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India- Import Policy Update for Animal Products

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Report Highlights:

On January 3, 2017, the Government of India (GOI) prohibited the import of various animal products classified in Chapter 41 and 43 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule including leather of reptiles and the fur of chinchilla, mink and fox. The regulation has not been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

General Information:

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On January 3, 2017, the GOI's Directorate General of Foreign Trade under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry amended the import policy of the various animal products classified in Chapter 41 and 43 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule. The amended policy now prohibits the import of leather of reptiles (HS Code 41133000), raw furskins of mink (HS Code 43011000), raw furskins of fox (HS Code 43016000), tanned or dressed furskins of mink (HS Code 43021100) and fur of Chinchilla under the category of other furskins (HS Code 43018000). The previous regulation permitted such imports subject to India's Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and provisions of CITES. The regulation has not been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

For more information, please see the [Notification](#) (also pasted below) or the Directorate General of Foreign Trade website at <http://dgft.gov.in>.

Final details on Notification:

Type of Regulation: Final

GOI Publication Date: January 3, 2017

Notification to WTO: Not notified to the WTO as of January 17, 2017

Products Affected: Leather of reptiles and furskins of chinchilla, mink and fox

Agency in Charge: Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

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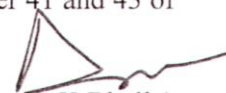
Notification No.33/2015-2020
New Delhi, Dated: 3 January, 2017

Subject: Amendment in import policy of items classified under Chapter 41 & 43 of ITC (HS), 2012–Schedule–1(Import Policy).

S.O. (E): In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of FT (D&R) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends the import policy of the following items classified under Chapter 41 and 43 of ITC (HS), 2012 – Schedule – 1 (Import Policy), as under:

Exim Code	Item Description	Policy	Existing Policy Conditions	Revised Policy
41133000	Of reptiles	Free	Imports are subject to Wild Life (Protection) act, 1972 and CITES.	Prohibited
43011000	Of mink, whole, with or without head, tail or paws	Free	Imports are subject to Wild Life (Protection) act, 1972 and CITES.	Prohibited
43016000	Of fox, whole, with or without head, tail or paws	Free	Imports are subject to Wild Life (Protection) act, 1972 and CITES.	Prohibited
43018000	Other furskins, whole, with or without head, tail or paws	Free	Imports are subject to Wild Life (Protection) act, 1972 and CITES.	Free. However import of fur of Chinchilla is Prohibited
43021100	Of mink	Free	Imports are subject to Wild Life (Protection) act, 1972 and CITES.	Prohibited

3. **Effect of this Notification:** Import policy of some items under Chapter 41 and 43 of ITC (HS) 2012 is revised.



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