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The Directorate General of Foreign Trade released a notification on 25.05.2022 stating that import policy on paper has been changed from “Free” to “Free Subject to compulsory registration”. This shall be applicable on a wide range of products that include newsprint, handmade paper, wallpaper base, duplicating paper, coated paper, uncoated paper, Litho and offset paper, tissue paper, parchment paper, carbon paper, wallpaper, envelopes, toilet paper, cartons, account books, labels, bobbins, etc.

It is stated that all imports that take after 1st October shall be governed under the rules set forth by this policy.

However, a few specific grades of paper have been excluded from this list. These items are currency paper, bank bond and cheque paper, and security printing paper.

This step is taken as the domestic industry has constantly complained about the issues of dumping paper products. The entities dump the paper product by under-invoicing the product, sending the prohibited goods by misdeclaration, and re-routing goods under the garb of trade agreements. It is also noted that a large number of paper products are imported under the “others” category Tariff Lines. This move will also help to promote the Idea of Atamnirbhar Bharat.

DGFT has created an interface for the Implementation of the Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS). An importer will be able to obtain an automatic registration number online by paying a fee of Rs.500.

The importer cannot apply for registration not earlier than the 75th day and not later than the 5th day before the shipment’s expected arrival. The automatic registration number will be valid for 75 days. The importer can have multiple consignments on the same registration number as long as it is within the validity period and the permitted quantity. The registration facility will be live from the 15th of July 2022.



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