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In Appendix-A, against HS Codes 7301, 7302, 7303 and 7308 to 7326, the notification substitutes "Melt & Pour" for the existing requirement of "50% Domestic Value Addition". That is 22 entries. They run from sheet piling (7301), rails and track construction material (7302) and cast iron tubes and pipes (7303) to structures (7308), tanks and other containers (7309 to 7311), wire, ropes and fencing (7312 to 7314), chain (7315) and anchors (7316). They also cover springs (7320), stoves, radiators, household articles and sanitary ware (7321 to 7324), other cast articles (7325), and electrical steel and other articles of iron or steel (7326). Entries 7317, 7318 and 7319 are each listed only as "Articles of iron and steel".

The notification then reproduces the revised Appendix-A, 49 entries in all. Now 42 carry "Melt & Pour", including the 20 entries for HS 7208 to 7229, which the amendment does not touch. Seven stay at "50% Domestic Value Addition": tubes, pipes, hollow profiles and fittings (HS 7304, 7305, 7306 and 7307), and railway or tramway coaches, wagons and parts (HS 8605, 8606 and 8607). A line below the list says that "Melt & Pour" in these cases shall mean that the steel used in producing the products shall comply with the definition of 'melt & pour', and the product shall be entirely made within the country. The notification does not reproduce that definition.

Paragraph 2 of the notification says all other provisions of the DMI&SP Policy, 2025, including Appendix-A, shall remain unchanged. The notification does not state a date from which the amendment takes effect, and it does not say how it applies to procurements already under way. It does not say which buyers the Policy applies to. It is issued under F. No. 8(2)/2023-ID-I and signed by Abhijit Narendra, Joint Secretary.

A later notification changed four of the entries this one left at 50%. G.S.R. 888(E), dated October 14, 2026, which records the Policy as amended on August 7, 2026, substituted "Melt & Pour" for "50% Domestic Value Addition" against HS Codes 7304, 7305, 7306 and 7307. It also inserted a Note in Appendix-B on capital goods for steelmaking Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). After both amendments, the three railway entries, HS 8605, 8606 and 8607, are the only ones in Appendix-A still at "50% Domestic Value Addition".

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Appendix-A	"List of iron and steel products which can only be procured from domestic sources"
Applies to	The Appendix-A entries against HS Codes 7301, 7302, 7303 and 7308 to 7326 (22 entries)
Condition	"Melt & Pour", replacing "50% Domestic Value Addition"
Left at "50% Domestic Value Addition"	HS 7304, 7305, 7306, 7307, 8605, 8606 and 8607
"Melt & Pour" in Appendix-A	The steel used in producing the products shall comply with the definition of 'melt & pour', and the product shall be entirely made within the country
Takes effect	Not stated in the notification
Related	G.S.R. 888(E), dated October 14, 2026: "Melt & Pour" also for HS 7304, 7305, 7306 and 7307, and a Note added to Appendix-B
Signed by	Abhijit Narendra, Jt. Secy., F. No. 8(2)/2023-ID-I

Appendix-A entries moved from "50% Domestic Value Addition" to "Melt & Pour"

Sl. No.	Iron & Steel Products	HS Code
21	Sheet piling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched or made from assembled elements; welded angles, shapes and sections, of iron or steel	7301
22	Rails, railway or tramway track construction material of iron or steel	7302
23	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron	7303
28	Structures (excluding prefabricated buildings of heading 9406) and parts of structures	7308
29	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of a capacity exceeding 300 L, whether or not lined or heat insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment	7309

30	Tanks, casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers, for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of a capacity not exceeding 300 L, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment	7310
31	Containers for compressed or liquefied gas, of iron or steel	7311
32	Stranded wire, ropes, cables, plaited bands, slings and the like, of iron or steel, not electrically insulated	7312
33	Barbed wire of iron or steel; twisted hoop or single flat wire, barbed or not, and loosely twisted double wire, of a kind used for fencing, of iron or steel	7313
34	Grill, netting and fencing, of iron or steel wire; expanded metal of iron or steel	7314
35	Chain and parts thereof, of iron or steel	7315
36	Anchors, grapnels and parts thereof, of iron or steel	7316
37	Articles of iron and steel	7317
38	Articles of iron and steel	7318
39	Articles of iron and steel	7319
40	Springs and leaves for springs, of iron or steel	7320
41	Stoves, ranges, grates, cookers (including those with subsidiary boilers for central heating), barbecues, braziers, gas-rings, plate warmers and similar non-electric domestic appliances, and parts thereof, of iron or steel	7321
42	Radiators for central heating, not electrically heated, and parts thereof, of iron or steel; air heaters and hot air distributors, not electrically heated, incorporating a motor-driven fan or blower, and parts thereof, of iron or steel	7322
43	Tables and similar household articles and parts thereof, of iron or steel	7323
44	Sanitary ware and parts thereof, of iron or steel	7324
45	Other cast articles of iron or steel	7325
46	Electrical steel and other articles of iron or steel	7326

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