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Subject:- Fixation of new Standard Input Output Norms (SION) at E-136 for export of wheat flour (Atta), deletion of SION E-110, amendment in Appendix 4J and insertion of new para 4.05 (iii) under Handbook of Procedures 2015-20- reg.

In exercise of the powers conferred under paragraph 1.03 & 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, and as per provision of paragraph 4.13 of Foreign Trade Policy, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby makes the following amendments:

1. The Standard Input Output Norms (SION) E-110 stands deleted.
2. A new SION in food products category is inserted as under:

| SION | Export Item | Quantity | Import Item | Quantity |
|-------|--------------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| E-136 | Wheat Flour (Atta) | 1.00 Kg | Wheat | 1.07 Kg |

Note: For the purpose of this SION, 'wheat flour (atta)' implies to 'whole wheat flour (atta)' and the same is to be endorsed as technical characteristic while applying for the Advance Authorization.

3. The Advance Authorization (AA) under this SION is subject to the following conditions:
 - i. The Advance Authorization (AA) shall be issued only to flour millers.
 - ii. The AA shall be issued with pre-import condition.
 - iii. The SION is valid until 'wheat' is prohibited for exports. Thereafter, no further AA will be issued under the SION. AAs already issued will continue to operate in the normal course.
 - iv. The Bills of Entry against which wheat has been imported shall be confirmed by Custom Authorities while allowing exports.
 - v. Procurement of wheat from Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) is not permissible in any case against the Advance Authorization.



4. The following amendment is made in Appendix 4J:

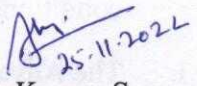
| Serial no. | Import Item(s) | Export Obligation Period with pre-import condition from the date of clearance of each import consignment by Customs Authority |
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| 14. | Wheat | 180 days |

5. After sub para 4.05 (ii) a new sub para 4.05 (iii) is introduced as under:

“Wheat Flour (Atta)” is permitted to be exported under the Advance Authorization Scheme, subject to pre-import condition of wheat under the notified SION only. No domestic/ indigenous sourcing of wheat is permitted and the invalidation letter/ARO facility is not available. Third party exports are also not allowed in this case. Import and Export would be permitted only through EDI enabled ports. The Export Obligation period (EOP) of Advance Authorization for wheat shall be 180 days from the date of clearance of each import consignment and no extension in EOP shall be allowed. Such import shall be subject to actual user condition and no transfer of imported wheat for any purpose, including job work, shall be permitted. In case of non-fulfilment of EO/ non-achievement of stipulated value addition, a penalty equal to five times of the CIF value of the imported material, corresponding to the shortfall in EO, shall be imposed in addition to the payment of applicable duty and interest. Provisions of Paragraph 4.49 of Handbook of Procedures shall not be applicable in this case.

Effect of this Public Notice:

The SION-E110 stands deleted. The export of wheat flour (atta) is allowed under Advance Authorization Scheme. Accordingly, a new SION has been notified and import of ‘Wheat’ is placed under Appendix 4J with pre-import condition. Domestic procurement is not allowed in case of such Advance Authorization.


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