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The notification inserts sub-paragraph (c) in paragraph 2.57 of the FTP 2023, after sub-paragraph (b). It reads: "Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above, the requirement of a Registration-cum-Membership Certificate or a Certificate of Registration shall not apply to an export consignment where the Free-on-Board(FOB) value of the consignment does not exceed ₹ 3,00,000." The limit applies to each export consignment and is measured by its FOB value.

Paragraph 2.57, "Registration-cum Membership Certificate (RCMC)", sits in Chapter 2 of the FTP 2023. Sub-paragraph (a) says that any person "applying for an Authorisation to import/ export under the FTP (except items listed as 'Restricted' items in ITC (HS)) or applying for any other benefit or concession under FTP, shall be required to provide, the RCMC granted by competent authority in accordance with Procedures specified in Handbook of Procedures unless specifically exempted under FTP." Sub-paragraph (b) says the Certificate of Registration as Exporter of Spices (CRES) issued by the Spices Board and the Certificate of Registration as Exporter of Coir & Coir products issued by the Coir Board "shall be treated as Registration-Cum-Membership Certificate (RCMC) for the purposes under this Policy."

The notification states its objective as "to promote small value exports, especially Exports through Postal, Courier and other emerging channels". Export consignments with an FOB value exceeding ₹3,00,000 "shall continue to require a valid RCMC or Certificate of Registration wherever such requirement is otherwise applicable under the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023." DGFT had proposed the exemption in Trade Notice No. 14/2026-27 of July 20, 2026, whose draft set the limit at an FOB value "less than or equal to ₹ 10,000/-" and invited comments within 10 days. On October 28, 2026, the Chapter 2 file on DGFT's website, last updated July 30, 2026, still printed a sub-paragraph (c) worded as in that draft, with the ₹10,000 limit. DGFT's list of notifications shows no notification on Para 2.57 between the trade notice and Notification No. 36/2026-27, which inserts sub-paragraph (c) after (b).

The inserted text is not limited to postal or courier exports; those channels appear only in the statement of the notification's objective. The notification does not amend the Handbook of

Procedures, does not say how the FOB value of a consignment is to be shown when no RCMC is given, and does not address consignments exported before it took effect.

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Published	Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), No. 4901, September 16, 2026
Takes effect	Immediately ("with immediate effect")
Amends	Paragraph 2.57 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023: new sub-paragraph (c), after (b)
Applies to	Each export consignment with an FOB value not exceeding ₹3,00,000
Not required for those consignments	Registration-cum-Membership Certificate (RCMC) or Certificate of Registration
Above ₹3,00,000	A valid RCMC or Certificate of Registration, wherever the FTP 2023 otherwise requires one
Related	DGFT Trade Notice No. 14/2026-27, July 20, 2026: a draft limit of FOB value up to ₹10,000, with comments invited within 10 days
Legal basis	Section 5, Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992; paragraph 1.02, FTP 2023
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-officio Addl. Secy.
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