

Export Council (EPCH) & RCMC / GI Guide

Furniture & Home Furnishings

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Explains export registrations for furniture and handicrafts — IEC, EPCH membership and RCMC, GI tags and export benefits — to sell abroad. Use it to become export-ready. For export strategy use the Export / Diversification Strategy tool.

Purpose of this tool & output

Register to export furniture and handicrafts

How the output is used

Use it to register to export furniture and handicrafts — the EPCH membership and RCMC (and GI where relevant) an exporter needs.

Who receives it

The RCMC is issued by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) and the IEC by DGFT; a GI is registered with the GI Registry where relevant.

How to submit / file it

Apply for the IEC with DGFT and for EPCH membership/RCMC with the entity and export documents; verification precedes registration.

Fees & charges

IEC and EPCH membership/RCMC fees per the rules; membership is periodically renewed.

Who should vet it

An export consultant and EPCH/DGFT, which verify the entity before registration.

Important cautions

Furniture and handicraft exports need an IEC and usually export-council membership and RCMC to access schemes and fairs, plus legal-timber, phytosanitary and fumigation compliance for wood. GI tags can add value for recognised crafts. Confirm current scheme benefits and requirements with the council and DGFT.

Companion documents

- Furniture Licensing Roadmap
- GST & Tax Guide for Furniture
- Legal Timber & Wood Sourcing Compliance
- Factory Licences & Pollution Guide
- BIS / Quality Standards Guide
- Shops & Establishment / Trade Licence

This is AI-assisted guidance. Verify with a qualified professional before any binding decision. Fees, authorities and processes vary by state and change over time — confirm with your state authority.