IMPORT POLICY

DGFT sets rules for the 10 Lakh MT raw sugar TRQ and a one-time AA-to-TRQ conversion

Public Notice No. 27/2026-2027 opens applications for the raw sugar TRQ, and a one-time Advance Authorisation conversion, from August 21 to 28, 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 27/2026-2027, dated August 20, 2026, prescribes the modalities for the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Scheme for import of 10 Lakh MT of Raw Sugar, and for a one-time conversion from the Advance Authorisation (AA) Scheme to the TRQ Scheme. It cites the underlying notification as "Notification No. --/2026-2027 dated -- August 2026", with the number and date left blank.

THE CHANGE

Modalities are prescribed for application and allocation of the 10 Lakh MT Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) for import of Raw Sugar, and Advance Authorisations already issued under SION E52 are given a one-time option to convert to the TRQ Scheme for Raw Sugar actually imported under them up to the date of the Notification.

KEY FACTS

TYPE
Import policy

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Public Notice No. 27/2026-2027

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August 28, 2026 (close of the application window)

REFERENCES

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Applications are invited online from millers and refiners possessing their own functional capacity to convert raw sugar into white/refined sugar, from August 21, 2026 to August 28, 2026, with a self-declaration of refining capacity. The Exim Facilitation Committee (EFC) evaluates applications, and preference goes to importers who undertake to complete the import by October 15, 2026. For every 1.05 KG of Raw Sugar, the TRQ holder must produce and sell 1 KG of Refined Sugar in the domestic market by October 31, 2026, processing it at its own facility.

Advance Authorisations already issued under SION E52 may be converted once to the TRQ Scheme for Raw Sugar actually imported up to the date of the notification, subject to payment of the exempted GST availed at import and domestic sale of the refined sugar by October 31, 2026. Conversion applications use the same window, and statements of GST invoices are due on the 1st and 15th of the month, with a final statement by November 1, 2026.

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After	Modalities are prescribed for application and allocation of the 10 Lakh MT Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) for import of Raw Sugar, and Advance Authorisations already issued under SION E52 are given a one-time option to convert to the TRQ Scheme for Raw Sugar actually imported under them up to the date of the Notification.
Applies from	August 21, 2026 (opening of the application window)
Valid until	August 28, 2026 (close of the application window)

Conditions

- Applications for TRQ are invited online from millers and refiners possessing their own functional capacity to convert raw sugar into white/refined sugar.
- Applications are submitted online through the DGFT website (https://dgft.gov.in) → Import Management System → Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ), from 21.08.2026 till 28.08.2026.
- Applicants must submit a self-declaration of refining capacity, with supporting evidence in the form of a copy of Consent to Operate issued by the State Pollution Control Board or any other document evidencing the refining capacity of the entity.
- Any misdeclaration will entail suspension of IEC and would attract penal action under the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, and the rules and orders made thereunder.
- Preference in allocation is given to importers who give an undertaking to complete the import by October 15, 2026.
- The Exim Facilitation Committee (EFC) evaluates applications taking into consideration, inter alia, the refining capacity of the units, the total quantity requested and history of imports.
- TRQ holders must submit details of Letter(s) of Credit/confirmed contract to DGFT within 15 days of obtaining the TRQ authorisation, by filing an amendment application against the TRQ Authorisation.
- A TRQ holder may surrender any unutilised quantity within 15 days of the date of issue of the TRQ Authorisation, subject to payment of an amount equivalent to 0.5% of the CIF value of the surrendered quantity; surrendered quantity may be reallocated by DGFT.
- Failure to utilise or surrender the allocated quantity within the prescribed period may attract action under the FT(D&R) Act, 1992, including cancellation/reduction of the allocation and restriction from future TRQ allocations.
- All imported Raw Sugar must be processed at the TRQ holder's own facility.
- For every 1.05 KG of Raw Sugar covered under the TRQ Authorisation, the TRQ holder shall produce and sell 1 KG of Refined Sugar in the domestic market by 31.10.2026; failure to comply shall result in such action as may be permissible under law, including payment of applicable Customs duty and interest, as applicable.
- Raw Sugar imported under the TRQ shall be processed into White/Refined Sugar sufficiently in advance to enable its sale in the domestic market by 31 October 2026.

- Conversion from the AA Scheme to the TRQ Scheme is a one-time option for Advance Authorisations already issued under SION E52, for Raw Sugar actually imported up to the date of the notification, including refined sugar already produced and to be produced from it.
- Conversion is subject to payment of the exempted GST availed at the time of import, sale of the refined sugar in the domestic market by 31.10.2026, and such other conditions as may be prescribed.
- AA holders seeking conversion file a TRQ Application through the DGFT website between 21.08.2026 and 28.08.2026, with a copy of the valid Advance Authorisation issued for SION E52, proof of GST paid on the Raw Sugar proposed for conversion, a self-certified statement of Raw Sugar imported and Refined Sugar exported against the Advance Authorisation, and a self-certified statement of the Raw Sugar available for processing.
- TRQ holders under the conversion route submit a statement of GST invoices evidencing domestic sale of Refined Sugar on or before the 1st and 15th day of the month, with the final statement by 1 November 2026.
- Failure to comply with the conditions of conversion or to furnish the prescribed documents may result in cancellation of the conversion/TRQ Authorisation.
- DGFT reserves the right to amend, modify, relax or withdraw any provision of the Public Notice.

Applies to	Millers and refiners with their own functional capacity to convert raw sugar into white/refined sugar, and holders of Advance Authorisations issued under SION E52.
Issued under	Paragraphs 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020 (as printed in the English text)
Signed by	LAV AGARWAL Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-officio Addl. Secy.

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