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DGFT Notification No. 33/2026-27 amends FTP para 1.25(d): exports in any two of the three preceding years now suffice for One Star status outside gems and jewelry.

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Para 1.25 of the FTP covers status holder certification. Its sub-para (d) read: "For granting status, an export performance would be necessary in all the three preceding financial years (and in all the two preceding financial years for Gems & Jewelry Sector)." The notification keeps that sentence and adds a proviso: "Provided that for grant of One Star Export House status (other than for Gems & Jewelry Sector), export performance in any two out of the three preceding financial years shall be sufficient."

The notification states its effect: applicants, other than for the gems and jewelry sector, with export performance in any two of the three preceding financial years may be granted One Star Export House status, subject to the other provisions of para 1.25. Outside gems and jewelry, every other status category still needs export performance in all three preceding financial years. In the gems and jewelry sector, every status, One Star included, still needs it in both of the two preceding financial years. The notification amends only para 1.25(d). It does not change the export performance thresholds, and it does not say how it applies to applications already pending.

On October 28, 2026, DGFT's consolidated Chapter 1 of the FTP 2023, a file last updated on July 30, 2026, still printed para 1.25(d) without the proviso. DGFT's list of notifications, which ran to No. 45/2026-27 of October 19, 2026, shows no later change to para 1.25.

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Takes effect	Immediately ("with immediate effect")
Amends	Paragraph 1.25(d) of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023: a proviso added
Applies to	Applicants for One Star Export House status, other than for the Gems & Jewelry Sector
Export performance needed	In any two out of the three preceding financial years
Unchanged	All the three preceding financial years for other status categories; all the two preceding financial years for the Gems & Jewelry Sector
Consolidated FTP Chapter 1	DGFT's file of July 30, 2026 still printed the old para 1.25(d) on October 28, 2026
Legal basis	Section 3 read with section 5, Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992; paras 1.02 and 2.03, FTP 2023
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade and Ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India
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