

Logistics Interventions for Freight & Transport (LIFT)

Up to 30%
of freight cost
reimbursed

What is LIFT?

LIFT partially reimburses inland freight costs for MSME exporters in hinterland and North-Eastern districts, offsetting the locational disadvantage of moving notified goods from the factory gate to a port, ICD, CFS or air cargo complex — so distance from the coast stops being a competitiveness penalty.

WHO CAN APPLY

- MSMEs located in notified eligible districts (Annexure-V)
- Active IEC (not on Denied Entity List) + valid MSME Udyam Registration
- Exporting one of 28 notified products (Annexure-VI) — e.g. walnuts, pineapple, large cardamom, saffron, Kullu/Pashmina shawls, Muga silk, wooden handicrafts, millets
- Shipment distance to ICD/CFS/Seaport/ACC must be at least 200 km

Not covered: deemed exports; supplies to SEZs.

WHAT SUPPORT DO YOU GET

Reimbursement rate

30% of eligible freight expenditure, excluding taxes

Cap on eligible freight

Freight value capped at 20% of FOB value of the goods

Annual ceiling

Rs. 20 lakh per IEC per financial year (uniform across Micro, Small & Medium)

Modes covered

Rail/road to ICD, CFS, Sea Port or ACC; air freight additionally for North-Eastern Region districts

Effective from

Transport services availed on or after 20 February 2026

HOW TO APPLY — THREE SIMPLE STAGES

1. Intent-to-Claim (IC)

File online on the DGFT portal BEFORE availing transport services. Valid till end of FY or 12 months, whichever is earlier.

2. Reimbursement Claim (RC)

After export & shipping bill, file RC within 6 months of the IC, tagging it, with transport invoice, proof of payment & self-declaration.

3. Quarterly Processing

Claims are filed quarterly with the jurisdictional DGFT Regional Authority, which disburses to the IEC-linked bank account.

DOCUMENTS TO KEEP READY

- IEC & Udyam Registration certificate
- Transport invoice for shipment
- Proof of payment for freight
- Shipping bill
- e-Way bill
- Self-declaration — no other Central/State scheme claimed

SCAN TO APPLY



Trade Connect ePlatform — Apply for EPM Support
<https://trade.gov.in>



DGFT — Trade Notices & Guidelines
<https://www.dgft.gov.in>

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