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Trade Notice No. 22/2026-27 - August 25, 2026

**Subject: Enhancements in the Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency (PSIA)/
Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) process – reg.**

Kind reference is invited to Trade Notice No. 03/2022-23 dated 26 April 2022, wherein DGFT introduced and subsequently enhanced the electronic filing and recognition process for Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs) and the issuance and verification of Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificates (PSICs). These initiatives were aimed at reducing manual processes and strengthening the PSIA/PSIC module through digital enablement.

2. In continuation of the above, and with a view to further strengthen, building compliance into the system, reducing reliance on manual intervention, and enhance transparency in the process, the following changes are being implemented in the PSIA/PSIC module on the DGFT portal:

- The date of inspection, while generating the PSIC, has been standardised as DD/MMM/YYYY.
- PSIC shall be generated and issued only on the date of inspection. The system shall not permit generation or issuance of a PSIC on any subsequent date.
- A facility has been provided for authorized PSIA users to upload and maintain signature and stamp images. These shall be auto embedded in the PSIC, eliminating the requirement of manual signing, stamping and re-uploading.
- During PSIC generation, Inspector shall be required to select the Inspector's name from a system-populated drop-down list. The corresponding Inspector's details shall be auto populated.
- The permissible limit for photograph attachments of inspection has been enhanced from 5 to 10 numbers, at 5 MB each; and the permissible size for the mandatory video attachment of inspection has been enhanced from 10 MB to 50 MB (permitted formats remain MP4, AVI, MTS, MOV, FLV, WMV).
- Based on the selected country of inspection, registered instruments shall now be available through a drop-down list. Upon selection, the relevant instrument details shall be auto fetched from the system and displayed as read-only, minimizing manual errors.

3. Process for Uploading Signature and Stamp images of Inspectors:

- Log in to the DGFT portal using valid credentials.

- ii. Navigate to Services → Pre-Shipment Inspection → Upload Scanned Signature & Stamp for PSIC Generation.
- iii. Search and select the PSIA user for whom the signature and stamp are required to be uploaded or updated.
- iv. Upload the scanned signature and official stamp in the prescribed format and complete the submission process.

Support Channel

4. For any help and guidance on this process, users are encouraged to reach out to the DGFT Helpdesk with respect to any guidance and resolution of issues faced, suggestions, or feedback related to the PSIA/PSIC module. Support is available through the following channels:

- i. Raise a service request ticket through the DGFT Helpdesk Service on DGFT Website → Services → DGFT Helpdesk Service
- ii. Call the toll-free-Helpline number 1800-572-1550 / 1800-111-550
- iii. Send an email to the Helpdesk on dgftedi@nic.in.

This is issued with the approval of the DG, DGFT

Sd/-
(Manoj Kumar Meena)
Deputy Director, DGFT

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File No. APEDA-CRL/25/2026

Date : 24th August, 2026

Circular for Extension of Validity of RCACs issued for export of Basmati and non-Basmati rice - reg

Dear Exporters,

As per the existing Trade Notices referred to above governing the issuance of Registration-cum-Allocation Certificates (RCACs) for Basmati and non-Basmati rice, the RCAC is presently issued with validity of 45 days from the date of its issuance.

In view of the prevailing geopolitical situation affecting global trade and logistics, and with a view to facilitating exports, it is hereby informed that the validity of RCACs is being extended by a further period of 45 days from the date of expiry of its existing validity.

Exporters wishing to avail themselves of this provision may apply through the online RCAC portal under the “Amendment” section, along with the requisite details. No additional fee shall be payable for such extension. All other requirements and procedures relating to the issuance of RCACs shall remain unchanged.

It is further informed that this relaxation is being introduced as a temporary measure to mitigate the impact of the prevailing geopolitical conditions in the Middle East and shall remain in force only up to 30th September 2026.

Accordingly, while applying for registration of contract, exporters are advised to ensure that the quantity applied for registration corresponds to the quantity planned to be shipped within the next 45 days.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Sd/-
Vinita Sudhanshu
General Manager

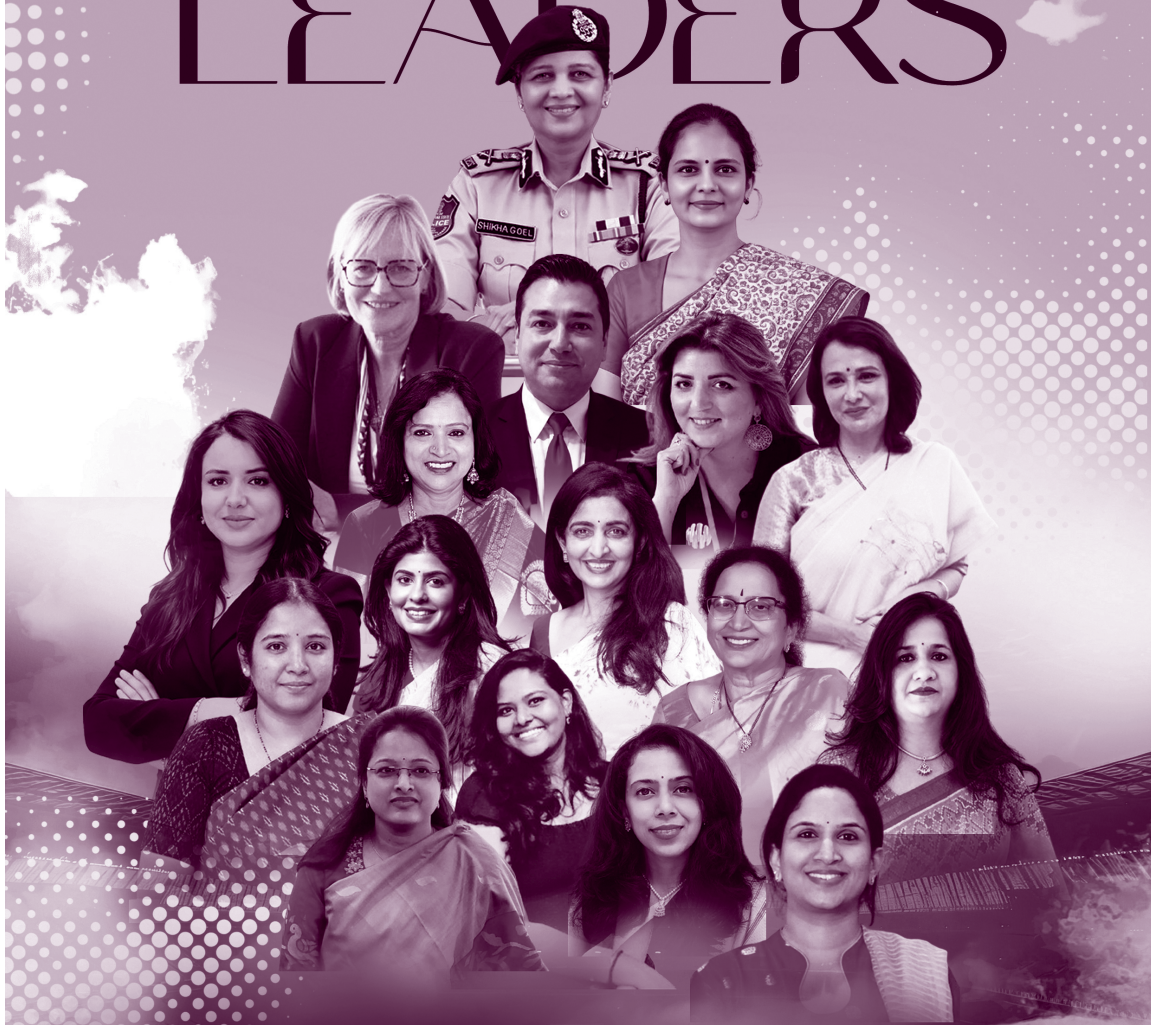


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Trade Notice No. 21/2026-27 - August 21, 2026

Subject: Introduction of Automated Facility for Grant of Export Obligation Extension through PRC/EPCG Committee - Ease of Doing Business

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has been undertaking various measures towards digitalisation, process simplification and reduction of manual intervention with a view to facilitating the trade community and further enhancing Ease of Doing Business.

2. In this regard, it is hereby informed that DGFT has introduced an automated facility for grant of Export Obligation (EO) extension in respect of Advance Authorisation (AA) and EPCG Authorisation cases considered by the PRC/EPCG Committee.

3. With the introduction of the new automated facility, the process has now been simplified. Where an exporter applies for EO extension in respect of an Advance Authorisation/EPCG Authorisation through the PRC/EPCG Committee and the Committee decides to grant the EO extension, the approved EO extension will be processed through the system without requiring the exporter to file a separate EO extension application at concerned RA.

4. The process will operate as follows:

- i. The exporter applies for consideration of EO extension request in PRC/EPCG Committee for concerned Advance Authorisation/EPCG Authorisation.
 - ii. Based on the Committee's decision, if extension is approved, the said EO Extension shall be processed directly through the system. A letter will be issued for payment of the prescribed EO Extension fee on the submitted PRC/EPCG Committee file.
 - iii. The exporter shall pay the requisite fee through the DGFT portal and submit the response.
 - iv. Upon submission of the response and successful payment, the EO extension file will be automatically created, approved in the system and the corresponding EO Extension Letter will be generated.
5. The automated facility eliminates the requirement for re-application of EO extension after the PRC Committee decision and reduces the need for subsequent manual processing and verification by the Regional Authority. The revised EO expiry date will also be reflected in the system records of the concerned Authorisation and transmitted to ICEGATE.
6. Help manual & Feedback: A detailed Help Manual for the above functionality is available on the DGFT portal for the guidance of exporters and other stakeholders. Stakeholders are also encouraged to provide feedback and suggestions through email at dgftedi@nic.in.
7. Support Channels: For assistance, exporters may contact the DGFT Helpdesk through the toll-free number or raise a service ticket via the DGFT website under Services -> DGFT Helpdesk Service.

This Trade Notice is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

Sd/-
(Manoj Kumar Meena)
Deputy Director, DGFT