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Impex # 1

₹ 10 Lakh Limit Removed for Courier Exports - No Cap from April 1st

In line with the announcement in the Budget 2026, the DGFT has now give it effect through Notification No. 67/2025-26 Dated 27.03.2026

Effective 1st April 2026, there will be no value limit prescribed per consignment for exports through courier services.

Copy of Notification No. 67/2025-26-DGFT | Dated: 27 March 2026

Subject: Amendment in Para 9.05 of FTP 2023 to remove per-consignment value limit for courier exports - regarding.

S.O. 1668(E)- In exercise of powers conferred by section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends Para 9.05 of Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023 (Export through Courier Service/Post) as under :

Existing Text

Exports through a registered courier service/Foreign Post Office is permitted as per Notification(s) issued under Customs Act, 1962. However, exportability of such items shall be regulated in accordance with FTP/Export Policy in ITC(HS) as notified. The value limit for exports through courier service shall be Rs. 10,00,000 per consignment.

Revised Text

Exports through a registered courier service/Foreign Post Office is permitted as per Notification(s) issued under Customs Act, 1962. However, exportability of such items shall be regulated in accordance with FTP/Export Policy in ITC(HS) as notified. The value limit for exports through courier service shall be Rs. 10,00,000 per consignment.

2. The given amendment shall come into effect from April 01, 2026.

Effect of this Notification: The value limit per consignment for exports through courier service shall stand withdrawn with effect from April 01, 2026.

Impex # 2

Addition of Egypt & Jordan to RELIEF Scheme

DGFT Amended the RELIEF Scheme under the Export promotion Mission scheme to include Egypt and Jordan in addition to the countries already notified for the already notified scheme for logistics disruptions.

Copy of Notification No. 11/2026-27- DGFT | Dated: 17 April 2026

Subject: Amendment to Notification No. 65/2025-26 for inclusion of Egypt and Jordan under RELIEF - reg.

S.O. (E): In exercise of powers conferred under Sections 3 and 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paras 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023,, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends Notification No. 65/2025-26 dated 19.03.2026, relating to the Resilience & Logistics intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF) under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM)

2. For the purposes of paras 6.2, 7.2 and 8.2 of the said notification, the list of eligible destinations shall stand expanded to include Egypt and Jordan, in addition to the countries already notified, for shipments meant for delivery or transshipment.

3. All other provisions of Notification No. 65/2025-26 dated 19.03.2026, shall remain unchanged

Effect of this Notification: Egypt and Jordan are also included under EPM RELIEF to support exporters affected by continuing logistics disruptions.

Impex # 3 Clarification on eligibility of New ECGC Whole Turnover Policy under RELIEF Scheme

In order to clarify the ambiguity on the subject, DGFT has issued Policy Circular to clarify that under Component II, support is extended to encourage exporters to avail ECGC credit insurance cover for consignments destined either for delivery or transshipment to the specified countries in the affected Gulf and West Asia region.

It is clarified that the benefit under Component II shall also be available to exporters who obtain a new ECGC Whole Turnover Policy for the first time on or after 16.03.2026.

Copy of Policy Circular No. 01/2026-27- DGFT | Dated: 15th April 2026

Subject: Clarification on eligibility of new ECGC Whole Turnover Policy under Component II of the Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF) under Export Promotion Mission (EPM)

Reference is invited to Notification No. 65/2025-26 dated 19.03.2026, whereby the time-limited Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF) was operationalised under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM).

2. Under Component II, support is extended to encourage exporters to avail ECGC credit insurance cover for consignments destined either for delivery or transshipment to the specified countries in the affected Gulf and West Asia region.
3. A clarification has been sought regarding the eligibility of new ECGC Whole Turnover Policy for the first time on or after 16.03.2026 for support under Component II. In this regard, it is clarified that the benefit under Component II shall also be available to exporters who obtain a new ECGC Whole Turnover Policy for the first time on or after 16.03.2026.
4. All other provisions of Notification No. 65/2025-26 dated 19.03.2026 shall remain unchanged.

Impex # 4 Special drive for expeditious issuance of EODCs under Advance Authorisation (AA) and EPCG schemes

In order to build on the gains achieved during the month of March 2026 for expeditious disposal of pending cases related to EODCs under AA & EPCG, DGFT has extended the special drive for a further period from April 01, 2026 to May 31, 2026.

The extended drive shall place special emphasis on disposal of:

- * older pending EODC applications
- * Deficient applications pending for long durations; and
- * Cases where closure has been delayed for want of timely submission of complete documents / clarification by the authorisation holder.

It is expected that the extended drive would facilitate time-bound closure of old AA/EPCG authorisations and help in reducing compliance burden on exporters.

Subject: Special drive for expeditious issuance of EODCs under Advance Authorisation (AA) and EPCG Schemes - extension up to May 31, 2026 -regarding.

Attention of trade and industry is invited to the special drive undertaken by DGFT during the period March 01, 2026 to March 31, 2026 for expeditious disposal of pending cases relating to issuance of Export Obligation Discharge Certificates (EODCs) under the Advance Authorisation (AA) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Schemes.

2. During the said special drive, DGFT Regional Authorities issued a total of 11,791 EODCs (till March 28, 2026), comprising: 7,518 EODCs under Advance Authorisation, and 4,273 EODCs under EPCG Scheme. This has resulted in substantial reduction in the regular pendency of EODC applications.
3. In order to build upon the gains achieved during the month of March 2026, it has been decided to extend the special drive for a further period from April 01, 2026 to May 31, 2026.
4. The extended drive shall place special emphasis on disposal of: older pending EODC applications; deficient applications pending for long durations; and cases where closure has been delayed for want of timely submission of complete documents / clarification by the authorisation holder.
5. Trade and authorisation holders are advised to make full use of this extended opportunity and extend timely cooperation to the concerned Regional Authorities by: reviewing the status of their pending EODC applications; promptly furnishing pending documents / clarifications, wherever required; responding to deficiency communications within the prescribed timelines; and, approaching the concerned RA during facilitation interactions/ Jan Sunwai, wherever organised for resolution of old cases.
6. It is expected that the extended drive would facilitate time-bound closure of old AA/EPCG authorisations and help in reducing compliance burden on exporters. It is further expected that issuance of EODCs would also enable consequential action at the Customs end relating to redemption of Bonds and release of Bank Guarantees, wherever applicable.
7. Regional Authorities have been advised to adopt an age-wise pendency clearance strategy and to prioritise older cases during the extended drive. 8. Difficulties, if any, in implementation of this Trade Notice may be brought to the notice of the concerned Regional Authority or to DGFT Headquarters.