



Circular No. 251

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Sub: Trade Regulations, Accreditation & Compliance Enablement (TRACE) under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT DISHA – reg.

Dear Member Exporters,

This refers to DGFT Trade Notice No. 26/2025-26 dated 20.02.2026 and Trade Notice No. 09/2026-27 dated 01.07.2026 regarding the TRACE Scheme (copies attached). For availing the benefits under the TRACE scheme, the members may refer to Policy Framework (Annex-I), Operational and Procedural Guidelines (Annex-II), Governance Structure (Annex-III) & Online Procedure (Annex-IV). To apply for the TRACE scheme under the EPM, members may submit an online Intent-to-Claim (IC) before obtaining certification. The program provides financial assistance towards eligible certification costs. Micro and Small Enterprises are eligible for reimbursement of up to 95% of the eligible cost, while Medium Enterprises are eligible for reimbursement of up to 80%, subject to the prescribed ceiling of ₹50 lakh per IEC per financial year.

The salient features of the process are as under:

1. **Submit Intent to Claim (IC):** Log into the Trade Connect Portal with Importer-Exporter Code (IEC). Submit an online application indicating intent to get financial assistance before starting for certification, testing, or audits.
2. **Obtain Certification:** Complete mandatory inspections, testing, or audits with accredited conformity assessment bodies.
3. **Submit First Reimbursement Claim (RC-1):** Once the certification is completed return to the Trade Connect Portal to file the first reimbursement claim. Attach certification/inspection reports, invoices, proofs of payment, and evidence that the certification is required to access target market.
4. **Disbursement:** Upon approval, you will receive up to 50% of the approved claim amount as an initial installment.
5. **Final Claim (RC-2):** Submit the remaining documents via the portal to claim the second installment. Members must provide evidence of exports linked to certified products within two years of the initial payout.

Members have to apply for intent at the following link: <https://www.trade.gov.in/pages/Trade-Regulations-Accreditation-and-Compliance-Enablement>

1. [Trade Notice No. 09/2026-27](#)
2. [Trade Notice No. 26/2025-26](#)

This is for your information please.

With regards,

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