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To,

All members of the Council

Sub: - Declaration of intent under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

DGFT by Public Notice No. 40 dated 09th October 2015 (as mentioned in below email), had prescribed a procedure to be followed for claiming rewards under MEIS where exports had been made through EDI generated shipping bills between 01.04.2015 to 31.05.2015 and the exporter had inadvertently marked 'N' in the "reward item box "and wished to seek MEIS benefit.

Subsequently representations were made to DGFT that such procedure should also be made applicable to exports made beyond 31.05.2015.

To address this matter, DGFT has issued a circular (as attached) addressing this issue. As per the Notice "Shipping bills, where declaration of intent 'Y' has not been marked and 'N' has been ticked inadvertently in the 'reward item box' while filing shipping bills in Customs for exports made between <u>01.06.2015 to 30.09.2015</u>, shall be transmitted by CBEC to DGFT". The concerned RA will consider such applications subject to conditions laid down in para 4 (a) and (b) of the attached Notice.

Best Regards,

Atul Kumar

------ Forwarded message ------From: SGEPC <mail@sgepc.in> Date: Tue, Oct 13, 2015 at 5:14 PM Subject: SGEPC- Declaration of intent under MEIS Scheme To:

> The Sports Goods Export Promotion Council 1E / 6, Swami Ram Tirth Nagar, New Delhi – 110055 Phone – +91-11-23516183, Fax – +91-11-23632147 Email: <u>mail@sgepc.in</u> Website: <u>www.sportsgoodsindia.org</u>, <u>www.toysindia.in</u> CIN: U74900DL1958NPL002893

Dear Sir/ Ma'am,

Further to our below email informing all members about mandatory requirement of **'Declaration of Intent'** on all categories of Shipping Bills for claiming MEIS benefits.

Few exporters could not fulfill the requirements in initial period of start of this scheme. Hence, this matter was taken up with DGFT to give relaxation for few months.

DGFT has now issued Public Notice No. 40/2015-2020 dated 9th October, 2015 allowing the following procedures to be followed where exports have been made between 1.4.2015 to 31.5.2015 and where Shipping Bills have been marked "N" in the reward item box :

- Shipping Bills where "Y" has not been marked and "N" has been ticked in the reward item box for exports made between 1.4.2015 to 31.5.2015 shall be transmitted by CBEC to DGFT by default.
- In respect of Free Shipping Bill, exporters shall also submit the Manual copy of such shipping bill to the Regional Authorities after electronic filing of application and Regional Authorities shall grant the benefit after examination of such Shipping Bills.

This is for information of members.

Best Regards,

Atul Kumar

------ Forwarded message ------From: SGEPC <<u>mail@sgepc.in</u>> Date: Mon, May 11, 2015 at 1:36 PM Subject: Declaration of Intent on Shipping Bills for claiming rewards under MEIS To:

To: All Members of the council

Dear Sir/ Ma'am,

As you are already aware from our email below and also as per Para 3.14 of Handbook of Procedures 2015-2020 (attached here with), **'Declaration of Intent'** on all categories of Shipping Bills is required for claiming rewards under MEIS. In other words specified declaration that **"We intend to claim rewards under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)"** is required on all categories of Shipping Bills – even for export shipments under any of the Schemes of Chapter 4 (including Drawback), Chapter 5 or Chapter 6 of FTP.

Such declaration of intent is mandatory with effect from 1^{st} June, 2015 in order to be eligible for claiming rewards under MEIS.

Members may please note this once again and ensure that such declaration of intent is mentioned invariably on the Shipping Bills for all export shipments, under any of the Scheme mentioned above, eligible for MEIS benefit.

Regards,

Tarun Dewan Executive Director

------ Forwarded message ------From: **sgepc** <<u>mail@sgepc.in</u>> Date: Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 12:06 PM Subject: Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 - Procedure for claiming MEIS To: All members

To: All Members of the council

Dear Sir(s),

As you are aware, 5% benefit is available under MEIS to Sports Goods and Toys export to any country. As per the new procedure, Declaration of intent on shipping bills for claiming reward under MEIS is must. The relevant procedure, validity period of duty credit scrip and time available for filing application are attached herewith.

Regards,

Tarun Dewan Executive Director

----- Original Message ----- **From:** <u>sgepc</u> **To:** <u>All members</u> **Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 4:03 PM **Subject:** Fw: Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020, MEIS schedule - Table 2 attached.

To: All Members of the Council,

Dear Sir(s),

Please refer to our mail below informing you about highlights of Foreign Trade Policy. Meanwhile the MEIS schedule has been notified and extract from the same for chapter 95 (Toys & Sports Goods) is attached herewith. To know the countries in Group A, Group B & Group C, please refer to Annexure - I of the highlights (copy enclosed again).

Regards,

Tarun Dewan Executive Director ----- Original Message -----From: sgepc To: <u>All Members</u> Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:58 PM Subject: Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 announced today.

Dear Sir(s),

Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry unveiled the five years Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) today evening. Some of the major points are given below:

• This policy will be valid for next five years and no annual supplement will be announced; only midterm review will be done after two and a half years.

• The vision of the policy is to make India a significant participant in world trade by the year 2020 and to enable the country to assume a position of leadership in the international trade discourse. Government aims to increase India's exports of merchandise and services from USD 465.9 billion in 2013-14 to approximately USD 900 billion by 2019-20 and to raise India's share in world exports from 2 percent to 3.5 percent.

• Earlier five different schemes (FPS, FMS, Market linked FPS, VKGUY and Agri infrastructure scrip) have been merged into one single scheme named Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS)

 \cdot Served from India scheme (SFIS) has been replaced with Service Export from India scheme (SEIS).

• Sports goods will be eligible for incentive under MEIS. Global Support has been granted to few products including **Sports Goods & Toys**, whereas other products will be eligible for incentive only when exported to some specific countries.

 \cdot The rate of incentive for Sports Goods will be 5% and all scrips will be transferable.

 \cdot The rate of incentive for Toys (95030090) will be **5%** and all scrips will be transferable.

• Toys will also be eligible for MEIS incentive when exported through E-Commerce platform (upto value of Rs 25,000 per consignment).

• EPCG scheme will allow procurement of capital goods from Indigenous source with reduced export obligation.

The complete highlights of the Foreign Trade Policy, announced today, are also attached for your reference.

Regards,

Tarun Dewan Executive Director

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FOREIGN TRADE

PUBLIC NOTICE No. 47/2015-20 Dated: 8th December, 2015

Subject: Declaration of intent under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) -reg.

DGFT by Public Notice No. 40 dated 09th October 2015, had prescribed a procedure to be followed for claiming rewards under MEIS where exports had been made through EDI generated shipping bills between 01.04.2015 to 31.05.2015 and the exporter had inadvertently marked '**N**' in the "reward item box" and wished to seek MEIS benefit.

2. Subsequently representations have been received from exporters and trade & industry that such procedure should also be made applicable to exports made beyond 31.05.2015.

3. To suitably address the matter, in exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 1.03 of the Foreign Trade Policy(FTP) (2015-2020) read with para 3.14 of the Handbook of Procedures of FTP 2015-20, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby allows the following procedure to be followed where exports have been made between 1.6.2015 to 30.9.2015 through EDI generated shipping bills, and where the exporter has inadvertently marked "N" in the "reward item box" but has declared his intention in the affirmative on the shipping bill.

4. The concerned RA will consider such applications for issue of scrip subject to the following conditions:

(a) Item level details for Shipping Bills related to exports from 01.6.2015 to 30.9.2015 that were not transmitted to DGFT(due to declaring 'N' at item level and thus showing negative intent for the Reward Scheme) shall be identified and transmitted by Director General (Systems) to Director General of Foreign Trade(DGFT). This would enable exporters to file reward applications electronically with DGFT in such cases. Physical Export Promotion(EP) copy of each Shipping Bill will be submitted by the exporters to concerned Regional Authority(RA) (in all cases of 'N' declaration) to verify that the declaration of intent was made by exporter as provided in Para 3.14 of Handbook of Procedure(HBP) 2015-20 before allowing reward, subject to other provisions of FTP/HBP.

(b) Where Shipping Bills for exports from 01.06.2015 to 30.9.2015 have been otherwise transmitted to DGFT { being Advance Authorisation (AA) / Export Promotion Capital Goods(EPCG)/Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) scheme Shipping Bills} but 'N' has been declared in the 'Reward item' field, the exporter shall submit EP copy of shipping bills and reward may be issued by concerned RA after confirming declaration of intent on physical EP copy of the shipping bills as provided in Para 3.14 of HBP 2015-20.

Effect of the Public Notice :

Shipping bills, where declaration of intent 'Y' has not been marked and 'N' has been ticked inadvertently in the 'reward item box' while filing shipping bills in Customs for exports made between 01.06.2015 to 30.09.2015, shall be transmitted by CBEC to DGFT.

(Anup Wadhawan) Director General of Foreign Trade Email: <u>dgft@nic.in</u>

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