
April 1, 2023

DGFT

Imported SCOMET goods need an authorization to be exported again

FTP 2023 para 10.07 bars export of imported SCOMET goods, even from a bonded warehouse, without an export authorization unless specifically exempted.

CHAPTER 10 OF THE FOREIGN Trade Policy 2023, titled "SCOMET: Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies", sets out the general provisions governing the export of dual use items, munitions and nuclear related items, including software and technology. Para 10.02 says the

export of such dual-use items is either prohibited or permitted under an Authorization unless specifically exempted. The SCOMET List, described as India's National Export Control List, is notified under Appendix 3 to Schedule 2 of ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import Items.

KEY FACTS

AUTHORITY
DGFT

PUBLISHED
April 1, 2023

SOURCE
Foreign Trade Policy 2023, Chapter 10 (SCOMET)

PUBLISHED BY
Directorate General of Foreign Trade

Imported SCOMET goods need an authorization to be exported again

DGFT · April 1, 2023

Chapter 10 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, titled "SCOMET: Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies", sets out the general provisions governing the export of dual use items, munitions and nuclear related items, including software and technology. Para 10.02 says the export of such dual-use items is either prohibited or permitted under an Authorization unless specifically exempted. The SCOMET List, described as India's National Export Control List, is notified under Appendix 3 to Schedule 2 of ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import Items.

Para 10.07, "Export of imported SCOMET items", states that imported goods covered under the SCOMET list are not permitted for export, even from the Customs bonded warehouse, without an export authorization, unless specifically exempted. Para 10.06 adds that no export authorization is needed to supply SCOMET items from the DTA to an SEZ or EOU, though the supplier must report each such supply to the Development Commissioner of the SEZ or EOU within one week; an authorization is required if the items are then physically exported out of the country from the SEZ or EOU (Rule 26 of the SEZ Rules, 2006).

Para 10.08 lists thirteen types of export authorization for SCOMET items, from direct export to the ultimate end user to general authorizations for chemicals, telecommunication-related items, information security items and drones. Several deal with goods brought into India: export for or after repair or replacement of defective SCOMET items; export of imported items to the same foreign entity or its OEM on obsolescence of technology, dead on arrival, cancellation of order, calibration or testing; and the General Authorization for Export after Repair in India (GAER), subject to quarterly post reporting. Merchanting trade does not appear among the thirteen types.

Licensing jurisdiction depends on the category. The chapter's table assigns Category 0 (nuclear materials and related items) to the Department of Atomic Energy, Category 6 (Munitions List, with stated exclusions) to the Department of Defence Production / Ministry of Defence, and Categories 1 to 5, 7 and 8 to the DGFT. Under para 10.09, SCOMET export authorizations are issued centrally by the DGFT (HQrs), which also makes amendments, including revalidation; the revalidation procedure is in Para 10.20 of the Handbook of Procedures.

The chapter also carries a catch-all control in para 10.05: the export of an item not on the SCOMET List may be denied, or permitted subject to the grant of a licence, if the exporter has been notified in writing by DGFT, or knows or has reason to believe, that it has a potential risk of use in or diversion to weapons of mass destruction, their missile systems or military end use. Para 10.11 says DGFT encourages voluntary self disclosure of non-compliance and takes strict action under the FTDR Act for violation of SCOMET policy in cases other than voluntary self disclosure.

Source	Foreign Trade Policy 2023, Chapter 10 (SCOMET)
Published by	Directorate General of Foreign Trade
Provision	Para 10.07, Export of imported SCOMET items
Rule	Imported SCOMET goods may not be exported, even from the Customs bonded warehouse, without an export authorization, unless specifically exempted
Authorization types	13, listed in para 10.08
SCOMET List	Appendix 3 to Schedule 2 of ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import Items
Categories	Category 0 to Category 8
Authorizations issued by	DGFT (HQrs), centrally, including amendments and revalidation (para 10.09)
Laws cited	Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Act, 2005; Chapter IVA of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, as amended in 2010; Atomic Energy Act 1962; Rule 26 of the SEZ Rules, 2006

Para 10.08: types of export authorization for SCOMET items

Item	Authorization type	Validity or reporting stated
(i)	Direct export to ultimate end user	—
(ii)	Export for repeat orders of same SCOMET items	—
(iii)	Export for Stock and Sale purpose	—
(iv)	Export of spare parts under SCOMET under Stock and Sale	—
(v)	Export for/after repair / replacement of defective SCOMET items	—
(vi)	Temporary export of SCOMET items	—
(vii)	Export of imported items to the same foreign entity or to its OEM	—
(viii)	Global Authorization for Intra-Company Transfers (GAICT) of SCOMET Items including Software/Technology	One time validity of 3 years; post export reporting of all exports
(ix)	General Authorization for export of Chemicals and related equipments (GAEC) except software and technology	One time validity of 5 years; post export reporting of all exports
(x)	General Authorization for export after repair in India (GAER)	Post reporting on quarterly basis
(xi)	General Authorization for Export of Telecommunication-related items under SCOMET Category 8A5 Part 1 (GAET)	As per para 10.15(I) of HBP 2023

(xii)	General Authorization for Export of Information Security items (GAEIS) under SCOMET Category 8A5 Part 2	As per para 10.15(II) of HBP 2023
(xiii)	General Authorization for Export of Drones (GAED)	Validity period of three years from the date of issue; post reporting

[The foreign trade policy chapter](#) (PDF, 446 KB)

Source: [DGFT's own copy](#).

Checked against the official copy on October 20, 2026.

IndusDesk

hello@indusdesk.com · +91 98917 60000

9th Floor, Hemkunt House, Rajendra Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110008, India

Read online: indusdesk.com/dgft/insights/imported-scomet-goods-need-an-authorization-to-be-exported-again/