

Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade

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Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001

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To,

1. All Exporters Concerned
2. Export Promotion Councils (EPCs)
3. All Regional Authorities of DGFT

Subject: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Export Authorisations for Restricted Seeds and Planting Materials – reg.

To facilitate trade, reduce turnaround time for obtaining export authorizations, and streamline the process for export of seeds and planting materials **categorised as ‘Restricted’**, the following Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been formulated. Manufacturers/exporters are required to adhere to the SOP while filing applications with DGFT for Export Authorization:

(A) Export of Seeds (for Sowing Purposes) and Planting Materials

1. Product Specifications:

Applicants must submit detailed specifications of the seed/planting material intended for export, along with its source.

2. Raw Materials:

Details of raw materials used in the production of the seed must be provided.

3. Specific Affidavit Requirements:

- An affidavit on stamp paper from the firm confirming that no Indian germplasm has been used in developing the seed. Examples of exportable items include: Onion Seed (HS Code: 12099130), Rice in Husk (Paddy or Rough) of Seed Quality (HS Code 10061010).
- A conditional affidavit confirming that the exported material is proprietary and complies with the *Biological Diversity Act, 2002*.

4. For Export of Seed Quality:

An affidavit is required to confirm compliance with conditions outlined in *Notification No. 23/2015-2020* dated October 7, 2015. The key conditions are as follows:

- a. A license to carry on the business of a dealer in seeds issued under Section 3 of the *Seed Control Order (1983)* from the State Government.
- b. Declaration that the exported seed consignment has been chemically treated and is not fit for human consumption.
- c. Export packets must be labelled to indicate that the seeds are treated with chemical insecticides and are not for food or feed purposes.

(B) Export of Seeds (for Non-Sowing Purposes):

For non-sowing purposes (e.g., Rice Paddy or Husk, Non-Basmati Rice under HS Code 10061090), the applicant must submit an affidavit stating:

- The exported material is not intended for sowing or planting and is neither breeder seed/ foundation seed nor certified seed.
- The material is meant solely for consumption purposes.

This Trade Notice is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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