



HS Code for GI-Tagged Rice Exports

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India has amended the [Customs Tariff Act, 1975](#), and became the first country to introduce an **Harmonised System (HS) code for Geographical Indication (GI) tagged rice varieties**.

- Announced in the [2025-26 Budget](#), the amendment includes **HS Code 1006-30-11 (parboiled rice)** and **1006-30-91 (white rice)** for exports.
 - The **HS Code allows uninterrupted exports of GI-tagged rice**, even during general rice export bans, without requiring special government notifications.
- **HS Code:** The **HS** managed by the [World Customs Organization \(WCO\)](#) and updated every **five years**, is a global standard for **classifying traded goods** using **six-digit codes**, with countries adding extensions for further classification.
 - It helps in **identification, duties, and trade statistics**.
- **Recognized GI Rice Varieties:** The **Indian Patent Office** has given a GI tag to 20 rice varieties including Navara, Palakkadan Matta, Pokkali, Wayanad Jeerakasala, and others.
- **Pending GI Applications:** 20 rice varieties, including **Seeraga Samba, Jammu and Kashmir Red Rice, and Wada Kolam Paddy**, await GI recognition.
- **WCO:** Founded in 1952, is an **intergovernmental body** enhancing customs efficiency worldwide. It represents 183 customs administrations (including India) handling 98% of global trade. Headquartered in **Brussels, Belgium**.

Read more: [Minimum Export Price for Rice](#)

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