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TRADE AGREEMENT

DGFT adds India-New Zealand FTA import TRQs for apples, kiwifruit, albumins and Mānuka honey

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BY PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 33/2026-27 dated October 17, 2026, issued under Paragraphs 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade amends Para 2.92 and Appendix 2A of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023 to include Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQs) under the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (Ind-NZ FTA). Para 2.92 includes them with effect from October 20, 2026, and the application procedure is inserted under the Annexure of Appendix 2A.

THE CHANGE

Para 2.92 of the HBP, 2023 includes import TRQs under the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement for apples, kiwifruit, albumins and NZ MPI-certified Mānuka honey, with effect from October 20, 2026, and the procedure for applying for imports under these TRQs is inserted under the Annexure of Appendix 2A of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023.

KEY FACTS

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0808.10.00	0810.50.00
3502.11.00	3502.19.00
3502.20.00	3502.90.00
ex 0409.00.00	

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Apples (0808.10.00) have the in-quota condition CIF ≥ US$1.25/kg with 25% duty, an annual quantity of NIL in Year 1, 35,000 MT in Year 2 rising to 45,000 MT from Year 6, and a quota window of April 1 to August 31 each year. Kiwifruit (0810.50.00) has CIF ≥ US$1.80/kg with 0% duty, NIL in Year 1, 8,000 MT in Year 2 rising to 15,000 MT from Year 6, and a window of April 1 to October 15 each year. Albumins (3502.11.00, 3502.19.00, 3502.20.00 and 3502.90.00) carry an applicable duty of 11%, with 200 MT in Year 1 rising to 3,000 MT from Year 5, year-round. NZ MPI-certified Mānuka honey (ex 0409.00.00) has the condition CIF ≥ US$20 < US$30/kg and 40 MT in Year 1, then 200 MT from Year 2, year-round; the notice gives no duty rate for it.

New Zealand allocates the TRQs to exporters or producers through export certificates that state the item, the permitted quantity and the designated Indian importer, and its competent authority sends the details to DGFT quarterly, or as otherwise mutually agreed. The Indian importer may then apply on the DGFT website under Import Management System, Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ), referencing the export certificate or allocation; the application records whether the importer is registered as an MSME.

Year 1 runs from the date of Entry into Force to December 31, 2026, and each later year from January 1. There is no end date for applying within a year, and no further TRQ Authorisation is issued once the quantity limit is reached. A TRQ Authorisation is issued electronically and transmitted to ICES, and imports against it are allowed only on electronic debit there. It is valid only for the quota year in which it is issued, imports are permitted only within the quota window where one applies, and any unused quantity lapses on its expiry. Imports are subject to Customs Notification No. 32/2026-Customs dated October 16, 2026.

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Products	Apples, Kiwifruit, Albumins, Mānuka Honey
ITC (HS) codes	0808.10.00, 0810.50.00, 3502.11.00, 3502.19.00, 3502.20.00, 3502.90.00, ex 0409.00.00
After	Para 2.92 of the HBP, 2023 includes import TRQs under the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement for apples, kiwifruit, albumins and NZ MPI-certified Mānuka honey, with effect from October 20, 2026, and the procedure for applying for imports under these TRQs is inserted under the Annexure of Appendix 2A of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023.
Applies from	October 20, 2026
Conditions	• New Zealand allocates the TRQs to exporters or producers by issuing export certificates containing clear details of the item, the permitted quantity and the designated Indian importer, within the overall quota agreed under the respective TRQ. • The competent authority for export certificates in New Zealand communicates the details to DGFT on a quarterly basis (or as otherwise mutually agreed). • On receipt of these details from the New Zealand side, the TRQ Authorisation is issued without delay, as soon as possible. • The Indian importer may apply for a TRQ Authorisation on the DGFT website (https://dgft.gov.in) under Services → Import Management System → Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) → 'Apply for TRQ', and must reference the export certificate/allocation uploaded by the New Zealand competent authority. • The TRQ Authorisation contains the name and address of the importer, Importer-Exporter Code (IEC), Customs Notification number, tariff item, applicable CIF/MIP slab (where applicable), quantity and validity period of the TRQ. • The TRQ application captures whether the importer is registered as a Micro, Small or Medium Enterprise (MSME), for monitoring under Annex 2A, Section C, Paragraph 7 of the Agreement. • The TRQ Authorisation is issued electronically by DGFT and transmitted to the Indian Customs EDI System (ICES); imports against the TRQ are allowed only upon electronic debit in the ICES system. • The year for these TRQ imports is as defined under Annex 2A of the Ind-NZ FTA: Year 1 is the period from the date of Entry into

Force to December 31, 2026, and each later year is the twelve-month period commencing January 1.

- There is no end date for applying for a TRQ Authorisation within a given year. DGFT monitors the cumulative quantities of TRQ Authorisations issued, and no further TRQ Authorisation is issued once the applicable TRQ quantity limit is reached.
- A TRQ Authorisation is valid only for the quota year in which it is issued, and imports against it are permitted only within the quota window specified in Para 1 (where applicable). Any unused quantity lapses on expiry of the TRQ Authorisation.
- Imports are subject to the relevant Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. 32/2026-Customs dated October 16, 2026, relating to the Ind-NZ FTA (as amended from time to time).

Applies to	Indian importers of apples, kiwifruit, albumins and NZ MPI-certified Mānuka honey seeking the TRQs under the India-New Zealand FTA, and New Zealand exporters or producers allocated TRQs through export certificates.
Issued under	Paragraphs 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023
Signed by	LAV AGARWAL, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-officio Addl. Secy.

The table in the notification

ITC (HS)	Description	After
0808.10.00	Apples	Included in import TRQ under the India-New Zealand FTA, Para 2.92 of HBP 2023. In-Quota Conditions - Applicable duty: CIF ≥ US$1.25/kg - 25%. Annual TRQ Qty (MT): Year 1 - NIL; Year 2 - 35,000; Year 3 - 37,500; Year 4 - 40,000; Year 5 - 42,500; Year 6 (Onwards) - 45,000. Quota Window: 1 April – 31 August, annually
0810.50.00	Kiwifruit	Included in import TRQ under the India-New Zealand FTA, Para 2.92 of HBP 2023. In-Quota Conditions - Applicable duty: CIF ≥ US$1.80/kg - 0%. Annual TRQ Qty (MT): Year 1 - NIL; Year 2 - 8,000; Year 3 - 9,750; Year 4 - 11,500; Year 5 - 13,250; Year 6 (Onwards) - 15,000. Quota Window: 1 April – 15 October, annually
3502.11.00, 3502.19.00, 3502.20.00, 3502.90.00	Albumins	Included in import TRQ under the India-New Zealand FTA, Para 2.92 of HBP 2023. In-Quota Conditions - Applicable duty: 11%. Annual TRQ Qty (MT): Year 1 - 200; Year 2 - 1,500; Year 3 - 2,000; Year 4 - 2,500; Year 5 (onwards) - 3,000. Quota Window: Year-round

ex 0409.00.00 (NZ MPI-certified Mānuka Honey)	Mānuka Honey	Included in import TRQ under the India-New Zealand FTA, Para 2.92 of HBP 2023. In-Quota Conditions - Applicable duty: CIF ≥ US$20 < US$30/kg. Annual TRQ Qty (MT): Year 1 - 40; Year 2 (onwards) - 200. Quota Window: Year-round

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