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UK car and goods vehicle quota applications open for 2027

DGFT Public Notice No. 39/2026-27 invites India-UK CETA quota applications for 2027 for UK cars and goods vehicles from November 6 to 21, 2026.

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DGFT invites fresh applications for allocation of TRQ for CY 2027 from November 6, 2026 to November 21, 2026. For cars, the quotas cover "All goods, which have not been registered anywhere prior to importation, and imported as a Completely Built Unit (CBU)" under 21 tariff lines of heading 8703. The quantities are 6,000 cars with engine capacity not exceeding 1500 cc; 6,000 with engine capacity above 1500 cc but not above 3000 cc for petrol-run vehicles, or above 1500 cc but not above 2500 cc for diesel-run vehicles; and 12,500 with engine capacity above 3000 cc for petrol-run or above 2500 cc for diesel-run vehicles.

Goods vehicles get 2,750 units: "Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (other than electric or hydrogen fuel vehicles), imported as a Completely Built Unit (CBU)", under tariff lines 87041010, 87042100, 87042200, 87042300, 87043100 and 87043200. The import procedure stays the one in Annexure VII of Appendix 2A, as notified by Public Notice No. 19/2026-27.

The notice does not state the in-quota duty rates or which year of the agreement CY 2027 is. It does not mention electric, hybrid or hydrogen cars. It sets no rule on how the quantities are shared among applicants beyond the procedure in Annexure VII.

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Document	Public Notice No. 39/2026-27
Dated	November 6, 2026
Applies to	Applications for India-UK CETA tariff rate quotas for calendar year 2027: completely built UK cars (heading 8703) and goods vehicles (heading 8704)
Application window	November 6, 2026 to November 21, 2026
Cars, up to 1500 cc	6,000

Cars, above 1500 cc up to 3000 cc petrol or 2500 cc diesel	6,000
Cars, above 3000 cc petrol or 2500 cc diesel	12,500
Goods vehicles (not electric or hydrogen fuel)	2,750
Procedure	Annexure VII of Appendix 2A, as notified by Public Notice No. 19/2026-27 dated July 9, 2026
Legal basis	Paragraphs 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023
File number	01/89/180/110/AM-25/PC-2(A)/E-45719
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India

India-UK CETA TRQs open for calendar year 2027

Product	Tariff lines	TRQ quantity
Unregistered cars imported as a CBU, engine capacity not exceeding 1500 cc	87032110, 87032191, 87032199, 87032210, 87032291, 87032299, 87032310, 87032391, 87032399, 87032410, 87032491, 87032499, 87033110, 87033191, 87033199, 87033210, 87033291, 87033299, 87033310, 87033391, 87033399	6,000
Same goods, above 1500 cc but not above 3000 cc (petrol-run) or above 1500 cc but not above 2500 cc (diesel-run)	As above	6,000
Same goods, above 3000 cc (petrol-run) or above 2500 cc (diesel-run)	As above	12,500
Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (other than electric or hydrogen fuel vehicles), imported as a CBU	87041010, 87042100, 87042200, 87042300, 87043100, 87043200	2,750

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