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EXPORT POLICY

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THE CHANGE

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KEY FACTS

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October 1, 2026 (till 01.10.2026), for the exemption for remaining European countries only

REFERENCES

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ITC (HS) CODES 8

1006 2000	1006 3011
1006 3019	1006 3091
1006 3099	1006 4000
1006 3012	1006 3092

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The amended export policy condition covers Non-Basmati Rice under ITC (HS) 1006 2000, 1006 3011, 1006 3019, 1006 3091, 1006 3099 and 1006 4000, and Basmati Rice under 1006 3012 and 1006 3092. Export to EU Member States and to the European countries United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland is permitted subject to issuance of a Certificate of Inspection by the Export Inspection Council/Export Inspection Agency. For export to the remaining European countries, the certificate is not mandatory, with effect from the date of the notification, for a period of six months, that is, till October 1, 2026.

The notification's Effect paragraph states that the requirement for a Certificate of Inspection from EIC/EIAs for rice (Basmati and Non-Basmati) exports is limited to EU member states, the UK, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, and that exports to other European countries are exempt from it for six months from the date of the notification. The notification does not reprint the conditions set by Notification No. 39/2025-2026 before this amendment.

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Type	Export policy
Products	Non-Basmati Rice, Basmati Rice
ITC (HS) codes	1006 2000, 1006 3011, 1006 3019, 1006 3091, 1006 3099, 1006 4000, 1006 3012, 1006 3092
Before	The export policy conditions for rice (Basmati and Non-Basmati) under sub-heading 1006, as notified by Notification No. 39/2025-2026 dated October 3, 2025. The notification does not reprint them.

After	Export to EU Member States and to the European countries United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland is permitted subject to a Certificate of Inspection by the Export Inspection Council/Export Inspection Agency; for export to the remaining European countries, the certificate is not mandatory for six months from the date of the notification, till October 1, 2026.
Applies from	with immediate effect
Valid until	October 1, 2026 (till 01.10.2026), for the exemption for remaining European countries only
Conditions	• Export to EU Member States and to the European countries United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland is permitted subject to issuance of a Certificate of Inspection by the Export Inspection Council/Export Inspection Agency. • A Certificate of Inspection by the Export Inspection Council/Export Inspection Agency is not mandatory for export to the remaining European countries, with effect from the date of the notification, for a period of six months, that is, till October 1, 2026.
Applies to	Exporters of Basmati and Non-Basmati rice under the eight ITC (HS) codes listed who export to EU Member States or other European countries.
Issued under	Section 3 read with Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act 1992, read with para 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 as amended from time to time
Signed by	LAV AGARWAL, Director General of Foreign Trade and Ex-officio Addl. Secy.

The table in the notification

ITC (HS)	Description	After
1006 2000, 1006 3011, 1006 3019, 1006 3091, 1006 3099, 1006 4000	Non-Basmati Rice	i. Export to EU Member States and European countries namely United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland permitted subject to issuance of Certificate of Inspection by Export Inspection Council/Export Inspection Agency. ii. Certificate of Inspection by Export Inspection Council/Export Inspection Agency shall not be mandatory for export to remaining European countries with effect from the date of this notification for a period of six months i.e. till 01.10.2026.

1006 3012, 1006 3092	Basmati Rice	i. Export to EU Member States and European countries namely United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland permitted subject to issuance of Certificate of Inspection by Export Inspection Council/Export Inspection Agency. ii. Certificate of Inspection by Export Inspection Council/Export Inspection Agency shall not be mandatory for export to remaining European countries with effect from the date of this notification for a period of six months i.e. till 01.10.2026.

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