

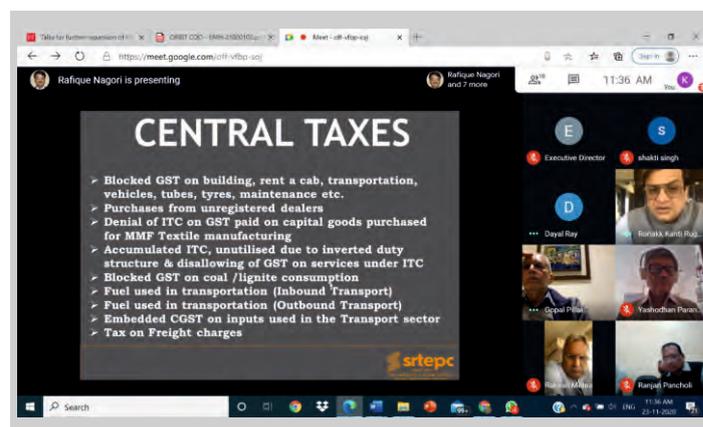
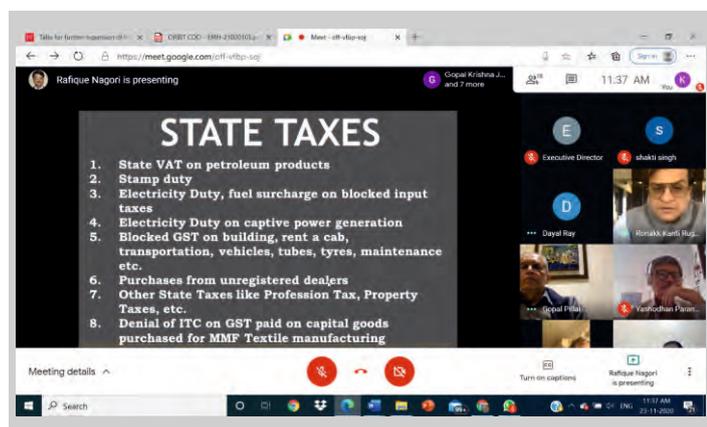
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SRTEPC Chairman's virtual meeting with the RoDTEP Committee on the proposed calculations of RoDTEP rates for MMF textile value chain



Shri Ronak Rughani (Chairman - SRTEPC) along with Shri Dhiraj Raichand Shah (Vice-Chairman - SRTEPC), Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal (Immediate Past Chairman - SRTEPC), Shri S.Balaraju, Executive Director - SRTEPC and some of the Council's Officials had a virtual meeting with the RoDTEP Committee comprising Shri G. K. Pillai, Chairman, RoDTEP Committee, Shri Y. G. Parande and Shri Gautam Ray, members of the RoDTEP Committee along with Officials of the Dept. of Revenue on 23rd November 2020.

In his welcome address, the SRTEPC Chairman welcomed Shri Pillai, Shri Parande and Shri Ray on behalf of the Council and said that it was a pleasure to have been invited to an important meeting to share the concerns of the MMF textiles segment in connection with the proposed RoDTEP Scheme.

It may be noted that the Council has worked out and sent RoDTEP calculations for 41 MMF textile products (Fibres - 2, Yarn - 26, Fabrics - 11, and Made-ups - 2).

Before his presentation on Council's submission in connection with the RoDTEP Scheme, the Chairman briefed the Committee about the Council, its inception, membership base, products under the purview, and the activities of the Council. The PPT also included the Summary statement of the entire calculations worked while formulating the RoDTEP rates.

While concluding his presentation, Shri Rughani made an earnest appeal to the Committee to include the entire value chain of man-made fibre, yarn, made-ups, and fabrics under the RoDTEP Scheme.

The RoDTEP Committee interacted with the concerned member-exporters seeking clarifications on the data provided by them and requested an early submission of the data so that the RoDTEP rates can be finalised at the earliest. The Council will also be submitting five more products which are in line with the Technical Textiles.

Shri G.K. Pillai, Chairman, RoDTEP Committee, and the other members - Shri Y. G. Parande and Shri Gautam Ray appreciated the recommendations submitted by the Council.

The Meeting concluded with a Thank you note by the SRTEPC Delegation to the RoDTEP Team.

LIST OF PROPOSED VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

The Council, as part of its Export Promotion Programmes for the year 2020-21, proposes to organize participation of its member-companies in the following Virtual Events for the year 2020-21 under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme of the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.

The events are as follows :

TEXWORLD New York City in USA from 12 to 14 January 2021

Colombiatex in Medellin, Colombia from 18 January to 5 February 2021

BSM in Bangladesh from 2 to 4 February 2021

BSM in Africa from 23 to 25 February 2021

Members interested in participating in any of the abovementioned Exhibitions/BSMs are requested to send the duly filled in online Reply Form indicating their choice of event in advance. For the online "REPLY FORM" kindly visit our website srtepc@srtepc.in.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Members,

I am glad to inform you that things are gradually returning back to normal. Friends, we are in the last leg of the year 2020. The year 2020 has not been very kind, almost half the year was in the lockdown phase with no activity happening which indeed has been challenging for the economy as well as the most of the trade and industry and MMF textile has not been spared from it. Hopefully things would return back to its pre-Covid days. Reports suggest that exports during the month of October have not been very encouraging. After picking up in September, exports declined by 5.12% during the month of October 2020 but this should not dishearten us and it should make our resolve stronger to continue with the efforts to boost exports. The Government on its part is making all efforts to boost exports through its incentives and other benefits. I am confident that exports in general and particularly of MMF textiles will bounce back to its pre-Covid levels.

I am pleased to inform you that I was a part of a virtual Meeting with the RoDTEP Committee headed by the Chairman Shri G. K. Pillai and the members Shri Y. G. Parande and Shri Gautam Ray on 23rd November 2020. As already mentioned to you the Council had submitted calculations for 41 product lines (fibre, yarn, fabrics and made-ups) falling under the purview of the Council to the RoDTEP Committee recently. During the Meeting calculations done by the Council on the RoDTEP for these 41 product lines were presented. While presenting the same, justifications were offered behind the formulations of the calculations done by the Council for the RoDTEP rates. I also urged the Committee to include the entire value chain of the MMF textile under the RoDTEP Scheme. The Committee was impressed with the calculations and appreciated the recommendations made by the Council and I am sure that they would consider our representation while formulating the RoDTEP rates. I have also been appealing to them to include Technical Textiles into the gamut of our Council and accordingly the Council will be submitting five more products in line with Technical Textiles.

The Council as part of its Export Promotion Programme is organising participation of its member-companies in two Exhibitions - Texworld USA and Colombiatex during January. The events are being held online but the fervour and outcome would match that of a physical one. I am sure that by now you all must have received the Circulars for both the Exhibitions. I request you all to participate in these Exhibitions to further strengthen your export trade with these two countries. The USA has always been a leading market for Indian MMF textiles and this Exhibition will definitely help in further reconsolidating our position in that market. Colombia has also been a potential market for Indian MMF textiles and participation in Colombiatex in the last two years has been very fruitful for members who were a part of it. Once again I urge all members to take advantage of the opportunity and participate in these virtual Exhibitions.

Let me take this opportunity to once again remind members who have yet to renew their membership for 2020-21 to do so at the earliest. I agree that the year has not been very favourable financially but you will have to renew your subscription to enable us to provide you our services uninterruptedly. Therefore, kindly do the needful immediately.

Yours sincerely,

RONAK RUGHANI
CHAIRMAN

Indonesia

Textile exports to Turkey falling due to additional duties on such imports

Indonesia is witnessing a steep decline in textile exports to Turkey after the latter imposed additional duties on such imports. The pandemic's impact on global trade is also a reason. Between January to August this year, such exports to Turkey were down by nearly half year on year (YoY) at US\$168.9 million.

This is a matter of concern for Indonesia, since Turkey is their sixth-biggest export destination [for textile products], after the United States, Japan, China, South Korea and Germany.

Indonesia's overall textile exports reached only US\$7.03 billion over the same period, marking an annual decline of 19.92%.

To back domestic industries amid the economic downturn, Turkey introduced in April additional duties of 4 to 50% on textile products imported from countries with which it has no trade agreements. The duties will be in place until the end of the year.

Indonesia is still negotiating a comprehensive economic partnership agreement with Turkey, called the IT-CEPA. The two countries were scheduled to sit down for a fifth round of negotiations in April.

It is believed that Turkish market is quite challenging for Indonesian textile exporters. However, it actually has quite a big potential for our textile industry.

It is reported that Indonesia's overall trade with Turkey started seeing a downward trend between 2018 and 2019, when it fell by nearly 17% to US\$1.49 billion.

Source : Fibre2fashion

Pakistan

Textile and clothing exports record a growth of 3.78% during the period July-October 2020

Pakistan's textile and clothing exports posted a paltry growth of 3.78% year-on-year to US\$4.76 billion in July to October FY21 compared to US\$4.58bn.

In October, export proceeds were up by 6.18% from a year ago. In September, they grew by 11.03% while a decline of 15% was recorded in August. However, in the first month of the current fiscal year, exports recorded a robust increase of 14.4% on a year-on-year basis. The demand for the country's exports has collapsed since March due to the Covid-19 pandemic, while a gradual improvement was seen since June from international buyers.

The government has also announced a series of incentives to support exporters to meet the challenges in the wake of the pandemic and disruption in supplies.

The data showed that ready-made garment exports edged up by 4.66% in value while plunging in quantity by 45.43% during July to October this year from a year ago. Exports of knitwear increased by 12.30% in value and 18.58% in quantity; bedwear exports were up 9.95% while dipped 9.8% in quantity, respectively. Towel exports went up 12.35% in value and 9.49% in quantity, whereas those of cotton cloth dipped 7.94% and 23.55% in quantity.

Among primary commodities, cotton yarn exports plunged by 54.56%, yarn other than cotton by 19.20%, made-up articles — excluding towels — was up 15.35% and tents, canvas and tarpaulin increased by a massive 67.07% during the months under review.

The import of textile machinery dropped by 38.12% during the first four months of current fiscal year — a sign that no expansion or modernisation projects were taken up by the industry in the given period.

Source : The Dawn

Zimbabwe

Textile and clothing exports fall

Zimbabwe's clothing and textile exports declined 58% to US\$17 million between January and August this year.

Its clothing and textile exports had increased by US\$42 million during the same period last year. The country's total exports increased to US\$2,56 billion between January and August 2020.

The largest decline was noted in the clothing and textile sector, whose exports declined to US\$17 million.

Source : <https://kohantextilejournal.com/>

Bangladesh

Opposes safeguard duty imposed by Indonesia on readymade garment shipments

Underlining that imposing safeguard duty on readymade garment shipments would be inconsistent with the provisions of global agreements on safeguards, tariffs and trade, Bangladesh has opposed the move by Indonesia to slap safeguard duty on apparel imports from Bangladesh.

According to reports, the apex garment makers' body – the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and the Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission

(BTTC), during a recent hearing conducted by the Indonesian Safeguards Committee (KPPI), presented their observations and arguments on the matter.

The KPPI, following a request from the Indonesia Textile Association against the import of apparels, reportedly initiated the investigation into the viability of a safeguard duty on garment shipments from Bangladesh.

The BTTC, in its submission on behalf of the Government reportedly cited provisions in the GATT (General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade) and the WTO Agreement on Safeguard to try and explain imposing such measures does not fulfil the conditions set in the related treaties.

Both the BTTC and the BGMEA in their observations reportedly highlighted that levying safeguard duty would hurt the shipment of garments, which is Bangladesh's main export commodity.

In the 2018-19 fiscal, Bangladesh has earned around US \$ 30 million from apparel exports to Indonesia.

Source : <https://bd.apparelresources.com/>

Duty waivers sought for 10 to 12 years past LDC graduation

Bangladesh recently sought from the United Nations export duty waivers on its products for 10 to 12 years past its graduation from a least developed country (LDC) to a developing one in 2024. It is learnt that Bangladesh has been lobbying with international forums, like the LDC group of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), for the waiver.

The reason is the country's economy, exports, supply chains and employment have been severely damaged as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The three prerequisites set by the UN Committee for Development Policy (UNCDP) to graduate from the LDC status are gross national income, human assets index and economic vulnerability index. The UNCDP will assess the country's graduation requirements again next year.

The European Union (EU) had already announced that it will continue the zero-duty benefit for Bangladesh after the graduation for three more years as a grace period for preparations. But the Bangladesh commerce ministry sent a letter to the EU last month requesting continuation of the generalised system of preferences (GSP) under its Everything but Arms (EBA) initiative for 10 more years following the graduation.

Bangladesh has been enjoying the zero-duty benefit to the EU under the EBA since it gained independence in 1971.

Bangladesh was supposed to be immune from the restrictions stemming from patent rights of medicine under its Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs) up to January 1, 2033. However, there is a possibility of the abolishment of such facilities once the country makes the graduation.

Source : Fibre2fashion

Sweden

First textile sorting system established

The world's first industrial-scale automated textile sorting system is now operational in Sweden. This could potentially revolutionise textile recycling in the country and create new markets for textile waste.

The newly established system has been termed as Siptex (Swedish Innovation Platform for Textile Sorting). The new 30-meter system is capable of sorting up to 24,000 of the 140,000 tonnes of textile waste produced in the country each year.

The new Sysav waste treatment and recycling company was previously funded by the Vinnova government agency. It was led by IVL Swedish Environmental Institute and backed by a consortium of 20 Swedish textile and fashion companies, research institutes, charities and authorities.

With the Siptex facility as a new part of the value chain, other players can scale up their processes and accelerate their textile recycling. This facility is sustainable for both the players as well as the environment.

The entire automated sorting system is designed on optical sensors that, with the help of near-infrared light, can sort textiles according to colour and fibre composition to great precision. The new system enables the industry to handle large textile flows while at the same time producing textile fractions that match the needs of textile recyclers and textile companies. The mechanism could help companies save time and money but opting for the specific recycling program.

Source : yarnsandfibers

Sri Lanka

Clothing textile to recover next year

Sri Lanka's Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF) recently expressed confidence in revival of the country's biggest export sector next year onwards aided by policy direction and support outlined in the Budget 2021 as well as recovery in key markets post-COVID-19.



The apparel industry took a harsh blow from COVID-19 which wiped out close to US\$ 1 billion in turnover, but resilience has always been the cornerstone for this industry. Sri Lanka last year earned US\$ 5.3 billion from apparel exports, an increase of 5.1% from 2018. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the industry originally expected a 6% increase in exports for 2020. Export earnings from apparel and textiles in October declined by 18.93 % to US\$ 356.52 million and by 21% to US\$ 3.6 billion in the first 10 months of 2020 from a year earlier. Despite the decline in the sector, earnings from exports of other textiles increased by 43.92% in October 2020 in comparison to October 2019. Earnings from export of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) related products increased by 46% to US\$ 731.63 million in January to October. The strong performance was mainly due to the increased exports of other made-up articles (HS 630790) and articles of apparel and clothing accessories of plastics (HS 392620). The Sri Lankan apparel industry is continuously looking for access to new markets and exploring opportunities to open up trade dialogue with all existing and emerging markets.

Source : <https://www.srilankaapparel.com/>

Morocco

Investment of US\$24 m for textile industry

Morocco has announced a US\$24 m investment to help the growth of its textile and leather sectors which has been hit hard by Covid 19 pandemic.

The 17 Agreements signed by Morocco's Ministry of Industry, Trade and Green Economy recently has a total value of US\$93.6 m. Of the 17, four MoUs and two agreements signed by were signed in the textile and leather sectors with an investment value of US\$24m.

The investments seek to create manufacturing units for products including clothing geo textiles, cleaning products made from non-woven fabrics, and sewing thread.

The projects are expected to create 1350 new jobs and generate a turnover of US\$ 38.8 m.

Morocco's garment industry has suffered from cancelled orders to its two key traditional markets of France and Spain.

Source: <https://www.just-style.com/>

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Renewal of Membership for the year 2020-2021

Please refer to the emails sent to you regarding renewal of Membership of the Council for the year 2020-21.

In view of the above, Members who have not yet sent the renewal fee are requested to send the Membership Subscription Fee for the year 2020-2021 at the earliest.

The Annual Membership Fee is as follows :

For Non-SSI units : Rs.12,331/-

For SSI Units : Rs. 8201/-

(Subject to submission of valid SSI/Udyog Aadhar copy)

You may also renew your membership online by following below link:

<http://membership.srtepc.org>

Focused Product Scheme for the MMF and Technical textiles segment on the anvil

The government will soon launch a Focused Product Scheme with an emphasis on man-made fibre and technical textiles segment. The Textiles Secretary Shri Ravi Capoor informed that the Ministry is very, very close to launching the Focused Product Scheme which is a production linked scheme.

He further added that much to the anger of the general industry, the Ministry is deliberately focusing the entire production linked scheme to the man-made fibre and the technical textiles.

Shri Capoor also urged the domestic players to focus on the top 10 technical textile lines globally constituting about US\$ 82 billion, in which India's share is a miniscule 0.6 per cent.

He said "huge benefits" will be offered to kick-start these technical textile lines.

The government is also looking at setting up a special export promotion council to promote the technical textiles segment, he added.

The Textiles Secretary had earlier said the proposed Focused Product Scheme aims to promote both greenfield as well as brownfield investments in the specified segments.

Technical textiles include textiles made for automotive applications, medical textiles, geotextiles, agrotexiles and protective clothing, among others.

Source : The Economic Times

Efforts to curb imports

A strategy to trim imports of as much as Rs 10 lakh crore or more than a fourth of India's annual purchases from abroad is in the works. It is learnt that the government is also working on a plan to boost exports in two dozen "priority sectors" through elevated local output. The plan is in sync with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

A concerted push to step up local manufacturing of quality products will be made, mainly through two schemes — production-linked incentives (PLI) and phased manufacturing plans (PMP). These schemes will not just help create extra capacities by luring large firms and cut imports but also improve exports substantially, a source said. It is also learnt that at the same time both tariff and non-tariff measures will be put in place, wherever required, to target low-grade imports, which will likely hurt China. If properly implemented, it will be the biggest drive for import substitution in decades.

The 24 priority sectors include textiles, electronics, auto components, steel, aluminium, marine products, ready-to-eat and processed fruit & vegetable (mango, potato, citrus), agrochemical, electric vehicles and integrated circuits, toys, furniture, ethanol, ceramics, set-top boxes, robotics, televisions, close-circuit cameras, drones, medical devices, sporting goods and gym equipment.

Already, the government this month launched PLI schemes for 10 sectors, on top of the three announced in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak. The total fiscal incentives are estimated to be close to Rs 2 lakh crore over a five-year period. Most of these 13 sectors — such as textiles, auto components, electronics, steel, and processed food — where PLI is rolled out are part of the 24 priority ones.

While boosting local manufacturing, the government is also planning to raise tariffs on a host of items. Earlier this year, industry executives had drawn a list of 1,173 items — ranging from auto parts, compressors for AC and refrigerators to select steel and aluminium products and electrical machinery — for the government to zero in on products/sub-products on which the import duties can be hiked. These items are mostly imported from China and can be substituted with local production without much hassles, sources had said earlier.

Imports of these 1,173 items from China were worth US\$12 billion in FY19, making up for just 2.3% of India's total imports that year but 17% of New Delhi's purchases from Beijing.

While the move won't be Beijing-specific, it will hurt China the most, as it's the biggest supplier of such low-grade products to India.

However, realising that duty hikes alone won't deter low-grade imports, the commerce and industry ministry is undertaking a drive to harden a crackdown on such products by formulating standards for 371 key products, in the first phase. These products encompassed imports of about US\$128 billion, or a fourth of the total purchases from overseas, in FY19. Of these, technical regulations for 150 products have already been firmed up. Imports of these 150 products were to the tune of US\$47 billion in FY19.

India's imports rose by more than 10% year-on-year to US\$514 billion in FY19, although the purchases from overseas contracted by almost 8% in FY20 and close to 40% in the first half of the current fiscal, mirroring demand compression in the economy before and after the Covid-19 outbreak.

However, once the pandemic is behind us, imports are going to rise, exacerbating trade balance once again. A credible plan to curb "non-essential" imports, therefore, comes in handy, according to the sources.

Merchandise trade deficit widened from US\$119 billion, or 18.5% of the overall goods trade, in FY16 to US\$161 billion (20.4% of such trade) in FY20. This is despite the fact that global oil prices mostly remained within the government's comfort zone during this period.

Source : The Financial Express

Government invites suggestions from stakeholders for new Foreign Trade Policy

The Commerce & Industry Ministry has called for suggestions from all stakeholders on the new five-year foreign trade policy to

be implemented from the next fiscal as the one-year extension for the existing policy will expire on March 31, 2021.

The call for inputs for the new FTP comes at a time when exports in the first week of November posted a high growth of 22.5% to US\$6.75 billion, as per figures by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal, raising hopes of a bounce-back following an overall decline in exports so far this fiscal.

A time-limit of 15 days was given to export promotion councils and various trade bodies to give their inputs.

The Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) was extended for a year till March 31 2021.

India's exports during April-October 2020-21 were worth US\$150.07 billion, registering a decline of 19.05% per cent over the same period last year, as per data released by the Commerce & Industry Ministry.

Source : <https://www.newonnews.com/>

India, Australia and Japan launched SCRI to focus on key sectors

Textiles, Petroleum, automobiles, and steel are some of the key sectors that could be the focus areas under the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI), which was launched by India, Australia and Japan in September.

The SCRI seeks to enhance the resilience of supply chains in the Indo-Pacific region and develop dependable sources of supply and attract investment.

The key features of the initiative, originally piloted by Japan and based on bilateral discussions, are enhancing the resiliency of the supply chain in the Indo-Pacific region including diversification of supply sources and increase competitiveness of sectors. It will also attract foreign direct investment (FDI) in the region and strengthen mutually complementary relationship among the participants.

It is learnt that SCRI is also planning to finalise "Track 1.5" participants to involve industry, academia and government, besides exploring inclusion of like-minded countries to build secure supply chains in the region.

It is also believed that a trilateral framework at the senior official level between the three proponents (Australia, India and Japan) could be considered with certain working structures. That includes formation of sectoral groups, trilateral trade promotion and facilitation cell, and trilateral mechanism to address trade and investment barriers, the source said.

While the broad objective of the initiative is to promote, expand and diversify trade and investment, the specific action plans

include digitisation of trade documentation, activities for promotion of trade and investment and identification of sectors for cooperation, among others.

Source : The Business Standard

Exporters affected by high freight charges

Trade, both exports and imports, has been badly impacted after sea freight charges saw one of the highest ever increases of 60% in recent times. The development came after shipping companies hiked rates substantially. To make matters worse, exporters are facing a massive shortage of containers due to lower imports over the last few months.

Freight rate for October rose sharply from \$300 to \$800 (per 40ft full container load), particularly for Middle East, European, North and South American ports. Availability of containers has further worsened even at regular ports like Mundra and Nhava Sheva, while the situation in inland container depots is worse.

Source : The Times of India

Cabinet approves PLI scheme for 10 sectors including textiles

The Union Cabinet recently approved production-linked incentives for 10 sectors, including among others textiles, worth almost Rs. 2 lakh crore to boost manufacturing, make India self reliant and generate employment.

The decision of the Union Cabinet was announced by Information and Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar along with the Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman.

Smt. Sitharaman informed that the aim is to give the right impetus to the Indian economy to enable the nation to plug into the global supply chain. There is no cap on the number of companies that will be eligible for PLI under each category for now.

Shri Javadekar said that the manufacturing sector currently contributes 16% to India's GDP.

The idea of the scheme is to provide a boost to local production and add more jobs while aiding the government's goal of attaining self-reliance. The move will also help global manufacturing companies that are exploring a China plus one strategy for production. The Centre is focusing on boosting manufacturing as a way to steer the economy out of the current economic slump and to avoid supply disruption of key raw materials and intermediates in future.

NITI Aayog vice chairman Shri Rajiv Kumar had said the idea behind the PLI scheme was to give the best opportunity for entrepreneurs. All steps to aid economic recovery will be taken respecting international rules while remaining committed to an open and global economy, he said.

Source : <https://www.livemint.com/>



Migration of AA/ EPCG/ DFIA Online modules to the new DGFT IT platform from 1st December, 2020



As you are aware, the government has been introducing several schemes to support the members of Trade & Industry, and to enhance 'Ease of Doing Business'.

Revamped DGFT services on the new DGFT IT platform is one such initiative undertaken by the government. The objective of introducing these revamped systems is to provide paperless, digital, efficient and transparent services to the exporters/ importers. and further, support the overall goal of Trade Facilitation and Digital India. The platform would be accessible through the existing website: <https://dgft.gov.in/CP/>.

In this regard, DGFT has issued **Trade Notice No. 33/2020-21 dated 28th October, 2020** informing that –

- The online processes relating to the entire lifecycle of Advance Authorisation (AA), Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) & Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) including their paperless Exports Obligation Discharge (EODC) shall be rolled out.
- Norms Fixation, Free Sale & Commerce Certificate, Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS), Import Licencing and some other processes shall also be rolled out.
- Among other services, the new online system will have a two-way communication between the DGFT and the exporter/ importer and would allow the applicant to apply, monitor the status of the applications, reply to the deficiencies, raise queries etc.

Please Note

- 1) The new platform is accessible through user-based IDs for applying online. All IEC holders must create login IDs through an online registration process.
- 2) For user ID creation, mobile number/ email ids will be mandatorily required. The same will be authenticated by the process of OTP/ email based authentication process.
- 3) Users would be required to link their login IDs to their specific IEC. The process of linking would be available post login through an authentication process using a Digital Signature Certificate or Aadhaar based e-Sign.
- 4) Only the Aadhaar e-sign of the Proprietors/ Directors/ Partners/ Karta etc. as mentioned on their IEC may be used for Aadhaar based authentication.
- 5) For Digital Signature certificates (DSC) a Class-II/ Class-III Certificate is allowed. The given DSC may be of either of the 3 types –
 - a) Individual DSC of the proprietors/directors/partners/Karta etc.
 - b) Organization-based DSC where the firm name matches the name on the IEC. The given DSC type may be issued in the name of any authorized signatory (as per the rules of the Controller of Certifying Authorities).



- c) IEC based DSC wherein IEC is embedded as a parameter in the DSC.
- 6) Post IEC linking, IEC holders should complete the IEC autovalidation process by using **'Modify IEC'** process after logging in.
- 7) IEC holders must update the Profile details using the **'Manage Profile'** option. Details related to Industrial Registrations, Export Performance details etc. should be duly filled in. Please note that the profile updation is an automatic process and does not require any approval or fees.
- 8) IEC holders are requested to go through Help manuals & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available on the new DGFT website under the **'Learn'** section.

In continuation to the above Trade Notice, DGFT has issued **Trade Notice No. 35/2020-21 dated 12th November, 2020** informing about the following:

- 1) Migration of AA/ EPCG/ DFIA Online modules to the new IT environment from 1st December, 2020.
- 2) Non-availability of licence amendment services from 20th November 2020 to 30th November 2020.

Regarding Issuance & Amendment of Licences –

- 1) New revamped systems for managing the entire life cycle for AA, EPCG, DFIA would be released over the last week of November, 2020. This shall include licence issuance, amendment, clubbing and closure. The go-live activities would start from 20th November, 2020 (Friday) and be completed by 30th November, 2020 (Monday).
- 2) Post go-live, all AA/ EPCG/ DFIA licences and redemption data would be centralized into a common shared cloud storage. The manual processes for amendment, invalidation, re-validation, surrender, closure, regularization, bond waiver etc. would be brought online. The new processes are aimed at providing a clean, transparent workflow for the ease of the exporters as well as the RA concerned.
- 3) Exporters/ Importers should apply for new EPCG and AA licences during the transition period (20th to 30th November, 2020) using the legacy systems. New DFIA file numbers may also be generated. However, **no licence amendment would be allowed in the local LEMIS systems from the afternoon of 20th November, 2020.** Any inadvertent updation of the licence data in the legacy RA-LEMIS systems after the cut-off date would not be transmitted to Customs or new System.
- 4) No physical submission of applications shall be taken up after the new systems are live. Any applications not processed in the given period would have to be re-submitted online by the exporter. In such limited cases, the exporter would not be required to pay any requisite fees already paid under eMPS.
- 5) The data for the un-utilized eMPS payments for AA, EPCG, DFIA paid prior to the cut-off would be migrated into the new system. eMPS would further be disabled for AA, EPCG, DFIA post the cut-off date. Exporter may utilize the un-utilized eMPS receipts in the new system. Details would be provided vide FAQs and chat-bot.

Regarding Redemption –

- 1) New data integration for Shipping Bills, Bill of Entry, Bill of Exports have been set up in the to-be systems. The exporter concerned would have the requisite S/Bill, Bill of Entry available in their individual repositories for preparing their future EODC applications. Integration with GSTN for the invoices for deemed exports etc. are however at work in progress.
- 2) Paper applications for redemption should not be required post go-live. Given that redemption does not entail additional fees, any EODC applications yet to be processed on the cut-off date may also be re-filed in the new system.
- 3) All previous licence redemption details as available in the RA local servers would be migrated into a centralized online system. Post go-live, the status/pendency in redemption of individual licences/ RA-wise pendency would be monitored through a common MIS system. The usage of eodc.online would not be necessary.



Regarding Data Migration –

- 1) The data migration would be required from each of the Regional Authorities (Ras). Hence, requisite training in this regard has already been provided to the respective RA.

Exporters/ Importers may refer to the Trade Notice 33/2020-21 dated 28.10.2020 and complete the process of registration/linking of their IECs on the DGFT website (<https://dgft.gov.in/CP/>) sufficiently well in advance, as this is a pre-requisite for filing online applications/claims in the new IT environment.

For any further assistance, members may utilize any of the following channels —

- Raise service request/ suggestion ticket through DGFT Helpdesk service link on the e-platform home page
- Call toll-free Helpline number **1800-111-550**
- Send an email to **dgftedi@gov.in**

Source:

<https://dgft.gov.in/CP/>

**Participate in Texworld, New York City, USA (Virtual Exhibition)
12th-14th January 2021**

As part of the Export Promotion Programmes of the Council for the year 2020-2021, the Council is organizing mobilization of participation of its members in Texworld New York City & Apparel Sourcing New York City in New York on Virtual Platform from 12th to 14th January 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic situation worldwide. This event is being organized under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme of the Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India. The event is being organised by Messe Frankfurt.

The Participation fees is Rs.35,000 (subsidized rate due to MAI Scheme). The booth package for participants on will be full access to Virtual Platform, On-boarding and Set-up support, Extended access after the Show, Product listings 50 Meetings/Day/Company and Submission of 8 fabrics to be featured in Trend Preview Book.

Please note that there are two Application Forms attached along with the circular on Council's website. They are for participation in Texworld New York City and Apparel Sourcing New York City. Since Texworld New York City Form is for Fabrics and Apparel Sourcing New York City Form is for Apparels, all participants are requested to fill-up Texworld New York City Form. In case, any participant has fabrics as well as apparels to display, they have to choose any one of the above-mentioned forms depending upon their products for display at large. Kindly also note that a separate Online Application Form of SRTEPC also needs to fill, which is requested as per the MAI guidelines.

For further details regarding the Exhibition and the applicaiton forms kindly visit our website srtepc@srtepc.in.



Indian Customs - Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programme



BACKGROUND

- A programme under the aegis of the World Customs Organization (WCO) SAFE Framework of Standards to secure and facilitate Global Trade.
- Aims to enhance international supply chain security and facilitate movement of legitimate goods.
- Encompasses various players in the International supply chain.
- An entity engaged in international trade is approved by Customs as compliant with supply chain security standards and granted AEO status & certain benefits.
- It is in sync with the commitments made under Article 7.7 of WTO TFA.
- A voluntary compliance programme.
- Enables Indian Customs to enhance and streamline cargo security through close cooperation with the principle stakeholders of the international supply chain viz. importers, exporters, logistics providers, custodians or terminal operators, custom brokers and warehouse operators.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Indian AEO Programme is implemented vide CBIC Circular 33/2016 – Customs dated 22.07.2016, as amended & Circular 26/2018- Customs dated 10.08.2018, which provides the statutory framework for the AEO programme. The circular is in line with the WCO's SAFE Framework. The circular provides for a three tier AEO Status for Exporters and Importers. The three tiers are AEO T1, AEO T2, AEO T3, where AEO T3 is the highest level of accreditation. All three tiers provide for varying and incrementally increasing level of facilitation to the status holder. There is one more category of AEO- LO that covers all other entities in the supply chain other than the importers and exporters. The Circular 33/2016 – Customs was amended by the Circular 03/2018 – Customs dated 17.01.2018. Amendment Circular 03/2018 – Customs has further liberalized, simplified and rationalized the AEO accreditation process so as to promote Ease of Doing Business and to emulate global best practices.

Recently, AEO T1 processing was rationalized via new circular 26/2018-Cus. The present circular has cut down on the Annexure required for AEO T1 certification from earlier 7 to the present 2. The present circular has not just rationalized the AEO T1 processing by taking away redundancy in earlier processing but it has also made more thorough certain key compliance requirements. For that, the new circular has relied upon the latest SAFE framework 2018 edition and best practices from domestic AEO Programme of different customs administrations.

Apart from the above changes, the new circular has completely decentralised the processing of AEO T1. In the present the setup, the AEO T1 file can be approved at the Customs Zonal level. This has completely eliminated the time that was wasted in transit of application from zonal offices to DIC (AEO HQ). In effect, the present AEO processing has not just been simplified but is also comprehensively aligned to security requirements as provided in the latest SAFE Framework.

The vision is to have 3500 AEOs in foreseeable future. For which, the process for AEO accreditation for AEO T1 has been completely decentralized. Earlier, AEO T1 applications were processed by AEO Headquarter assisted by 5 AEO Regional Units. But now, the same process & accredited by Custom Zones spread across the country.



BENEFITS OF THE AEO CERTIFICATION



Self-declaration of SION (Standard Input Output Norms) under Para 4.07A of FTP 2015-20 for AEO exporters in cases where SION is not notified.



Inclusion of Direct Port Delivery of imports to ensure just-in-time inventory management by manufacturers – clearance from wharf to warehouse for AEO T1, T2 and T3.



Inclusion of Direct Port Entry for factory stuffed containers meant for export by AEOs for AEO T1, T2 and T3.



Provision of Deferred Payment of duties – delinking duty payment and Customs clearance for AEO T2 and T3.



Benefits of Mutual Recognition Agreements with other Customs Administrations for AEO T2 and T3.



Fast tracking of adjudications and refunds including IGST refunds and disbursal of drawback.

MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENTS (MRAs)

- The international face and connecting link of the domestic AEO Programme of various countries.
- Acts as an equalizer that harmonize the minor difference to allow for seamless facilitation in terms of benefits and processes for movement of goods across borders for the domestic AEO accredited entities.
- Mutual Recognition of AEOs is a key element of the WCO SAFE Framework to strengthen end-to-end security of supply chains and to multiply benefits for traders at a global level.
- By mutual recognition of AEOs two customs administrations agree to:
 - ✓ recognise the AEO authorisation issued under the other countries programme and
 - ✓ provide reciprocal benefits to AEOs of the other countries AEO entity.

Indian Customs has collaborated with several foreign customs administrations to align with their AEO Programmes, which effectively allows Indian Customs to internationalize the core principles of the program and provide benefits to Indian trade at the international level. Indian Customs has signed two MRAs with the Customs Administrations of South Korea and Hong Kong. Couple of MRAs are in final stages of conclusion, they include MRA(s) with USA and Taiwan. Apart from this, India is constantly looking for partners abroad to enhance its MRA partners so as to contribute positively to the global trade. To that effect, Indian Customs is already in process of discussions with UAE, Uganda and Philippines, to finalize the draft Joint Action Plan (JAP). JAP acts the broad framework of timeline and actions that needs to be completed in phased manner to conclude an MRA. Indian Customs has already conveyed the draft JAP to these three Customs Administration for their comments. Lastly, Indian Customs has also taken up a proactive approach to MRA and hence sent 'Expression of Interest' to major South East Asian Country with which India has gradually increasing trade relations.



BENEFITS OF AEO

Benefits associated with AEO Tier T1

• High facilitation	• On request 24 x 7 at all sea-ports and airports
• DPD/DPE	• OSPCA once a year
• BG 50%	• ID cards/Space in warehouse
• Expedited investigation - dispute resolution	• Email on arrival / departure

Benefits associated with AEO Tier T2

• All facilities of tier II PLUS	• 25% BG
• Higher facilitation	• On-site inspection/stickers
• Deferred duty payment	• Refund/rebate in 45 days
• MRA benefits in other countries	• Faster drawback
• Waiver of seal verification	• Client Relation Manager
• Priority in scanning/assessment	• OSPCA in 2 years

Benefits associated with AEO Tier T3

• All facilities of Tier II PLUS	• No Bank Guarantee
• Highest facilitation	• Risk based intervention by other departments
• Scanning only on intelligence	• Refund/rebate in 30 days
• Reliance on self-certified copies	• OSPCA in 3 years

Benefits for AEO-LO

Sl. No.	Entity	Facilities to be provided
1	Logistic Service Providers	(a) Waiver of Bank Guarantee (BG) in case of trans-shipment of goods under imported goods (Condition of Trans-shipment) Regulations, 1995. (b) Facility of Execution of running bond. (c) Exemption from permission on case to case basis in case of transit of goods. In case of international transhipped cargo (Foreign to Foreign), for the pre-sorted containers wherein Cargo does not require segregation, ramp to ramp or tail to tail transfer of cargo can be effected without Customs escorts.
2	Custodians or Terminal Operators	(a) Waiver of BG under Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations 2009. (b) Extension of approval for custodians under regulation 10 (2) of the 'Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulation 2009' for period of 10 years.
3	Customs Brokers	(a) Waiver of BG to be furnished under regulation 8 of the CBLR, 2013. (b) Extended validity (till validity of AEO status) of licenses granted under regulation 9 of the CBLR 2013. System Manager to incorporate date of validity of AEO from time to time in the System Directory. (c) Waiver from fee for renewal of license under sub regulation (2) of regulation 11 of CBLR,2013.
4	Warehouse Operators	(a) Faster approval for new warehouses within 7 days of submission of complete documents. (b) Waiver of antecedent verification envisaged for grant of license for warehouse under Circular No. 26/2016. (c) Waiver of Solvency Certificate requirement under circular No. 24/2016. (d) Waiver of security for obtaining extension in warehousing period under Circular No. 21/2016. (e) Waiver of security required for warehousing of sensitive goods under Circular No. 21/2016.



AEO ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

AEO - Eligibility Criteria for an entity

- ✓ Handled 25 documents (S/Bills & Bills of Entry) in the last Financial Year.
- ✓ Should undertake Customs Related Work.
- ✓ Be a part of international supply chain.
- ✓ AEO can only be given to legal entity and not group company.
- ✓ Have had business activity for three Financial Years (can be waived in deserving cases).

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Source

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Attention : Members

INDIAN TRADE CLASSIFICATION (HS) CODES FOR MAN-MADE FIBRE TEXTILES

A detailed ITC HS Code Book for Indian Man-made Fibre textiles is available with the Council. The Book contains Chapterwise (54 to 63) HS Codes for the following Products.

- Fabrics
- Yarns
- Made-ups
- Fibre

The Book is available for Rs. 118 (including GST), which can be obtained from the Head Office or Regional Offices of the Council at Delhi and Surat on payment by cash or on the receipt of Demand Draft (in favour of “The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council, Mumbai) for the requisite amount. Please add Rs.50/- for mailing charges, if you require the Book through courier.



MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

DGFT

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Notification No. 42 /2015-20	22.10.2020	Amendment in Export Policy of Nitrile/ NBR Gloves	Export policy of Nitrile/NBR Gloves exported under mentioned HS Codes or any other HS Code is revised from "Prohibited" to "Restricted" category.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/b1ffb7-9e04-4314-be2d-6e68972e28d2/Noti%2042%20Eng.pdf
2)	Trade Notice No. 35/2020-21	12.11.2020	Migration of AA/EPCG/DFIA Online modules to the new IT environment from 1.12.2020 and non-availability of licence amendment services from 20.11.2020 to 30.11.2020	Services for amendment of any Advance Authorization, Export Promotion Capital Goods or Duty Free Import Authorisation Licenses would be temporarily suspended from 12:00 PM on 20.11.2020 till 30.11.2020.	http://storage.unitedwebnetwork.com/files/63/cf9664979b3f7d40599953ac0a3d58b6.pdf
3)	Trade Notice No. 34/2020-21	12.11.2020	DGFT Invites suggestions for New Foreign Trade Policy	A Google Form has been created on the following link: https://bit.ly/3khHEI2 .	http://storage.unitedwebnetwork.com/files/63/d2119815b397849550dd74766014d929.pdf
4)	Trade Notice No. 33/2020-21	28.10.2020	Linking/Registration of IECs in the new revamped DGFT Online environment	New online system will have a two-way communication between DGFT & exporter/ importer & would allow applicants to apply, monitor the status of applications, reply to deficiencies, raise queries etc.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/6d43e4ea-8c2e-4309-ac99-840ee71adfa6/Trade%20Notice%2033%20for%20Stage%201B%20go-live.pdf
5)	Trade Notice No. 32/2020-21	28.10.2020	Submission of data to RoDTEP Committee	Data in the requisite format has to be sent to devroy@gov.in & shakti.singh1981@gov.in	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/b07c1035-3759-4bbe-85e6-9fc61751371b/TN-32%20dt-28-10-2020.pdf
6)	Trade Notice No. 31/2020-21	27.10.2020	Procedure and Criteria for submission and approval of applications for export of Nitrile/NBR Gloves	DGFT has prescribed procedures and criteria for submission and approval of applications for export of Nitrile/NBR Gloves.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/d8665967-4039-493f-9c85-cc80c10da9b6/TN31.pdf

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

CBIC - CUSTOMS

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1)	Notification No. 106 /2020-Cus (N.T.)	12.11.2020	Exchange rate Notification No.106/2020-Cus (NT)	Notifies Rate of Exchange of Foreign Currencies w.e.f. 13.11.2020.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt106-2020.pdf
2)	Notification No. 105 /2020-Cus (N.T.)	5.11.2020	Exchange rate Notification No.105/2020-Cus (NT)	Notifies Rate of Exchange of Foreign Currencies w.e.f. 6.11.2020.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt105-2020.pdf
3)	Notification No. 104 /2020-Cus (N.T.)	3.11.2020	Exchange rate Notification No.104/2020-Cus (NT)	Notifies Rate of Exchange of Foreign Currencies w.e.f. 4.11.2020.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt104-2020.pdf



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4)	Notification No. 36/2020-Customs (ADD)	11.11.2020	CBIC rescinds Notification No. 27/2015-Cus (ADD) dated 1.6.2015 to remove ADD applicable on imports of Acrylic Fibres from Thailand	CBIC rescinds Notification No. 27/2015-Customs (ADD) dated 1.6.2015 to remove the anti-dumping duty applicable on imports of Acrylic Fibres from Thailand.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd36-2020.pdf
5)	Circular No. 50/2020-Customs	5.11.2020	Policy and Guidelines for setting up of Inland Container Depots (ICDs), Container Freight Stations (CFSs) & Air Freight Stations (AFSs)	CBIC has prescribed policy & guidelines for setting up of ICDs, CFSs and AFSs to meet the requirement of the changing paradigm and the aspirations of the trade.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2020/cs-add2020/csadd50-2020-updated.pdf
6)	Circular No. 49/2020-Customs	3.11.2020	Schemes for Rebate of State Levies (RoSL)	Remaining ROSL rebate is to be granted by DGFT in the form of electronic duty credit scrips, which can be utilized for payment of duties of Customs & Central Excise.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2020/Circular-No-49-2020.pdf
7)	Circular No. 48/2020-Customs	27.10.2020	Manufacturing and other operations undertaken in bonded warehouses under Section 65 of the Customs Act, 1962	To bring in greater regulatory clarity and certainty for investors, Board has clarified the issues.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2020/Circular-No-48-2020.pdf
8)	Instruction No. 19/2020-Cus	18.11.2020	Imports from North Korea (KP)/Exports to North Korea (KP)	Customs field formations are directed to ensure strict compliance of the legal prohibitions in force in regard to imports/exports from/to North Korea.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-instructions/cs-instructions-2020/cs-ins-19-2020.pdf

CBIC - CENTRAL EXCISE

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Circular No. 1075/01/2020-CX	14.11.2020	Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme, 2019 (Removal of Difficulties) order 2020 dated 13.11.2020 procedure for filing of declaration by the eligible declarant in the UT of J & K and UT of Ladakh and its verification thereafter, etc.	To obviate hardship faced by taxpayers in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir & Union Territory of Ladakh, Government has extended the date of filing of the declaration as on 15.1.2020 till 31.12.2020.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/excise/cx-circulars/cx-circulars-2020/Circular1075-2020-CX-14112020.pdf

MUMBAI CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No. 74/2020	November, 2020	Implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations	Guidelines and FAQs for different categories of stakeholders are available on ICEGATE (https://www.icegate.gov.in/SeaManifestRegulation.html).	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/PN_74-2020.PDF
2)	Public Notice No. 71/2020	22.10.2020	Implementation of Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations - Filing of Allowed for Shipment Request & Cargo Summary Notification declarations	Email for sending all the SCMTR messages is scmtr.prod@icegate.gov.in.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/PN_71_of_2020.pdf
3)	Public Notice No. 70/2020	22.10.2020	Advisory for filing amendment for adding supporting documents to a Bill of Entry	Issues have been clarified to ensure that the procedure for filing amendment for adding supporting Docs to BE gets followed properly.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/PN_70_of_2020.pdf



JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No. 141/2020	11.11.2020	Implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations	Transitional provisions under Regulation 15 (2) have been extended from 1.10.2020 till 31.3.2021.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-141-2020.pdf
2)	Public Notice No. 139/2020	26.10.2020	Faceless Assessment - New provisions in ICES in terms of Board Circular 45/2020 dated 12.10.2020	There is a provision for the importer to declare previous BE as a reference for every item while filing a BE. The view of such declared previous BE has also been given along with the RMS reference BEs.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-139-2020.pdf
3)	Public Notice No. 138/2020	23.10.2020	Commencement of operations at Centralized Parking Plaza for Direct Port Entry for Self-Sealed export containers at Customs Mumbai Zone-II	Work of all three Parking Plazas viz. JNPCT, NSICT/NSIGT and GTI will be shifted to Centralized Parking Plaza (CPP) from 26.10.2020 to provide a single point Documentation Processing Area for export of all Direct Port Entry self-sealed containers from JNCH Zone - II.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-138-2020.pdf
4)	Public Notice No. 137/2020	21.10.2020	Details of IECs where drawback claims are pending due to non-submission of negative statements/eBRC/BRC	Exporters are advised by JNCH to check the lists and submit required documents to the Drawback Recovery Cell, Drawback Section, NS-II, Room No. 403, JNCH.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-137-2020.pdf
5)	Standing Order No. 40/2020	2.11.2020	Amended to the Standing Order No. 16/2020 dated 16.06.2020	In partial modification to Sr. No. 5 & 6 of Standing Order No. 16/2020 dated 16.06.2020 are replaced.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-40-2020.pdf
6)	Standing Order No. 39/2020	26.10.2020	Faceless Assessment - New provisions in ICES in terms of Board Circular 45/2020 dated 12.10.2020	New provisions have been added in ICES for assisting the field officers in the workflow of BEs marked for faceless assessment.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-39-2020.pdf
7)	Standing Order No. 38/2020	21.10.2020	Faceless Assessment - Enhancements and certain clarifications related to reports available to Assessing Officers (AOs and AC/DCs) in ICES	To further assist the FAG officers, increased visibility has now been provided in the VAO and VDC roles.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-38-2020.pdf
8)	Standing Order No. 37/2020	15.10.2020	Faceless Assessment-Measures for timely assessment of Bills of Entry and clarification on defacement of physical documents	Trade is advised to provide complete details/specifications/ description/ brand/name/ model/technical literature / mandatory documents essential for assessment.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-37-2020.pdf
9)	Standing Order No. 36/2020	15.10.2020	Enhancement in ICES and certain clarifications in respect of Faceless Assessment	Additional features have been enabled in ICES to further streamline the assessment process.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-36-2020.pdf
10)	Standing Order No. 35/2020	15.10.2020	Container Scanning Module	An electronic workflow has been designed including scanning machine vendors to strengthen Non Intrusive inspection methods in Customs clearance and to equip examination officers with critical information.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-35-2020.pdf



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11)	Standing Order No. 34/2020	7.10.2020	Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for drawl of samples and surveillance by BIS Officers at Ports of Entry	SOP describes detailed procedure and responsibilities of BIS officers for Surveillance of Products imported with Standard Mark in India through Ports of entry in order to assess quality of standard marked product imported in India.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-34-2020.pdf
12)	Standing Order No. 32/2020	11.9.2020	Launch of e-Office in Nhava Sheva-II Commissionerate	ns2-jnch@gov.in has been designated as the official E-mail id and single point of contact of this Commissionerate, for official communication.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-32-2020.pdf
13)	Standing Order No. 31/2020	14.9.2020	Turant Customs - All India roll-out of Faceless Assessment	Faceless assessment shall be extended beyond existing phase II (involving Group 2A) in phases.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-31-2020.pdf
14)	Standing Order No. 30/2020	11.9.2020	All India roll-out of Faceless Assessment	Board has constituted 11 National Assessment Centres (NACs).	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-30-2020.pdf
15)	Standing Order No. 29/2020	11.9.2020	Launch of e-Office in Nhava Sheva-V Commissionerate, JNCH	e-Office is designed to establish a paperless environment in offices and increase effectiveness and employee convenience.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-29-2020.pdf
16)	Standing Order No. 28/2020	11.9.2020	Launch of e-Office in Nhava Sheva-General Commissionerate	nsg-jnch@gov.in may be used for official communication.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-28-2020.pdf
17)	Standing Order No. 27/2020	10.9.2020	Designating Official email id for communicating with NS-I Commissionerate	ns1-jnch@gov.in may be used for official communication.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-27-2020.pdf
18)	Standing Order No. 26/2020	10.9.2020	Launch of e-Office in NS-I Commissionerate, JNCH on 11.09.2020	W.e.f. 11.09.2020, NS-I Commissionerate, JNCH shall move to e-Office application and new files shall be opened electronically on the application.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-26-2020.pdf
19)	Standing Order No. 25/2020	10.9.2020	Guidelines about implementation of section 28DA of Customs Act, 1962 & CAROTAR, 2020 in respect of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements and verification of COO	The CAROTAR 2020 shall come into force on 21st September, 2020, to provide sufficient time for transition and to ensure that the prescribed conditions in terms of rule 4 are complied with.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-25-2020.pdf
20)	Standing Order No. 24/2020	9.9.2020	Launch of e-Office in Nhava Sheva-III Commissionerate	ns3-jnch@gov.in may be used for official communication.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-24-2020.pdf

SAHAR AIR CARGO CUSTOMS

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1)	Public Notice No. 134/2020	4.11.2020	Scanning of Export documents filed at Air Cargo Complex (Sahar)	Till uploading of documents (Certificates/Permissions/Licenses/NOCs) is made mandatory, the documents management system undertaken by M/s. Newgen will be continued till further notice.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/public%20Notice%20134.pdf



DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE REMEDIES

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1)	-	18.11.2020	Registered interested parties in Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Polyester Yarn (Polyester Spun Yarn)" from China PR, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam"	List of registered interested parties in Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Polyester Yarn (Polyester Spun Yarn)" from China PR, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam" is given.	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/PSY%20List.pdf
2)	-	3.11.2020	Registered Interested parties in anti-subsidy investigation on imports of "Viscose Rayon Filament Yarn above 60 deniers", originating in & exported from China PR* is given.	List of Registered Interested parties in anti-subsidy investigation concerning imports of "Viscose Rayon Filament Yarn above 60 deniers", originating in and exported from China PR*	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/VFY%20%282%29.pdf
3)	F.No.7/22/2019-DGTR	29.10.2020	Sunset Review investigation concerning ADD on imports of 'Nylon Tyre Cord Fabric' originating in or exported from China PR	Anti-dumping duty imposed shall, unless revoked earlier, cease to have effect on expiry of 5 years from the date of such imposition.	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/ENGLISH%20NCV%20FF.pdf

OFFICE OF THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER

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1)	-	-	Minutes of Meeting in regard to review necessity of Composite Textile Mill Certificate in terms of broad policy of 'Ease of Doing Business' adopted by the Govt. of India held on 11.2.2020 in O/o TXC, Mumbai	The eligible units will be given certificate having validity till 31.12.2020	http://txcindia.gov.in/html/SITP%20minutes.pdf
2)	Public Notice No. 50(30)/2019/Protocol/TUFS/11	9.11.2020	Public Notice	For clarification related to the schemes, units should approach only the officers concerned in the Office of Textile Commissioner or its Regional Offices.	http://txcindia.gov.in/html/public%20notice%20(1).PDF
3)	Circular No. 4(140)/2020/ATUFS/18th TAMC/TMB/02	4.11.2020	Circular regarding include/modify machines under ATUFS	O/o Textile Commissioner has approved TAMC of A-TUFS to include/modify the machines under ATUFS.	http://storage.unitedwebnetwork.com/files/63/d6cb054980f7e54fd0d4a5ed879b65aa.pdf
4)	Public Notice No. 5(1)(2)/RRTUFS POLICY/2020/12	3.11.2020	Opening of window in iTUFS for uploading six prescribed mandatory documents in cases under previous version of TUFS including RR-TUFS from 23.11.2020 to 05.12.2020	The window has been opened for uploading of six documents in i-TUFS software in respect of cases under previous version of TUFS (MTUFS, RTUFS & RRTUFS) from 23rd November, 2020 to 5th December, 2020.	http://storage.unitedwebnetwork.com/files/63/8dc85f781f70b0ac00d61fdd6933ac52.pdf
5)		29.10.2020	List of MSME Spinning Mills as per the ASR submitted in the TSRS portal of the Office of the Textile Commissioner by the textile units	List of MSME Spinning Mills as per the Annual Statistical Returns Submitted in the Textile Statistical Returns System portal of Office of Textile Commissioner by textile units is given.	http://txcindia.gov.in/html/MSME_Mills_29.10.2020%20(1).pdf



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6)	-	27.10.2020	Minutes of 18th Technical Advisory Monitoring Committee Meeting under ATUFS held on 9.10.2020	O/o Textile Commissioner has issued Minutes of the 18th TAMC under ATUFS.	http://storage.unitedwebnetwork.com/files/63/52efe9db1efa579a8af4ed9166ea82a3.pdf
7)	Public Notice No. 18/1/2020/E&SB	23.10.2020	Appeal for submission of Monthly Statistical Return - A (MSR-A)	Textile units listed at Annexure are requested for submission of reliable data in MSR-A for 2018-19 & 2019-20 in TSRs Portal by 31.10.2020.	http://txcindia.gov.in/html/1.%20PUBLIC%20NOTICE.pdf

GST RELATED NOTIFICATIONS

CENTRAL TAX NOTIFICATIONS

(<http://cbic.gov.in/hdocs-cbec/gst/central-tax-notfns-2017>)

Notification No./ Date	Subject
88/2020-Central Tax dated 10.11.2020	Seeks to implement e-invoicing for the taxpayers having aggregate turnover exceeding Rs. 100 Cr from 01st January 2021.
87/2020-Central Tax dated 10.11.2020	Seeks to extend the due date for furnishing of FORM ITC-04 for the period July- September 2020 till 30th November, 2020.
86/2020-Central Tax dated 10.11.2020	Seeks to rescind Notification 76/2020-Central tax dated 15.08.2020.
85/2020-Central Tax dated 10.11.2020	Seeks to notify special procedure for making payment of 35% as tax liability in first two month
84/2020-Central Tax dated 10.11.2020	Seeks to notify class of persons under proviso to section 39(1).
83/2020-Central Tax dated 10.11.2020	Seeks to extend the due date for FORM GSTR-1
82/2020-Central Tax dated 10.11.2020	Seeks to make the Thirteenth amendment (2020) to the CGST Rules.2017
81/2020-Central Tax dated 10.11.2020	Seeks to notify amendment carried out in sub-section (1), (2) and (7) of section 39 vide Finance (No.2) Act, 2019.
80/2020-Central Tax dated 28.10.2020	Seeks to amend notification no. 41/2020-Central Tax dt. 05.05.2020 to extend due date of return under Section 44 till 31.12.2020.

CIRCULARS/ ORDERS

(<https://www.cbic.gov.in/hdocs-cbec/gst/index-english>)

Circular / Order No.	Date	Subject
Circular No. 143/13/2020	10.11.2020	Provisions relating to Quarterly Return Monthly Payment Scheme

PRESS RELEASES

Name of Ministry	Date	Subject
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	19.11.2020	Technology based Initiatives & Interventions of MSME Ministry to tackle COVID-19 challenge leads to Effective response to Prime Minister's call of Atmanirbhar Bharat & Make in India
Ministry of Home Affairs	15.11.2020	Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah directs slew of measures for controlling the spread of Covid-19 in Delhi at a review meeting
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	13.11.2020	India's Foreign Trade: October 2020
Ministry of Finance	13.11.2020	Finance Ministry seeks Ideas/Suggestions/Proposals for Annual Budget 2021-22

Name of Ministry	Date	Subject
Ministry of Finance	12.11.2020	Last date for filing applications under Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme extended to 31st December, 2020 for UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh
Ministry of Finance	12.11.2020	Finance Minister announces measures on AatmaNirbhar Bharat 3.0
Ministry of Finance	12.11.2020	Presentation of details under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package 3.0 to support Indian economy in fight against COVID-19 as announced by Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways	12.11.2020	Union Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya unveils plaque of Ministry's new nomenclature
Cabinet	11.11.2020	Cabinet approves PLI Scheme to 10 key Sectors for Enhancing
Ministry of Textiles	11.11.2020	Ministry of Textiles has launched a Campaign #Local4Diwali
Ministry of Finance	5.11.2020	Rajasthan decides to go for Option-1 to meet the GST implementation shortfall
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	3.11.2020	India's Merchandise Trade: Preliminary Data, October 2020
Ministry of Finance	2.11.2020	Government extends Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme by one month
Ministry of Finance	1.11.2020	Rs 1,05,155 crore of gross GST revenue collected in the month of October 2020
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	28.10.2020	India hosts meeting of SCO Ministers handling economy and foreign trade
Ministry of Finance	27.10.2020	Payment Date Extended for Vivad se Vishwas Scheme
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways	27.10.2020	Union Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates 'Direct Port Entry Facility' at V.O. Chidambaranar port
Ministry of Finance	24.10.2020	Extension of due dates for Annual Return and Reconciliation Statement for 2018-19
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways	22.10.2020	To boost shipbuilding in India, Ministry of Shipping amends Right of First Refusal (ROFR) licensing conditions

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