

**2.8**  
**IEC Number**  
**Exempted**  
**Categories**

(a) IEC is compulsory for import and / or exports. However, the following categories of importers or exporters are exempted from obtaining IEC.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b><i>Categories Exempted from obtaining IEC</i></b>
(i)	Importers covered by clause 3(1) [except sub-clauses (e) and (l)] and exporters covered by clause 3(2) [except sub-clauses (i) and (k)] of Foreign Trade (Exemption from application of Rules in certain cases) Order, 1993.
(ii)	Ministries / Departments of Central or State Government.
(iii)	Persons importing or exporting goods for personal use not connected with trade or manufacture or agriculture.
(iv)	Persons importing / exporting goods from / to Nepal, Myanmar through Indo-Myanmar border areas and China (through Gunji, Namgaya Shipkila and Nathula ports), provided CIF value of a single consignment does not exceed Indian Rs.25, 000. In case of Nathula port, the applicable value ceiling will be Rs. 100,000/-.
Further, exemption from obtaining IEC shall not be applicable for export of Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipments and Technologies (SCOMET) as listed in Appendix - 3, Schedule 2 of ITC (HS) except in case of exports by category (ii) above.	

(b) Following permanent IEC numbers shall be used by non-commercial PSUs and categories of importers / exporters mentioned against them for import / export purposes:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Permanent IEC</b>	<b>Categories of Importer / Exporter</b>
1	0100000011	All Ministries / Departments of Central Government and agencies wholly or partially owned by them.
2	0100000029	All Ministries / Departments of any State Government and agencies wholly or partially owned by them.
3	0100000037	Diplomatic personnel, Counselor officers in India and officials of UNO and its specialised agencies.
4	0100000045	Indians returning from / going abroad and claiming benefit under Baggage Rules.
5	0100000053	Persons / Institutions / Hospitals importing or exporting goods for personnel use, not connected with trade or manufacture or agriculture.
6	0100000061	Persons importing / exporting goods from / to Nepal.
7	0100000070	Persons importing / exporting goods from / to Myanmar through Indo-Myanmar border areas.
8	0100000088	Ford Foundation.
9	0100000096	Importers importing goods for display or use in fairs / exhibitions or similar events under provisions of ATA carnet. This IEC number can also be used by importers importing for exhibitions/fairs as per Para 2.29 of HBPv1.
10	0100000100	Director, National Blood Group

		Reference Laboratory, Bombay or their authorized offices.
11	0100000126	Individuals / Charitable Institution / Registered NGOs importing goods, which have been exempted from Customs duty under Notification issued by Ministry of Finance for bonafide use by victims affected by natural calamity.
12	0100000134	Persons importing / exporting permissible goods as notified from time to time, from / to China through Gunji, Namgaya Shipkila and Nathula ports, subject to value ceilings of single consignment as given in Para 2.8(iv) above.
13	0100000169	Non-commercial imports and exports by entities who have been authorized by Reserve Bank of India.