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Directorate General of Foreign Trade  
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Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

**Trade Notice No. 06/2024-25**

To,

All Stakeholders concerned.

**Subject:** Amendments in Appendix-4J of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023.

Whereas there have been a lot of representations from EPC and exporters regarding review of Appendix 4J of the HBP. This has been requested to facilitate exports and operate within a higher trust based eco-system. This Directorate is proposing a review of export obligation period as mentioned in Appendix -4J.

2. A draft PN in regards is annexed herewith.

3. All stakeholders are advised to provide their comments/suggestions/views with regards to proposed amendments in Appendix-4J of HBP 2023, within 15 days of the issuance of this Trade Notice to e mail id **policy4-dgft@gov.in**

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**DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE****(TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE OF INDIA EXTRAORDINARY PART-I  
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Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi

**Public Notice No. /2023**  
**New Delhi, Dated: June, 2024**

**Subject:** Amendments in Appendix-4J of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023.

In exercise of powers conferred under Paragraph 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, as amended from time to time, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby makes the following amendment in Appendix-4J of the Handbook of Procedures 2023:

1. In the Appendix 4J table, the existing entries are amended to be read as under:

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Import Item(s)</b>	<b>Export Obligation Period with pre-import condition from the date of clearance of each import consignment by Customs Authority</b>
1	Spices (Subject to Para 4.04 of FTP)	12 months
2	Drugs imported from unregistered source (with a specific export order and pre-import condition)	12 months
3	Tea	6 months
4	Coconut Oil	6 months
5	Silk in any form	12 months
6	Raw Sugar	6 months
7	Precious Metal Gold/Silver/Platinum (Pertains to Gem and Jewellery Sector)	4 months
8	Penicillin and its salts [ITC (HS) Code No. 29411010, if imported from unregistered source	12 months
9	Natural Rubber	12 months

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Import Item(s)</b>	<b>Export Obligation Period with pre-import condition from the date of clearance of each import consignment by Customs Authority</b>
10	Import items (except Shea Nut or Shea Butter) as allowed under notified SION/prior fixation of norms by NC for export of all items covered under Chapter 7 and Chapter 15 of ITC(HS) Classification.	6 months
11	Fabrics including interlining under Special Advance Authorization Scheme for export of Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories (Para 4.04A of FTP 2023)	18 months from the date of issue of Authorisation (not from the date of import) and further extension as allowed in Para 4.40(a), (b), (c) and (e) of HBP)
12.	Maize (ITC HS Code 1005)	6 months
13.	Walnut in any form	6 months
14.	Wheat	6 months

**Effect of the Public Notice:** The Export Obligation Period with pre-import condition from the date of clearance of each import consignment by Customs Authority in the existing entries under Appendix-4J stands amended with immediate effect.

## APPENDIX –4J

(Please see paragraph 4.40 of HBP)

Export Obligation Period for Specified Inputs with Pre-import Condition under Advance Authorizations

Serial No.	Import Item(s)	Export Obligation Period with pre-import condition from the date of clearance of each import consignment by Customs Authority
1.	Spice  (a) Pepper; cardamom and chilies for Value Addition purpose like crushing / grinding / sterilisation or for manufacture of oils and oleoresins and not for simple cleaning, grading, repacking etc.	120 days
	(b) Spices other than pepper, cardamom and chilies for manufacture of Spice oils, Oleoresin	12 months
	(c) Other than (a) & (b) above.	90 days
2.	Drugs imported from unregistered source (with a specific export order and pre-import condition)	12 months
3.	Tea	6 months
4.	Coconut Oil	90 days
5.	Silk in any form	9 months
6.	Raw Sugar	6 months
7.	Precious Metal Gold/Silver/Platinum (pertains to Gem and Jewellery Sector)	120 days
8.	Pencillin and its salts [ITC (HS) Code No. 29411010, if imported from unregistered source]	12 months
9.	Natural Rubber	6 months
10.	Import items (except Shea Nut or Shea butter) as allowed under notified SION/prior fixation of norms by NC for export of all items covered under Chapter 7 and Chapter 15 of ITC(HS) Classification.	90 days
11.	Fabrics including interlining under Special Advance Authorization Scheme for export of Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories (Para 4.04A of FTP 2023)	18 months from the date of issue of Authorisation (not from the date of import) and further extension as allowed in Para 4.40(a), (b), (c) and (e) of HBP)
12.	Maize (ITC HS Code 1005)	3 months
13.	Walnut in any form	6 months
14.	Wheat	180 days