

Branded natural rubber now in 'focus product scheme'



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The Central Government has included 'branded' Indian natural rubber in the Market Linked Focus Product Scheme (MLFPS).

According to the recent Foreign Trade Policy amendment by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on June 5, branded natural rubber will be entitled to a duty credit scrip of 2 per cent. Indian natural rubber is the 147th item in the MLFP scheme, a press note issued by the Rubber Board said.

Under the MLFP scheme, export of products in sectors with high export intensity or employment potential are eligible for 2 per cent of the Free on Board (FoB) value of their exports as free foreign exchange when trading with linked markets.

PROMOTING EXPORTS

According to the revised policy announcement, the credit scrip shall be permitted for payment of excise duty in domestic procurement.

Indian natural rubber exported to Malaysia, China, Turkey, Brazil, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Germany, Sri Lanka, Bulgaria, Austria, Korea, Mexico, Israel, Singapore, Indonesia, Portugal, Argentina, Australia and the US are entitled to 2 per cent of the FoB value of the exports.

The Rubber Board is promoting exports from India to adjust temporary demand-supply imbalances and to maintain the domestic price at a level comparable with international markets.

Branding of natural rubber is a first-of-its-kind concept to be promoted by any rubber-producing country.