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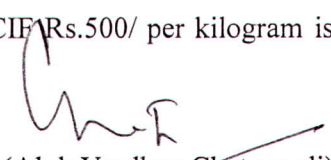
Subject: Amendment in import policy and policy condition of pepper classified under Chapter 09 of ITC (HS), 2017–Schedule–1(Import Policy).

S.O. (E): In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of FT (D&R) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends the import policy and policy condition of 'Pepper' classified under Chapter 09 of ITC (HS), 2017 – Schedule – 1 (Import Policy) as under:

| Exim Code | Item Description | Policy | Revised Policy | Revised Policy Condition |
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| 0904 11 | <i>Neither crushed nor ground:</i> | | | |
| 0904 11 10 | Pepper, long | Free | Prohibited | However, import is free if CIF is above Rs.500/ per kg. |
| 0904 11 20 | Light black pepper | Free | Prohibited | <p>However, import is free if CIF is above Rs.500/ per kg.</p> <p>Further, imports under Advance Authorisation Scheme is 'Free' and are exempted from the MIP condition when import is for extraction of oleoresin, for re-export, by the manufacturer exporters only, subject to the following condition:</p> <p>a. Light black pepper berries shall have a minimum piperine content of 6% for import into India under AAS for oleoresin.</p> <p>b. The samples shall be drawn by Customs and tested at Spices Board's Quality Evaluation Labs for piperine content as per the ISO 5564 method.</p> <p>c. The yield assessment for oleoresin for AAS shall be</p> |

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| | | | | done as per the ISO 1108 method at the Quality Evaluation Lab of Spices Board. d. The manufacturer exporters, who import pepper under AAS, for oleoresin purpose shall submit the details of import of pepper viz. quantity of pepper imported, quantity of oleoresin produced, quantity of oleoresin re-exported, balance stock available as well as the details of usage/disposal of spent material on a monthly basis to the Spices Board. |
| 0904 11 30 | Black pepper, garbled | Free | Prohibited | However, import is free if CIF is above Rs.500/ per kg |
| 0904 11 40 | Black pepper ungarbled | Free | Prohibited | However, import is free if CIF is above Rs.500/ per kg |
| 0904 11 50 | Green pepper, dehydrated | Free | Prohibited | However, import is free if CIF is above Rs.500/ per kg |
| 0904 11 60 | Pepper pinheads | Free | Prohibited | However, import is free if CIF is above Rs.500/ per kg |
| 0904 11 70 | Green pepper, frozen or dried | Free | Prohibited | However, import is free if CIF is above Rs.500/ per kg |
| 0904 11 80 | Pepper other than green, frozen | Free | Prohibited | However, import is free if CIF is above Rs.500/ per kg |
| 0904 11 90 | Other | Free | Prohibited | However, import is free if CIF is above Rs.500/ per kg |
| 0904 12 00 | Crushed or ground | Free | Prohibited | However, import is free if CIF is above Rs.500/ per kg |

Effect of this Notification: Import of pepper over and above CIF Rs.500/ per kilogram is free and import below CIF Rs.500/ is prohibited.


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