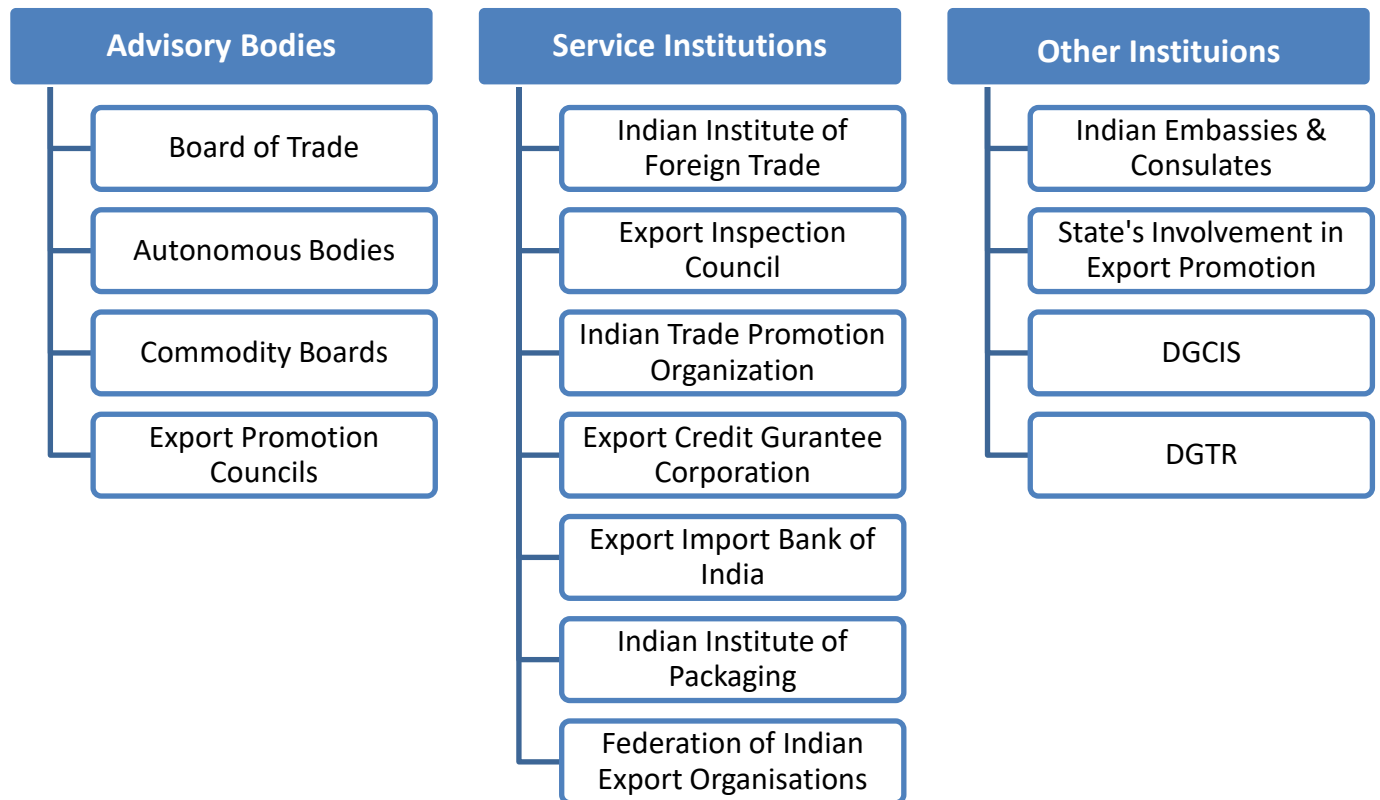


## Institutional Framework in International Trade



### Advisory Bodies

#### Board of Trade (BoT)

BoT is an essential instrument for maintaining continuous dialogue with trade and obtaining feedback on issues related to international trade with eminent representatives from Trade and Industry.

#### Autonomous Bodies

Autonomous Bodies such as Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) are there for international trade.

## Commodity Boards

Commodity Boards bring into focus the commodity-product-specific exports and their specific issues from product development to export marketing. There are nine statutory commodity boards, viz. Tea Board, Coffee Board, Coir Board, Central Silk Board, Handlooms and Handicraft Board, Rubber Board, Cardamom Board, and Tobacco Board and Spice Board.

## Export Promotion Councils (EPCs)

EPCs aim to portray the Nation's trade image abroad as a trusted source of quality goods and services and timely deliveries. The Councils are segregated product wise and are responsible for promotion of their products and services.

They also are responsible for collation of commercially useful trade data and information to assist their members in enhancing their exports. They also participate in and take overseas delegations to explore market opportunities, participate in trade fairs, and buyer-seller meets in India and globally. They also act as an Advocacy organisation and build an enormous statistical database and disseminate information. The EPCs also issue registration-cum-membership certificates (RCMCs) to their members which are mandatory for getting export incentives and are also authorized to issue Certificate of Origin.

## List of EPCs

EPC	Sector
Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)	Multi-Product
Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC)	Engineering Items
Export Promotion Council for EOUs & SEZs (EPCES)	EOUs, SEZ Units & SEZ Developers including Co-Developers in the Country
Project Exports Promotion Council of India (PEPC)	Engineering Services

Basic Chemicals, Cosmetics & Dyes Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL)	Basic Chemicals, Cosmetics, Dyes & Allied products.
Chemicals & Allied Products' Export Promotion Council (CAPEXIL)	Chemicals & Allied Products
Council for Leather Exports (CLE)	Leather Products
Sports Goods Export Promotion Council (SGEPC)	Sports Goods
Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC)	Services
Indian Oilseed and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC)	Oilseeds and its' produce
Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (PHARMEXCIL)	Pharmaceutical products
Plastics Export Promotion Council (PLEXCONCIL)	Plastic Items
Cashew Export Promotion Council of India (CEPCI)	Cashew Nuts
Shellac and Forest Products Export Promotion Council (SHEFEXIL)	Shellac and Forest Products
Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC)	Gems & Jewellery, Precious Metal.
Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts: (EPCH)	Handicrafts

## **Service Institutions**

Certain institutions have been formed to cater to the requirements of industry and trade to specialise in skilling management personnel, carrying out market research, arranging export credit insurance, specialise in conducting trade fairs and exhibitions, collation and dissemination of export-related data and

literature, promote quality control and world-class packaging, etc. They are as follows:

### **Indian Institute of Foreign Trade**

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade was set up in 1963 by the Union Government as an autonomous organization to induce professionalism and provide world-class education in the management of foreign trade. The institute has significantly contributed to formulating foreign trade policies, rationalizing the guidelines, procedures and documentation, and developing the country's international trade strategy.

### **Export Inspection Council**

EIC ensures enforcement of quality control as also pre-shipment inspection of various exportable products as notified under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963. Headquartered in New Delhi it functions through Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) which are located at Chennai, Delhi, Kochi, Kolkata, and Mumbai besides a regional grid of 38 sub-offices, including the laboratories.

### **India Trade Promotion Organization**

ITPO is a premier agency for trade promotion and to manage the expansive trade fair complex, Pragati Maidan in Delhi and which help in organising buyer-seller meets, India specific shows both in India and abroad .

ITPO has its regional offices at Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata, and Mumbai. Besides, ITPO also has overseas offices at New York, Frankfurt, Tokyo, Moscow, and Sao Paulo to promote India's international trade and investment.

### **Export Credit Guarantee Corporation**

The Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) provides credit insurance which aims to protect exporters from payment risks, both political and commercial.

## **Export-Import Bank of India**

Exim Bank aims to provide financial assistance to trade and industry and is the primary financial institution for promoting India's international trade.

## **Indian Institute of Packaging**

This institution provides expertise and undertakes research on raw materials for the packaging industry to maintain pace with international developments in the field of packaging.

## **Federation of Indian Export Organizations**

FIEO is the apex body of various export-promotion organizations and institutions in India and serves as the primary service agency to provide expert information.

## **Other Institutions**

### **Indian Embassies & Consulates**

Indian trade representatives in Embassies and Consulates are institutional arrangements which are continually being strengthened to enable them to effectively support. And supplement the trade efforts being made within the country.

### **State Export Promotion Departments & Agencies**

States being the prime centres for export production need to be involved actively in export promotion and a number of measures to promote exports have been undertaken. Every State has its export promotion body and facilitates its exporters in tune with Foreign Trade Policy. In most states, the departments of Industry & Commerce or the MSME department facilitate exports.

### **Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS)**

DGCIS was set up in 1962 and is headquartered at Kolkata and is the right agency for collation, analysis and dissemination of trade statistics and commercial intelligence and brings out publications on trade and logistics statistics.

### **Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)**

DGTR carries out anti-dumping and safeguard investigations and recommends the quantum of anti-dumping/countervailing duty under the Customs Tariff Act to be imposed to compensate for the injury to the domestic industry.