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Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade
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Subject: Imposition of Quantitative Restriction on import of Low Ash Metallurgical Coke under Chapter 27 of ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule – I (Import Policy).

S.O. (E): Whereas, the Authorized Officer i.e. DGTR in its final findings, vide Notification No. 22/4/2023-DGTR dated 29.04.2024 read with Notification dated 28.05.2024, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part I, Section 1, following a safeguard investigation under the Safeguard Measures (Quantitative Restrictions) Rules, 2012, had recommended in terms of Section 9A(1) of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, to impose country-wise quantitative restrictions on import of the following product, , under the FTDR Act :

> *"Low Ash Metallurgical Coke, that is, Metallurgical Coke having ash content below 18% under the HS Code 2704 excluding coke fines / coke breeze and ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke with phosphorous content up to 0.030% with size upto 30 mm with 5% size tolerance for use in ferroalloy manufacturing"*

2. Accordingly, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3, Section 5 and Section 9A of FTDR Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, as amended from time to time, the Central Government after considering the aforesaid Notification dated 29.04.2024 of DGTR and in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments and other industry stakeholders, hereby makes the following amendments by inserting a new Policy Condition at Sl. No. 8 in Chapter 27 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule – I (Import Policy) :-

8.	(a) Import of "Low Ash Metallurgical Coke (HS Codes 27040020, 27040030, 27040040, 27040090) having ash content below 18%, excluding coke fines / coke breeze and ultra-low phosphorous metallurgical coke with phosphorous content up to 0.030% with size upto 30 mm with 5% size tolerance for use in ferroalloy manufacturing" shall be **"Restricted".** (b) Import shall be permitted only against an Import Authorization issued by DGFT for the specified country for imports during 01.01.2025 to 30.06.2025. (c) Metallurgical Coke with high ash content, that is, ash content above 18% is outside the scope of "Restriction".

3. The country-wise quantitative restriction (QR) for said item shall be as under:

Country ↓	Quantitative Restriction (in MT)		
Quarter →	Jan-March,2025	Apr-June 2025	Total
Australia	25,638	25,638	51,276
China PR	39,323	39,323	78,646
Colombia	1,24,886	1,24,886	2,49,771
Indonesia	33,182	33,182	66,364
Japan	1,04,990	1,04,990	2,09,980
Poland	2,53,168	2,53,168	5,06,336
Qatar	810	810	1620
Russia	44,591	44,591	89182
Singapore	23,239	23,239	46,478
Switzerland	40,887	40,887	81,774
UK	38	38	76
Others	22,831	22,831	45,662
Total	**7,13,583**	**7,13,583**	**14,27,166**

4. The said import shall be subject to the following conditions:

i. Imports would be permitted through EDI ports only to facilitate electronic/ real-time monitoring of the allocated quota;
ii. The QR would be monitored on quarterly basis;
iii. Total imports allowed in any quarter shall not exceed the total of that quarter;
iv. Any unutilised quantity for Quarter 1 shall be added to next Quarter;
v. In case, the countries with specific quantity exhaust their allocated QR, such countries may use the available residual quantity; and
vi. If necessary, further modalities will be notified separately governing such QR, in accordance with relevant legal provisions.

5. The country-wise quantitative restrictions shall be effective for a period of six months only and will cease automatically on 30.06.2025. Further, the Central Government reserves the right to review and make any changes in the said safeguard measures at any point of time, as deemed fit.

6. If required, the procedure in regard to seeking import authorization from the DGFT shall be notified separately. The application for restricted import authorization may be filed on DGFT website.

Effect of the Notification:

Based on the recommendations contained in the final findings of DGTR, vide Notification No. 22/4/2023-DGTR dated 29.04.2024 read with Notification dated 28.05.2024, import of low ash metallurgical coke have been placed under "Restriction" as per the country-wise Quantitative Restrictions(QR) for a period of six months, effective from 01.01.2025 upto 30.06.2025.

This issues with the approval of Minister of Commerce & Industry.

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