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Both conditions set the rules of the Non-ferrous Metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS). Importers must submit advance information in an online system for import of items in "Annexure-I (for copper)" and "Annexure-II (for aluminium)", and obtain an automatic Registration Number by paying a registration fee as per Appendix 2K. Until this notification, the importer had to apply for registration "before the arrival of import consignment". The revised conditions say the importer shall apply for registration "before final clearance / 'Out of Charge'". In Chapter 74 the word "consignment" follows.

The notification states its effect: importers may obtain registration under the NFMIMS at any time before the issuance of the Customs "Out of Charge" order, that is, the final Customs clearance permitting removal of goods from the Customs area. The rest of each condition is unchanged. The fee is still paid as per Appendix 2K, registration can still be applied for not earlier than the 60th day before the expected date of arrival, and the automatic number still remains valid for a period of 75 days.

The notification does not list the items in Annexure-I or Annexure-II, does not state the registration fee, and does not say from when the 75 days run. It makes no separate provision for consignments already awaiting clearance on June 30, 2026. It is issued with the approval of the Minister of Commerce and Industry, from F. No. 01/89/180/03/AM-26/PC.2(A)/E-46034, and signed by Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-officio Addl. Secy. The Gazette ID, CG-DL-E-04072026-274134, carries July 4, 2026, the date the Gazette copy was signed digitally. DGFT's own copy is a signed scan marked for publication in the Gazette, with the S.O. number left blank.

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Takes effect	Immediately ("with immediate effect")
Amends	Chapter 74, Policy Condition 3, sub-para (c), and Chapter 76, Policy Condition 1, sub-para (c), of the ITC(HS) 2022
Applies to	Importers of items in the NFMIMS "Annexure-I (for copper)" and "Annexure-II (for aluminium)"
Apply for registration (before)	Before the arrival of the import consignment
Apply for registration (now)	Before final clearance / 'Out of Charge': any time before the issuance of the Customs "Out of Charge" order
Unchanged	Registration fee as per Appendix 2K; application not earlier than the 60th day before the expected date of arrival; automatic number valid for 75 days
Legal basis	Sections 3 and 5, Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992; paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01, Foreign Trade Policy 2023
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Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-officio Addl. Secy.

The two policy conditions, before and after Notification No. 22/2026-27

Chapter No.	Existing Import Policy	Revised Import Policy
Chapter 74 [Policy Condition Sl. No. 3, Sub Para (c.)]	c. The Non-ferrous metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS) shall require importers to submit advance information in an online system for import of items in the Annexure-I (for copper) and Annexure-II (for aluminium) and obtain an automatic Registration Number by paying a registration fee as per Appendix 2K. The importer shall apply for registration before the arrival of import consignment. Registration can be applied not earlier than 60th day before the expected date of arrival. The automatic number thus granted shall remain valid for a period of 75 days.	c. The Non-ferrous metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS) shall require importers to submit advance information in an online system for import of items in the Annexure-I (for copper) and Annexure-II (for aluminium), and obtain an automatic Registration Number by paying a registration fee as per Appendix 2K. The importer shall apply for registration before final clearance / 'Out of Charge' consignment. Registration can be applied not earlier than 60th day before the expected date of arrival. The automatic number thus granted shall remain valid for a period of 75 days.

Chapter 76 [Policy Condition Sl. No. 1, Sub Para (c.)]	The Non-ferrous Metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS) shall require importers to submit advance information in an online system for import of items in the Annexure-I (for copper) and Annexure-II (for aluminium) and obtain an automatic Registration Number by paying a registration fee as per Appendix 2K. The importer shall apply for registration before the arrival of import consignment. Registration can be applied not earlier than 60th day before the expected date of arrival. The automatic number thus granted shall remain valid for a period of 75 days.	The Non-ferrous Metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS) shall require importers to submit advance information in an online system for import of items in Annexure-I (for copper) and Annexure-II (for aluminium), and obtain an automatic Registration Number by paying a registration fee as per Appendix 2K. The importer shall apply for registration before final clearance / 'Out of Charge'. Registration can be applied not earlier than 60th day before the expected date of arrival. The automatic number thus granted shall remain valid for a period of 75 days.

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