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The notification says the export policy of baryte "shall be regulated grade-wise". Its table lists three ITC(HS) codes for "Natural barium sulphate (barytes)": 25111010 for lumps, 25111020 for powder and 25111090 for other, and sets the policy by grade beside them. Grade A, with a specific gravity of 4.2 or more, moves from Free to Restricted. So does Grade B, with a specific gravity of 4.10 to 4.20. Grade CDW, with a specific gravity below 4.0, stays Free.

Export of Grade A and Grade B baryte "shall be subject to authorisation/licensing by DGFT, in accordance with the procedure already followed for items falling under “Restricted” category". Grade CDW baryte "shall continue to remain freely exportable".

The notification does not say from when the change applies. As printed, no grade covers a specific gravity from 4.0 up to 4.10, and the notification does not say how such baryte is treated. It does not say how specific gravity is to be measured or shown at export, and it makes no provision for contracts or shipments already under way.

DGFT's copy is dated April 17, 2026, and DGFT's list of notifications shows it online that day. The Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), No. 2135, carries it in its issue dated May 5, 2026. The Gazette copy heads the new column "Proposed policy"; DGFT's copy heads it "Revised policy".

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Applies to	Exports of "Baryte (Natural Barium Sulphate)" under ITC(HS) 25111010 (lumps), 25111020 (powder) and 25111090 (other)

Takes effect	Not stated
Grade A (specific gravity 4.2 or more)	Free to Restricted
Grade B (specific gravity 4.10 to 4.20)	Free to Restricted
Grade CDW (specific gravity below 4.0)	Free, unchanged
Grade A and Grade B exports	"subject to authorisation/licensing by DGFT"
Specific gravity 4.0 up to 4.10	No grade covers it as printed; treatment not stated
Legal basis	Section 3 read with Section 5, Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992; paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01, Foreign Trade Policy, 2023
File number	EC NC-ECNC/2/2026-Export cell (Non-SCOMET)/e-45302
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade and Ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India

Export policy of baryte by grade

Grade	Specific gravity	Old policy	New policy
Grade A	≥ 4.2	Free	Restricted
Grade B	4.10 to 4.20	Free	Restricted
Grade CDW	< 4.0	Free	Free

The notification (PDF, 650 KB)

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