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FOREIGN TRADE POLICY

DGFT adds an inventory-based cross-border e-commerce export framework to FTP 2023

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THE CHANGE

The Foreign Trade Policy 2023 contains a framework, "D. Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Facilitation Framework" (paras 9.13 to 9.19), under which a registered Exporter-on-Record may hold inventory of goods of Indian origin exclusively for export through e-commerce.

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An Exporter-on-Record holds a valid IEC and GSTIN, is registered with DGFT, and buys goods produced in India from GST-registered Sellers-on-Record against confirmed export orders. An e-commerce entity other than a marketplace entity may operate through it; where an e-commerce entity exports under Para 5.2.15.2.5 of the Consolidated FDI Policy, as amended by Press Note No. 3 (2026 Series) dated July 23, 2026, it does so through a separate legal entity that discloses its shareholding and relationship with the e-commerce entity.

Only goods of Indian origin are eligible, and DGFT may notify ineligible goods. Title passes only against a confirmed export order. Export Inventory is segregated and tracked in a digital repository as prescribed in the Handbook of Procedures. The Exporter-on-Record pays the Seller-on-Record no later than 7 days from acceptance or deemed acceptance of the goods, and passes on claimed export rebates and refunds such as Duty Drawback, RoDTEP and RoSCTL in proportion to each seller's FOB value, less any administrative charge it retains.

Returned or rejected consignments are handled and paid for by the Exporter-on-Record and may not be sold in the domestic market. E-Commerce Export Hubs are to be used to the extent practicable. Notification No. 27/2026-27 (S.O. 4335(E)) is dated August 5, 2026.

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After	The Foreign Trade Policy 2023 contains a framework, "D. Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Facilitation Framework" (paras 9.13 to 9.19), under which a registered Exporter-on-Record may hold inventory of goods of Indian origin exclusively for export through e-commerce.

Applies from	with immediate effect
Conditions	• The Exporter-on-Record (EOR) holds a valid IEC and GSTIN and is registered with DGFT under the Framework. • An e-commerce entity proposing to undertake export operations under Para 5.2.15.2.5 of the Consolidated FDI Policy, as amended by Press Note No. 3 (2026 Series) dated 23.07.2026, does so through a separate legal entity incorporated for this purpose, which discloses its shareholding pattern and its ownership or control relationship with the e-commerce entity at registration or amendment. • An e-commerce entity, other than a marketplace e-commerce entity as defined under the Consolidated FDI Policy, may undertake export-only inventory operations through a registered Exporter-on-Record. • Only goods of Indian origin are eligible; the Seller-on-Record is responsible for ensuring and declaring the correct origin of goods. • A list of ineligible goods may be notified by DGFT from time to time. • Title to goods passes from the Seller-on-Record to the Exporter-on-Record only against a confirmed export order from a buyer located outside India; speculative transfer of title or inventory build-up without a confirmed export order is not permitted. • The Exporter-on-Record identifies, segregates and maintains Export Inventory and keeps a digital repository for its tracking and traceability, in the manner prescribed under the Handbook of Procedures. • The Exporter-on-Record pays the Seller-on-Record no later than 7 days from acceptance or deemed acceptance of the goods; payment is not contingent on payment from, or return of goods by, the buyer outside India, or any other event outside the Seller-on-Record's control. • The Exporter-on-Record claims Export Rebates and Refunds (ERR) and, once claimed for a consignment, apportions and disburses them among the Sellers-on-Record in proportion to the FOB value of each seller's goods declared in the Shipping Bill, after any administrative charge it retains. • Refund of taxes to the Exporter-on-Record under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act is an Exporter-on-Record entitlement and is not part of Seller-attributable Export Rebates and Refunds; non-transferrable duty remission instruments such as Advance Authorisation or EPCG Authorisation are not ERR. • The Exporter-on-Record owns and manages, and bears the costs of, reverse logistics for returned or rejected consignments, which

	are not to be sold or supplied in the domestic market under any circumstances. • The Exporter-on-Record, to the extent practicable, uses notified E-Commerce Export Hub (ECEH) infrastructure, subject to its operational readiness and available capacity.
Applies to	E-commerce entities, other than marketplace e-commerce entities, exporting through a registered Exporter-on-Record, and the GST-registered Sellers-on-Record that supply them.
Issued under	Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023
Signed by	LAV AGARWAL, Director General of Foreign Trade & ex-officio Addl. Secy.

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