexure V of Appendix 2A of HBP 2015-20.

Members may kindly take a note of the above procedures notified by the DGFT.

Regards,

**Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal**  
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