

## New Export Controls to Safeguard Domestic Supply

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The Government of Indonesia has issued Ministry of Trade (“MOT”) Regulation No. 12 of 2026 (“MOT Reg 12/2026”), which serves as the fifth amendment to MOT Regulation No. 23 of 2023 concerning Export Policies and Regulations. This regulation was promulgated and took effect on 29 April 2026.

The primary objective behind MOT Reg 12/2026 is the need to prioritize national interest and ensure that the domestic demand for certain strategic commodities is met before they are exported. The key highlights of MOT Reg 12/2026 are as follows:

1. MOT may suspend the issuance of new license, freeze/revoke existing ones, and suspend the verifications services based on:
  - a. considerations of the national interest, public interest, support of the smooth operation of government’s administration or program, and/or the implementation of President’s direction; or
  - b. proposal or recommendation from the head of ministry or the non-ministry institution.

Any of the foregoing considerations and proposal or recommendation must be discussed in a coordination meeting involving either the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs or the Coordinating Ministry for Food Affairs – which outcome will be informed electronically to the exporter, or manually if there is any disturbance to the electronic system.

2. Such measures, as mentioned in no. 1a and b above, may be reactivated/lifted. In such a case, MOT shall formally notify the Head of National Single Window Institution through the relevant electronic systems (managed by the relevant ministers). If the measure was triggered by a proposal or recommendation, the recommending institution must first submit a lifting request to MOT.
3. Where a suspension, freezing, or revocation is implemented, exported goods that have secured a registration number and date for an Export Customs Declaration prior to the effective date of said measures remain eligible for export processing by the Directorate General of Customs and Excise.
4. MOF Reg No. 12/2025 also includes amendments to the lists of export licenses, goods exempt from export for non-business purposes and for business purposes.

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