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DGFT Public Notice No. 35/2026-27 exempts metallic scrap from six safe countries/regions from a PSIC at eleven sea ports, and covers ICD clearance.

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The amended paragraph keeps the general rule that import consignments of metallic waste and scrap are subject to a PSIC from the country of origin. A proviso exempts metallic waste and scrap, both shredded and unshredded, imported from designated safe countries/regions, namely the USA, UK, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the EU, from requiring a PSIC, subject to three conditions. The consignment must be accompanied by a certificate from the supplier or scrap yard authority certifying that it does not contain any radioactive materials or explosives. It must enter through one of the named sea ports, subject to mandatory radiation and explosive checks through portal monitors and container scanners at these ports. Trans-shipments through these countries/regions will not be allowed exemption from PSIC.

The amended text names eleven sea ports: Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra, Kattupalli, Hazira, Kamarajar and Adani Gangavaram. The existing provision allowed the exemption only for consignments cleared through eight ports, the first eight of these, so Hazira, Kamarajar and Adani Gangavaram are added. The existing provision also said that imports through the remaining eight other ports, for both shredded and unshredded scrap and irrespective of country of origin, are subject to PSIC; the amended text does not contain that sentence.

The amendment also sets out where clearance may take place. The exemption applies for Customs clearance for home consumption at the designated entry sea port or at an Inland Container Depot (ICD), provided all the conditions in clauses (a) to (c) are satisfied at the port of entry and, in case of clearance at an ICD, proof of the same is provided at the ICD. The notice describes its effect as setting out in more precise terms the scope of the PSIC exemption for metallic waste and scrap imported from Safe Countries/Regions, including its applicability to eligible consignments cleared through an ICD.

The notice does not state a date from which the amendment takes effect. It does not name particular ICDs or say what form the proof provided at an ICD must take, and it keeps the same six countries/regions as the existing provision.

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Document	Public Notice No. 35/2026-27
Dated	October 21, 2026
Amends	Paragraph 2.51(d)(v)(iv) of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023
Applies to	Import consignments of metallic waste and scrap; the exemption covers both shredded and unshredded scrap imported from the USA, UK, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the EU
Sea ports	Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra, Kattupalli, Hazira, Kamarajar and Adani Gangavaram
Ports added	Hazira, Kamarajar and Adani Gangavaram (the existing provision named eight ports)
Conditions	A supplier or scrap yard certificate of no radioactive materials or explosives; entry through a named sea port with mandatory radiation and explosive checks; no trans-shipment through these countries/regions
Clearance at an ICD	Allowed for home consumption if the conditions are satisfied at the port of entry and proof of the same is provided at the ICD
Takes effect	Not stated in the public notice
Signed by	Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India

Ports named for the PSIC exemption, before and after

Port	Existing provision	Amended provision
Chennai	Named	Named
Tuticorin	Named	Named
Kandla	Named	Named
JNPT	Named	Named
Mumbai	Named	Named
Krishnapatnam	Named	Named
Mundra	Named	Named
Kattupalli	Named	Named

Hazira	Not named	Named
Kamarajar	Not named	Named
Adani Gangavaram	Not named	Named

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