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DGFT Public Notice No. 33/2026-27 sets India-New Zealand FTA import quotas for apples, kiwifruit, albumins and Mānuka honey, and how importers apply.

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Para 2.92 now includes four import TRQs, with effect from October 20, 2026. Apples (HS 0808.10.00) have the in-quota condition CIF $\geq$ US\$1.25/kg with 25% duty, a quantity of NIL in Year 1, 35,000 MT in Year 2 rising to 45,000 MT from Year 6, and a quota window of April 1 to August 31 each year. Kiwifruit (HS 0810.50.00) has CIF $\geq$ US\$1.80/kg with 0% duty, NIL in Year 1, 8,000 MT in Year 2 rising to 15,000 MT from Year 6, and a window of April 1 to October 15 each year. For albumins (HS 3502.11.00, 3502.19.00, 3502.20.00 and 3502.90.00) the notice gives an applicable duty of 11%, with 200 MT in Year 1 rising to 3,000 MT from Year 5, year-round. Mānuka honey (ex 0409.00.00, New Zealand MPI-certified) has 40 MT in Year 1 and 200 MT from Year 2, year-round; its in-quota condition reads "CIF $\geq$ US\$20 < US\$30/kg", and the notice gives no duty rate for it.

New Zealand allocates the TRQs to exporters or producers by issuing export certificates containing the item, the permitted quantity and the designated Indian importer, within the overall quota agreed under the respective TRQ. Its competent authority for export certificates communicates the details to DGFT on a quarterly basis, or as otherwise mutually agreed, and DGFT then issues the TRQ Authorisation without delay. The Indian importer may apply on the DGFT website under Services, Import Management System, Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ), "Apply for TRQ", and must reference the export certificate or allocation uploaded by the New Zealand competent authority. The application records whether the importer is registered as a Micro, Small or Medium Enterprise (MSME), for monitoring under Annex 2A, Section C, Paragraph 7 of the Agreement.

The TRQ Authorisation gives the importer's name and address, Importer-Exporter Code (IEC), the Customs Notification number, the tariff item, the applicable CIF/MIP slab where applicable, the quantity and the validity period. DGFT issues it electronically and transmits it to the Indian Customs EDI System (ICES), and imports against the TRQ are allowed only on electronic debit in ICES. There is no end date for applying within a year; DGFT monitors the cumulative quantities of TRQ Authorisations issued and issues no further TRQ Authorisation once the quantity limit is reached. A TRQ Authorisation is valid only for the quota year in which it is issued, imports against

it are permitted only within the quota window where one applies, and any unutilized quantity lapses when it expires.

As defined in Annex 2A of the Ind-NZ FTA, Year 1 runs from the date of entry into force to December 31, 2026, and each later year is the twelve months from January 1. Imports are subject to Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. 32/2026-Customs dated October 16, 2026, relating to the Ind-NZ FTA, as amended, and the procedure is inserted in the Annexure of Appendix 2A of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023. The notice does not state the Agreement's date of entry into force, and it does not state the duty on imports outside the quotas.

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Document	Public Notice No. 33/2026-27
Dated	October 17, 2026
Amends	Para 2.92 and Appendix 2A of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023
Takes effect	October 20, 2026, for the TRQs included in Para 2.92
Applies to	Imports of apples, kiwifruit, albumins and New Zealand MPI-certified Mānuka honey under the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement
Year 1 quantities	Apples NIL; kiwifruit NIL; albumins 200 MT; Mānuka honey 40 MT
Quota year	Year 1 from the date of entry into force to December 31, 2026; each later year from January 1
How to apply	DGFT website, Services, Import Management System, Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ), "Apply for TRQ", referencing the New Zealand export certificate or allocation
Validity	The quota year in which the TRQ Authorisation is issued; unutilized quantity lapses on expiry
Customs notification	Notification No. 32/2026-Customs dated October 16, 2026
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India

Import TRQs under the India–New Zealand FTA (Para 2.92)

HS code	Item	In-quota conditions – applicable duty	Annual TRQ quantity (MT)	Quota window
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0808.10.00	Apples	CIF ≥ US\$1.25/kg - 25%	Year 1 - NIL; Year 2 - 35,000; Year 3 - 37,500; Year 4 - 40,000; Year 5 - 42,500; Year 6 (onwards) - 45,000	April 1 – August 31, annually
0810.50.00	Kiwifruit	CIF ≥ US\$1.80/kg - 0%	Year 1 - NIL; Year 2 - 8,000; Year 3 - 9,750; Year 4 - 11,500; Year 5 - 13,250; Year 6 (onwards) - 15,000	April 1 – October 15, annually
3502.11.00, 3502.19.00, 3502.20.00, 3502.90.00	Albumins	11%	Year 1 - 200; Year 2 - 1,500; Year 3 - 2,000; Year 4 - 2,500; Year 5 (onwards) - 3,000	Year-round
ex 0409.00.00 (NZ MPI-certified Mānuka Honey)	Mānuka honey	CIF ≥ US\$20 < US\$30/kg	Year 1 - 40; Year 2 (onwards) - 200	Year-round

[The public notice](#) (PDF, 1.1 MB)

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