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Subject: Updation in Para 4 (A) of General Notes Regarding Import Policy of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule – I (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 updates Para 4 (A) of General Notes Regarding Import Policy of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule – I (Import Policy), as under:

Existing Para 4 (A) of General Notes Regarding Import Policy of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule – I (Import Policy).	Revised Para 4 (A) of General Notes Regarding Import Policy of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule – I (Import Policy).
<p>(A) Shelf Life:</p> <p>Import of all such edible /food products, domestic sale and manufacture of which are governed by Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 and rules there under shall also be subject to the condition that, at the time of importation, the products are having a valid shelf life of not less than 60% of its original shelf life. Shelf life of the product is to be calculated, based on the declaration given on the label of the product, regarding its date of manufacture and the due date for expiry.</p> <p>However, this condition of 60% shelf life stipulated above is not applicable to re-import for export purpose under para 2.49 of Foreign Trade Policy. Re-import for export purpose will be subject to following conditions:</p>	<p>(A) Shelf Life:</p> <p>Import of all such edible /food products, domestic sale and manufacture of which are governed by Food Safety & Standards (Import) Regulation, 2017 shall also be subject to the condition that, at the time of importation, the products are having a valid shelf life of not less than 60% of its original shelf life or three months before expiry, whichever is less at the time of import. Shelf life of the product is to be calculated, based on the declaration given on the label of the product, regarding its date of manufacture and the due date for expiry.</p> <p>However, this condition of 60% shelf life or or three months before expiry stipulated above is not applicable to re-import for export purpose under para 2.46 of Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20). Re-import for export purpose will be subject to following conditions:</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i.</i> Re-imported edible/food products to meet stipulated phytosanitary conditions; <i>ii.</i> Importers to give an undertaking to Customs that re-imported the goods are not sold in the domestic market; <i>iii.</i> Importers to submit a certificate to Customs that such goods have been re-exported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i.</i> Re-imported edible/food products to meet stipulated phytosanitary conditions; <i>ii.</i> Importers to give an undertaking to Customs that re-imported goods will not be sold in the domestic market; <i>iii.</i> On re-export mporters to submit a certificate to such effect to the Customs
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2. **Effect of this Notification:** Consequent to modification in Section 3(2) of the Food Safety & Standards (Import) Regulation, 2017, Para 4 (A) of General Notes Regarding Import Policy of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule – I (Import Policy) stands updated.


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