

Discontinuation of Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS)

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Dear Sir(s)

Please refer to the stakeholder consultation held on 22.7.2025 and EPCES email dated 17.8.2025 (copy attached)

However, a final decision is awaited regarding PIMS.

Recently, the High Level Committee on Non-Financial Regulatory Reforms under the chairmanship of Shri Rajiv Gauba, Member, NITI Aayog has recommended revoking the Steel Import Monitoring System issued vide DGFT Notification No 17/2015-2020 dated 5.9.2019. They have observed that Monitoring import and export data at the tariff-line level falls under the purview of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). Ministries can seek information from DGFT whenever required. Imposing an additional monitoring system that demands prior registration and data submission duplicates DGFT's functions and risks turning the mechanism into an import-licensing tool rather than a monitoring exercise.

PIMS registration by SEZ /EOUs on supply from to Domestic Tariff Area is irrational. That, in any case, should be done away with.

However, in view of the recommendation of the High Level Committee as stated above, it is requested that Paper Import Monitoring System, issued vide DGFT Notification No 11/2015-2020 dated 25.5.2022 may also be revoked and DPIIT may request DGFT for the same.

With regards,



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From: **Paper Section** <paper-367@gov.in>

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Subject: Meeting with stakeholders regarding applicability of the Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS)

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Sir/Ma'am,

Refer to the captioned subject.

It is informed that a meeting is scheduled to be held under the chairmanship of **Sh. Sanjiv, Joint Secretary (DPIIT), on 22.07.2025 at 4:00 P.M.** to discuss the following scenarios regarding the applicability of PIMS registration for imports originating from SEZ/FTWZ/EOU units to the DTA:

- i. **Use of Domestically Sourced Inputs:** Where no imported paper (falling under the purview of PIMS) is used in the manufacturing of goods (e.g., carton boxes) within an SEZ, and such goods are subsequently supplied to DTA buyers, whether PIMS compliance still be applicable in such cases?
- ii. **Change in HS Code Due to Processing:** In cases where imported paper (already registered under PIMS at the time of import) is processed in an SEZ/FTWZ/EOU, resulting in a finished product with a different 8-digit HS code, whether a fresh PIMS registration be required for transfer of the goods to the DTA?
- iii. **Inter-SEZ/EOU Transfers:** Where an item manufactured in one SEZ using imported paper (already registered under PIMS) is transferred or dispatched to another SEZ or EOU, whether this movement would require additional PIMS compliance?
- iv. **Minimal Imported Content in Final Product:** If the final product is manufactured in an SEZ using imported paper (registered under PIMS) as a minor component of the total raw material — with the majority sourced domestically — whether such cases be considered for exemption from further PIMS requirements?

2. You are requested to kindly attend the meeting as per the above schedule. A maximum of **two (2) participants per organization** may join the meeting. Kindly confirm your participation. Details regarding the venue and VC link will be shared shortly.

Regards

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