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Impex # 1

## Rationalisation of RoDTEP Rates with 50% Cut

DGFT notified the rates of RoDTEP will be limited to 50% of the existing rates for all HSN lines.

Subsequently a Corrigendum has been issued where ITC HS Chapter 1 to 24 are not covered under the above rate cut

Copy of Notification No. 60/2025-26-DGFT | Dated: 23rd February, 2026

### **Subject: Rationalisation of RoDTEP rates - reg.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, read with Para 1.02 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby notifies the following amendments in the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme:

2. Rationalisation of RoDTEP rates: With immediate effect, the applicable RoDTEP rates for all HS Lines as notified in Appendix 4R and Appendix 4RE shall be limited to 50% of the existing rates and, where applicable, 50% of the notified value caps.

**Effect of the Notification:** The reduced rates and value caps of RoDTEP benefits notified under Notification No 60 dated 23.02.2026 are not applicable for the export products falling under ITC HS Chapter 01 to 24.

### **Corrigendum to Notification No. 60/2025-26- DGFT| Dated 24th February, 2026**

### **Subject: Corrigendum on Rationalisation of RoDTEP rates - reg.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, read with Para 1.02 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby notifies that the reduced rates and value caps notified for the RoDTEP Scheme under Notification No. 60/2025-26 dated 23.02.2026 would not be applicable to the export falling under ITC HS Chapter 01 to 24.

2. All other provisions of the said Notification shall remain unchanged.

**Effect of the Notification:** The reduced rates and value caps of RoDTEP benefits notified under Notification No 60 dated 23.02.2026 are not applicable for the export products falling under ITC HS Chapter 01 to 24.

Impex # 2

## Extending the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme for a further period of six months

The Government of India, through the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), has issued Notification extending the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme for a further period of six months. The scheme will now remain in force from April 1, 2026, to September 30, 2026, for all eligible export products.

Copy of Notification No. 74/2025-26-DGFT | Dated: March 31st 2026

### **Subject: Continuation of RoDTEP Scheme beyond March 31, 2026**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, read with Para 1.02 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby makes the following amendment in the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme:

## Impex # 3 Support for Indian Exporters, Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF), under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) announced

A time-limited RELIEF intervention under the Export Promotion Mission, to be implemented through the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC), is operationalised to address elevated export risks arising from geopolitical disruptions in the Gulf and West Asia maritime corridor.

RELIEF- shall consist of three complementary components aimed at addressing the principal stress points faced by the exporters, namely:-

- i) enhanced war/political risk support for eligible ECGC's already insured exporters;
- (ii) time-limited support to encourage and facilitate ECGC coverage for eligible exporters for upcoming exports; and,
- (iii) time-limited reimbursement support for extraordinary freight and insurance surcharge burden borne by eligible non-ECGC-insured MSME exporters in respect of customs-cleared cargo.

Copy of Notification No. 65/2025-26 - DGFT | Dated: 19 March 2026

### **Subject: Time-limited Support for Exporters in view of Geopolitical Disruptions in the Gulf and West Asia Maritime Corridor - reg.**

S.O. (E) - In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 and 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 notifies a time limited Support for Indian Exporters, Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF), under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM).

**Effect of the Notification:** A time-limited RELIEF intervention under the Export Promotion Mission, to be implemented through the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC), is operationalised to address elevated export risks arising from geopolitical disruptions in the Gulf and West Asia maritime corridor.

## Impex # 4 Extension for Export Obligation for Specified Advance Authorisation & EPCG Authorisation

In view of the prevailing geopolitical developments affecting global trade and logistics, and with a view to facilitating exporters DGFT has extended the EO period for AA & EPCG as per details below:

- a. In respect of all Advance Authorisations, including Advance Authorisation for Annual Requirement and Special Advance Authorisation, where the Export Obligation Period (EOP) (whether original or as extended) is expiring during the period 01.03.2026 to 31.05.2026, the EOP shall stand automatically extended up to 31.08.2026.
- b. In respect of EPCG Authorisations where the Block-wise Export Obligation (EO) period (whether original or as extended) is expiring during the period 01.03.2026 to 31.05.2026, the concerned Block-wise EO period shall stand automatically extended up to 31.08.2026.
- c. In respect of EPCG Authorisations where the original or extended Export Obligation (EO) period is expiring during the period 01.03.2026 to 31.05.2026, the EO period shall stand automatically extended up to 31.08.2026.

No separate application, composition fee, amendment, or endorsement shall be required to be made or done by the Regional Authorities to avail this automatic extension of EO period.

**Subject: Extension in the Export Obligation period of specified Advance & EPCG Authorisations till 31.08.2026 - regarding.**

In view of the prevailing geopolitical developments affecting global trade and logistics, and with a view to facilitating exporters, the Director General of Foreign Trade, in exercise of the powers conferred under paragraphs 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, as amended from time to time, hereby makes the following amendments in the Handbook of Procedures, 2023.

2. The following sub-paragraphs are added in the Handbook of Procedures, 2023:

4.40 (l) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Para 4.40 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023, in respect of all Advance Authorisations, including Advance Authorisation for Annual Requirement and Special Advance Authorisation, where the Export Obligation Period (EOP) (whether original or as extended) is expiring during the period 01.03.2026 to 31.05.2026, the EOP shall stand automatically extended up to 31.08.2026.

5.13(f) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Para 5.13 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023, in respect of EPCG Authorisations where the Block-wise Export Obligation (EO) period (whether original or as extended) is expiring during the period 01.03.2026 to 31.05.2026, the concerned Block-wise EO period shall stand automatically extended up to 31.08.2026.

5.16 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Para 5.16 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023, in respect of EPCG Authorisations where the original or extended Export Obligation (EO) period is expiring during the period 01.03.2026 to 31.05.2026, the EO period shall stand automatically extended up to 31.08.2026.

3. The extension of EO period granted by the newly added sub-paragraphs shall be in addition to the extensions otherwise permissible under HBP, 2023.
4. No separate application, composition fee, amendment, or endorsement shall be required to be made or done by the Regional Authorities to avail this automatic extension of EO period.
5. In cases where the Advance Authorisation or EPCG Authorisation Holder has already obtained an extension of EO period upon the payment of the composition fee, the refund of the composition fee shall not be permitted.
6. Customs authorities shall allow exports accordingly. Compliance with Export Obligation (EO) in terms of the above provisions shall be examined by the concerned Regional Authority (RA) at the time of issuance of Export Obligation Discharge Certificate (EODC), closure or regularisation of the authorisation, as applicable.

**Effect of this Public Notice:** In view of the prevailing geopolitical developments affecting international shipping routes and global supply chains, and with a view to facilitating exporters, the Export Obligation (EO) period / Block-wise EO period in respect of specified Advance Authorisations and EPCG Authorisations expiring between 01.03.2026 and 31.05.2026 has been automatically extended up to 31.08.2026 without payment of composition fee. This relaxation is in addition to the EO extension facility already available under FTP/HBP upon payment of composition fees.

Impex # 5

**Relief in Average EO in terms of the para 5.17(a) of Hand Book of procedures (HBP) of FTP 2023**

The para 5.17 of the HBP of the FTP, 2023 envisages that to provide relief to exporters of those sectors where total exports in that sector/product group has declined by more than 5% as compared to the previous year, the Average Export obligation (EO) for the year may be reduced proportionate to reduction in exports of that particular sector/product group

during the relevant year as against the preceding year. This implies that the sector/product group that witnessed such decline in 2024-25 as compared to 2023-24 would be entitled for such relief.

A list of product groups showing the percentage decline in exports during 2024-25 as compared to 2023-24 is Annexed to the Policy Circular.

Copy of Policy Circular No. 10/2025-26-DGFT | Dated: 26 February, 2026

**Subject: EPCG Scheme - Relief in Average EO in terms of the para 5.17(a) of Hand Book of Procedures (HBP) of FTP, 2023.**

The para 5.17 of the HBP of the FTP, 2023 envisages that to provide relief to exporters of those sectors where total exports in that sector/product group has declined by more than 5% as compared to the previous year, the Average Export Obligation (EO) for the year may be reduced proportionate to reduction in exports of that particular sector/product group during the relevant year as against the preceding year. This implies that the sector/product group that witnessed such decline in 2024-25 as compared to 2023-24 would be entitled for such relief.

A list of product groups showing the percentage decline in exports during 2024-25 as compared to 2023-24 is Annexed.

3. All Regional Authorities are requested to re-fix the Annual Average EO for EPCG Authorizations for the year 2024-25 accordingly. The reduction, if any, in the EO should be appropriately endorsed in the licence file of the Office of Regional Authority and also in the amendment sheet to be issued to the EPCG Authorisation holder.
4. Regional Offices while considering requests of discharge of EO will ensure that in case of shortfall in EO fulfilment, Policy Circulars issued earlier in terms of Para 5.11.2 of HBP 2009-14, Para 5.19 of HBP of FTP 2015-20 and Para 5.17 of FTP, 2023 are also considered before issuance of demand notice, EODC etc. This stipulation should be part of Check-Sheet for the purpose of EODC.

Impex # 6

## Operationalisation of Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG)

To Assess the impact of ongoing geopolitical developments on India's exports, particularly supply chain disruption, an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) for Supply Chain Resilience has been constituted under Department of Commerce.

Trade and Industry stakeholders may bring to notice issues relating to supply chain disruption for consolidation and monitoring at [adg1-dgft@gov.in](mailto:adg1-dgft@gov.in)

Copy of Trade Notice No. 30/2025-26-DGFT | Dated: 03 March 2026

**Subject: Operationalisation of Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) for Supply Chain Resilience - regarding.**

In pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting held on March 02, 2026 under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary, Department of Commerce & DG, DGFT to assess the impact of ongoing geopolitical developments on India's exports, particularly supply chain disruptions, an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) for Supply Chain Resilience has been constituted under the Department of Commerce.

2. The IMG will monitor global developments affecting supply chains, assess sector-wise export and critical import vulnerabilities, facilitate coordination among Ministries/Departments, engage with stakeholders including Export Promotion Councils, and recommend appropriate mitigation measures, wherever required.
3. An internal coordination mechanism has also been established within DGFT to enable real-time tracking of issues and inter-agency coordination. Advertisement Powered by 00:39
4. Trade and industry stakeholders may bring to notice specific issues relating to supply chain disruptions for consolidation and monitoring at [adgl-dgft@gov.in](mailto:adgl-dgft@gov.in) for examination and appropriate coordination.

## Launch of Support for Emerging Export Opportunities under Export Promotion Mission (EPM)

The Support for Emerging Export Opportunities under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) - NIRYAT PROTSAHAN is hereby implemented prospectively with immediate effect.

The intervention seeks to facilitate enhanced global trade connectivity and liquidity in under-served markets by enhancing confidence in trade settlements, strengthening the capacity of banks to support constrained cross-border transactions, and fostering partnerships between Indian banks and local banks abroad.

The policy framework, procedural guidelines and operationalization details of the scheme are enclosed in ANNEXURE - I to ANNEXURE V to the said Trade Notice.

Copy of Trade Notice No. 32/2025-26 | Dated: 6th March 2026

### **Subject: Launch of Support for Emerging Export Opportunities under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) - NIRYAT PROTSAHAN - reg.**

The Support for Emerging Export Opportunities under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) - NIRYAT PROTSAHAN is hereby implemented prospectively with immediate effect.

2. The intervention seeks to facilitate enhanced global trade connectivity and liquidity in under-served markets by enhancing confidence in trade settlements, strengthening the capacity of banks to support constrained cross-border transactions, and fostering partnerships between Indian banks and local banks abroad.
3. Risk-sharing support, backed by the Government of India through the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank), will be available under the Intervention. This will help MSMEs (involved in international value chains) access trade finance for exports to under-served markets and boost competitiveness through non-recourse trade finance instruments from banks.
4. The detailed Policy framework is enclosed as ANNEXURE-I. The Operational and Procedural Guidelines is enclosed at ANNEXURE-II. The governance Structure is enclosed at ANNEXURE-III.
5. The intervention shall be operationalised on a pilot basis for feedback, institutional learning, and data-driven refinements. Guidelines for banks is enclosed at ANNEXURE-IV, and pilot implementation are enclosed at ANNEXURE-V.
6. The guidelines are further submitted for stakeholder feedback in accordance with Paragraph 1.07A of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023. Stakeholders may submit comments and suggestions on the Guidelines within 30 days from the date of issuance of this Trade Notice, through email at [epm-dgft@gov.in](mailto:epm-dgft@gov.in).

## Launch of Credit Assistance for E-Commerce Exporters under Export Promotion Mission (EPM)

The Credit Assistance for E-Commerce Exporters intervention under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) - NIRYAT PROTSAHAN is hereby implemented with prospective effect.

The intervention seeks to enhance access to working capital for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) involved in international value chains through ecommerce, enabling them to manufacture goods in advance of anticipated demand and scale their participation in global markets.

Under this Intervention, credit guarantee cover will be available to banks for credit assistance extended by them in the form of Cash Credit, Overdraft, or other Working Capital facilities to eligible beneficiary entities, in accordance with the coverage parameters. These facilities will also be supported through interest subvention, in accordance with the notified ceilings

The policy framework, procedural guidelines and operationalization details of the scheme are enclosed in ANNEXURE - I to ANNEXURE IV to the said Trade Notice.

Copy of Trade Notice No.31/2025-26 - DGFT | Dated: 6th March 2026

**Subject: Launch of Credit Assistance for E-Commerce Exporters under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) - NIRYAT PROTSAHAN - reg**

The Credit Assistance for E-Commerce Exporters intervention under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) - NIRYAT PROTSAHAN is hereby implemented with prospective effect.

2. The intervention seeks to enhance access to working capital for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) involved in international value chains through e-commerce, enabling them to manufacture goods in advance of anticipated demand and scale their participation in global markets.
3. Under this Intervention, credit guarantee cover will be available to banks for credit assistance extended by them in the form of Cash Credit, Overdraft, or other Working Capital facilities to eligible beneficiary entities, in accordance with the coverage parameters. These facilities will also be supported through interest subvention, in accordance with the notified ceilings.
4. The intervention is being operationalised on a pilot basis through the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank). The detailed Policy framework is enclosed as ANNEXURE-I. The Operational and Procedural Guidelines is enclosed at ANNEXURE-II. The governance Structure is enclosed at ANNEXURE-III
5. The intervention shall be operationalised on a pilot basis for feedback, institutional learning, and data-driven refinements. Guidelines for pilot implementation are enclosed at ANNEXURE-IV
6. The guidelines are further submitted for stakeholder feedback in accordance with Paragraph 1.07A of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023. Stakeholders may submit comments and suggestions on the Guidelines within 30 days from the date of issuance of this Trade Notice, through email [atepm-dgft@gov.in](mailto:atepm-dgft@gov.in)