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DGFT Notification No. 49/2026-27 moves exports of lithium-ion battery black mass (ITC (HS) 85491400) from Free to Prohibited, with immediate effect.

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The line covers "Waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries and electric accumulators; spent primary cells, spent primary batteries and spent electric accumulators: - Unsorted and not containing lead, cadmium or mercury". The notification's statement of effect adds "(Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass)" after that description, and says the policy is amended "with immediate effect, until further orders".

Paragraph 2 says the notification comes into effect immediately and that the provisions of Para 1.05 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 on transitional arrangements apply to it. The notification doesn't set out what those arrangements allow, and it gives no reason for the change.

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Applies to	Exports under ITC (HS) 8549 1400: waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries and electric accumulators, and spent ones, unsorted and not containing lead, cadmium or mercury (lithium-ion battery black mass)
Change	Export policy from Free to Prohibited
Takes effect	Immediately, until further orders
Transitional arrangement	Para 1.05 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 applies

Legal basis	Section 3 read with Section 5, Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992; Paras 1.02 and 2.01, Foreign Trade Policy, 2023
File number	01/91/180/026/AM22/EC
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade and Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India

The notification (PDF, 1.9 MB)

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