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The notification says that Para 7.2 of the Annexure to Notification No. 65/2025-26, on eligibility and validity criteria under Component II, "shall stand extended up to 31st March 2027 for shipments meant for delivery or transshipment under the intervention". As first issued, Para 7.2 applied Component II to shipments for which the onboard bill of lading and airway bill is granted between March 16, 2026 and June 15, 2026. Notification No. 21/2026-27 extended that eligibility period up to September 30, 2026. Notification No. 37/2026-27 does not restate the start date or the bill of lading test, and says all other provisions of Notification No. 65/2025-26, as amended, remain unchanged. It gives its purpose as supporting Indian exporters and easing logistics challenges arising out of "the continuing West Asia Crisis".

Notification No. 65/2025-26 set up RELIEF in three components, in view of geopolitical disruptions in the Gulf and West Asia maritime corridor, with the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) as the nodal and implementing agency. Component II is meant to encourage exporters to take ECGC's credit insurance cover under standalone policies for consignments going to the specified countries in the region, for delivery or transshipment. ECGC is to keep the premium paid by exporters from rising beyond the pre-disruption level for the eligible period. It may give enhanced cover of up to 95% of loss against war-related risks and associated political risks in the affected countries, subject to approved terms and verification, and the Government reimburses ECGC for what it pays above the amount payable under the ECGC policy cover. Notification No. 65/2025-26 put Government support under Component II at an estimated ₹159 crores.

Component II covers Full Container Load (FCL), Less than Container Load (LCL) and reefer container (perishable cargo) shipments destined for countries such as the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Israel, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Iraq, Iran and Yemen, for delivery or transshipment. Notification No. 11/2026-27 of April 17, 2026 added Egypt and Jordan to the eligible destinations for paras 6.2, 7.2 and 8.2. Energy shipments to the region are excluded. Back-to-town cargo cases are not eligible either: they stay covered by their existing ECGC policy cover, with no reimbursement to ECGC. DGFT's Policy Circular No. 01/2026-27 of April 15, 2026

clarified that the benefit is also available to exporters who take a new ECGC Whole Turnover Policy for the first time on or after March 16, 2026.

Notification No. 37/2026-27 changes only the Component II end date. It leaves Components I and III, whose windows ran from February 14, 2026 to March 15, 2026, as they were, and it does not revise the ₹159 crores estimate for Component II. Under Notification No. 65/2025-26, claims are processed in order of receipt, subject to eligibility, verification and funds within the approved ceiling, and the EPM Steering Committee may recommend modifying, extending or withdrawing a component.

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Document	Notification No. 37/2026-27, S.O. 5434(E)
Dated	September 30, 2026
Published	Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), No. 5224, October 1, 2026
Amends	Para 7.2 of the Annexure to Notification No. 65/2025-26 of March 19, 2026, and Notification No. 21/2026-27 of June 29, 2026
Applies to	Component II of RELIEF: exporters who take ECGC credit insurance cover for shipments to the listed countries, under standalone policies (Notification No. 65/2025-26) or a new Whole Turnover Policy taken for the first time on or after March 16, 2026 (Policy Circular No. 01/2026-27)
Component II eligibility now runs to	March 31, 2027
Takes effect	Not stated in the notification
Cover	Enhanced cover of up to 95% of loss from war-related risks and associated political risks; premium not raised beyond the pre-disruption level (Notification No. 65/2025-26)
Not covered	Energy shipments to the region; back-to-town cargo cases
Earlier: Notification No. 65/2025-26, March 19, 2026	Set up RELIEF; Component II for shipments with the onboard bill of lading and airway bill granted between March 16, 2026 and June 15, 2026
Earlier: Notification No. 11/2026-27, April 17, 2026	Added Egypt and Jordan to the eligible destinations for paras 6.2, 7.2 and 8.2

Earlier: Notification No. 21/2026-27, June 29, 2026	Extended the Component II eligibility period up to September 30, 2026
Related	DGFT Policy Circular No. 01/2026-27, April 15, 2026: a new ECGC Whole Turnover Policy taken for the first time on or after March 16, 2026 also qualifies for Component II
Legal basis	Sections 3 and 5, Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992; paras 1.02 and 2.01, Foreign Trade Policy, 2023
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-officio Addl. Secy.
File number	F. No. 01/02/02/AM-27/EPM/E-45839

Component II eligibility windows

Notification	Dated	Component II eligibility
No. 65/2025-26	March 19, 2026	Onboard bill of lading and airway bill granted between March 16, 2026 and June 15, 2026
No. 21/2026-27	June 29, 2026	Eligibility period extended up to September 30, 2026
No. 37/2026-27	September 30, 2026	Extended up to March 31, 2027

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