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Pre-shipment inspection certificates due within two days

DGFT Trade Notice No. 28/2026-27 requires each PSIC to be issued within 2 days of inspection and gives PSIAs seven days to clear backlog certificates.

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to all Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies, all members of trade and industry, and all customs authorities. Its subject is a revision in the timeline for issuance of the Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) and a one-time relaxation for issuance of backlog PSICs.

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The notice refers to the earlier Trade Notice No. 22/2026-27 dated August 25, 2026, regarding enhancements in the Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency (PSIA) and PSIC process. To facilitate smooth implementation of the revised PSIA/PSIC module, it makes two relaxations to the provisions of that earlier trade notice: a one-time transitional arrangement for backlog certificates, and a substituted timeline for generating and issuing the PSIC.

Under the transitional arrangement, recognized PSIAs are given a one-time relaxation of seven days from the date of issuance of Trade Notice No. 28/2026-27 to clear backlog PSICs. The relaxation covers inspections conducted prior to August 25, 2026, where the certificates could not be issued because of system restrictions introduced under Trade Notice No. 22/2026-27.

Para 2(ii) of Trade Notice No. 22/2026-27 is substituted. The new text provides that the PSIC shall be generated and issued within 2 days from the date of inspection, and that the system shall permit generation and issuance of the PSIC only within the prescribed timeline. It also provides that PSIC uploading shall be done from the same geographical location or country where the inspection is carried out.

All other provisions of Trade Notice No. 22/2026-27 dated August 25, 2026 remain unchanged. The notice was issued with the approval of the Director General of Foreign Trade and is signed by Manoj Kumar Meena, Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade. It was issued from File No. 01/02/103/AM-26/EG&TF.

Issued by	Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)
Document	Trade Notice No. 28/2026-27
Dated	September 16, 2026
Amends	Para 2(ii) of Trade Notice No. 22/2026-27 dated August 25, 2026
Addressed to	All Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies, all members of trade and industry, all customs authorities
PSIC timeline	Generated and issued within 2 days from the date of inspection

Upload location	The same geographical location/country where the inspection is carried out
Backlog window	Seven days from the date of issuance of the trade notice, for inspections conducted prior to August 25, 2026
Signed by	Manoj Kumar Meena, Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade

[The trade notice](#) (PDF, 201 KB)

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