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EXPORT POLICY

DGFT prohibits sugar exports until September 30, 2026, or until further orders

Raw, white and refined sugar exports move from Restricted to Prohibited with immediate effect; CXL and TRQ quota exports to the EU and USA are exempt.

NOTIFICATION NO. 16/2026-27, dated May 13, 2026, amends the export policy of sugar under Chapter 17 of ITC (HS), Schedule-II. Exports of Sugar (Raw Sugar, White Sugar and Refined Sugar) under ITC (HS) 1701 14 90 and 1701 99 90 move from "Restricted" to "Prohibited" with immediate effect, till September 30, 2026, or till further orders, whichever is earlier. If the prohibition is not extended beyond September 30, 2026, the policy reverts to "Restricted".

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Prohibited, till September 30, 2026, or till further orders, whichever is earlier

KEY FACTS

TYPE

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Chapter 17 1701 14 90

1701 99 90

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The prohibition does not apply to sugar exported to the EU and USA under CXL and TRQ quota, to exports under the Advance Authorization Scheme, or to exports permitted by the Government of India to other countries to meet their food security needs at the request of their governments.

The transitional arrangement under Para 1.05 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 does not apply. Consignments already in the export pipeline may still be exported if, before the notification's publication in the Official Gazette, loading on the ship had commenced; the Shipping Bill had been filed and the vessel had berthed or anchored at an Indian port with a rotation number allocated; or the consignment had been handed over to Customs or the custodian and registered in their electronic system.

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Type	Export policy
Products	Sugar (Raw Sugar, White Sugar and Refined Sugar)
ITC (HS) codes	Chapter 17, 1701 14 90, 1701 99 90
Before	Restricted
After	Prohibited, till September 30, 2026, or till further orders, whichever is earlier
Applies from	with immediate effect
Valid until	September 30, 2026, or till further orders, whichever is earlier

Conditions	• The prohibition does not apply to sugar exported to the EU and USA under CXL and TRQ quota, as per the procedure prescribed in the respective Public Notices. • Export of sugar under the Advance Authorization Scheme (AAS) continues to be governed by the existing provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 and the Handbook of Procedures, 2023. • The transitional arrangement under Para 1.05 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 does not apply. • Export is permitted where loading of sugar on the ship commenced before the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette. • Export is permitted where the Shipping Bill was filed and the vessel berthed or arrived and anchored in an Indian port, with its rotation number allocated by the Port Authority, before the date of publication; loading approval for such vessels is issued only after the Port Authority confirms berthing/anchoring prior to the notification. • Export is permitted where the consignment was handed over to Customs/Custodian before the date of publication and is registered in their electronic system, with verifiable evidence of the date and time of handover. • Export is allowed on the basis of permission granted by the Government of India to other countries to meet their food security needs, based on the request of their governments. • If the prohibition is not extended beyond September 30, 2026, the export policy for 1701 14 90 and 1701 99 90 reverts to "Restricted".
Applies to	Exporters of raw, white and refined sugar under ITC (HS) 1701 14 90 and 1701 99 90.
Issued under	Section 3 read with Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 (No. 22 of 1992), as amended, read with Para 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
1701 14 90	Sugar (Raw Sugar, White Sugar and Refined Sugar)	Restricted	Prohibited; Export of Sugar is prohibited with immediate effect till September 30, 2026, or till further orders, whichever is earlier

1701 99 90	Sugar (Raw Sugar, White Sugar and Refined Sugar)	Restricted	Prohibited; Export of Sugar is prohibited with immediate effect till September 30, 2026, or till further orders, whichever is earlier

The notification (PDF, 698 KB)

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