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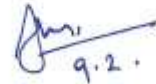
Subject: Notification of ITC (HS), 2022- Schedule-1 (Import Policy).

S.O. (E): In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 read with Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 (as amended from time to time) read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, the Central Government hereby notifies 'Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System) 2022 [ITC(HS)2022]' in sync with the Finance Act, 2021 dated 28th March, 2021 and Corrigenda dated 29.12.2021.

2. The modifications/amendments in the Chapter-wise Policy Conditions is at Annexure-I.
3. The List of ITC(HS) codes introduced/deleted/amended/split/merged as per the Finance Act, 2021 is at Annexure-II.
4. The modifications/amendments in the Section Notes, Chapter-wise Main Notes, Supplementary Notes, Chapter heading, sub-headings and description of ITC(HS) codes as per the Finance Act, 2021 is at Annexure-III.
5. The updated ITC(HS) 2022 along with Annexure-I, II & III shall be available on the website of DGFT (<https://dgft.gov.in>).

Effect of this Notification: ITC(HS) 2022 Schedule-1 (Import Policy) is notified in sync with the Finance Act, 2021. Import policy of drones in CBU/CKD/SKD form under HS Code 8806 is 'Prohibited' with exceptions provided for R&D, Defence and Security purposes. Import of drone components shall be 'Free'. This shall come into force with immediate effect.

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



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ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to in DGFT Notification No. 54/2015-20 dated 09.02.2022 regarding 'Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System) of Import Items, 2022 [ITC (HS), 2022]'

1. In Chapter-88 of Schedule-I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS), 2022, the Policy Condition No. 03 is revised as follows: -

Existing Policy condition No. 03	Revised Policy Condition No. 03
Import of Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)/Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAVs)/Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs)/drones is "Restricted" requiring prior clearance of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and import license from DGFT. Further, import of Civil Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) is governed as per the Guidelines issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation vide F.No.05-13/2014-AED Vol. IV dated 27th August, 2018. However, Nano category (less than or equal to 250 grams) and operating below 50ft/ 15 meters above ground level requires Equipment Type Approval (ETA) from WPC Wing, Department of Telecommunications for operating in de-licensed frequency band(s) and does not require import clearance of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) or import license from DGFT.	<p>1. Import of drones in Completely-Built-Up (CBU), Semi-knocked-down (SKD) or Completely-Knocked-down (CKD) form is Prohibited, with following exceptions: -</p> <p>i. Import of drones by Government entities, educational institutions recognized by central or state government, government recognized R&D entities and drone manufacturers for R&D purpose shall be allowed in CBU, SKD or CKD form subject to import authorisation issued by DGFT in consultation with concerned line ministries.</p> <p>ii. Import of drones for defence & security purposes shall be allowed in CBU, SKD or CKD form subject to import authorisation issued by DGFT in consultation with concerned line ministries.</p> <p>2. Import of drone components shall be 'Free'.</p>