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Govt allows exports of casein

New Delhi, May 2: The government has allowed exports of casein and its products, a value added milk item, meeting the long-pending demand of agriculture minister Sharad Pawar and the dairy industry.

"Export of casein and casein products has been moved from prohibited to restricted category. Export of casein is now permitted under licence," Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification.

The government had banned exports of casein and milk powder in February last year, after the country had experienced a shortfall of the important food commodity.

Recently, Pawar had shot off a letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh saying that centre's policy towards milk and milk products has been "ambivalent" and demanded opening of exports of skimmed milk powder and casein.

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