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Honey minimum export price extended to December 31, 2026

DGFT Notification No. 09/2026-27 of April 10, 2026 extends the USD 1,400 FOB per metric ton minimum export price on natural honey to December 31, 2026.

THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, issued Notification No. 09/2026-27, dated April 10, 2026. Its subject is the extension of the validity of the Minimum Export Price (MEP) on export of Natural Honey. It is made 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, and amends Notification No. 52/2025-26 dated December 31, 2025. The copy on DGFT's website leaves the S.O. number blank. The Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), No. 2169, dated May 6, 2026, publishes it as S.O. 2258(E).

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The notification extends, with immediate effect, the validity of the existing MEP condition on natural honey under ITC(HS) code 04090000 of Schedule-II (Export Policy). The export policy stays "Free". The policy condition changes from "Subject to a Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US Dollar 1400 FOB per Metric Ton, till 31st March 2026" to the same price "till 31st December 2026". The notification states its effect as: the validity of the existing MEP of USD 1,400 free on board (FOB) per metric ton on the export of natural honey is extended till December 31, 2026.

The notification is dated April 10, 2026 and takes effect immediately, while the condition it extends ran till March 31, 2026. It does not mention April 1 to April 9, 2026, and does not say whether the MEP applied to exports made in those days. It gives no reason for the extension and does not say what applies to exports after December 31, 2026.

It is issued from File No. 01/91/180/879/AM08/EC/Vol.8/PartFile/e-38272 and signed by Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade and Additional Secretary to the Government of India. DGFT's list of notifications, read on October 28, 2026, shows no later notification on honey, so the price floor applies until December 31, 2026.

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Document	Notification No. 09/2026-27, S.O. 2258(E)
Dated	April 10, 2026
Published	Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), No. 2169, May 6, 2026
Applies to	Exports of natural honey, ITC(HS) code 04090000 of Schedule-II (Export Policy)
Export policy	Free, subject to the MEP

Minimum export price	USD 1,400 FOB per metric ton
Takes effect	With immediate effect
Valid until	December 31, 2026 (March 31, 2026 before this notification)
Amends	Notification No. 52/2025-26, dated December 31, 2025
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	01/91/180/879/AM08/EC/Vol.8/PartFile/e-38272
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade and Additional Secretary to the Government of India

The notification (PDF, 579 KB)

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