



STANDING ORDER NO. 04 /2022

Subject: Standard Operating Procedure for Export of Sugar in view of restriction imposed vide DGFT Notification 10/2015-20 dated 24.05.2022 - reg.

Reference is invited to DGFT Notification No.10/2015-20 dated 24.05.2022 (copy enclosed) regarding the amendment in the Export Policy wherein sugar (Raw Sugar, Refined Sugar and White Sugar) bearing ITC (HS) Code 17011490 &17019990, was placed under "restricted" category for export with effect from 01.06.2022 (except fixed quantity of Sugar being exported under CXL and TRQ quota to EU and USA as exempted under para 2 of the said Notification), wherein it is stated that export of sugar is allowed subject to specific permission from Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), and detailed procedure for issue of necessary permission for export of sugar will be notified separately by DFPD .

2. Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) vide letters F.No.1-1(2002)-SP-I dated 24.05.2022 (copies enclosed) to all exporters of sugar as well as to all the sugar mills, issued guidelines/procedure for obtaining Export Release Order. Further, para 3 of the said letter provides that in case of export through Bulk or Break-Bulk vessels, if the shipping bill is filed and vessels have already berthed or arrived and anchored in Indian Ports and their rotation Number has been allotted as on 31.05.2022, such vessels shall continue to proceed for the loading and export of sugar without any approval or release order.

3. Further, Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) vide F.No.1-1(2002)-SP-I dated 05/06/2022, issued 'Combined Export Release Order' (copy enclosed) to the exporters granting permission to export a total quantity of 10 Lakh MT of sugar within 90 days from the date of the said Order as mentioned in the Annexure-I (application wise)/Annexure-II(exporter wise) subject to the following conditions:-


- a. The quantity which has been dispatched from the sugar mill up to 31.05.2022 or which is in transit or lying on the port area shall continue to be undertaken for export without any requirement of separate release order in respect of source sugar mill.
- b. Further sourcing of sugar for export will be done from the sugar mills and to which ERO will be issued by the Department of Food and Public Distribution with restriction to the quantity for which ERO has been issued to the sugar mill.
- c. The exporter shall submit a report on the progress of implementation of Release Order to the Director (Sugar) on weekly basis.
- d. Any violation of the above conditions would tantamount to an offence and liable for strict action under relevant provisions of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act 1992 and the Essential Commodities Act 1955.

4. In view of above, in order to monitor export clearance of sugar consignments through Nhava Sheva Port, the following procedure should be followed:-

- i) All the shipping bills (including RMS facilitated shipping bills) of sugar (Raw Sugar, Refined Sugar and White Sugar) against ERO, filed for export through Nhava Sheva Port will invariably be registered with Centralized Export Assessment Cell (CEAC) at Speedy CFS, Nhava Sheva.
- ii) The CEAC would maintain a separate register for entering the details of the Export Release Order (ERO) issued by Department of Food and Public Distribution, and the shipment details against each ERO. The CEAC will also ensure that the ERO is uploaded on e-Sanchit for the respective Shipping Bill. For every such ERO, a unique number would be assigned by CEAC. CEAC will also verify the authenticity of EROs from DFPD website.

- iii) On entering the details of the above ERO, the CEAC will make endorsement of the above unique number on the reverse of the said ERO and also on the copy of the Shipping Bill/Check List. The CEAC will debit the export value from the Balance Value mentioned in the above ERO and enter the debit details in the above mentioned register as well as on the shipping bill/Check List.
- iv) The above ERO and Shipping Bill/Check List bearing the above endorsements will be presented to the concerned officer at the time of registration of Shipping Bill. The concerned officer would specifically mention in the comments column / examination report regarding having seen the same.
- v) The concerned officer would issue LEO to the shipping bill only on verification of the aforesaid endorsement on the ERO, the Shipping Bill/ Check List, and the same having been mentioned in the comments column / examination report.
- vi) The above mentioned SOP will not be applicable in respect of the exempted category mentioned in the para 2 of the DGFT Notification 10/2015-20, para 3 of the Department of Food and Public Distribution letter F. No 1-1 (2002)-SP-I dated 24.05.2022, and para 4(a) of the Department of Food and Public Distribution's 'Combined Export Release Order' issued vide F.No.1-1(2002)-SP-I dated 05/06/2022.
- vii) CEAC will send a weekly report to Directorate of Sugar and Vegetable Oil, Department of Food and Public Distribution, detailing exporter wise quantity exported through Nhava Sheva Port.

5. Any difficulty faced in implementing the above Standing Order shall be brought to the notice of the undersigned.


10/6/2022
(N.V. KULKARNI)
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
NS-II, JNCH

Encl. : as above.

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