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IMPORT POLICY

DGFT lets copper and aluminum importers register on NFMIMS until Customs Out of Charge

Copper and aluminum importers under Annexures I and II may register on NFMIMS any time before the Customs Out of Charge order instead of before arrival.

THE CENTRAL Government amends Chapter 74 (Policy Condition 3, sub-para (c)) and Chapter 76 (Policy Condition 1, sub-para (c)) of the ITC (HS) 2022, with immediate effect.

Both conditions govern registration under the Non-ferrous Metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS) for import of items in Annexure-I (for copper) and Annexure-II (for aluminium).

THE CHANGE

Importers apply for NFMIMS registration before final clearance / 'Out of Charge', that is, at any time before the issuance of the Customs "Out of Charge" order.

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Previously, the importer had to apply for registration before the arrival of the import consignment. Under the revised conditions, the importer applies before final clearance / 'Out of Charge'. The notification states that importers may obtain registration at any time before the issuance of the Customs "Out of Charge" order, that is, the final Customs clearance permitting removal of goods from the Customs area.

The other terms are unchanged: importers submit advance information online and obtain an automatic Registration Number by paying a registration fee as per Appendix 2K; registration can be applied not earlier than the 60th day before the expected date of arrival; and the number remains valid for 75 days. Notification No. 22/2026-27 (S.O. 3517(E)) is dated June 30, 2026 and is issued with the approval of the Minister of Commerce and Industry.

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Products	• Items in Annexure-I (for copper) • Items in Annexure-II (for aluminium)
ITC (HS) codes	Chapter 74, Chapter 76
Before	Importers apply for NFMIMS registration before the arrival of the import consignment.
After	Importers apply for NFMIMS registration before final clearance / 'Out of Charge', that is, at any time before the issuance of the Customs "Out of Charge" order.

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Conditions	• Importers submit advance information in an online system for import of items in Annexure-I (for copper) and Annexure-II (for aluminium) and obtain an automatic Registration Number by paying a registration fee as per Appendix 2K. • Registration can be applied not earlier than the 60th day before the expected date of arrival. • The automatic Registration Number remains valid for a period of 75 days.
Applies to	Importers of the copper and aluminum items listed in Annexure-I and Annexure-II under the Non-ferrous Metal Import Monitoring System.
Issued under	Section 3 and Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01 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	Before	After
Chapter 74	Policy Condition Sl. No. 3, Sub Para (c): Non-ferrous metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS) registration	The importer shall apply for registration before the arrival of import consignment. Registration can be applied not earlier than 60th day before the expected date of arrival. The automatic number thus granted shall remain valid for a period of 75 days.	The importer shall apply for registration before final clearance / 'Out of Charge' consignment. Registration can be applied not earlier than 60th day before the expected date of arrival. The automatic number thus granted shall remain valid for a period of 75 days.
Chapter 76	Policy Condition Sl. No. 1, Sub Para (c): Non-ferrous Metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS) registration	The importer shall apply for registration before the arrival of import consignment. Registration can be applied not earlier than 60th day before the expected date of arrival. The automatic number thus granted shall remain valid for a period of 75 days.	The importer shall apply for registration before final clearance / 'Out of Charge'. Registration can be applied not earlier than 60th day before the expected date of arrival. The automatic number thus granted shall remain valid for a period of 75 days.

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