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Sub: Invitation for comments on the Draft "Digital Trade Facilitation Bill, 2026"

Dear Member,

DGFT has issued Trade Notice No. 24/2025-26 dated 09 February 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)), inviting comments from exporters on the Draft Digital Trade Facilitation Bill, 2026.

The Government proposes to introduce BharatTradeNet, a new digital trade framework aimed at enabling paperless and fully electronic trade processes. At present, many trade laws require physical documentation, leading to delays and additional compliance burden. The proposed Bill seeks to grant legal recognition to electronic trade documents and facilitate faster, more efficient trade procedures.

Expected Benefits for Exporters once Bill becomes a law:

- Legal acceptance of electronic invoices and shipping documents
- Reduced paperwork, faster clearances and lower costs
- Greater confidence for banks and authorities in digital documents
- Easier access to trade finance
- Improved alignment with global digital trade practices

What members need to do

1. Members are requested to read the draft Bill carefully, identify practical issues or concerns (particularly for MSMEs), and submit their suggestions to DGFT.
2. As per the Trade Notice, comments must be sent within 30 days of issuance (by Monday 9th March, 2026) to: tradefinance-dgft@gov.in
3. Members are also requested to mark a copy to the Council at (sybil@texprocil.org) for our records.
4. This proposed legislation will play a key role in shaping India's digital trade ecosystem.

Your timely feedback will help ensure that the final law is practical and exporter-friendly.

Regards,

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Executive Director

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