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Sub: DGFT Notification Relaxes QCO Norms for Textile Imports under Advance Authorisation

Dear Member,

We are pleased to inform you that the DGFT has issued Notification No. 20/2025-26 dated 23rd June 2025 ([enclosed](#)), providing relief to exporters of textile products under the Advance Authorisation, EOU, and SEZ schemes.

Key Update:

Earlier, import of textile and chemical products under Quality Control Orders (QCOs) required exporters to complete their Export Obligation (EO) within 180 days to get exemption from QCO norms.

This condition applied to products covered under QCOs notified by:

- Ministry of Textiles
- Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC)

This 180-day EO condition was set out under Para 2.03(A)(i)(g) of FTP 2023

Now, this 180-day condition has been removed for textile products. It will only apply to chemical products notified by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC).

Implications for Exporters:

- Textile exporters now have more time to fulfil their export obligations — no need to rush to meet the 180-day deadline.
- Chemical importers must still complete exports within 180 days to get QCO exemption.

This change is especially helpful for Textile Exporters and reflects the government's effort to make exports smoother and more practical.

Members may kindly make a note of the above.

Regards,

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