



## AEPC Circular No: 226

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### **Sub: Extension in the export obligation period of specified Advance & EPCG Authorisations till 31.08.2026**

Dear Member Exporters,

I am happy to share that, in view of the prevailing geopolitical developments affecting global trade and logistics, and with a view to facilitating exporters, DGFT Vide Public Notice No. 51/2025-26 dated 06/03/2026, has made the following amendments in the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023:

2. The following sub-paragraphs are added in the HBP, 2023:

Sub-paragraph added	Particulars
4.40 (1)	Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Para 4.40 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023, in respect of all Advance Authorisations, including Advance Authorisation for Annual Requirement and Special Advance Authorisation, where the Export Obligation Period (EOP) (whether original or as extended) is expiring during the period 01.03.2026 to 31.05.2026, the EOP shall stand automatically extended up to 31.08.2026.
5.13(f)	Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Para 5.13 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023, in respect of EPCG Authorisations where the Block-wise Export Obligation (EO) period (whether original or as extended) is expiring during the period 01.03.2026 to 31.05.2026, the concerned Block-wise EO period shall stand automatically extended up to 31.08.2026.
5.16 (f)	Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Para 5.16 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023, in respect of EPCG Authorisations where the original or extended Export Obligation (EO) period is expiring during the period 01.03.2026 to 31.05.2026, the EO period shall stand automatically extended up to 31.08.2026.

3. The extension of EO period granted by the newly added sub-paragraphs shall be in addition to the extensions otherwise permissible under HBP, 2023.

4. No separate application, composition fee, amendment, or endorsement shall be required to be made or done by the Regional Authorities to avail this automatic extension of EO period.

5. In cases where the Advance Authorisation or EPCG Authorisation Holder has already obtained an extension of EO period upon the payment of the composition fee, the refund of the composition fee shall not be permitted.

6. Customs authorities shall allow exports accordingly. Compliance with Export Obligation (EO) in terms of the above provisions shall be examined by the concerned Regional Authority (RA) at the time of issuance of Export Obligation Discharge Certificate (EODC), closure or regularisation of the authorisation, as applicable.

*Effect of this Public Notice:* In view of the prevailing geopolitical developments affecting international shipping routes and global supply chains, and with a view to facilitating exporters, the Export Obligation (EO) period / Block-wise EO period in respect of specified Advance Authorisations and EPCG Authorisations expiring between 01.03.2026 and 31.05.2026 has been automatically extended up to 31.08.2026 without payment of composition fee. This relaxation is in addition to the EO extension facility already available under FTP/HBP upon payment of composition fees.

Members are advised to take full benefit of this opportunity in availing extension in the Export Obligation period of specified Advance & EPCG Authorisations till 31.08.2026.

This is for your information please.

With regards,

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Secretary General