



EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEME OF TOBACCO

TOBACCO BOARD OF INDIA: EXPORT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

GSP (Generalized system of Preferences) CERTIFICATION

Under the Regime of the Generalized system of Preferences of European Union, Tobacco Board is authorized to issue the Certificate of origin.

Blank GSP forms are available with the Board on payment of Rs.25/- per set by Cash/D.D. in favour of Tobacco Board, Guntur.

The following documents are to be submitted for issue of GSP certificates.

1. Invoices (2 copies)
2. Bill of Lading (duly authenticated)
3. Customs certified invoice in case of post shipment certification.
3. Duly filled in G.S.P. FORMS SET.
4. D.D. for Rs.110/- per set drawn in favour of Tobacco Board, Guntur towards certification fee.

Tobacco Board also issues certificate of Origin and Certificate of Authenticity covering Exports of Tobacco & Tobacco Products to other destinations.

Tobacco Board will issue GSP certificate within 24 hours of application, if all the documents are in order.

Export of tobacco and tobacco products – Provisions of Foreign Trade Policy

- ❖ Export and Import of unmanufactured tobacco and all tobacco products are under open general license and hence can be imported or exported without any restriction.
- ❖ Export of Unmanufactured tobacco is exempted from compulsory pre-shipment inspection (Agmark certification) by any Govt. Agency subject to the condition that the exporter has a firm letter from the overseas buyer stating that the overseas buyer does not want pre-shipment inspection by any official Indian inspection agency and the said letter is filed by the exporter before the Customs authorities.
- ❖ Export of un-manufactured tobacco and tobacco products are not subject to any price controls like Minimum Export Prices restriction, and quota controls.

DUTIES & CESSSES

There are no duties/ cesses payable on exports of tobacco. Government of India had abolished the Tobacco Board Cess and AP Cess levied on exports of tobacco.

DEPB RATES FOR TOBACCO ITEMS

S.No.	Export Product	Rate of Credit (as a % age of FOB value of exports)
01.	Tobacco/Sweet Tobacco/ Tobacco Paste packed in the relevant packing material	2.00
02.	Cigarettes Packed in consumer packs	5.00
03.	Acetate Cigarette filter Rods – 24.5 mm x 120 mm	7.00
04.	Cigarette packing material	5.00

Coconut Development Board

Objectives:

- ❖ To increase production and productivity of coconut
- ❖ To bring additional area under coconut in potential non-traditional areas
- ❖ To develop new technologies for product diversification and by-product utilisation
- ❖ To strengthen mechanism for transfer of technologies
- ❖ To elevate the income level of small and marginal farmers engaged in coconut cultivation.
- ❖ To build up sound information basis for coconut industry and market information
- ❖ To generate ample employment opportunities in the rural sector.

Salient Features:

The scheme provides for production and distribution of quality planting material, expansion of area under coconut, integrated farming practices for productivity improvement, technology demonstration, market promotion and human resource development.

Pattern of Assistance

Technology Demonstration

- ❖ Financial assistance for setting up of pilot plants for the integrated coconut processing @ 50% of the cost of building / plant / machinery or maximum Rs.5 lakhs.
- ❖ Aid to technological research
- ❖ Financial assistance to coconut based industries @ 25% of the cost of building / plant / machinery or Rs.2.50 lakhs whichever is less.
- ❖ Financial assistance for the introduction of Agmark/ISO Standards in coconut processing units @ 25% of the cost of laboratory equipments or Rs.1 lakh whichever is less.
- ❖ Techno-economic studies on product diversification and byproduct utilization.

- ❖ Consultancy service on production, processing and marketing.

Market Promotion and Statistics

- ❖ Market information and intelligence service.
- ❖ Modernisation of coconut processing by introduction of improved copra dryer / other processing machineries / equipment @ 25% of the cost of dryer / equipment or maximum Rs.10,000, whichever is less.
- ❖ Surveys and evaluation studies.
- ❖ Participation in exhibitions and fairs.
- ❖ Conducting seminars and workshops.
- ❖ Awards to best growers, master craftsmen, industrialists, processors and exporters.

Eligibility	:	All farmers
Procedure to apply	:	Through State Governments
Person to be contacted	:	Chairman, Coconut Development Board, Kochi.