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DGFT Public Notice No. 11/2026-27 caps each Advance Authorisation for gold at 100 kg and adds inspection, export obligation and reporting conditions.

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The first three notes govern issue: 1. An Advance Authorisation for import of gold is issued subject to a maximum permissible quantity limit of 100 kilograms. 2. When a first-time applicant applies, the concerned regional authority must carry out a mandatory physical inspection of the applicant's manufacturing facility. The inspection verifies the facility's existence, capacity and operational status. 3. Any later Advance Authorisation for import of gold is considered for issuance only once at least 50% of the export obligation under the preceding Advance Authorisations for gold is fulfilled.

The other two notes set up reporting: 4. The Advance Authorisation holder must submit a fortnightly performance report to the concerned Regional Authority (RA). The report is certified by an independent Chartered Accountant and certifies the gold imports and exports made under the authorization. 5. The concerned Regional Authority must submit a monthly consolidated report to DGFT Headquarters. It covers the Advance Authorisations issued and the related import and export transactions of gold. The notice states its effect as five notes inserted under SIONs M-1 to M-8 of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023, setting conditions for issuing and monitoring Advance Authorisations for import of gold.

The notice does not say whether the notes apply to authorizations issued before May 14, 2026. Note 3 counts the export obligation under "the preceding Advance Authorisations for gold" and sets no date limit on them. The notice does not define a first-time applicant, give a format for either report, or say whether the 50% is measured by quantity or value. It sets no consequence for a missed report. It sets no cap on the number of gold authorizations a holder may have; note 3 only adds the 50% test for each later one. It is signed by Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade, and issued from File No. 01/94/180/015/AM27/PC-4.

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Takes effect	Immediately ("with immediate effect")
Applies to	Advance Authorisations for import of gold under SIONs M-1 to M-8 ("Gems and Jewellery Product Group") of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023
Quantity cap	100 kilograms per Advance Authorisation for import of gold
First-time applicants	Mandatory physical inspection of the manufacturing facility by the concerned regional authority
Later authorizations	Only after at least 50% of the export obligation under the preceding gold Advance Authorisations is fulfilled
Holder's report	Fortnightly, to the concerned Regional Authority, certified by an independent Chartered Accountant, covering gold imports and exports under the authorization
Regional Authority's report	Monthly consolidated report to DGFT Headquarters on Advance Authorisations issued and the related gold import and export transactions
Legal basis	Paragraphs 1.03 and 2.04, Foreign Trade Policy 2023
File number	01/94/180/015/AM27/PC-4
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-officio Additional Secretary to Government of India

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