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SCHEME

Government notifies RELIEF, time-limited export support for the Gulf and West Asia route

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THE CHANGE

A time-limited Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF) under the Export Promotion Mission, implemented through the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC), is operationalised for exports to the Gulf and West Asia region.

KEY FACTS

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Component I covers exporters already insured with ECGC, for shipments with an onboard bill of lading or airway bill issued between February 14, 2026 and March 15, 2026, with cover of up to 100% of loss from war-related and associated political risks. Component II covers shipments under standalone ECGC policies with bills granted between March 16, 2026 and June 15, 2026, excluding energy shipments, with cover up to 95% of loss.

Component III reimburses MSME exporters not insured with ECGC, for shipments with onboard bills of lading granted between February 14, 2026 and March 15, 2026: up to 50% of the additional freight and insurance burden on CIF contracts, or of the reduction between the contracted FOB value and the realised export proceeds on FOB contracts, capped at INR 50 lakh per exporter. Back-to-town cargo is excluded throughout.

Estimated support is INR 56 crore, INR 159 crore and INR 282 crore for the three components, with total expenditure of INR 497 crore met from the existing EPM allocation.

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After	A time-limited Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF) under the Export Promotion Mission, implemented through the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC), is operationalised for exports to the Gulf and West Asia region.

Applies from	For shipments with onboard bill of lading (or airway bill, where stated) issued between February 14, 2026 and March 15, 2026 (Components I and III) and between March 16, 2026 and June 15, 2026 (Component II)
Valid until	March 15, 2026 for Components I and III; June 15, 2026 for Component II (shipment dates)
Conditions	• Shipments covered are Full Container Load (FCL), Less than Container Load (LCL) or Reefer containers (perishable cargo) destined, for delivery or for transshipment, for countries such as United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Iraq, Iran and Yemen. • Component I applies to exporters already holding ECGC credit insurance cover, for shipments with onboard bill of lading or airway bill issued between February 14, 2026 and March 15, 2026; it covers losses from war-related and associated political risks, with enhanced cover of up to 100% of loss, subject to approved terms and verification. • Component II applies to coverage under ECGC standalone policies, for shipments with onboard bill of lading and airway bill granted between March 16, 2026 and June 15, 2026, excluding energy shipments to the region; it allows enhanced cover up to 95% of loss, subject to approved terms and verification. • Under Components I and II, ECGC is to ensure that premiums are not increased beyond the pre-disruption level for the eligible period, and ECGC is reimbursed for compensation paid in excess of the amount payable under the ECGC policy cover. • Component III is restricted to Micro, Small and Medium enterprises not insured with ECGC, for shipments with Onboard Bill of Lading granted between February 14, 2026 and March 15, 2026. • Under Component III, eligible expenditure is limited to additional freight or insurance costs, or reduction in realised export proceeds, attributable to War Risk Surcharge (WRS)/Emergency Conflict Surcharge (ECS) or similar levies, Additional War Risk Premium (AWRP), additional conflict-related shipping charges linked to maritime route disruptions, and additional insurance premiums on cargo shipments. • For CIF contracts, Component III reimburses up to 50% of the additional freight and insurance burden actually borne by the exporter, subject to prescribed documentary evidence. • For FOB contracts, Component III reimburses up to 50% of the reduction between the contracted FOB value and the realised

export proceeds, only where the reduction is demonstrably and solely attributable to extraordinary freight or insurance surcharge linked to the present disruption, as evidenced by prescribed documents such as contractual amendment, debit note, buyer communication or bank realisation record.

- Component III assistance per IEC is limited to the actual loss on the eligible invoice, subject to submission of prescribed documents and an overall ceiling of INR 50 lakh per exporter for all eligible consignments.
- Back-to-town cargo cases are not eligible under any of the three components.
- Claims are processed in order of receipt, subject to eligibility, verification and availability of funds within the approved financial ceiling; total Government liability shall not exceed the budgetary allocation approved under the Export Promotion Mission.
- The EPM Steering Committee may review the interventions and recommend modification, extension or withdrawal, inter se transfer of funds among components, and a negative list of goods for exclusion.

Applies to	Indian exporters shipping to specified countries in the Gulf and West Asia region, including exporters insured with ECGC and MSME exporters not insured with ECGC.
Issued under	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
Signed by	LAV AGARWAL, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-officio Addl. Secy.

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