



RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
Foreign Exchange Department
Central Office
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A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No.73

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To

All Scheduled Commercial Banks which are Authorised Dealers (ADs) in Foreign Exchange/ All Agencies nominated for import of gold

Madam / Sir,

Import of Gold by Nominated Banks /Agencies/Entities

Attention of Authorised Persons is drawn to the Reserve Bank's [A.P. \(DIR Series\) Circular No. 25 dated August 14, 2013](#) on the captioned subject.

2. Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India have been receiving representations related to Advance Authorisation (AA) / Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA). Taking into account these representations and in consultation with the Government of India, it has been decided to issue the following clarifications:

Any authorisation such as Advance Authorisation (AA) / Duty Free Import Authorization (DFIA) is to be utilised for import of gold meant for export purposes only and no diversion for domestic use shall be permitted. For any AA / DFIA issued prior to 14th August 2013 the condition of sequencing the imports prior to exports shall not be insisted upon.

3. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing directions, entities/units in the SEZ and EoUs, Premier and Star Trading Houses (irrespective of whether they are nominated agencies or not) are permitted to import gold exclusively for the purpose of exports only. Similarly, exports towards fulfillment of obligation under AA/DFIA scheme shall not qualify as export for the purpose of the scheme of 20:80.

4. Authorised Dealers may please bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents and customers concerned.

5. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under Section 10(4) and Section 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999 (42 of 1999), and are without prejudice to permissions / approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

(Rudra Narayan Kar)
Chief General Manager-in-Charge