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Cut flower imports allowed via Amritsar Airport and Kandla Seaport

DGFT Notification No. 50/2026-27 of November 19, 2026 adds Amritsar Airport and Kandla Seaport to Chennai Airport as the entry points for HS 0603 cut flowers.

IMPORT OF CUT FLOWERS under HS Code 0603 is allowed through Chennai Airport, Amritsar Airport and Kandla Seaport only, under the Directorate General of Foreign Trade's (DGFT) Notification No. 50/2026-27, dated November 19, 2026. Before, the policy condition allowed imports "through Chennai Airport only". The import policy stays "Free".

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The Central Government made the change under Sections 3 and 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, and in continuation of Notification No. 17/2015-2020 dated July 9, 2020. It amends the import policy condition of "Cut Flowers" under HS Code 0603 of Chapter 06 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy). The notification is to be published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), and is issued with the approval of the Minister of Commerce and Industry.

The revised condition reads: "Import of cut flowers is allowed through Chennai Airport, Amritsar Airport and Kandla Seaport only, subject to compliance with applicable Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) requirements, including mandatory plant quarantine inspection, testing and certification under the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, as amended." It covers heading 0603, "Cut Flowers and Flower Buds of a Kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared": fresh roses, carnations, orchids, chrysanthemums, lilies and other fresh flowers, and other cut flowers.

The notification gives no separate start date. It is signed by Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade and Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

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Document	Notification No. 50/2026-27
Dated	November 19, 2026
Legal basis	Sections 3 and 5, Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992; paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01, Foreign Trade Policy 2023
Continues	Notification No. 17/2015-2020 of July 9, 2020
Goods	Cut Flowers under HS Code 0603, Chapter 06, ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy)
Import policy	Free (unchanged)

Entry points before	Chennai Airport only
Entry points now	Chennai Airport, Amritsar Airport and Kandla Seaport only
Condition	Compliance with applicable SPS requirements, including mandatory plant quarantine inspection, testing and certification under the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003
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Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade and Additional Secretary to the Government of India

Tariff lines covered

Exim Code	Item Description
06031100	Fresh: Roses
06031200	Fresh: Carnation
06031300	Fresh: Orchids
06031400	Fresh: Chrysanthemums
06031500	Fresh: Lilies (Lilium spp.)
06031900	Fresh: Other
06039000	Other

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