HANDBOOK OF PROCEDURES

DGFT opens SCOMET facilitation to 4-Star and 5-Star status holders and extends GAER validity to three years

Public Notice No. 37/2026-27 accepts 4-Star/5-Star Status Holder Certificates as an alternative to AEO in SCOMET procedures and extends GAER to three years.

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THE CHANGE

A valid 4-Star/5-Star Status Holder Certificate is accepted as an alternative to the AEO certificate in these procedures, subject to the other prescribed conditions. GAER is valid for three years from the date of issue, with post-shipment reports within 30 days from the end of each quarter.

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Five amendments add a valid 4-Star/5-Star Status Holder Certificate as an alternative to the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) certificate. They cover Para 10.10(c)(vii) for Stock and Sale (in case of OEM/EMS/CM), Para 10.12(D)(A)(m) and Para 10.12(D)(B)(5) for GAER (along with ICP compliance, for re-export to vendors/OEMs), and Para 10.15(I)(1)(b)(vi) for GAET and Para 10.15(II)(1)(b)(vi) for GAEIS, where the existing requirement is AEO T2 Certification of CBIC.

Two amendments extend the validity of the General Authorisation for Export after Repair in India (GAER) from one year to three years from the date of issue: Para 10.12(D)(A)(e) and S.No.4 of the Table under Para 10.17, which covers GAER for export of imported SCOMET items after repair. Post-reporting moves from within 30 days from the date of such export to post-shipment reports within 30 days from the end of each quarter.

The notice states that its effect is to extend the existing SCOMET Authorisation-based facilitation under the Stock and Sale, GAER, General Authorisation for Export of Telecommunication (GAET) and General Authorisation for Export of Information Security Items (GAEIS) procedures to eligible exporters holding valid 4-Star or 5-Star Status Holder Certificates, subject to the other prescribed conditions. It extends GAER validity with a view to enhancing ease of doing business and facilitating exports of SCOMET items after repair in India, subject to compliance with the prescribed post-reporting requirements and other applicable conditions.

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Before	The Stock and Sale, GAER, GAET and GAEIS procedures in Chapter 10 of the HBP 2023 called for an Authorized Economic Operator

	(AEO) certificate (AEO T2 Certification of CBIC for GAET and GAEIS). GAER was valid for one year from the date of issue, with post-reporting within 30 days from the date of such export.
After	A valid 4-Star/5-Star Status Holder Certificate is accepted as an alternative to the AEO certificate in these procedures, subject to the other prescribed conditions. GAER is valid for three years from the date of issue, with post-shipment reports within 30 days from the end of each quarter.
Applies from	with immediate effect
Conditions	• The existing SCOMET Authorisation-based facilitation under the Stock and Sale, GAER, GAET and GAEIS procedures is extended to eligible exporters holding valid 4-Star or 5-Star Status Holder Certificates, subject to fulfilment of the other prescribed conditions. • For GAER, the AEO Certification or valid 4-Star/5-Star Status Holder Certificate is mandatory along with ICP compliance [for re-export to vendors/OEMs]. • GAER is valid for a period of three years from the date of issue, subject to submission of post-shipment reports within 30 days from the end of each quarter. • The longer GAER validity is subject to compliance with the prescribed post-reporting requirements and other applicable conditions.
Applies to	Eligible exporters of SCOMET items holding valid 4-Star or 5-Star Status Holder Certificates, under the Stock and Sale (in case of OEM/EMS/CM), GAER, GAET and GAEIS procedures, and exporters using GAER to export SCOMET items after repair in India.
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 Addl. Secy.

The table in the notification

Description	Before	After
Para 10.10(c)(vii) of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023 [Stock and Sale]	Copy of AEO certificate (in case of OEM/EMS/CM).	Copy of AEO certificate or valid 4-Star/5-Star Status Holder Certificate (in case of OEM/EMS/CM).

Para 10.12(D)(A)(m) of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023 [GAER]	Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Certification, along with ICP compliance, shall be mandatory [for re-export to vendors/OEMs].	Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Certification or valid 4-Star/5-Star Status Holder Certificate, along with ICP compliance, shall be mandatory [for re-export to vendors/OEMs].
Para 10.12(D)(B)(5) of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023 [GAER]	Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Certification along with ICP compliance. [for re-export to vendors/OEMs]	Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Certification or valid 4-Star/5-Star Status Holder Certificate along with ICP compliance. [for re-export to vendors/OEMs]
Para 10.15(I)(1)(b)(vi) of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023 [GAET]	Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) T2 Certification of CBIC.	Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) T2 Certification of CBIC or valid 4-Star/5-Star Status Holder Certificate.
Para 10.15(II)(1)(b)(vi) of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023 [GAEIS]	Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) T2 Certification of CBIC.	Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) T2 Certification of CBIC or valid 4-Star/5-Star Status Holder Certificate.
Para 10.12(D)(A)(e) of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023 [GAER]	General Authorisation for Export after Repair in India (GAER) shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue of the General Authorisation, subject to the prescribed post-reporting(s) within 30 days from the date of such export;	General Authorisation for Export after Repair in India (GAER) shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of issue of the General Authorisation, subject to submission of post-shipment reports within 30 days from the end of each quarter.
S.No.4 of the Table under Para 10.17 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023	GAER issued for export of imported SCOMET items after repair shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue of GAER, subject to subsequent post reporting(s) within 30 days from the date of such export.	GAER issued for export of imported SCOMET items after repair shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of issue of GAER, subject to submission subsequent of subsequent post shipment reports within 30 days from the end of each quarter.

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