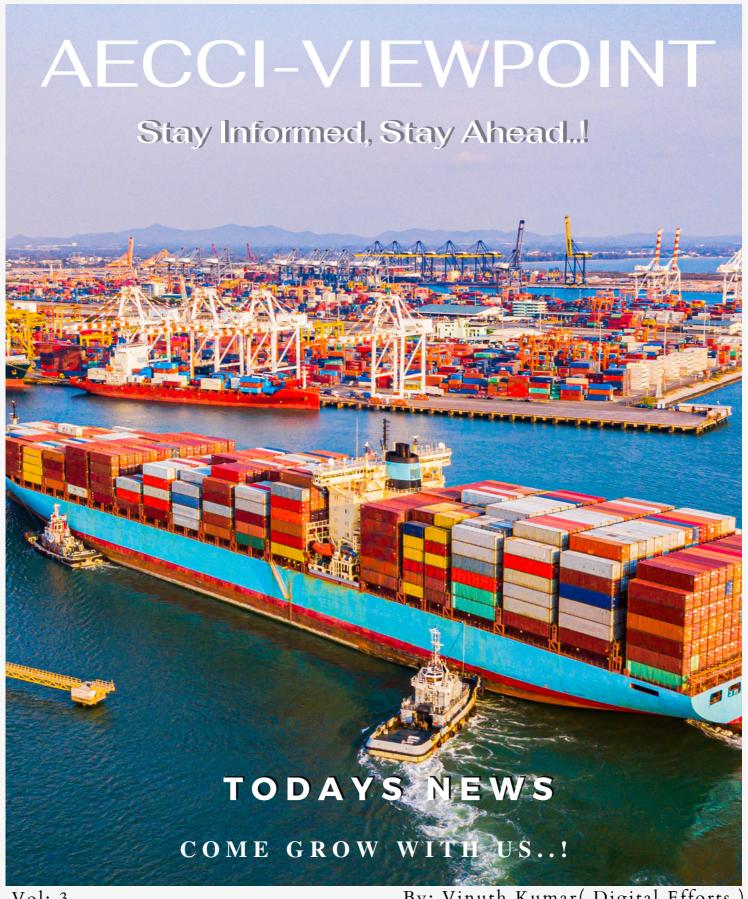


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**Source: Economic Times** 













### CUSTOMS TO INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES FOR EXPORT-IMPORT OF MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

The Customs Department is proposing to introduce additional disclosures for the export and import of medicinal products from June 1 to fast-track clearances of shipments. These additional disclosures, once introduced, will reduce queries of Customs officials, which are frequently posed to EXIM traders dealing in medicinal plants and chemicals. "For the purpose of effective avoidance of queries. The proposal has been brought in consultation with the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of AYUSH and Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). The information currently provided by the importers/exporters of these products is inadequate and does not provide the complete details of the product, thus, leading to insufficient inputs for devising policies, multiple queries. The Customs Department is proposing to introduce additional disclosures for the export and import of medicinal products from June 1 to fast-track clearances of shipments. These additional disclosures, once introduced, will reduce queries of Customs officials, which are frequently posed to EXIM traders dealing in medicinal plants and chemicals.



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Source: The Hindu











### HEADLINES



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### WALMART MULLING OVER TO EXPORT TOYS, SHOES, BICYCLES FROM INDIA

In its bid to boost exports from India, Walmart will source toys, shoes, and bicycles from Indian suppliers. The senior company official added that the US-based retail giant is looking to expand its supplies from India and explore categories like food, pharmaceuticals, consumables, health and wellness, and apparel and home textiles. The decision highlights the growth story of India in the toy industry, as the country was a net importer of toys until a few years ago. Walmart's growth in sourcing from India includes expanding working with existing suppliers and helping develop new suppliers in categories such as food, pharmaceuticals, consumables, health and wellness along with apparel and home textiles. We are also exploring opportunities in toys, shoes, and bicycles," a Walmart spokesperson said.



Walmart made a pledge to increase its exports of goods from India to reach a total value of \$10 billion annually by the year 2027. This commitment aims to greatly benefit micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in India by giving them a substantial boost.

"The expansion in sourcing will include helping develop hundreds of new suppliers in categories such as food, pharmaceuticals, consumables, health & wellness, and general merchandise, along with apparel, homeware, and other key Indian export categories," it had said. The move highlights the efforts taken by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is bearing fruits now and exports of domestically manufactured toys are witnessing a significant increase. The department also helped these domestic manufacturers to get in touch with global suppliers and meet their compliance provisions.

Source: The mint













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