

**NOTIFICATION NO. 21/2018-CENTRAL TAX (RATE), DATED 26-7-2018
[UPDATED]**

[As Amended by Notification No. 20/2021-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-12-2021 and Notification No. 13/2025-Central Tax (Rate), dated 17-9-2025]

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby exempts the intra-state supplies of handicraft goods, the description of which is specified in column (3) of the Table below, falling under the tariff item, sub-heading, heading or Chapter, as specified in the corresponding entry in column (2), from so much central tax leviable thereon under section 9 of the said Act as is in excess of the rate specified in column (4) of the said Table.

Explanation — For the purpose of this notification, the expression "handicraft goods" means – Goods predominantly made by hand even though some tools or machinery may also have been used in the process; such goods are graced with visual appeal in the nature of ornamentation or in-lay work or some similar work of a substantial nature; possess distinctive features, which can be aesthetic, artistic, ethnic or culturally attached and are amply different from mechanically produced goods of similar utility.

¹TABLE

*1 Substituted vide Notification No. 13/2025-Central Tax (Rate) dated 17-9-2025 w.e.f. 22-9-2025 before it was read as
"TABLE*

S.No.	Chapter, Heading, Sub-heading or Tariff item	Description of Goods	Rate
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	3406	Handcrafted candles	6 %
2.	4202 22, 4202 29, 4202 31 10, 4202 31 90, 4202 32, 4202 39	Handbags including pouches and purses; jewellery box	6 %
3.	4416, 4421 99 90	Carved wood products, art ware/decorative articles of wood (including inlay work, casks, barrel, vats)	6 %
4.	@ [4414]	Wooden frames for painting, photographs, mirrors etc.	6 %
5.	4420	Statuettes & other ornaments of wood, wood marquetry & inlaid, jewellery box, wood lathe and lacquer work [including lathe and lacquer work, ambadi sisal craft]	6 %
6.	4503 90 90 4504 90	Art ware of cork [including articles of sholapith]	6 %
7.	4601 and 4602	Mats, matting and screens of vegetable material, basketwork, wickerwork and other articles of vegetable materials or other plaiting material, articles of loofah (including of bamboo, rattan, canes and other natural fibres, dry flowers (naturally dried), articles thereof, ringal, raambaan article, shola items, Kouna/chumthang (water reeds) crafts, articles of Water hyacinth, korai mat]	2.5 %
8.	4823	Articles made of paper mache	2.5 %
9.	5607, 5609	Coir articles	2.5 %
10.	5609 00 20, 5609 00 90	Toran, Doorway Decoration made from cotton yarn or woollen yarn and aabhala (mirror) with or without hanging flaps	2.5%
11.	57	Handmade carpets and other handmade textile floor coverings (including namda/gabba)	2.5 %
12.	5804 30 00	Handmade lace	2.5 %
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18.	6802	Carved stone products (e.g., statues, statuettes, figures of animals, writing sets, ashtray, candle stand)	6 %
19.	6815 99 90	Stone art ware, stone inlay work	6 %
20.	69120010, 69120020	Tableware and kitchenware of clay and terracotta, other clay articles	6 %
21.	6913 90 00	Statuettes & other ornamental ceramic articles (incl blue potteries)	6 %
22.	7009 92 00	Ornamental framed mirrors	6 %
23.	7018 10	Bangles, beads and small ware	2.5 %
24.	7018 90 10	Glass statues [other than those of crystal]	6 %
25.	7020 00 90	Glass art ware [incl. pots, jars, votive, cask, cake cover, tulip bottle, vase]	6 %
26.	7113 11 10	Silver filigree work	1.5 %
27.	7117	Handmade imitation jewellery (including natural seeds, beads jewelry, cardamom garland)	1.5 %
28.	7326 90 99	Art ware of iron	6 %
29.	@@ [7419 80]	Art ware of brass, copper/copper alloys, electro plated with nickel/silver	6 %
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32.	9405 10	Handcrafted lamps (including panchloga lamp)	6 %
33.	9401 50, 9403 80	Furniture of bamboo, rattan and cane	6 %
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35.	9504	Ganjifa card	6 %
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37.	9602	Worked vegetable or mineral carving, articles thereof, articles of wax, of stearin, of natural gums or natural resins or of modelling pastes etc, (including articles of lac, shellac)	6 %
38.	9701	Hand paintings drawings and pastels (incl Mysore painting, Rajasthan painting, Tanjore painting, Palm leaf painting, basoli etc)	6 %
39.	9703	Original sculptures and statuary, in metal, stone or any other material	6 %

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