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Sub: CBIC exempts BCD and AIDC on Raw Cotton (HS 5201) for a specified period

Dear Member,

We are glad to inform that the Government has removed Customs Duty and Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) on imports of Cotton (HSN 5201) for the period 19.08.2025 to 30.09.2025.

CBIC has issued Notification No.35/2025-Customs dated 18.08.2025 ([enclosed](#)) and the Ministry of Textiles has released a Press Note dated 19.08.2025 ([enclosed](#)) in this regard.

The Council has been persistently urging the Government to eliminate import duties on cotton due to rising domestic prices and supply constraints. The decision to exempt Customs Duty on cotton imports will reduce input costs for yarn, fabric, garments and made-ups, giving much-needed relief to manufacturers and consumers. Moreover, this measure is also expected to stabilise domestic cotton prices and support the textile and apparel sector, a major source of employment and exports in India.

The Council thanks the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles for considering the long pending demand of the industry.

Regards,

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