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Impex # 1

Market Access Support (MAS) Scheme under Export Promotion Mission

Under the Govt. directives of the Export Promotion Mission - Niryat Disha, DGFT has launched the "Market Access Support (MAS) Scheme.

With a view to strengthening India's export market access through structured support for activities such as Buyer-Seller Meets (BSMs), Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets (RBSMs), trade fairs, exhibitions and related market access initiatives.

Further, while Market Access Support is being operationalised, the guidelines in the Trade Notice are being placed for stakeholder consultation, on a pilot basis.

Accordingly, all concerned stakeholders are invited to submit their comments and suggestions on the draft Guidelines within 30 days from the date of issuance of this Trade Notice.

Detailed Trade Notice:

- DGFT Trade Notice no. 19/2025-23 Dated 31.12.2025

Impex # 2

Launch of Interest Subvention of Pre & Post Shipment Export Credit

DGFT has announced the Interest Subvention for Pre- and Post- Shipment Export Credit intervention under the EXPORT PROMOTION MISSION - NIRYAT PROTHSAHAN.

Rate of Interest of 2.75% per annum is available as Interest Subvention to MSME Manufacturer exporters and Merchant Exporters for the notified HSN list in Annexure II of the Notification. The maximum limit under the scheme per IEC is Rs. 50 lakhs per financial year.

Though the Notification is issued by DGFT, the operational process will be notified and provided by RBI.

Exporters also have to apply for a Unique Identification Number from DGFT portal for the same.

Detailed Notification:

- DGFT Trade Notice No. 20/2025-26 Dated 02.01.2026
- DGFT Trade Notice No. 22/2025-26 Dated 16.01.2026 - Clarification
- RBI Notification on Interest Subvention Dated 19.01.2026

Impex # 3

Collateral Support for Export Credit under EPM

DGFT Notified the Collateral Support for Export Credit component under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) - NIRYAT PROTSAHAN

The intervention aims to improve access to formal export credit for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), particularly exporters facing constraints in providing collateral security.

Under this component, eligible MSME exporters may avail credit guarantee support for export-related working capital loans extended by member lending institutions, in accordance with the notified ceilings and coverage parameters.

Credit guarantee coverage of up to 85% for Micro and Small exporters and 65% for medium exporters, subject to notified ceilings;

The guidelines for Collateral Support for Export Credit are enclosed at Annexure-I

The positive list of eligible HSN six-digit tariff lines is enclosed at Annexure-II

The list of eligible Member Lending Institutions through which exporters may avail the collateral guarantee support is provided at Annexure-III

The procedure for online filing of intent by eligible MSME exporters on the DGFT portal is enclosed in Annexure IV

Detailed Notification:

- DGFT Trade Notice No. 21/2025-26 Dated 02.01.2026

Impex # 4

Export Benefits to Export made through Postal Mode

Indian Customs amended Circular No. 25/2022-Customs dated 09.12.2022 which due to lack of integration between PBE Automated System and ICES, exporters were unable to claim the export benefits. Now that the integration has been established, the export incentives of Duty Drawback, RoDTEP and RoSCTL will be available via Postal route when filed under PBE III or IV

Detailed Notification:

- Customs Circular no. 01/2026-Customs Dated 15.01.2026

Impex # 5

RBI Notified New Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2026 w.e.f 01st Oct 2026

The Reserve Bank of India has comprehensively reviewed the regulations and directions governing export and import of goods and services, under FEMA, 1999 and issued Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2026.

The Regulations are intended to promote ease of doing business, especially for small exporters and importers, and to empower authorised dealers to provide quicker and more efficient service to their customers.

The Regulations will be effective from October 01, 2026

Detailed Notification:

- RBI Notification No. FEMA 23(R) 2026-RB Dated 13.01.2026
- RBI Circular No. 20 Dated 16.01.2026