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Notification No. 23/2026-27 inserts FTP Para 2.20B, prohibiting imports of goods produced wholly or in part using forced labor, and defines the term.

NOTIFICATION NO. 23/2026-27 (S.O. 3879(E)), dated July 13, 2026, inserts a new Para 2.20B, "Prohibition of import of goods produced using forced labour", and a new Para 11.64 in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023. It is issued with the approval of the Minister of Commerce & Industry.

THE CHANGE

New Para 2.20B of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, "Prohibition of import of goods produced using forced labour", prohibits the import of goods produced, wholly or in part, using forced labor. The Central Government may, from time to time, notify the goods whose import shall be prohibited under it. New Para 11.64, under Chapter 11 of the FTP, defines "Forced Labour" as in the ILO Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29).

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with immediate effect (the English text states it for Para 2.20B); the Hindi text says the provisions take effect after the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette

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Notification No. 23/2026-27 (S.O. 3879(E)), dated July 13, 2026, inserts a new Para 2.20B, "Prohibition of import of goods produced using forced labour", and a new Para 11.64 in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023. It is issued with the approval of the Minister of Commerce & Industry.

Under Para 2.20B, the import of goods produced, wholly or in part, using forced labor is prohibited. The Central Government may, from time to time, notify the goods whose import shall be prohibited under the paragraph, having regard to such inquiry or other material as it may consider appropriate. The procedure for inquiry by the Director General of Foreign Trade into the use of forced labor in producing such goods is prescribed in the Handbook of Procedures, 2023. The notification does not itself name any goods.

Para 11.64, added under Chapter 11 of the FTP, defines "Forced Labour" as all work or service exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the person has not offered himself voluntarily, as defined under the ILO Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29). The notification states that the amendment enables the Central Government to impose prohibitions, wherever considered necessary, on products relating to forced labor, in addition to products of prison labor.

The English text inserts Para 2.20B with immediate effect. The Hindi text of the same notification says its provisions take effect after the expiry of 30 days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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After	New Para 2.20B of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, "Prohibition of import of goods produced using forced labour", prohibits the import of goods produced, wholly or in part, using forced labor. The Central Government may, from time to time, notify the goods whose import

	shall be prohibited under it. New Para 11.64, under Chapter 11 of the FTP, defines "Forced Labour" as in the ILO Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29).
Applies from	with immediate effect (the English text states it for Para 2.20B); the Hindi text says the provisions take effect after the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette
Conditions	• The Central Government may, from time to time, notify the goods the import of which shall be prohibited under Para 2.20B, having regard to such inquiry or other material as it may consider appropriate. • The procedure for inquiry by the Director General of Foreign Trade into the use of forced labor in the production of such goods is prescribed in the Handbook of Procedures, 2023. • Under Para 11.64, "Forced Labour" means all work or service which is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the said person has not offered himself voluntarily, as defined under the ILO Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29).
Applies to	Importers of goods produced, wholly or in part, using forced labor.
Issued under	Section 3 read with Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, as amended from time to time
Signed by	LAV AGARWAL, Director General of Foreign Trade & Addl. Secy.

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