

**Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority
(Ministry of Commerce, Government of India)**

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**Trade Notice
Online Registration of Contracts for Export of Non-Basmati Rice**

Vide Notification No. 33/2025-26 dated 24th September, 2025 issued by Director General of Foreign Trade, Govt. of India, New Delhi (DGFT), the Export Policy of non-Basmati Rice under ITC (HS) codes 10063011, 10063019, 10063091, 10063099 and 10064000 has been amended by incorporating an additional policy condition to the extent that export of non-Basmati Rice shall be permitted only upon registration of contracts with APEDA.

APEDA has, therefore, evolved the following procedure for on-line Registration of Contracts and issuance of Registration-Cum-Allocation Certificate (RCAC). Additional conditions from the DGFT notifications and requirements of importing countries are as follows:

1. Export is permitted through Custom EDI ports. Export is also permitted through non EDI Land Custom Stations (LCS) on Indo Bangladesh and Indo-Nepal border subject to registration of quantity with DGFT Regional Authorities (RAs) Kolkata and Patna and such other RAs as notified by DGFT from time to time will be the designated RAs for the purpose of such registration of quantity.
2. Exports to **Russian Federation** are permitted subject to pre-shipment quality certification issued by APEDA authorized laboratories as updated on APEDA website from time to time.
3. Export to **USA** and **China** will be allowed only from the rice mills/ processing units registered with Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India in accordance with OM F.no119-36/2010-POD(Vol V) dt 04.02.2016.
4. For export to **Indonesia**, pre-shipment testing is required from one of the laboratories approved by the Indonesia Agriculture Quarantine Agency.
5. For export to **Iran**, pre shipment inspection is required in accordance with APEDA Trade Notice dated June 17, 2014.
6. As per DGFT notification No. 29/2015-20 dated 4th November, 2019, the export of Basmati rice and non-Basmati Rice to EU Member States and other European Countries is permitted subject to issuance of Certificate of Inspection(CoI) by Export Inspection Council (EIC)/ Export Inspection Agency (EIA).

Accordingly, for export of non-Basmati Rice to EU Member States and other European Countries, applicants would be required to upload 'Certification of Inspection' issued by EIC/ EIA, while applying online for RCAC with APEDA. Any change in export policy condition shall be applicable as and when announced by the Government.

7. Export to **Saudi Arabia** will be permitted from rice establishments which have adopted international standards for food safety management such as ISO 22000 and / or HACCP w.e.f November 1, 2019. Merchant exporters can export non-Basmati Rice to Saudi Arabia, however, before issue of RCAC, the applicants will be required to upload a certificate from SFDA accredited rice establishment from where the rice has been purchased.

B. Procedure : Application for registration of contracts for export of non-Basmati Rice will have to be filed by the exporters online at APEDA website www.apeda.gov.in using the USER ID and Password provided to the registered member exporters. A scanned copy of LC/ contract/ proforma invoice has to be uploaded before filing the application for registration of contract.

The Exporter shall submit a copy of the relevant certificates issued by laboratories or EIC/ EIA, as applicable, along with the application for issuance of Registration-Cum-Allocation-Certificate (RCAC) in APEDA.

C. Processing charges: As approved by Department of Commerce vide F.No. 12/3/2025--EP(Agri-III), processing fee at the rate of Rupees eight per MT (Rs. 8 PMT) plus GST @ 18% of the contracted quantity with a minimum of Rupees Fifty(Rs.50/-) is to be paid by the applicant. The online registration system shall not accept any application below Rs. 50/-. Any change in Service Tax will be applicable as and when announced by the Government.

D. Registration : The LC/ contract/ proforma invoice submitted online shall be scrutinized based on which RCAC shall be issued by APEDA. A RCAC shall also be issued on-line and will be available on the login page of the applicant at APEDA website. The applicant may take a printout of the RCAC for submission to customs along with other export documents.

E. Validity : The RCAC shall be issued to all the exporters with its validity for shipment up to 45 days from the date of issue. Therefore, while applying for registration of contract exporters are advised to ensure that the quantity applied for registration is the one which is planned to be shipped in next 45 days.

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