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IMPORT POLICY

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DGFT moves low ash metallurgical coke with under 18% ash, including coke fines and coke breeze, from Free to Restricted from January 1 to June 30, 2026.

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Import policy "Restricted", subject to new Policy Condition No. 08 of Chapter 27, which restricts low ash metallurgical coke having ash content below 18%, including coke fines / coke breeze and ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke, from January 1, 2026 till June 30, 2026; other imports, including coke with ash content above 18%, are 'Free'

KEY FACTS

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Chapter 27
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It introduces Policy Condition No. 08 of Chapter 27. Import of low ash metallurgical coke having ash content below 18%, including coke fines / coke breeze and ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke with phosphorous content up to 0.030%, with size up to 30 mm with 5% size tolerance, for use in ferroalloy manufacturing, is “Restricted” from January 1, 2026 till June 30, 2026. Other imports under these codes, including metallurgical coke with ash content above 18%, remain “Free”.

The import policy for the four codes is revised from “Free” to “Restricted”, subject to Policy Condition No. 08. The existing policy condition printed in the table described the restricted coke as “excluding coke fines / coke breeze”; the new condition reads “including coke fines / coke breeze”. The notification is issued with the approval of the Minister of Commerce & Industry.

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Type	Import policy
Products	• Low Ash Metallurgical Coke • coke fines / coke breeze • ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke • Coke and semi-coke of lignite or of peat • Hard coke of coal • Soft coke of coal
ITC (HS) codes	Chapter 27, 27040020, 27040030, 27040040, 27040090
Before	Existing import policy “Free”, with the existing policy condition printed in the table, which described the restricted coke as low ash

	metallurgical coke having ash content below 18%, excluding coke fines / coke breeze
After	Import policy “Restricted”, subject to new Policy Condition No. 08 of Chapter 27, which restricts low ash metallurgical coke having ash content below 18%, including coke fines / coke breeze and ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke, from January 1, 2026 till June 30, 2026; other imports, including coke with ash content above 18%, are ‘Free’
Applies from	January 1, 2026
Valid until	June 30, 2026
Conditions	• Policy Condition No. 08 of Chapter 27: import of “Low Ash Metallurgical Coke (HS Codes 27040020, 27040030, 27040040, 27040090) having ash content below 18%, including coke fines / coke breeze and ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke with phosphorous content up to 0.030% with size upto 30 mm with 5% size tolerance for use in ferroalloy manufacturing” is “Restricted” from January 1, 2026 till June 30, 2026. • Restricted imports are permitted only in accordance with Policy Condition No. 08 of Chapter 27. • Other imports under these ITC (HS) codes, including metallurgical coke with ash content above 18%, are outside the scope of the restriction and are ‘Free’.
Applies to	Importers of metallurgical coke under ITC (HS) codes 27040020, 27040030, 27040040 and 27040090.
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, 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	Before	After

27040020	Coke and semi-coke of lignite or of peat	Free; existing policy condition: Import of "Low Ash Metallurgical Coke having ash content below 18%, excluding coke fines / coke breeze and ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke with phosphorous content up to 0.030% with size upto 30 mm with 5% size tolerance for use in ferroalloy manufacturing" shall be "Restricted". Import shall be permitted subject to Policy Condition 8 of this Chapter. Other Imports under given ITC (HS) code shall be 'Free'.	Restricted; subject to Policy Condition No. 08 of this Chapter.
27040030	Hard coke of coal	Free; existing policy condition: Import of "Low Ash Metallurgical Coke having ash content below 18%, excluding coke fines / coke breeze and ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke with phosphorous content up to 0.030% with size upto 30 mm with 5% size tolerance for use in ferroalloy manufacturing" shall be "Restricted". Import shall be permitted subject to Policy Condition 8 of this Chapter. Other Imports under given ITC (HS) code shall be 'Free'.	Restricted; subject to Policy Condition No. 08 of this Chapter.
27040040	Soft coke of coal	Free; existing policy condition: Import of "Low Ash Metallurgical Coke having ash content below 18%, excluding coke fines / coke breeze and ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke with phosphorous content up to 0.030% with size upto 30 mm with 5% size tolerance for use in ferroalloy manufacturing" shall be "Restricted". Import shall be permitted subject to Policy Condition 8 of this Chapter. Other Imports under given ITC (HS) code shall be 'Free'.	Restricted; subject to Policy Condition No. 08 of this Chapter.
27040090	Other	Free; existing policy condition: Import of "Low Ash Metallurgical Coke having ash content below 18%, excluding coke fines / coke breeze and ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke with phosphorous content up to 0.030% with size upto 30 mm with 5% size tolerance for use in ferroalloy manufacturing" shall be "Restricted". Import shall be permitted subject to Policy Condition 8 of this Chapter. Other Imports under given ITC (HS) code shall be 'Free'.	Restricted; subject to Policy Condition No. 08 of this Chapter.

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