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New Delhi, dated 17th December, 2025

Subject: Procedure for Allocation of TRQ under tariff head 7108 under India-UAE CEPA for FY 2025-26-reg.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Paragraph 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, as amended from time to time and in continuation of the Public Notice no. 31/2025-26 and Trade Notice no. 16/2025-26 dated 29.10.2025, wherein it was decided that the allocation of TRQ for Gold under India-UAE CEPA will be undertaken based on the competitive bidding/tender process. Accordingly, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade hereby invites bids/tenders for the first round of allocation of Gold TRQ under tariff head 7108 under India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) for FY 2025-26 as under:

i. The Process for inviting bids from the Trade and Industry is clearly laid out in the Tender Document given at Annexure – I. The same may be accessed at the MSTC website at (https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocn/dgft).

ii. The Total Quantity of Allocation in the current Tender process is restricted to 30 MT in the current round of Allocations.

iii. The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide order dated 26.09.2025 signed on 08.10.2025 has disposed of the petitions directing the respondents to expeditiously review the TRQ Allocation for the FY 2025-26. The operative part of the Hon'ble High Court order is reproduced below

> "*18. Necessarily, given that six months out of the current financial year have already elapsed, the respondents would be required to undertake a review of the TRQ allocation so as to utilize the quota for the current financial year.*
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> *19. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be apposite for the respondents to conduct the aforesaid review as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of four weeks from today.*
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> *20. While conducting the review, the concerned authorities shall duly take into account the grievances / apprehensions highlighted by the petitioners in the present petitions, particularly the aspect that the allocation policy must veer towards making the same broad-based and extending it to those applicants who do not have a track record of substantial turnover over the preceding few years (even though they have significant network) as well as those seeking TRQ allocation for the first time.*

21. In the event the respondents are inclined to accept the request of the petitioners, the DGFT may introduce additional conditions / criteria to allocate the TRQ accordingly.

22. With the aforesaid directions, the petitions (along with pending applications) are disposed of."

iv. In compliance with the court order, to broaden the allocations, the eligible participants for the current round are restricted to Micro and Small Enterprises only, who comply with the eligibility conditions given in the Annexure – IV of the Appendix – 2A and the maximum eligible quantity for allocation to bidders of Micro and Small units is limited to 10 kg and 25 KG, respectively.

v. The Exim Facilitation Committee (EFC) reserves the right to extend the total Quantity for allocation under this bid by 50 %, i.e. additional 15 MT, in case of cumulative bids received beyond the Total quantity given at Sl. No. ii above.

vi. Only one registered user (on the MSTC Website) is allowed to participate in the Bidding process for a given IEC. Furthermore,

   a. In case the details of the registered user are figuring in the IEC (as Proprietor, Partner, Director, etc.), a copy of the IEC is to be submitted on the MSTC portal during the technical bid.

   b. In case the name of the registered user does not figure in the IEC details of the Bidder, an Authority letter duly signed by the Proprietor/Partner/Karta/Director whose name is appearing in the IEC, is to be submitted on the MSTC portal during the technical bid.

vii. The tentative schedule of the Tender process is given in **Annexure – II**.

viii. The schedule for the next round of Allocations will be intimated after the conclusion of the current round of Allocations.

ix. Any false information, suppression of facts, or misrepresentation shall result in *ab initio* cancellation of the bid and may invite penal proceedings under the relevant provisions of the FTDR Act, read with the applicable Rules, the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), and the provisions of the Tender Document.

Effect of this Public Notice: The procedure is prescribed for the first round of Allocation of TRQ for imports of Gold under tariff head 7108 under India-UAE CEPA for FY 2025-26.

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