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Schedule-II (Export Policy) of ITC(HS), 2022, with immediate effect. It is issued under Section 3 read with Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023.

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The amendment covers ITC(HS) Code 38210000, Prepared Culture Media for Development or Maintenance of Micro-organism (including viruses and the like) or of Plant, Human or Animal Cells. Its export policy is Free. The revised export policy condition says export is allowed freely, but if the importing country insists on a Shipment Clearance Certificate and a health certificate, a set procedure may be followed.

Under that procedure, CAPEXIL issues a Shipment Clearance Certificate for each consignment. It shows the exporter's name and address, the address of the registered plant, the exporter's IEC number, the Plant Approval Number, the nature of the export product, the quantity, the invoice number and date, the port of loading and the destination. After the shipment is made, the exporter also provides the buyer with a Health Certificate for each consignment, giving the product with its HS code, packaging, origin, destination, vessel name, date of departure and health requirements.

The Health Certificate is issued jointly by CAPEXIL and the Regional Animal Quarantine Officer, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, wherever the importing country requires or mandates it. The notification states its effect as enabling the issue of the Shipment Clearance Certificate and the Health Certificate wherever required or mandated by the importing country. It is signed by Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade, under File No. EC NC/13/2026-Export Cell -E47446.

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Document	Notification No. 44/2026-27
Dated	October 12, 2026
Takes effect	Immediately
ITC(HS) code	38210000, Prepared Culture Media
Export policy	Free

Shipment Clearance Certificate	Issued by CAPEXIL for each consignment
Health Certificate	Issued jointly by CAPEXIL and the Regional Animal Quarantine Officer
When used	Where the importing country insists on, requires or mandates the certificates
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade

Export policy of ITC(HS) Code 38210000

ITC(HS) Code	Description	Export Policy
38210000	Prepared Culture Media for Development or Maintenance of Micro-organism (including viruses and the like) or of Plant, Human or Animal Cells	Free

[The notification](#) (PDF, 537 KB)

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