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The notification introduces Policy Condition No. 07 of Chapter 71: "Imports by 100% Export Oriented Units and units located in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) shall not be subject to the above restrictions as per Para 6.01(d) of FTP, 2023 and under Rule 27 of the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Rules, 2006 respectively, provided such imported goods are not sold into the Domestic Tarifff Area (DTAs). Further, imports under the schemes for export of Gems and Jewellery under Chapter-4 of FTP, 2023 shall also be exempt from these restrictions." These are the words of paragraph 4 of Notification No. 02/2026-27 of April 1, 2026, which restricted eleven jewelry lines under CTH 7113, without its opening "However,".

Twelve lines move from "Free" to "Restricted", each "Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter". Two are 71090000 (base metals or silver, clad with gold) and 71181000 (coin other than gold coin, not being legal tender). Six fall under heading 7114, articles of goldsmiths' or silversmiths' wares: 71141110 and 71141120, silver articles and parts; 71141930, parts of other precious metal; and 71142010, 71142020 and 71142030, articles and parts of base metal clad with precious metal. Four fall under heading 7115: 71151000, platinum catalysts in the form of wire cloth or grill, and 71159010, 71159020 and 71159090, laboratory and industrial articles of precious metals, spinnerets made mainly of gold, and other. Articles of gold (71141910) and of platinum (71141920) stay "Restricted" and now carry the same condition, which for 71141920 replaces Policy Condition No. 6.

Three platinum lines move from "Restricted" to "Free": 71101119 (unwrought, other), 71101129 (in powder form, other) and 71101990 (other). Each gets a new condition: "However, import of Platinum alloy consisting of gold more than 1 percent (1%) by weight is Restricted." Base metals, silver or gold, clad with platinum, not further worked than semi-manufactured (71110000) stay "Free" with a new condition: "However, import of item with Silver or Gold more than 1% by weight is 'Restricted'." The changes apply with immediate effect and "irrespective of any prior contract, irrevocable letter of credit, advance payment, or shipment status". Whatever Para 1.05(b) of the FTP, 2023 says, the benefit of transitional arrangements does not apply to the restrictions.

Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade and Ex-officio Additional Secretary, signed the notification under F. No. 01/89/180/36/AM-11/PC-2[A]/E-1678, the file of Notification No.

02/2026-27, with the approval of the Minister of Commerce & Industry. It gives no reasons and does not say how gold or silver content is to be shown. Later, Notification No. 17/2026-27 of May 16, 2026 made silver bars under 71069221 and 71069229 "Restricted", subject to Policy Condition No. 7. Notification No. 19/2026-27 of June 2, 2026 amended the policy conditions of four other silver codes, 71061000, 71069110, 71069120 and 71069190, and does not refer to Policy Condition No. 7. Policy Circular No. 02/2026-27 of October 9, 2026 says silver under 71069221 needs a DGFT import authorization, except for imports covered by the Policy Condition No. 7 exemptions. DGFT's notification list, read October 28, 2026, shows no later change to the lines in this notification.

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Applies to	Imports of the Chapter 71 items in the notification's table, ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy)
Takes effect	Immediately, irrespective of any prior contract, irrevocable letter of credit, advance payment or shipment status; no transitional arrangements
New Policy Condition No. 07 of Chapter 71	Imports by 100% EOUs (FTP para 6.01(d)) and SEZ units (SEZ Rules, 2006, rule 27) not subject to the restrictions if the goods are not sold into the DTA; imports under the gems and jewelry export schemes in Chapter 4 of the FTP, 2023 exempt
Free to Restricted, subject to Policy Condition No. 7 (12 lines)	71090000, 71141110, 71141120, 71141930, 71142010, 71142020, 71142030, 71151000, 71159010, 71159020, 71159090 and 71181000
Restricted, now subject to Policy Condition No. 7	71141910 (articles of gold); 71141920 (articles of platinum, before subject to Policy Condition No. 6)
Restricted to Free	71101119, 71101129 and 71101990 (platinum); platinum alloy with more than 1% gold by weight stays Restricted
Free, with a new condition	71110000; items with more than 1% silver or gold by weight are Restricted
Legal basis	Sections 3 and 5, Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992; paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01, Foreign Trade Policy, 2023

File number	F. No. 01/89/180/36/AM-11/PC-2[A]/E-1678
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade and Ex-officio Additional Secretary
Later	Notification No. 17/2026-27, S.O. 2537(E), May 16, 2026: silver bars under 71069221 and 71069229 moved from "Free", subject to RBI Regulations, to "Restricted", subject to Policy Condition No. 7
Later	Policy Circular No. 02/2026-27, October 9, 2026: silver under 71069221 may be imported only against a DGFT import authorization, except for imports covered by the exemptions under Policy Condition No. 7

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ITC(HS) Code	Item description	Existing Import Policy	Revised Import Policy	Existing Import Policy Condition	Revised Import Policy Condition
71090000	Base metals or silver, clad with gold, not further worked than semi-manufactured.	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
711011	Platinum: Unwrought or in powder form				
71101119	Unwrought form: Other	Restricted	Free	-	However, import of Platinum alloy consisting of gold more than 1 percent (1%) by weight is Restricted.
71101129	In powder form: other	Restricted	Free	-	However, import of Platinum alloy consisting of gold more than 1 percent (1%) by weight is Restricted.
71101990	Other	Restricted	Free	-	However, import of Platinum alloy consisting of gold more than 1 percent (1%) by weight is Restricted.
71110000	Base metals, silver or gold, clad with platinum, not further worked than semi-manufactured	Free	Free	-	However, import of item with Silver or Gold more than 1% by weight is "Restricted".

711411	Of precious metal whether or not plated or clad with precious metal: Of silver, whether or not plated or clad with other precious metals				
71141110	Articles	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
71141120	Parts	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
711419	Of precious metal whether or not plated or clad with precious metal: Of other precious metal, whether or not plated or clad with precious metals				
71141910	Articles of gold	Restricted	Restricted		Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
71141920	Articles of platinum	Restricted	Restricted	Subject to Policy Condition No. 6 of this Chapter.	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
71141930	Parts	Free	Restricted		Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
711420	Of base metal clad with precious metal				
71142010	Articles clad with gold	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
71142020	Other articles	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
71142030	Parts	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.

71151000	Catalysts in the form Of wire cloth or grill, of Platinum	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
711590	Other				
71159010	Laboratory and industrial articles of precious metals	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
71159020	Spinnerets made mainly of gold	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
71159090	Other	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.
71181000	Coin (Other than gold Coin), not being legal tender	Free	Restricted	-	Subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of this Chapter.

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