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HANDBOOK OF PROCEDURES

DGFT adds three sea ports and ICD clearance to the PSIC exemption for metallic waste and scrap

Public Notice No. 35/2026-27 amends the PSIC exemption for metallic waste and scrap from six safe countries/regions, adding three sea ports and ICD clearance.

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 35/2026-27, dated October 21, 2026, amends Para 2.51(d)(v)(iv) of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP) 2023, under which import consignments of metallic waste and scrap are subject to a Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) from the country of origin. It is issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade under paragraphs 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023. The notice states that its effect is to set out in more precise terms the scope of the PSIC exemption for metallic waste and scrap imported from safe countries/regions, including its applicability to eligible consignments cleared through an Inland Container Depot (ICD).

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Such consignments are exempt from requiring a PSIC if accompanied by the supplier's or scrap yard authority's certificate, entered through Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra, Kattupalli, Hazira, Kamarajar or Adani Gangavaram with mandatory radiation and explosive checks, and not trans-shipped through these countries/regions. The exemption applies to Customs clearance for home consumption at the designated entry sea port or at an Inland Container Depot (ICD).

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Under the existing provision, metallic waste and scrap (both shredded and unshredded) imported from the USA, the UK, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the EU did not require a PSIC if cleared through eight ports: Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra and Kattupalli. These consignments were to carry a certificate from the supplier/scrap yard authority that they contain no radioactive materials/explosives, and were subject to radiation and explosive checks at these ports. Trans-shipments through these countries/regions were not allowed this facility, and import through the remaining eight other ports, irrespective of country of origin, was subject to PSIC.

The amended provision exempts such consignments from requiring a PSIC on three conditions: a certificate from the supplier or scrap yard authority that the consignment contains no radioactive materials or explosives; entry through any of the sea ports Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra, Kattupalli, Hazira, Kamarajar and Adani Gangavaram, subject to mandatory radiation and explosive checks through portal monitors and container scanners; and trans-shipments through these countries/regions are not allowed exemption from PSIC. Hazira, Kamarajar and Adani Gangavaram were not in the existing list. The exemption applies to Customs clearance for home consumption at the designated entry sea port or at an ICD, provided the conditions are satisfied at the port of entry and, for clearance at an ICD, proof of the same is provided there. The notice does not state a date from which the amendment applies.

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Products	Metallic waste and scrap (both shredded and unshredded)
Before	Metallic waste and scrap (both shredded and unshredded) imported from the USA, the UK, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the EU did not require a PSIC if cleared through eight ports: Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra and Kattupalli. Such consignments were to carry a certificate from the supplier/scrap yard authority that they contain no radioactive materials/explosives, and were subject to radiation and explosive checks at these ports; trans-shipments through these countries/regions were not allowed this facility. Import through the remaining eight other ports, irrespective of country of origin, was subject to PSIC.
After	Such consignments are exempt from requiring a PSIC if accompanied by the supplier's or scrap yard authority's certificate, entered through Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra, Kattupalli, Hazira, Kamarajar or Adani Gangavaram with mandatory radiation and explosive checks, and not trans-shipped through these countries/regions. The exemption applies to Customs clearance for home consumption at the designated entry sea port or at an Inland Container Depot (ICD).
Conditions	• The consignment is accompanied by a certificate from the supplier or scrap yard authority certifying that it does not contain any radioactive materials or explosives. • The consignment enters through any of the sea ports Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra, Kattupalli, Hazira, Kamarajar and Adani Gangavaram, subject to mandatory radiation and explosive checks through portal monitors and container scanners at these ports. • Trans-shipments through these countries/regions are not allowed exemption from PSIC. • The exemption applies to Customs clearance for home consumption at the designated entry sea port or at an Inland Container Depot (ICD), provided all conditions in clauses (a) to (c) are satisfied at the port of entry and, in case of clearance at an ICD, proof of the same is provided at the ICD.
Applies to	Importers of metallic waste and scrap, in particular of consignments (both shredded and unshredded) from the designated safe countries/regions: the USA, UK, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the EU.

Issued under	Paragraphs 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2023, as amended from time to time
Signed by	LAV AGARWAL, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-Officio Additional Secretary

The table in the notification

Description	Before	After
Para 2.51(d)(v)(iv) of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023	Import consignments of metallic waste and scrap shall be subject to pre-shipment inspection certificate (PSIC) from the country of origin. However, metallic waste and scrap (both shredded and unshredded) imported from safe countries/region i.e., the USA, the UK, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the EU will not require PSIC if consignments are cleared through eight (8) ports namely, Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra and Kattupalli. Consignments from these six countries/regions will be accompanied by certificate from the supplier/scrap yard authority to the effect that it does not contain any radioactive materials/explosives. These will, however, be subject to radiation and explosive checks through portal monitors and container scanner at these ports. Trans-shipments through these countries/regions will not be allowed this facility. Import through remaining eight (8) other ports (for both shredded and unshredded scrap/waste), irrespective of country of origin, will be subject to PSIC.	Import consignments of metallic waste and scrap shall be subject to a Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) from the country of origin. Provided that import of metallic waste and scrap (both shredded and unshredded) imported from designated safe countries/regions, namely the USA, UK, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and the EU, shall be exempt from requiring a PSIC, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions: (a) The consignment is accompanied by a certificate from the supplier or scrap yard authority certifying that it does not contain any radioactive materials or explosives; (b) The consignment enters through any of the following sea ports, namely Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra, Kattupalli, Hazira, Kamarajar, and Adani Gangavaram, subject to mandatory radiation and explosive checks through portal monitors and container scanners at these ports; and (c) Trans-shipments through these countries/regions will not be allowed exemption from PSIC. The exemption from PSIC specified herein shall apply for Customs clearance for home consumption at the designated entry sea port or at an Inland Container Depot (ICD), provided that all conditions specified under clauses (a) to (c) above are satisfied at the port of entry and, in case of clearance at an ICD, proof of the same is provided at the ICD.

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