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Wood pellets fall under ITC (HS) 44013100, "Sawdust and wood waste and scrap, agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms : -- Wood pellets". Their export policy moves from "Prohibited" to "Restricted". The existing policy condition for this line had two parts. The first said export of "Wood and wood products in the form of logs, timber, stumps, roots, bark, chips, powder, flakes, dust, and charcoal (other than sawn timber made exclusively out of imported logs/timber) is not permitted". The second made export of "Sandalwood De-oiled Spent Dust" Restricted, "permitted under a Restricted Export Authorisation subject to conditionalities as may be notified by DGFT from time to time". The revised condition for the line is one sentence: "Export shall be permitted under a Restricted Export Authorization." It does not repeat either part of the old text.

Wood briquettes, ITC (HS) 44013200, move from "Free" to "Restricted". The table shows no existing policy condition for this line, only a dash, and gives it the same revised condition as wood pellets. The notification's Effect paragraph says the export policy of the two codes "is revised with immediate effect from “Prohibited” to “Restricted” and from “Free” to “Restricted,” respectively", and that exports of these items "shall be permitted only under a Restricted Export Authorization".

The notification gives no reason for the change. It sets no quantity, quota, value or end date. It does not say on what criteria, or by what procedure, a Restricted Export Authorization for these items will be granted, and it says nothing about shipments already contracted. It amends only the two lines in its table. No later notification changing either line was found up to October 26, 2026.

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Takes effect	Immediately ("with immediate effect")
Applies to	Exports of wood pellets (ITC (HS) 44013100) and wood briquettes (ITC (HS) 44013200), Chapter 44, Schedule 2 of ITC (HS), 2022
Wood pellets (44013100)	Prohibited to Restricted
Wood briquettes (44013200)	Free to Restricted
Revised policy condition	"Export shall be permitted under a Restricted Export Authorization." (both lines)
Quantities, criteria or procedure for authorizations	None stated
Legal basis	Section 3 read with Section 5, Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992; Para 1.02 and Para 2.01, Foreign Trade Policy, 2023
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India
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Export policy of wood pellets and wood briquettes, as amended

ITC (HS) code	Item description	Existing export policy and condition	Revised export policy and condition
44013100	Sawdust and wood waste and scrap, agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms : -- Wood pellets	Prohibited. (1) Export of Wood and wood products in the form of logs, timber, stumps, roots, bark, chips, powder, flakes, dust, and charcoal (other than sawn timber made exclusively out of imported logs/timber) is not permitted. (2) However, Export of Sandalwood De-oiled Spent Dust is Restricted and Export is permitted under a Restricted Export Authorisation subject to conditionalities as may be notified by DGFT from time to time	Restricted. Export shall be permitted under a Restricted Export Authorization.
44013200	Wood briquettes	Free. None (the table shows "-")	Restricted. Export shall be permitted under a Restricted Export Authorization.

The notification (PDF, 1.1 MB)

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