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While addressing the virtual meeting with the industry stakeholders, heads of Indian Missions and others, the Hon'ble Prime Minister informed that this is the time for Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Along with celebrating the 75th festival of independence, this is an opportunity to build a clear vision and roadmap for future India and Export Ambitions for which all the stakeholders play a major role. The Prime Minister lauded the stakeholders for this initiative and commended the enthusiasm, optimism and commitment shown by all of them to achieve our ambitious goals regarding exports. He reminded that one of the major reasons, India had the highest share in the global economy in the past was its strong trade and exports. He stressed on the importance of strengthening our exports in regaining our old share in the global economy.

The SRTEPC Chairman, Shri Dhiraj Raichand Shah, welcome the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi on behalf of the manmade fibre textile fraternity, and congratulated for the initiative to interact with the textile stake holders including the MMF textile fraternity. He informed that Covid pandemic has turmoiled both production and exports. The pre-covid pandemic exports during 2019-20 were US\$ 5.9 billion. During the peak covid pandemic period of 2020-21 exports have declined around 21% to US\$ 4.644

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Dear Members,

It is a pleasure to note that markets have started opening up after a long period of covid pandemic which turmoiled the business community. The prevailing scenario shows some signs of improvement in exports. Exports of Manmade yarn, fabrics and made-ups accounted to US\$ 1770.77 million during April – July 2021 witnessing a growth of 126.5% as compared to the same period of the previous year. However, compared to the pre-covid period between April-July 2019, exports witnessed a growth of 13.93% during April – July 2021. According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, export targets for the MMF textiles falling under the purview of SRTEPC is US\$ 6.12 billion for 2021-22. During July 2021 as per the latest provisional data released by the DGCI&S, exports of Manmade fibre Textiles has shown growth by 59% as compared to July 2020.

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Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri. Piyush Goyal convened a meeting with EPCs, Commodity Boards and Authorities on 19.8.2021 (Thursday) at Hotel Trident in Mumbai to discuss the measures to enhance and increase the exports. Commerce Secretary, Shri. B.V.R Subrahmanyam, DGFT, Shri. Amit Yadav were also present during the Meeting. Shri. Bhadresh Dodhia, Vice-Chairman, SRTEPC, Shri. S. Balaraju, Executive Director and Shri K. Baruah, Joint Director participated in the Meeting. The meeting was held in Hybrid mode wherein President/Chairman/ED/DG of EPCs who are residents of Mumbai were invited to participate in the meeting physically and other EPCs/CBs/Authorities who are based outside Mumbai joined the meeting through Video Conference. Vice-Chairman, Shri. Bhadresh Dodhia informed the Minister about the current export scenario and prevailing challenges in the MMF textiles segment among other submissions.

SRTEPC felicitated Smt. Darshana V. Jardosh, Minister of State for Textiles and Railways in her constituency, Surat on her taking over charge of the Ministries. Shri. Dhiraj R. Shah, Chairman, SRTEPC gave stock of the industry and requested the Minister to provide guidance and handholding support to the MMF textiles segment. He also appealed for her support in the growth of Indian MMF textiles segment.

As regards the PLI Scheme, I interacted with Shri. Upendra Prasad Singh, Secretary Textiles during a Virtual Meeting and informed him about the resounding appreciation of the Scheme among the Stakeholders which is really going to boost the production and exports of MMF Garments, MMF Fabrics and Technical Textiles. I also thanked him for kind consideration of the fabrics segment in the PLI Scheme. Various submissions of our member-exporters were put forward for consideration. Some



leading member-exporters such as Reliance Industries Ltd., Banswara Syntex, Century Enka, Prafful Overseas Pvt. Ltd., Welspun Group among others have shown interest in investment under the PLI Scheme. Requested for an appeal for consideration on all the said issues.

The Council organized a Webinar on opportunities in post pandemic Covid - 19 and latest GST issues on 30th July 2021 and deliberated on two currently important topics, viz., Emerging trends and opportunities in MMF textiles post pandemic Covid - 19 and Responding to the Departmental Audits and Notices relating to refund claims viz., DBK, Excise, GST/IGST, Issues arising out of latest decisions & changes etc. The Webinar was quite enlightening for our Members to understand the latest market scenario and emerging areas of opportunity and as well, clarify their doubts on GST/IGST, refunds, latest notifications, etc.

SRTEPC celebrated India's Handloom heritage under the guidance of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Shri. Piyush Goyal and Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles, Smt. Darshana Jardosh. In the 75th year of Independence Day, PMO, Shri. Narendra Modi urged all of us to buy handloom products and showcase their grandeur by associating with My Handloom My Pride. On the occasion, Shri. Dhirubhai Shah honoured the illustrious "Art of Weaving" - a signature of India's Handloom heritage and saluted the expert hands, intricate designs, astonishing varieties, timeless tradition under the guidance of Modi Ji, Goyal Ji and Jardosh Madam. Shri. Dhirubhai Shah expressed gratitude towards the weavers of India on the occasion of its Celebration Day.

The Council participated in Texworld New York City / Apparel Sourcing New York City / Home Textile Sourcing Fair in USA scheduled from 20th to 22nd July 2021 on digital platform successfully, wherein 12 member-companies of the Council participated in the Fair.

Friends, the much-awaited RoDTEP Rates have finally been notified on 17th August 2021 with suitable guidelines. A WTO Compliant Scheme is going to be a long-lasting Scheme, which will come as a huge relief for exporters and remove uncertainty from the minds of the Trade thereby forging new contracts with the foreign buyers. This Scheme would give a boost to Indian exports, making our products more competitive globally. RoDTEP Scheme aims to refund, currently un-refunded duties/ taxes/ levies, at the Central, State & local level, borne on the exported product, including prior stage cumulative indirect taxes on goods & services used in production of the exported product; and such indirect duties/ taxes/ levies in respect of distribution of exported products. The MMF Textile value chain from Chapters 54 – 60 are covered under the RoDTEP while RoSCTL will cover Chapters 61 – 63. In this regard, I express my sincere gratitude to the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Textiles and Finance. I would also like to thank our members for their kind co-operation and support in substantiating the data, as and when required by the Council.

The Council is extremely grateful to the DGFT for further extending the period for IEC updation till 31st August, 2021. I once again urge all our members to update their IEC within the prescribed time limit to avoid IEC deactivation.

I would also like to thank the Sahar Air Cargo Complex and JNCH for acting quickly in releasing the pending Duty Drawback claims and IGST refunds of our members. The continuous follow-ups made by our Council's team in representing unresolved issues with the concerned authority is too appreciated.

The Council continues to draw attention of the government towards the various representations received from our members pointing out the difficulties faced by them on procedural and policy issues. Looking forward to hearing your issues, kindly write to us at ed@srtepc.in and srtepc@srtepc.in.

As you are aware, the Government seeks suggestions on Pre-Budget Proposals from the EPCs/ members of Trade every year for inclusion in the Budget. Likewise, this year too the Department of Commerce has sought suggestions/inputs on Pre-Budget Proposals 2022-23. The Council has sent a communication to our members in this regard. Members are requested to please co-operate and send



your suggestions/inputs in the required format to the Council at ed@srtepc.in, sybil@srtepc.in, annie@srtepc.in & es@srtepc.in latest by 31st August, 2021.

We are pleased to inform you that the Council is organizing its Annual Export Award Function in the last week of September 2021 (tentative) to recognize and honour the outstanding performance of its member exporters for the financial years 2019-2020 & 2020-2021.

The Council is organizing participation of its members in Alltex Expo in Kiev, Ukraine from 6 to 9 October 2021 under the MAI Scheme with the support of Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India with a participation of 15 member-companies. I request interested members to send their Application Form to the Council.

I request all Members to renew their Membership with the Council to avail all its benefits, if at all it is not renewed.

Yours sincerely,

DHIRAJ RAICHAND SHAH
CHAIRMAN

Felicitation of Smt. Darshana V. Jardosh, Minister of State for Textiles and Railways in her constituency Surat on her taking over charge of the Ministries



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billion. However, the prevailing scenario shows some sign of improvement in exports. As compared to the pre-covid level during April-June 2020 exports have increased around 11% only in April-June 2021, Shri. Dhiraj Raichand Shah, Chairman SRTEPC informed.

As per the communication from the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, export targets for the MMF textiles falling under the purview of this Council is US\$ 6.12 billion for 2021-22. As suggested by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the MMF textile fraternity and SRTEPC will try to achieve the export target pertaining to the MMF and MMF blended textiles viz., Manmade fibre, MMF yarn, MMF fabrics and MMF made-ups, Shri. Dhiraj Raichand Shah, mentioned.

In order to help the MMF textile segment achieve the above-mentioned export target, SRTEPC Head informed that the MMF textile fraternity would like to appeal for urgent policy initiatives/measures such as Announce the RoDTEP rates as early as possible and include entire MMF textile value chain under the Scheme, Timely refund the IGST and DBK benefits, Release the MEIS rewards to the exporters, Facilitate affordable logistics including availability of containers and bring down the Skyrocketing freight charges, Rectify the Inverted Duty Structure existing in the MMF textile Segment, Entire MMF textile value chain to be covered under the PLI Scheme and threshold limit of the PLI Scheme be fixed at 20% and include entire MMF textile value chain under the Scheme, Consider Extending the Interest Equalisation Scheme through the new FTP 2021-26 and extend the benefit of the Scheme to the Yarn Segment also, Double weightage to be given for the smaller exporters while considering merits for status as Star Export Houses, LC discounting by bank for post shipment and pre acceptance in order to reduce the cost. Most of the banks including SBI is not discounting the LCs which are even advised through them and sending the LCs for collection. This is creating huge cash flow challenge for exporters, Banks are charging hefty interest rates and bank margins during the forex transaction and government can bring some discipline and transparency, conclude the potential FTAs with EU and the UK, etc.

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Govt. funded 125.13 cr for Textile Excellence Centres

New Delhi: Under the Technology Mission for Technical Textiles, Government has extended financial support towards creation of infrastructure of eight (8) Centers of Excellence (CoEs) in various textile research and academic organizations. The details of these organizations and the amount of funding are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Amount of financial support (Rs in Crore)
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Mumbai, Maharashtra	12.77
2	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur, Kharagpur, West Bengal	12.10
3	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati, Guwahati, Assam	12.10
4	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	12.10
5	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, Roorkee, Uttar Pradesh	12.10
6	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Varanasi, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	12.10
7	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna, Patna, Bihar	12.10
8	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur, Jodhpur, Rajasthan	12.10
Total		125.13

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SRTEPC Chief pledges to achieve MMF export targets of US \$ 6.12 billion

Handloom prodn needs to double from present level of Rs. 60K cr to Rs 125K crore in 3 years : Goyal

NEW DELHI, AUG. 08— Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal has said that a Committee will be constituted consisting of all stakeholders of the handloom sector to achieve the objective and target of doubling the production of handloom textiles from existing 60 thousand crore to over one lakh 25 thousand crore pieces within three years.

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SRTEPC AT TEXWORLD NEW YORK CITY / APPAREL SOURCING NEW YORK CITY / HOME TEXTILE SOURCING FAIR IN USA

The Council participated in Texworld New York City / Apparel Sourcing New York City / Home Textile Sourcing Fair in USA, which was held on digital platform from 20 to 22 July, 2021. Participation of Indian companies in the above Fair was organized with the assistance of Consulate General of India in New York City and active support of Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India.

The Event : Texworld New York City, which was co-located at Apparel Sourcing New York City & Home Textile Sourcing Fair, is a leading international fair for the Textile Industry in NAFTA Region. Texworld New York City continues to create opportunities to support the textile sourcing community by connecting global manufacturers and suppliers to the US market. Texworld New York City is the key to stay connected with the textile buyers in US Market and the world.

Indian participants at Texworld New York City:

12 member-companies of the Council participated in the above Fair. Participants displayed a wide range of Indian Synthetic & Rayon and blended textile items including fabrics, apparel and home furnishing items.

List of SRTEPC participants :

Sr. No.	Name of the participants	Sr. No.	Name of the participants
1	BMS Fashion	7	Perfect Filaments Limited
2	Fabulous Threads Pvt.Ltd.	8	Rishab World Pvt.Ltd.
3	Fibrous Villa Private Limited	9	Shiv Priya Syntex
4	Kalindi Greens	11	Shree Durga Syntex Pvt.Ltd.
5	KISM Textiles Pvt.Ltd.	10	Texperts India Private Limited
6	Paras Dyeing and Printing Mills	12	VHM Industries Limited

Response at the Fair :

The 3-day Fair attracted a fairly good number of buyers/agents, converters, retailers on the digital platform, which was enabled the SRTEPC participants to establish good business contacts, besides receiving useful trade enquiries. Most of the participants have expressed their satisfaction and informed that their products are in demand in USA market. Some of the participants have informally communicated that they have negotiated substantial amount of business with buyers, which are under negotiation, and might convert into business orders.

Publicity Campaign :

Though the Organizer of the above Fair publicized the event extensively, the Council also publicized the participation of its members through the following :

1. Through the Website of Consulate General of India, New York City
2. Created E-Invite for buyers
3. Prepared E-Catalogue of Exhibitors profiles.
4. Sent Invitation to all the USA buyers by mail with E-Invite and E-Catalogue.
5. Publicized through Social Media like face book, and twitter



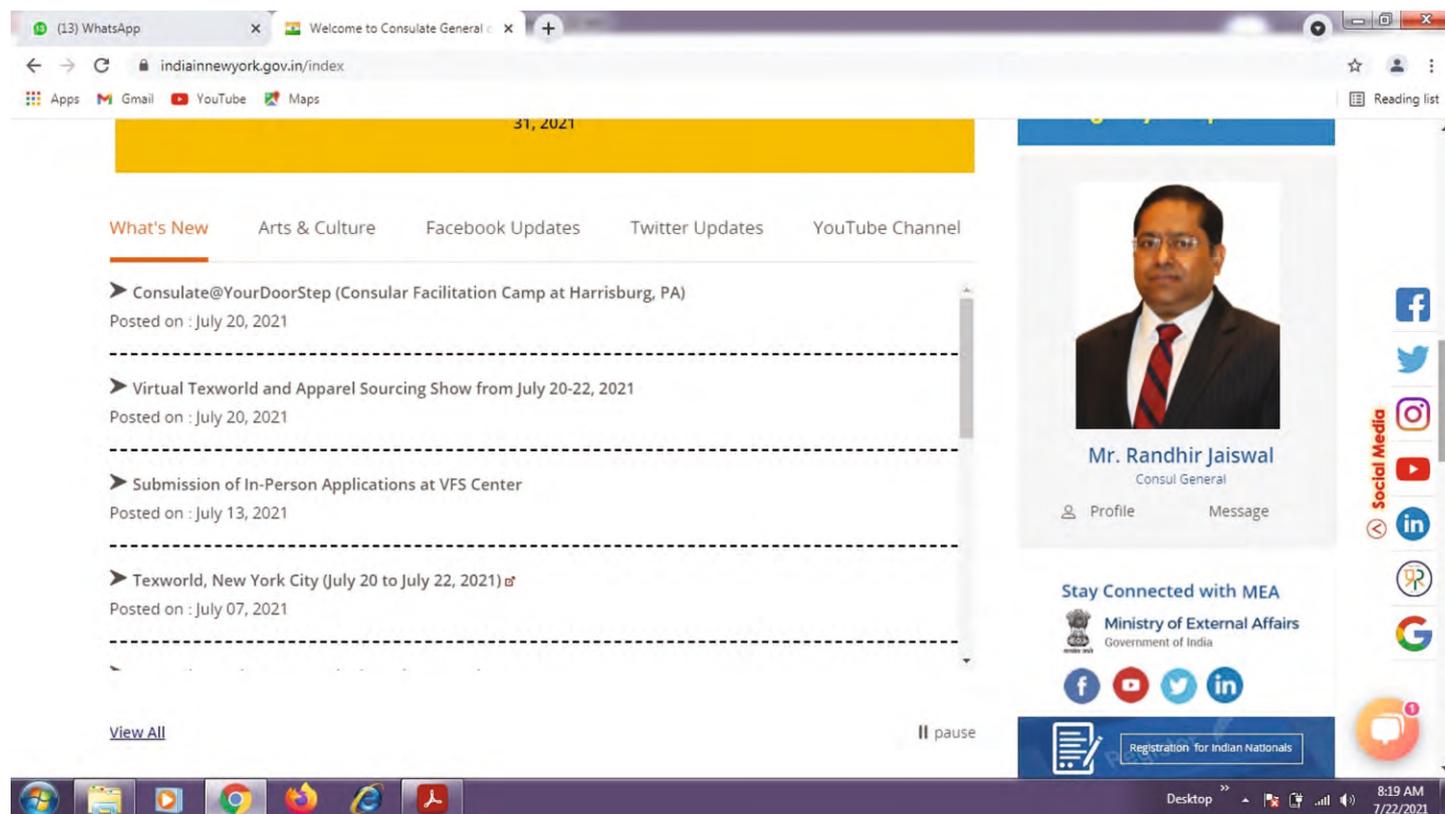
REPORT ON TEXWORLD NEW YORK CITY

SRTEPC's E-Invite on the Website of Consulate General of India in New York City :

Virtual Texworld and Apparel Sourcing Show from July 20-22, 2021



Visitors link on the Website of Consulate General of India in New York :



USA – Textile Market :

The USA stood as a promising market for exports of Indian manmade fibre textiles even during the COVID-19 pandemic. After a year-plus of devastating shocks and setbacks, the US economy is poised to boom—in fact, GDP will surpass the level we expected before the pandemic. The U.S. textile and apparel production was hit hard by COVID-19 in the first half of 2020 but started to recover since the 3rd quarter. Notably, as of September 2020, the U.S. textile production had resumed about 90% of its production capacity at the pre-COVID level. The value of U.S. apparel production in 2020 was even 2.2% higher than in 2019.

The United States import of textiles and apparel increased by 4.32% to US\$ 24.65 billion in the first quarter of 2021, compared to imports valued at US\$ 23.63 billion in January-March 2020. With 29.20% share, China was the largest supplier of textiles and clothing to the US during the three-month period, followed by Vietnam.

During 2020 overall manmade fibre textiles import by the USA was about US\$ 10.5 billion in which India's share was nearly 6%. Manmade fibre textiles import into the USA has declined by around 4% during 2020 as compared to 2019.

Conclusion :

The world is in difficult times as COVID-19 has not left any part of the world. Many lives are lost as a result of the pandemic, and other large consequences faced by the world are a downfall in the economy. This economic crisis has affected many businesses, including the textile industry. The follow-up participation of SRTEPC in the digital platform of Texworld New York City / Apparel Sourcing New York City / Home Textile Sourcing Fair is a valuable effort for helping Indian exporters to have a re-look at the market and develop good contacts with new buyers and existing buyers sitting at their own place. With this participation, besides looking for potential suppliers, the traders in the US Textile & Garment Industry also had a chance to study the business opportunity with their Indian counterparts and support each other, in terms of sourcing their requirements from India.



Invitation to participate in ALLTEX EXPO in Kiev, UKRAINE from 6th to 9th October 2021

Highlights

Name of the Fair	:	ALLTEX
Name of the City	:	Kiev, Ukraine
Venue	:	Brovarsky Ave.15, Subway Station, Levoberezhnaya, Kiev, Ukraine
Duration of the Fair	:	4 days (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)
Dates	:	6, 7, 8 & 9 th October, 2021
Name of the Organizers	:	M/s PC Ukrainian Podium, Ukraine
Exhibitor Profiles	:	Fabrics, Threads, Accessories, Yarn, Designer Clothes, Underwear, sewing services education & textile machinery
Number of participants	:	15 companies (under MAI Subsidy)
Participation Fees	:	Rs.90,000/- for a furnished booth of 9 sqm (Rs.10,000/- additional for corner booth)
Booth package_	:	Wall fitting, Carpet, Flooring, 2 spot lights (30 watts LED Bulbs), Fascia, 1 Table, 2 Chairs, 2 Fabric Stands (with 1 Rod), & 3 Yarn shelves on walls, dustbin and 1 socket. Any extra requirements will have to be borne by participants on the basis of actual costs charged by the Organizers of the Fair.

Please note that the participation fee is subsidized as per the MAI grant, but does not include airfare, hotel accommodation, transportation etc.

Financial Grant:

1. As SRTEPC is organizing participation of member-companies in ALLTEX under the MAI Scheme of Govt, all **eligible participating companies** have been offered MAI subsidy for reduced amount of participation charge as above, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions.
2. SRTEPC will provide to all eligible participants re-imbursalment of costs of 2-way air-fares, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions. The reimbursement of cost of economy class air-fare to eligible participants will be limited with a maximum ceiling of Rs.75000/- **subject to approval of MOC under MAI Scheme.**

Criteria for availing reimbursement of air-fare :

- Reimbursement of air-fare is eligible to the exporting company having the export turnover **below Rs.50 crores** (FOB value) in the preceding financial year.
- Members to have completed 12 months of Membership and is regularly filing Export returns with the Council.
- Permissible only to the regular Director / Partner/ Proprietor or a regular officer of the company on Senior Managerial Position (not admissible to a foreign national)
- Claim forms duly filled in and complete in all respects must be submitted to the Council within 45 days of completion of event.

Conditions for availing MAI subsidy:

- a) An exporter can avail MAI benefit for participation in 3 approved events in a financial year. 4th time participation in the Fair will be allowed without MAI subsidy.



- b) An exporter can claim MAI benefit for participation in one booth only. Additional booths can be booked by the participant without MAI benefit (One booth per company only for MAI eligibility)
- c) A maximum of three participations in a particular trade fair/exhibition would only be eligible for MAI assistance, i.e., members who have availed assistance three times (including past cases) for a particular fair/exhibition, thereafter have to participate in that fair on their own.

Apply for participation:

Exporters registered with SRTEPC and other Textile EPCs can apply for participation. Members interested to participate in the above event are requested to send their duly filled in "Application Form" with participation fee by way of Demand Draft/Cheque at par in favour of "The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council, Mumbai. Participation charge may also be sent to the Council through RTGS/NEFT transfer based on the Bank details, given in the enclosed Application Form. Participation will be accepted on "**First-come-First served**" basis.

Due to Covid-19 safety, it is mandatory that all visiting representatives should be fully vaccinated confirmed by a Vaccination Certificate.

Cancellation Policy:

Withdrawal of participation from the above Fair will be allowed on the basis of the following:

- 80% Cancellation charge, if withdrawn on or before **11th September, 2021**.
- No refund will be available, if withdrawn thereafter.

Last date for confirming your participation is on or before 7th September 2021.

USA

US apparel sector urges tariff talks restart with China

The US apparel industry is standing with other sectors in calling upon President Joe Biden to restart negotiations with China and cut tariffs on imports they say are hurting the US economy and consumers. Tariffs on apparel were retained to ensure China fulfils its obligations under its 2020 Phase One trade pact with the US.

In a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, Janet Yellen and US trade representative Katherine Tai, the AAFA, among a number of other organisations, said they supported the Biden Administration holding China accountable to its Phase One commitments and strongly urged the Administration to work with the Chinese government to increase purchases of US goods through the remainder of 2021 and implement all structural commitments of the Agreement before its two-year anniversary on 15 February 2022.

It added the Chinese government has met important benchmarks and commitments made in the agreement that benefit American businesses, farmers, ranchers, and workers and that it had removed market access barriers for some products but that “there is more work to be done by both governments to ensure that China meets its existing purchase commitments”.

“The Phase One agreement did not address some of the significant challenges identified in USTR’s Section 301 investigation of China, nor many of the core structural economic concerns in the relationship,” reads the letter. “Longstanding issues remain unaddressed... Many of these topics were reserved for future talks, assuming successful implementation of Phase One. By fully implementing the structural commitments in Phase One and returning to the negotiating table, we are hopeful that progress can be made on these many outstanding concerns.

“In addition to ensuring full implementation of Phase One commitments, and resuming talks on outstanding issues, we also urge the Administration to retroactively restore product exclusions that expired in 2020; reinstate a new, fair, and transparent tariff exclusion process; and continue negotiations with China to remove both nations’ counterproductive tariffs as soon as possible. These steps are sorely needed to mitigate the tariffs’ significant and ongoing harm to the US economy, US workers, and US national competitiveness.

“Due to the tariffs, US industries face increased costs to manufacture products and provide services domestically, making their exports of these products and services less competitive abroad. They also must deal with international competitors who do not face tariffs on inputs from China nor high tariffs on their exports to China.

“We appreciate that achieving durable, concrete, meaningful results to level the playing field for American businesses, innovators, workers, and farmers will not be easy, and that past

bilateral trade consultations have not yielded hoped-for changes in critical areas. We also recognize that fully resolving tariffs is unlikely, absent substantially more progress by China on core issues. Iterative progress and sustained effort with the second-largest economy in the world, however, can serve the Administration’s goal of Building Back Better and help to advance its worker-centered trade policy by addressing structural issues in the Chinese economy.”

Source: Just-Style

BANGLADESH

Roundtable discussion on “Sustainable Fashion and Textile Production Framework and its implementation in Bangladesh” held

Manchester Fashion Institute (MFI) of the Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) organised a virtual roundtable discussion on “Sustainable Fashion and Textile Production Framework and its implementation in Bangladesh” on 9 August 2021 from the Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF) project it is implementing in Bangladesh in collaboration with Bangladesh University of Textiles (BUTEX) and BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology (BUFT). Dr. Abu Sadat Muhammad Sayem, a digital fashion expert from MFI and the principal investigator of the GCRF project, presented a new framework of sustainable fashion and textile production at the beginning the virtual event. The framework is developed through the research activities jointly carried out by a group of researchers from MMU, BUTEX and BUFT. Representatives from the international fashion retailers Decathlon, Next and M&S and experts from UNIDO and ILO participated in the virtual roundtable as panel discussants and made critique on the I-A-E (Identify – Act – Evaluate) framework presented by Dr. Sayem and made recommendations on the pathways of implementing it in Bangladesh. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun MP, Hon’ble Minister of the Ministry of Industries, Government of Bangladesh graced the occasion with his presence and valuable speech as the Chief guest of the event.

GCRF is the UK’s official development assistance (ODA) that supports cutting-edge research works to address the challenges faced by developing countries. It focuses on the United Nation’s sustainable development goals (SDGs). The GCRF project led by Dr. Abu Sadat Muhammad Sayem is built upon the UN SDGs 9 and 12. The project aims to build research capacity in zero-waste apparel production and material sustainability in Bangladesh. The principal investigator Dr. Sayem and the co-investigator Dr. Haider from MMU provided research skill training to a pool of early career researchers (ECRs) from BUTEX and BUFT and a small group of industry professionals. MMU has sponsored licenses of advanced 3D computer aided design (CAD) and life cycle analysis (LCA) software systems to BUTEX and BUFT to strengthen their research capacity. Further details of the project can be obtained from the principal investigator Dr. Abu Sadat Muhammad Sayem through email at asm.sayem@mmu.ac.uk.

Source: TextileFocus

Withdrawal of GSP plus facility in EU for Pakistan create an opportunity for Bangladesh to grab the orders

The 2nd wave in Bangladesh heated very badly to the RMG industry. After a year long struggle when the industry was started to recovering and new orders getting momentum from July, we witnessed the 2nd wave and government had to imposed lockdown including all export-oriented industries. July-August are the month when buyers started giving orders for the next season and due to the lockdown it was hampered.

Immediate after resuming the lockdown, buyers getting back confidence on us and started giving us orders and this is a very good sign of improvement. Please note that there are two types of buyers in knitwear industry. One is the fashion industry oriented and the finished goods exported from Bangladesh are directly distributed among the retail shops. Due to EU and USA recovering from the Covit situation, there outlets are opening now. So, there is a huge demand from end users, which accelerate the orders.

But the other type of buyers is importing intermediate goods like basic t shirts and polo shirts. These items mostly used for printing and embroidery factories for any public events, uniform companies and so on. As still mass gathering is not allowed in most of the countries, orders in these items yet to pick.

Despite of numerous orders in our hand and flow of more orders, we are yet not able to negotiate prices with buyers due to higher yarn price as well as all raw materials. On average total cost of knitwear production increased almost 45% whereas buyers offering less than the real cost increment. This is another problem for us.

On top of these, containers/shipment cost for all importing and exporting items increased more than 4 folds which hindering our projected export target. There is a trend of switching cotton products to man madefibres and still we are far behind in sourcing/producing man madefibres. This could be another opportunity got our investors to concentrate on.

Withdrawal of GSP plus facility in EU for Pakistan create an opportunity for Bangladesh to grab the orders and therefore, if yarn prices could kept stable and competitive, ensure the availability of container for shipment with competitive price, and we can get proper bank support as our crucial business partner, then I'm seeing a brighter future of RMG industry in coming days/years.

Source: TextileFocus

BD Home textiles export value increased by 49.17 percent year on year to \$1.13 billion in the previous fiscal year

Earnings from home textiles increased by 49.17 percent year on year to \$1.13 billion in the previous fiscal year. According to data published by the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), receipts from jute and jute goods shipments totaled \$1.16 billion.

The country is on the mend after a pandemic-hit period, with exports totaling \$38.75 billion in FY21, representing a 15.10 percent increase. According to the EPB, the growth is being driven by RMG export recovery, which earned \$31.45 billion, representing a 12.55 percent increase.

However, total export receipts fell 5.47 percent short of the annual target of \$41 billion in FY21. According to the EPB, the figure was \$33.67 billion in FY20. Export earnings were also lower than the pre-pandemic FY19 figure of \$40.53 billion.

The specialized textile sector increased by 12.81 percent to \$131 million. Export earnings increased significantly in June alone in FY21. Earnings from merchandise shipments increased 31.77 percent year on year to \$3.57 billion, falling 2.52 percent short of the target of \$3.67 billion. Despite the pandemic, apparel shipments increased 12.55 percent year on year to \$31.45 billion. Despite the double-digit increase, the figure was still 6.89 percent lower than the annual target of \$33.78 billion.

Knitwear items accounted for \$16.96 billion of total earnings from garment shipments, representing a strong 21.94 percent year-on-year increase. Woven, which had been in negative territory for the previous year and a half, also increased by 3.24 percent to \$14.49 billion at the end of the previous fiscal year. According to exporters, the overall apparel export is on the verge of a complete rebound as a result of the European Union and US market recoveries.

Source: TextileFocus

Bangladesh commerce minister aims to grow US apparel exports

Bangladesh commerce minister Tipu Munshi told attendees at the 'Men's Apparel Guild in California', in Las Vegas that the Bangladesh government aims to increase the volume of garment exports to the US.

The Bangladesh commerce minister explained that his government is assessing improved standards of apparel, designs, and choice for US customers. The aim is to gain a bigger market share in a country where he says Bangladesh already sends US\$7bn worth of garments each year.

According to a [report](#) published by *The Daily Star*, Munshi's government has a special initiative to further increase the volume of garment exports to the US on the back of high demand.

The idea is to create data specifically for US customers and to supply apparel tailored to their specifications.

Source: Just-Style

SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka's textile & garment exports up 28% in Jan-June '21

Sri Lanka's earnings from [textiles and garments exports](#) increased by 28 per cent year-on-year to \$2.487 billion during the first six

months of 2021, according to the statistics released by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Exports of textiles increased 47.8 per cent to \$156.6 million, while garment exports were up 30.8 per cent to \$2.267 billion.

Exports of other made-up textile articles fetched \$63.3 million, registering a decrease of 39 per cent year-on-year, the central bank said in its report 'External Sector Performance – June 2021'.

Textiles and garments exports accounted for 56.43 per cent of all industrial exports from Sri Lanka during the six-month period, the report said.

Imports of textiles and textile articles too rose by 36.2 per cent to \$1.451 billion, while clothing and accessories imports fell 5.1 per cent to \$105.3 million during January-June 2021.

In June 2021, Sri Lanka's earnings from textiles and garment exports increased by 2.9 per cent to \$415.5 million, compared to exports of \$403.7 million in the same month of 2020. Expenditure on textiles and textile articles shot up by 57.5 per cent year-on-year to \$276.8 million, while clothing and accessories imports declined by 14.3 per cent to \$15.0 million.

In 2020, Sri Lanka's textiles and garment exports stood at \$4.423 billion, registering a steep fall of 21 per cent compared to exports of \$5.596 billion in the preceding year. Of this, clothing exports fetched \$3.939 billion, a fall of 24.3 per cent over \$5.205 billion in 2019. On the other hand, imports of textiles and textile articles decreased by 19.7 per cent to \$2.335 billion.

Source: Fibre2Fashion

THAILAND

Thailand firm TAF develops new fabric with World Knitting Textiles

Thai Acrylic Fibre Co Ltd (TAF), a part of Aditya Birla Group, and World Knitting Textiles, a garment manufacturer and exporter, have together developed a new fabric range for innerwear and base layers with the combination of wool and Pilbloc, the everlasting anti-pilling acrylic fibre with super soft touch, while still providing a great thermal comfort.

“Our customers always look for innovation and good quality. Everyone knows that acrylic's unique property is its keep warm similar to wool. Therefore, it is popular for winter clothes especially in innerwear and base layers in the cold countries,” *SombatChatromyen, managing director of World Knitting Textiles*, said in a press release.

“When TAF contacted us and introduced their VAPs, we saw the potential in the innerwear market, especially with Pilbloc. It is unlike other anti-pilling fibre in the market as the function is inherent in the fibre itself. Another benefit is that the hand-feel of the fabrics produced with Pilbloc is very soft that would make the users feel very comfortable while wearing the garments made with it,” Chatromyen said.

“Our Pilbloc is well-known and popular in sweaters and flat knit applications for years. Pilling is one of the major problems in synthetic fibre, which causes the garment to look old,” *Ashwini Chotani, chief marketing officer of TAF* said. “Pilbloc and its anti-pilling function is generated with a specially engineered process, and hence the anti-pilling function of Pilbloc will last until life of the garment. Another big advantage with this production process is that it gives very soft hand-touch which makes the consumer feel very comfortable while wearing it.”

“Initially we used to produce it in coarser deniers, but now, we also offer micro denier which makes Pilbloc perform even better and can be used for circular knit and very light-weight fabrics that are suitable for innerwear and base layers. World Knitting is one of the top circular knitting mills in Thailand with a good portfolio of overseas customers. It is our pleasure to support them in innovation that they can offer to their customers,” Chotani further added.

World Knitting Textiles was established in 1986 under the name World Knitting Industries - as a garment manufacturer and exporter with the major markets in USA, EU, and Japan. Later in 1990, the knitting department was set up. Until 2004, they have expanded the business to be one-stop-service with dyeing and finishing facilities, and move their knitting department together under World Knitting Textiles Co Ltd.

Source: Fibre2Fashion

TURKEY

Turkey Sustainability Action Plan to boost exports

The Sustainability Action Plan aims to provide a “permanent transformation” and comply with the European Green Agreement norms at a high level.

Turkey's Textile and Raw Materials Exporters' Association has teamed up with the Turkish Exporters Assembly (TİM) to launch a sustainability plan they hope will boost export market share by reducing environmental impact on production.

Through the Sustainability Action Plan, the two industry associations are aiming to provide a “permanent transformation” and comply with the European Green Agreement norms at a high level.

TİM chairman İsmail Gülle said: “I invite all our industrialists, manufacturers, suppliers, and exporters to a production approach that prioritizes nature and the environment. Let us renew the old infrastructure of our factories, separate the infrastructure of washing and dyeing water, recycle the washing water, expand the technologies that use less water in washing and dyeing, reduce the share of fossil fuels in production as much as possible.”

Source: Just-Style

India, Vietnam could emerge as key pillars of global supply chain initiative

A major impact of the US-China trade war and the global pandemic has been disruption of traditional global supply chains originating from China. The disruption of international trade has necessitated a rethink on the supply chain.

Earlier, supply chains were designed to keep costs low. In the post pandemic era, supply chains are being reworked to reduce the risks of future disruptions. The international community is looking to move towards relocating supply chains away from China to India and Vietnam.

China is the world's largest goods exporter and has the twin challenges of overcoming vulnerability to the pandemic and ensuring that the trade war with the US, does not increase the vulnerability of supply chains.

There is an opportunity for low and middle-income countries to work with developed nations to move supply chains away from China.

China has the largest share of the world's labour-intensive exports. It is estimated that China's share of exports grew from 13.9 per cent in 2000 to 26.9 per cent in 2018. China's economic development between 2000 and 2018 also came with higher standards of living.

Manufacturing wages in the three largest exporting provinces in China grew between 11 per cent and 14 per cent annually during the past two decades.

The pandemic was as a wake-up call for companies exclusively depending on Chinese suppliers. Diversifying suppliers is one way to bolster resilience, meaning that at least some production lines might have to permanently move elsewhere. But the practical aspects of moving supply chains away from China are complex.

According to a recent Q2 Barometer report by QIMA, Vietnam and India came emerge as alternative sourcing locations. Vietnamese reforms allow foreigners to own property as well as majority holdings in Vietnamese companies. Consistent economic growth has made Vietnam attractive for foreign investment.

QIMA global sourcing survey shows that 43 per cent of US-based respondents described Vietnam among their top three buying geographies as of early 2021 and around one-third of buyers globally

The QIMA report also reveals that demand for sourcing from India is increasing, but challenges remain that the latest wave of Covid-19 cases could slow procurement from the country. India as a buying market is regarded just as highly for promotional products,

footwear, and eyewear, jewellery and accessories. However, this "rebound for the moment appears dependent on how effectively India manages its ongoing battle against Covid-19.

Indian Government recently permitted up to 100 per cent FDI in contract manufacturing, with the focus on increasing the share of investments in manufacturing in total FDI. Additionally, an outlay expenditure of around US\$ 1.85 billion on infrastructure development at essential ports in the country has been planned. The Indian government has further permitted up to 100 per cent FDI on projects related to ports and is offering a 10-year tax holiday about the construction and maintenance of ports and harbours, in a bid to spruce up investments.

The opportunity for India and Vietnam is obvious, but so are the challenges. India has the experience of being part of the US supply chain hub because of its IT sector. Supply chain shifts has to a multi-nation move. The US is planning creation of a 'Economic Prosperity Network' with friendly countries, which will work on similar standards on everything, from digital business, energy, infrastructure and so on.

Source: The Economic Times

Centre Takes Series of Measures for Promotion of Indian Textile Industry

Minister of State for Textiles Darshana Jardosh in Lok Sabha today said that several measures have been taken by Government to promote export of Indian textile. Some of the important measures are outlined below:

1. Government launched special package of Rs. 6000 crores for Textile and Apparel sector in June, 2016 to boost employment and export potential in apparel and made-ups segments. Package also consisted of the Remission of State Levies (RoSL) scheme till 06.03.2021.
2. The RoSL scheme was replaced by Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) with effect from 07.03.2019 to 31.03.2020.
3. On January 14,2020, Rs. 600 crore was allocated for issuing scrips for special one-time ad-hoc incentive of up to 1% of FoB value provided for exports of apparel and made-ups to offset the difference between RoSCTL&RoSL + Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) @ 4% from 17.03.2019 to 31.12.2019.
4. On July 14, 2021, Government has decided to continue RoSCTL Scheme till 31.03.2024.

Government is implementing various schemes such as Amended Technology Upgradation Scheme(ATUF), National Handloom Development Programme(NHDP), National Handicraft

Development Programme, Comprehensive Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme, Silk Samagra, SAMARTH- Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector, Technical Textiles etc. for overall development and promotion of domestic manufacturing and exports in textile sector in the country. Further, in order to ensure adequate availability of raw material at competitive price in the country, Government has removed anti-dumping duty on Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) (a key raw material for the manufacture of MMF fibre and yarn) originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China, Iran, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Korea R P and Thailand to India and also removed anti-dumping duty on acrylic fibre (raw material for acrylic yarn and knitwear industry) originated in or exported from Thailand to India.

Source: Orissadiary.com

Clear indications of economic recovery, confident of high exports, FDI: Piyush Goyal

Union minister Piyush Goyal said the highest-ever FDI in pandemic-hit 2020 which is in stark contrast to a fall in investment flows globally.

Union minister of commerce and industry Piyush Goyal has said there are clear indications the economy is seeing a revival amid the disruptions caused by coronavirus (Covid-19) disease and the country will receive high foreign direct investments (FDIs) during the current financial year.

Goyal, who virtually addressed the plenary session of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Horasis India on Saturday, said, India received the highest-ever FDI in the pandemic-hit 2020 which is in stark contrast to a fall in investment inflows globally.

"The Indian industry is indeed on a growth path. The highest-ever merchandise has been logged for exports in a quarter (Q1 2021-22, \$95 billion) in the history of India (more than 18 per cent from Q1 of 2019-20). In July (till the third week), exports were at \$22.48 billion, at an increase of 45.13 per cent with respect to the same period in 20-21, and more than 25.42 per cent with respect to 2019-20."

He added the labour intensive and employment generating sector of engineering goods has also seen a growth of 33.70 per cent in the third week of July with respect to 20-21. "India has broken into the top 10 list of agricultural produce exporters as per WTO report. The Indian growth story is now being reflected across all the sectors from the ease of doing business to exports and from startups to services, India is taking giant leaps in each sector," he said.

Speaking about the startup space, Goyal said, "In just the first six months of 2021, another 15 unicorns have come up." He said

India further is holding talks with 16 countries, including the UK, the EU, Australia, Canada, and the UAE, for trade agreements.

The Union minister said the accomplishments were a result of consistent efforts to bring structural changes in the last seven years, adding growth-centric reforms have enabled India to embark on a holistic economic transformation.

Stating that "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" is the recipe for rebuilding, revitalising and building resilience in the economy, Goyal said the campaign does not mean "closing our doors to the world. On the contrary, it empowers us to engage with greater confidence and competitiveness".

He also exhorted all stakeholders of India's economic progress to look for emerging short-term and long-term growth opportunities.

"Vaccines, pharma products, ICT-related goods and services are possible areas of opportunities for immediate and short terms. In the long term, areas like digitisation, clean energy and GVCs remain great areas of growth. Sectors like agriculture, textiles, engineering goods, electronics, marine products and shipping services also offer great opportunities," he added.

Source: The Economic Times

High tariffs faced by Indian exporters in EU, UK affecting exports performance: Govt

High tariffs faced by home exporters in the European Union and the UK as in comparison with zero obligation entry given by these nations to nations like Bangladesh and Cambodia are affecting India's exports efficiency, Parliament was knowledgeable on Friday. Minister of State for Textiles Darshana Jardosh additionally mentioned that the textile business has been vastly affected because of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

India's textiles exports in 2020 stood at USD 29.61 billion, whereas the shipments of Bangladesh, Vietnam and Cambodia in that 12 months had been aggregated at USD 37.95 billion, USD 37.10 billion and USD 7.77 billion, respectively.

"High tariffs faced by Indian exporters in key markets such because the EU and the UK as in comparison with zero obligation entry given to competing nations like Bangladesh and Cambodia are affecting India's exports efficiency," she mentioned in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

In a separate reply, she mentioned textiles exports to China have elevated to USD 1.56 billion in 2020-21 as towards USD 1.13 billion in 2019-20.

"The worldwide pandemic of Covid-19 has adversely affected the textile sector equivalent to restriction on social gathering, migration of labourers, disruption of provide chain, thus affecting

all of the stakeholders from farmers to merchants/exporters in the worth chain. Nonetheless, the state of affairs improved with time and manufacturing and exports seemed up,” she mentioned.

Jardosh additionally mentioned that in cotton season 2020-21 (as much as July 23, 2021), the Cotton Company of India (CCI) has procured seed cotton equal to round 91.893 lakh bales below MSP operations.

In one other reply, the minister mentioned as a result of Covid-19 pandemic and nationwide lockdown imposed by the varied state governments, the manufacturing actions in all Nationwide Textile Company (NTC) Restricted mill items together with Minerva mill items had been placed on maintain from March 25, 2020.

“Throughout this era, the staff had been paid wage repeatedly as per their standing by NTC out of its money reserve. After lifting up of the lockdown and as per availability of uncooked materials, NTC restored operation of 14 mill items from January 2021 onwards,” she mentioned.

Nonetheless, the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic once more led to closure of all NTC mill operations in April 2021 and now NTC has restored operations in a few of its mills in July 2021 as per uncooked materials availability, she added.

Source: India News Finance

CBIC introduces auto-renewal for tier 1 AEO license holders

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has carried out away with renewal of Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) certification after each three years for Tier 1 or T1 stage entities, it stated in a notification issued .

From August 1, all such entities licensed on or after April 1, 2019 shall be auto renewed within the system, with none finish date, the Board stated.

“Taking into consideration the reported difficulties confronted by the AEO-TI (together with MSME AEO-TI) entities in looking for renewal and with a view to scale back their compliance burden, the Board has determined to permit the power of steady AEO certification/auto renewal for AEO-TI entities. Thus, these entities would now not be required to hunt periodic renewal of their AEO-TI certification,” the Board stated in a round issued to all subject models.

AEOs are importers or exporters concerned in worldwide motion of products that decide for the AEO certification programme. The certification is internationally recognised and offers such corporations advantage of lowered time of clearance, decrease prices and minimal disruption in cargo circulate via customs, as

they're thought of safe and dependable buying and selling companions.

T1 AEO is the fundamental stage certification given underneath the programme, but it surely allows excessive stage of facilitation at ports and thru customs, together with different advantages similar to 24/7 clearing of products and 50% much less financial institution assure fee in comparison with non-AEOs, wanted for clearance.

Auto-renewal will significantly ease compliance for such corporations and decrease time and prices concerned.

The Board stated that facility of steady AEO certification or auto renewal for such entities shall be topic to submission of annual self-declaration between October 1 and December 31 every year, and evaluation.

At current validity of AEO T1 certificates is three years and renewal requires an utility to be made a month previous to expiration. The standing is reviewed each three years.

The Board stated it reviewed the AEO programme within the background of reported difficulties being confronted by tier one entities in renewal of their certification particularly throughout the on-going pandemic.

Some checks to the auto-renewal course of have been put in place. In instances the place any change in compliance as per self-declaration is observed or any adversarial enter is acquired from any subject formation or investigation company, the zonal AEO Programme Supervisor can revoke certification following a complete compliance evaluation foundation a minimum of two annual self-declarations filed after issuance of AEO TI certificates or from the date of final auto renewal.

Solely in case of adversarial findings the entity would learn, and as soon as revoked, a brand new certificates could be granted solely via recent utility.

The AEO entities licensed between 1st January to 31 st December of every 12 months shall be exempted from submitting the annual declaration for that 12 months. Accordingly, AEO-TI entities licensed on or after January 1, 2021 for the current 12 months is not going to be required to submit annual self-declaration for the current 12 months.

Source : The Economic Times

'Addressing container shortage, high shipping freights to help exports hit USD 400 bn this fiscal'

Addressing acute shortage of containers, controlling high shipping freights and ensuring timely refund of pending dues are crucial to take the country's overall exports to USD 400 billion by the end of this fiscal, according to exporters.

The other factors that could help in increasing shipments include ensuring that negotiations for various free-trade agreements (FTAs) lead to greater market access for Indian goods; attracting export-oriented foreign direct investment, credit to exporters at international rates; and investing in dedicated R&D and design centres for focused products in each state.

Leading leather exporter and Farida Group Chairman Rafeeq Ahmed said exporters are facing huge problems with regard to container shortage, and this issue needs to be resolved immediately.

Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) Director General Ajay Sahai said, "Container shortage issue is the most serious one and it will affect manufacturing, as goods will pile up in factories".

Sharing a similar view, Ludhiana Hand Tools Association President S C Ralhan said that along with shortage, high shipping freights are impacting domestic exporters and both these matters need attention of the government as "we are targeting USD 400 billion exports" in the current financial year.

Exports during April-July 2021 jumped 73.86 per cent to USD 130.56 billion, against USD 75.10 billion in the year-ago period.

FIEO former president S K Saraf suggested exporters to do aggressive marketing by looking at new market options; investing in technology to improve quality and productivity, and doubling of existing capacities.

From the government side, Saraf suggested amending land laws so that exporters can buy land and get all clearances in a month's time; allowing bank finance at international price; and paying off pending dues within a month by all government departments.

Current FIEO President A Sakthivel also recommended the Centre for augmenting cash flow to exporters; and providing freight subsidy to adjust abnormal hike of shipping rates. He also urged the government to release pending claims of exporters under different schemes like MEIS (Merchandise Exports from India Scheme).

Mohit Singla, founder chairman of Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI), said that to achieve the USD 400-billion target, there is a need for marketing support for focused products; national authority for meeting compliance and standards, and streamlining of payment mechanisms with banks for exporters.

Further, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Paris-India) President Vikramjit S Sahney suggested setting up of an institutional mechanism for global market intelligence; enhanced role of Indian missions; and massive campaigns in key markets for brand building of traditional Indian exports.

"We also have to ensure that negotiations under various FTAs lead to greater market access for the Indian industry in partner countries. India should also focus more on attracting export-oriented FDI," he said.

FIEO Vice-President (Western Region) Khalid Khan stated that exporters should now explore key markets in Latin America and Africa, as both these regions hold huge export potential.

"Besides, they have to start exporting high value-added goods. Huge potential is there in developing countries for such goods and this is the time when we have to push for that," Khan said.

Plastics Export Promotion Council of India (Plexconcil) Chairman Arvind Goenka said sea freight rates have increased making the export goods uncompetitive with local manufacturers in respective countries.

"If the government regulates port charges and inland haulage charges in such a way that burden of increased sea freight is reduced, it can allow Indian exporters to pass on the benefit in their export price," he added.

He also asked exporters to invest regularly in research and development to ensure that they can produce desirable quality at the lowest cost.

Source: The Economic Times

Govt notifies extension of RoSCTL scheme for textile exporters

The government on Friday notified the RoSCTL scheme for textiles exporters and said the duty credit scrips under this support measure would be issued without insisting on realisation of the export proceeds.

On July 14, the Cabinet approved the continuation of the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) scheme under which garment exporters will continue to get a rebate on central and state taxes on their outward shipments till March 2024.

The notification said the adequate safeguard mechanism would be put in place for effective monitoring of realisation of the export proceeds.

"While the proposed scheme will be implemented on a revenue foregone basis, a budgetary control would be exercised through appropriate entries in the annual financial statement.

"To ensure that expenditure under the scheme does not exceed the allocation amount in a particular financial year, the expenditure and liability shall be reviewed on a quarterly basis," it added.

It said that for the purpose of audit and verification, the exporter would be required to keep records to substantiate their claims

made under the scheme. And, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) would put a monitoring and audit mechanism, with an information technology-based risk management system (RMS), in place.

The textiles ministry will conduct an annual impact analysis of the scheme.

Rebate of state taxes and levies would include VAT on fuel used in transportation, mandi tax, duty of electricity, and stamp duty on export documents. They will also include embedded SGST and CSGT paid on inputs such as pesticides and fertilisers used in production of raw cotton, central excise duty on fuel used in transportation, embedded CGST and compensation cess on coal used in production of electricity.

The scrips will be issued electronically on customs system. It will be used for payment of basic customs duty on import of goods. They are freely transferable.

"Action under the Customs Act may be taken by the customs authorities for recovery of erroneous or excess paid RoSCTL. Further, the exporter is required to return any over-payment of rebate issued through the scrips arising from miscalculation," it said.

Under the RoSCTL scheme, maximum rate of rebate for apparel was 6.05 per cent; while for made-ups, this was up to 8.2 per cent. Garments and made-ups segment such as home textiles products are covered under the scheme.

Commenting on the latest decision, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPCC) Chairman A Sakthivel said the extension will help exporters get rebate on all embedded taxes and make products globally competitive.

Sakthivel, who is also the FIEO president, said this will help exporters effectively compete with countries such as Bangladesh, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Sri Lanka.

"The longer stability in the rates till March 31, 2024, will attract further investment in these sectors, as manufacturers can plan their exports on a longer time horizon factoring the RoSCTL rates," he said.

Source: The Economic Times

RoDTEP: India notifies duty rebate rates to give exports the push it needs

India put into effect on Tuesday a Rs 12,454 crore incentive scheme for exporters to boost the sector by easing liquidity. The long-awaited Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme for 8,555 products including

employment-generating marine, agriculture, leather, and gems and jewellery sectors was notified.

Rates for different sectors range between 0.3-4.3% under the incentive scheme that aims to refund exporters duties and taxes such as VAT on fuel used in transportation, Mandi tax and duty on electricity used during manufacturing, that were so far not being refunded.

"Two third of our exports will be covered under this scheme," said commerce secretary BVR Subrahmanyam, adding that Rs 19,400 crore would be available for FY22 for both the RoDTEP and the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) for apparel and madeups.

For the RoDTEP scheme, the amount is Rs 12,454 crore and the remaining for RoSCTL. "The entire value chain of textiles gets covered via RoDTEP and RoSCTL," the commerce and industry ministry said in a statement.

The RoDTEP scheme came into effect from January 1 this year but could not be implemented due to the unavailability of rates. Hence, additional funds will be provided on a pro-rata basis for the January to March period, the ministry said.

Both the schemes together would cover 95% of the tariff lines for goods and exports. "There will be one or two other schemes that are in the pipeline which will be supporting exports. In the coming few weeks, we will be announcing them," he said, adding that the government will come out with a solution on pending dues of exporters under the two incentive schemes- Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) and the Services Export from India Scheme (SEIS) by the first week of September. Those arrears could be staggered and talks are on with the finance ministry. He also stressed that the MEIS at its peak was covering 7,900 products, but the RoDTEP is covering 8,555 lines plus three chapters under the RoSCTL of textiles.

"Today we have notified the rates. RoDTEP is going to be a long-lasting scheme and it is going to be a flagship scheme of the commerce ministry. It is also compliant with the World Trade Organisation," Subrahmanyam said.

Source: The Economic Times

US indicates no interest in new trade pacts with India: Minister Goyal

Prospects of a US-India trade agreement are off the table for now, with the United States conveying to India that it is not interested in a 'limited' trade deal that was negotiated for months under the Donald Trump administration, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal told a meeting with Export Promotion Councils, Commodity Boards and other stakeholders in Mumbai yesterday.

India has started working on a free trade agreement (FTA) with Bangladesh and is close to sealing an early harvest deal with Australia 'which has almost agreed' on the matter, with a similar deal being worked out with the United Kingdom as well, the minister said.

"The USA has kind of indicated that they are not looking for new trade agreements, but we will look at working with them on market access issues on both sides," Goyal was quoted as saying in an official release.

Resolving issues like non-tariff barriers, entering mutual recognition agreements and aligning on higher quality international standards, will help spur trade between the two countries, the minister said.

"Australia is first on the list, UK, then the UAE [United Arab Emirates], and if the UAE happens, the pact with GCC [Gulf Coordination Council] will also be expedited. We have already started the dialogue with the UAE and one more country from the Middle East," he said Goyal on the FTAs currently on the government's priority list, which also includes Israel.

While talks with Canada got waylaid amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the ministers said the dialogue is expected to pick after Canadian elections conclude in the next few months. The European Union (EU), he said, had agreed to restart renegotiations after abandoning earlier talks in 2013. However,

given that there are 27 countries involved, he said one shouldn't expect a pact to happen 'very quickly'

Assuring the industry that the government won't repeat 'mistakes of some past FTAs' and reminding them about the government's 'unexpected' decision to walk out of the RCEP based on their feedback along with that from farmers and the people at large, Goyal also urged exporters to appreciate that FTAs cannot be a 'one-way traffic'.

"We also have to open our markets to others if we are wanting a larger pie in their markets. Therefore, my appeal to all of you is to also identify areas where we have confidence that we can withstand competition," he said.

"If we make the decisions without your concurrence, that is also harmful... On our engagement with other countries on FTAs, we will be very sensitive to your demands, but you should also be sensitive that trade is a two-way affair," he added.

Meanwhile, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) chairman A Sakthivel reacted to Goyal's statement FTAs will remove tariff disadvantages faced by Indian apparels in many markets and early harvest agreements with the United Kingdom and Australia can help triple Indian apparel exports to these markets in the next three years.

Source: Fibre2Fashion

HURRY UP MEMBERS!!!

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SRTEPC Awards for Outstanding Export Performance for the year 2019-2020 & 2020-2021

(Last date for receiving applications is Wednesday, 1st September 2021)

We are pleased to inform you that the Council is organizing its Annual Export Award Function in the last week of September 2021 (tentative) to recognize and honour the outstanding performance of its member exporters for the financial years 2019-2020 & 2020-2021.

Members who are eligible as per the Scheme (as mentioned in the Circular) are invited to submit their applications with the requisite forms on or before **5 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st September 2021**, for consideration as an entry to qualify for the SRTEPC Export Award.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

(I) Award

Each award winner will be given a trophy and a citation. However, companies who win the Certificate of Merit will only be given a Certificate and Specially Innovative MMF Products will only be given a Trophy.

(II) Eligibility

- a. Awards will be combined for two financial years 2019-2020 & 2020-2021.
- b. Only members registered with the Council under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 will be eligible for awards.
- c. Export Performance in items that fall under the purview of the Council only will be considered for grant of awards.
- d. Products included by the applicant in one category of award cannot be repeated in any other category for claiming an Award; except for 'SRTEPC Special Award' for Overall Export Performance, 'SRTEPC Special Award for Overall Export Performance in Merchant Exports', 'Micro & Small Scale Sector' and awards in the Categories of "Focus Africa", "Focus LAC" and "Focus SAARC" countries.
- e. Separate awards under the category "SRTEPC Special Award for Overall Export Performance' will be given to Manufacturer-Exporters and Merchant Exporters respectively.
- f. Applicants may please note that they are eligible to apply for both the above categories separately (SRTEPC Special Award for Overall Export Performance and SRTEPC Special Award for Overall Export Performance in Merchant Exports). While considering the applications the Council will choose for one category only i.e. the one where the export performance is better for qualification.
- g. If any discrepancy in the data provided by an applicant is noticed or any adverse reports of the export business dealings of the applicant is brought to the notice of the Council, then the entry automatically stands cancelled.
- h. Members can apply for awards in various categories and will be eligible for more than one award as per this Export Award Scheme.
- i. Application for the Awards has to be submitted in the format prescribed by the Council, duly certified by the Chartered Accountant and self attested by the highest authority of the company.
- j. SEPARATE APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR AWARDS IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES.
- k. Selection of the award winners will be made by the Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee of Administration of the Council based on the qualifying criteria provided for each category. The decision of the Council will be final and cannot be contested. The Council reserves the right to re-verify the export figures submitted by the applicant.



(III) Criteria

- a. Minimum export performance to qualify for SRTEPC Special Award (For overall export performance) is Rs.75 crores. To qualify for the Award in the “Merchant Exporters” Category, the minimum export is Rs.25 crores. Minimum exports to qualify for 'Certificate of Merit' is Rs.5 crores. Minimum exports to qualify for the “Continuous Nylon Yarn”, “Continuous Viscose Yarn” and “Continuous Polypropylene Yarn” are Rs. 10 crores.
- b. Certificate of Merit will be given to member companies with three years of consecutive exports including the relevant year. The eligibility for qualification in this case is Rs.5 crores of minimum exports. Exporters who get awards in other categories are not eligible for Certificate of Merit.
- c. Export performance includes only those exports which have been affected in the name of the applicant company.
- d. Export performance will be computed on the basis of FOB (excluding insurance, freight and commission) price in Indian rupees.
- e. Awards in various categories will be given based on 'Best' export performance (except for Certificate of Merit). While deciding on 'Best' Export Performance value of exports shall be clubbed for the financial years 2019-2020 & 2020-2021.
- f. H.S. Codes of the products should also be mentioned to ascertain whether the products fall under the purview of the Council.

The companies with the higher value will be eligible for Awards.

Attention Members

Renewal of Council's Membership for the year 2021-22

Kindly refer to our Circular message dated 1st April 2021 (Ref: Mem/2021-22/001) regarding renewal of your company's membership with SRTEPC.

The annual membership renewal fee for Non-SSI and SSI are as follows:

For Non-SSI, renewal fees is Rs.12,331

For SSI/MSME units (Micro/small category), renewal fees is Rs.8,201

Please note, non-payment of Membership Subscription will lead to discontinuation of your membership as well as cancellation of the Registration-cum Membership Certificate (RCMC) issued to your company.

In view of the above, Members who have not yet sent their renewal fee are requested to send their Membership Subscription Fee for the year 2021-22 at the earliest.



Interactive Meeting of EPCs, Commodity Boards and Authorities with the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri. Piyush Goyal



Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri. Piyush Goyal convened a meeting with EPCs, Commodity Boards and Authorities on 19.8.2021 (Thursday) from 11:00 AM to 2.00 PM at Hotel Trident in Mumbai, Maharashtra 400006 to discuss the measures to enhance and increase exports.

Commerce Secretary, Shri. B.V.R Subrahmanyam, DGFT, Shri. Amit Yadav were also present during the Meeting.

The meeting was held in Hybrid mode wherein President/Chairman/ED/DG of EPCs who are residents of Mumbai were invited to participate in the meeting physically and other EPCs/CBs/Authorities who are based outside Mumbai joined the meeting through Video Conference.

Shri. Bhadrash Dodhia, Vice-Chairman, SRTEPC, Shri. S. Balaraju, Executive Director and Shri K. Baruah, Joint Director participated at the Meeting.

Vice-Chairman, Shri. Bhadrash Dodhia informed the Minister about the current export scenario and prevailing challenges in the MMF textiles segment. Among other submissions, Shri. Bhadrash Dodhia also mentioned forcefully that the RoDTEP rates on the MMF textile value chain including Viscose Filament and Spun yarn, PV Fabrics, etc. to be revised suitably. Hon'ble Minister complimented on achieving record exports & deliberated on effective measures for further boosting our exports. Regarding the RoDTEP rates on the MMF textile value chain, Minister has assured for suitable revision.

Besides appealing to accord suitable revision of the RoDTEP rates on MMF textile value chain, other submissions made by Shri. Bhadrash Dodhia, Vice-Chairman, SRTEPC are Timely refund the IGST and DBK benefits, Release the MEIS rewards to the exporters, Rectify the Inverted Duty Structure existing in the MMF textile Segment, increase the number of MMF fabrics to be covered under the PLI Scheme and threshold limit of the PLI Scheme be fixed at 20%, Extend the Interest Equalisation Scheme till announcement of the new FTP, Facilitate affordable logistics and bring down the Skyrocketing freight charges, Double weightage to be given for the smaller exporters while considering merits for status as Star Export Houses, Conclude the potential FTAs with EU and the UK, etc.

The Council has also submitted a detailed representation to the Minister on the above-mentioned issues during the meeting.



The SRTEPC successfully organized Webinar on opportunities in post pandemic Covid - 19 and latest GST issues.

For the benefit of the Member-exporters the Council has organised webinar on 30th July 2021 from 3 PM onwards and deliberated on two currently important topics, viz., Emerging trends and opportunities in MMF textiles post pandemic Covid - 19 and Responding to the Departmental Audits and Notices relating to refund claims viz., DBK, Excise, GST/IGST, Issues arising out of latest decisions & changes etc.

As all are aware, outbreak of the covid-19 pandemic had brought manufacturing activities including textile production and exports to standstill. Within very short period of time global trade and business had come to a complete halt. Business and shipments which were under transit deferred by the clients and uncertainties loomed around. The global economy and world trade witnessed unprecedented disruption, both in terms of production and consumption.

However, with the prevailing challenges also there emerge new pockets of opportunities in the textiles sector as per the requirements and priorities globally.

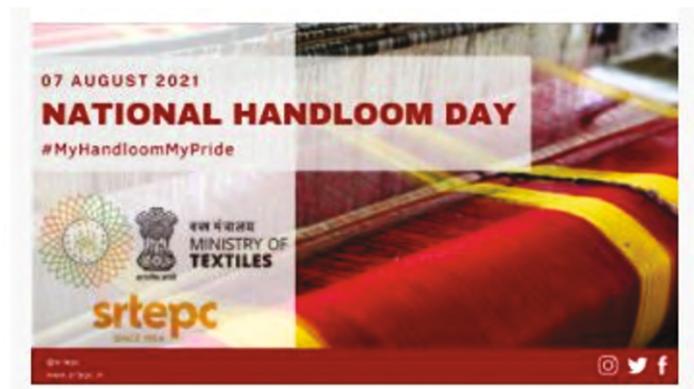
In order to discuss and deliberate on the impact and opportunities of the covid – 19 pandemic on MMF textiles segment, the first presentation of the Webinar was on “Emerging trends and opportunities post pandemic Covid - 19 pertaining to the MMF textiles”. Domain expert Mr. Amir Sheikh, Senior Manager, Zydex Industries and formerly senior representative of Gherzi, Zurich had given a power point presentation. Mr. Amir Sheikh had presented the statistical facts with detailed analysis on the textiles trade scenario in general and MMF and MMF blended textiles in particular.

Another important issue that the exporters are concerned with is the tax compliances including various refund claims viz., DBK, Excise, GST/IGST, Issues arising out of latest decisions & changes, etc. Regarding this a detailed Power point presentation was made by Renowned GST Consultant Mr. Vishal Poddar on “Responding to the Departmental Audits and Notices relating to refund claims viz., DBK, Excise, GST/IGST, Issues arising out of latest decisions & changes, etc.” During the presentation, the latest issues on GST, legalities, etc. were also discussed.

The Webinar provided an opportunity for the Members to understand and keep abreast of the latest market scenario and emerging areas of opportunity. It was also an opportune occasion for the members to help them clarify their doubts on GST/IGST, refunds, latest notifications, etc.



7th Handloom Day Celebration on 7th August 2021



SRTEPC celebrated India's Handloom heritage under the guidance of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Shri. Piyush Goyal and Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles, Smt. Darshana Jardosh. In the 75th year of Independence Day, PMO, Shri. Narendra Modi urged all of us to buy handloom products and showcase their grandeur by associating with My Handloom My Pride. On the occasion, Shri. Dhirubhai Shah honoured the illustrious "Art of Weaving" - a signature of India's Handloom heritage and saluted the expert hands, intricate designs, astonishing varieties, timeless tradition under the guidance of Modi Ji, Goyal Ji and Jardosh Madam. Shri. Dhirubhai Shah expressed gratitude towards the weavers of India on the occasion of its Celebration Day.



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Revised Guidelines for MAI Scheme valid from 01.04.2021-31.03.2026

In accordance with the core functions of the Department of Commerce to facilitate creation of an enabling environment and infrastructure for accelerated growth of exports and trade, the Market Access Initiative Scheme is in operation since the year 2003. Export promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) has also been emphasized in the Union Budget 2020-21. Accordingly, it is proposed to continue with the existing Central Sector Market Access Initiative Scheme (MAI) beyond March, 2021 for a period of five years i.e. upto 31st March, 2026. The Scheme will be reviewed for changes, if any, required in promotion of exports in post-COVID 19 situation.

The financial assistance under the Scheme would be given to develop new markets, to promote new products and new exporters as well as to consolidate the existing Indian exports markets. There shall be an Empowered Committee (E.C.) for sanctioning and monitoring of the projects submitted by the Eligible Agencies.

The Market Access Initiative Scheme 2021 is valid from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026.

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, New Delhi has issued the following Guidelines to streamline the releases under the Market Access Initiative (MAI).

1. In order to ensure that the benefits of the Scheme reach a larger number of exporters, a maximum of three participations in a particular trade fair/ exhibition would only be eligible for MAI assistance, i.e. members who have availed assistance three times (including past cases) for a particular fair/exhibition, thereafter have to participate in that fair on their own. In the case of exporters belonging to SC/ ST/ Women and the exporters having f.o.b. value of exports of or less than Rs.50 crores in a year, 5 participations in a particular event is allowed.
2. EPCs/Trade Bodies must ensure that the MAI funding support is only provided to a member/participant company for a maximum of three MAI events in a year. In the case of exporters belonging to SC/ ST/ Women and the exporters having f.o.b. value of exports of or less than Rs.50 crore in the preceding year, 5 participations in a year is allowed, provided each one of these is in different market (e.g. Africa, LAC, WANA, ASEAN, etc).
3. In order to ensure that the benefits of the Scheme reach a larger number of exporters, a maximum of three participations in a particular trade fair/exhibition would only be eligible for MAI assistance i.e. members who have availed assistance three times (including past cases) for a particular fair/exhibition, thereafter have to participate in that Fair on their own. EPCs/TB must ensure that the MAI funding support is only provided to a member for a maximum of two MAI events in a year.
4. Reimbursement of airfare for participation in approved international events:
 - (i) Members to have completed 12 months of Membership and is regularly filing returns with the EPC.
 - (ii) Permissible only to the regular Director /Partner/ Proprietor or a regular officer of the company on senior managerial position.
 - (iii) Claim Forms duly filled in and complete in all respects must be submitted to the EPC concerned within 45 days of completion of event.
5. Payment made under the Scheme to the agency shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry as also by other means as deemed fit by the Government of India.
6. The Government of India will cause physical verification and other such enquiry as deemed fit of the projects sanctioned under the Scheme.
7. Any organization / exporter / trader / company availing any of the provisions of the Scheme shall not be under investigation / charged / prosecuted / debarred / black listed under the Foreign Trade Policy of India or any other law relating to export and import business.
8. The first report (output report) submitted online after the event should indicate the participants companies' credentials and steps taken by the EPC / Trade Body to verify the credentials. The exhibitors should be represented by senior person and should be



capable of effectively displaying the products and services in the events (not only catalogues and brochures). Similarly, it may be ensured that foreign buyers participating in RBSMs are of the level of Director/ Senior Executive/ Sourcing Agent.

9. EPCs/Trade Bodies need to provide 6-digit HS Codes in respect of the products being promoted / marketed by exhibitors, details of the exporters participating in the event, including the name of the participant with designation, name of the exporting company, IEC number and/or RCMC of the exporting company and address of the exporting company/ and in the case of RBSMs, profile of the buyers, like name of the buyer with designation, name of the company, country, etc.
10. The EPCs/TBs should submit video clippings of the events, including stalls and its surroundings and ensure documentation of complete utilization of the Govt. grants. The EPCs can use webcam to record and submit the clippings electronically.
11. Promotion of exporters belonging to MSMEs/Start-ups/ North East Region, J&K, Ladakh and other hill areas and exporters belonging to SC/ST/ Women/Youth. It shall be the endeavour of the EPCs and Trade Bodies to promote exporters belonging to MSME, Start-ups, North East Region, J&K, Ladakh & other hill areas and the exporters belonging to SC/ ST/ Women and Youth. They may be given preference in the activities undertaken with the MAI assistance.

ATTENTION!!!

Department of Commerce seeks Suggestions for Pre-Budget Proposals 2022-23

Please make a note of the following:

- 1) Proposals must be complete in all respects, properly categorized & HS Codes for each commodity must be provided.
- 2) Suggestions/ Inputs may be sent in the format given below at Annexure- I to the following email ids (ed@srtepc.in/ sybil@srtepc.in, annie@srtepc.in & es@srtepc.in) latest by **25th August, 2021:-**

Annexure- I

Sr. No.	Company Name & IEC No.	Issues (Policy / Direct/ Indirect- Customs & Indirect-GST)	Justification
1)			
2)			

- 3) You are also requested to kindly fill-in the details given in Proforma- I which is given below:

Proforma- I

1	Name of Commodity	
2 (a)	Nature of Proposal	
2 (b)	Classification	
2 (c)	Present level of Duties	
2 (d)	Proposed level of Duties	
2 (e)	Proposal (Old or New)	
2 (f)	Size of the Domestic industry	
2 (g)	Issues related to Inverted Duty Structure	
2 (h)	Revenue Implication	
2 (i)	Impact of change in duty structure on domestic industry, if any	
2 (j)	Bound rates of India in WTO	
3	Justification of the Division in favour of the Proposal	
4	Recommendations	
5	Brief title of the recommendation	



Miscellaneous Payments in DGFT System

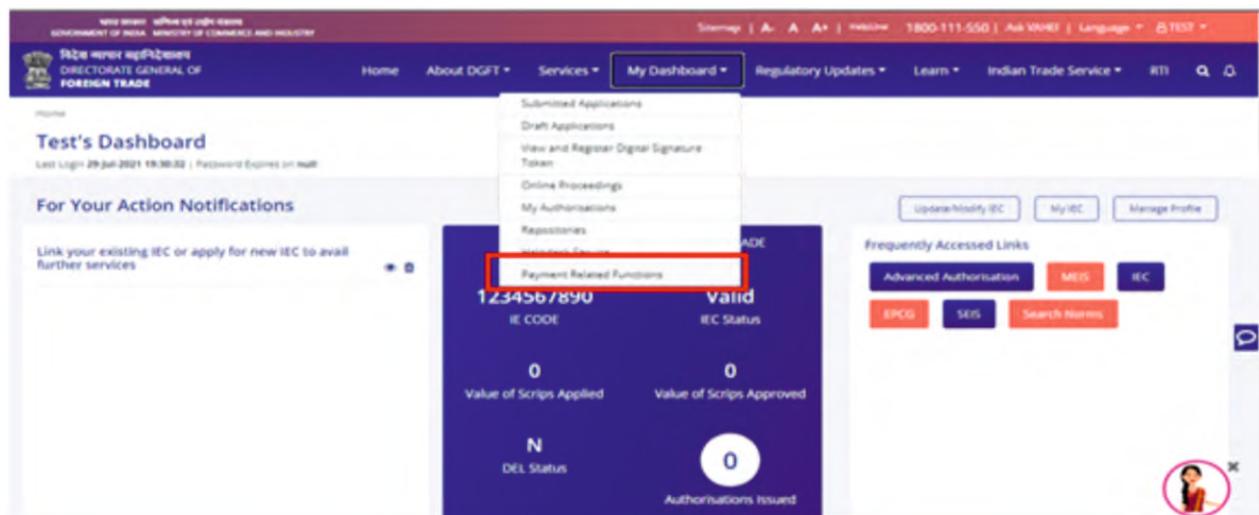
What is e-Miscellaneous Payment Service?

- Online payment of the requisite user charges/ penalty/ any other Fee shall be part of the online services that are hosted on the DGFT website. The online service workflow when completed shall direct the applicants to the payment gateway for online payment of the specific charges.
- In case of any online/ offline process where the direct online payment option is not available, the payment is to be made online through the e-Miscellaneous Payment Service (eMPS) on the DGFT Website.
- The online payment options would include Internet Banking, Debit cards and UPI or any other payment methods as authorized from time to time.
- Payment can be made for In-Progress and Deficient files only.
- eMPS is not allowed for closed files (approved and rejected files) (In this regard, you may contact the respective Regional Offices of DGFT for details).
- Payments from Legacy Miscellaneous Payment System (eMPS) and Legacy Draft Application cannot be used to make payments here.



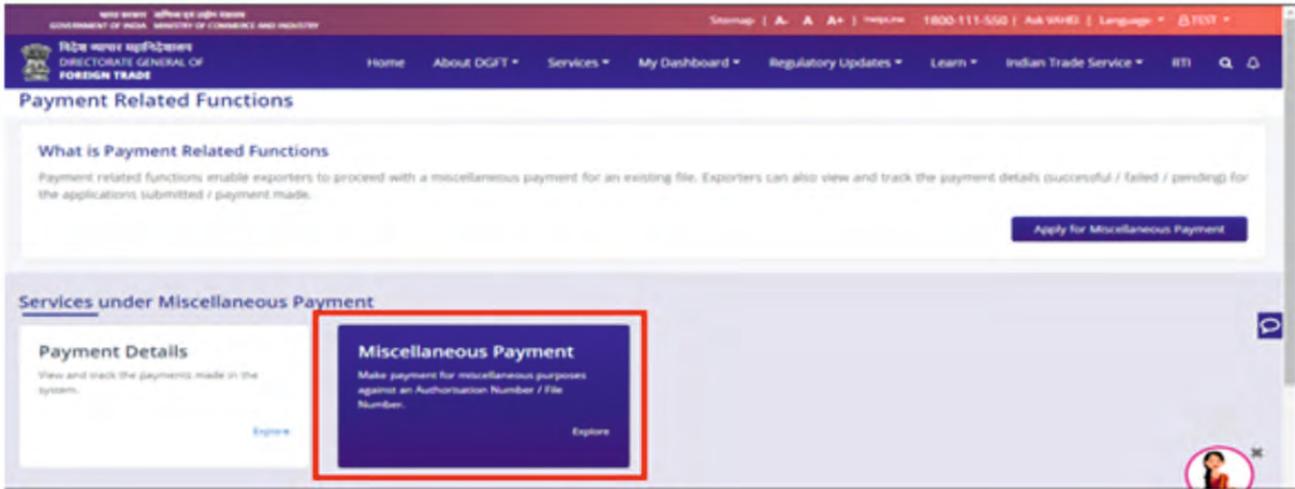
STEPS TO MAKE MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS

Step-1: Login to the DGFT Website and navigate to **My Dashboard >>> Payment Related Functions**.

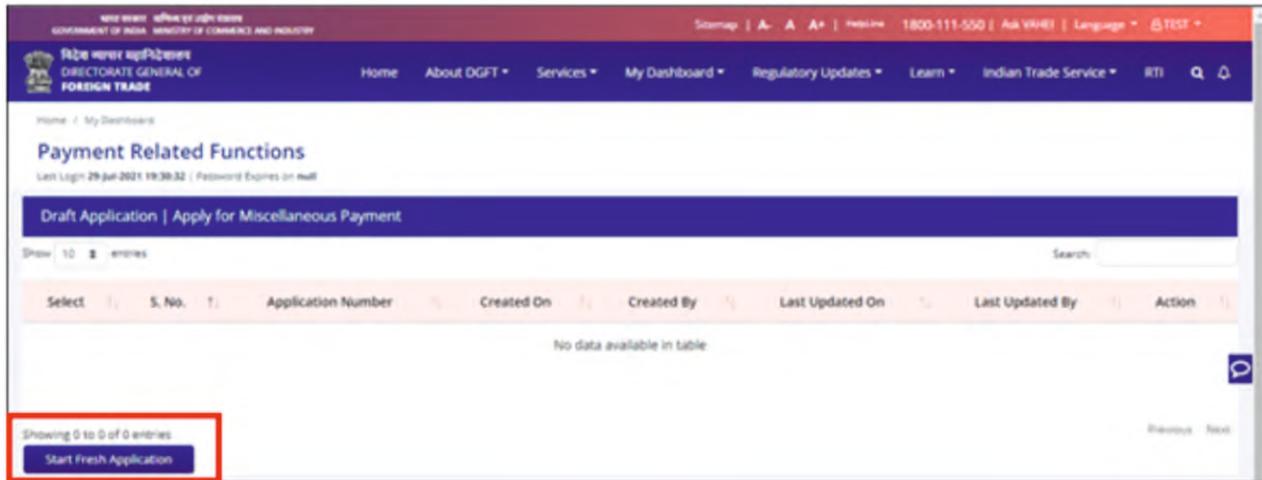




Step-2: Click on the **Miscellaneous Payment** tile.



Step-3: Click on **Start Fresh Application**. You can also continue with an existing draft application if available.

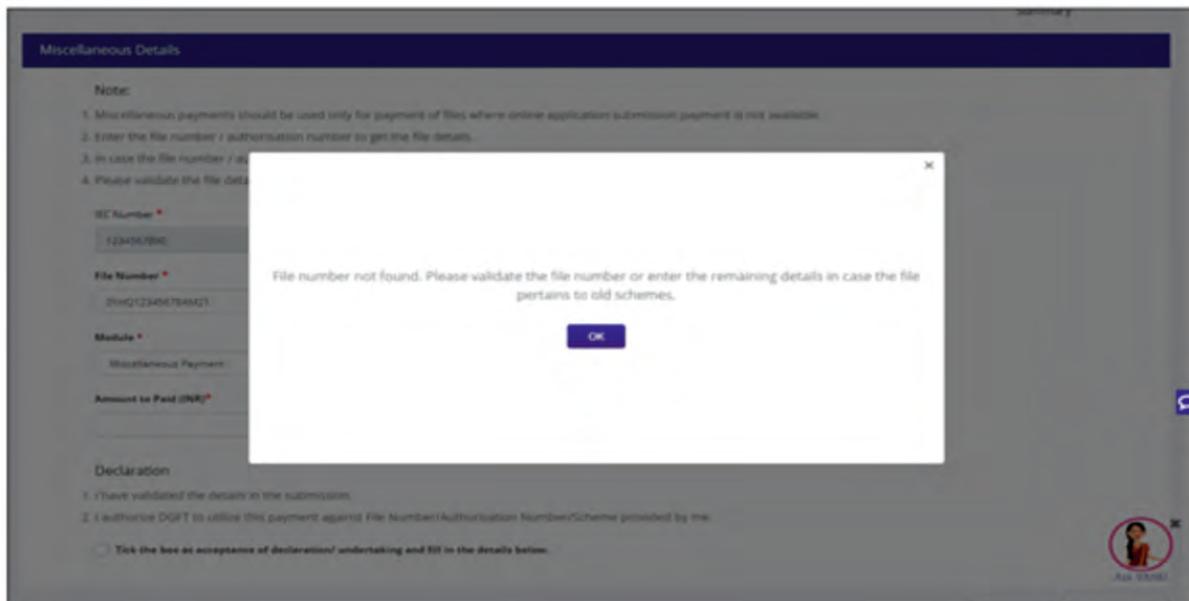


Step-4: Enter the **File Number** and tab out.

Note: In case, the file number exists in the new system, the details will be auto populated by the system. Please validate the details carefully and proceed to enter the Amount and Remarks field.



Note: In case, the file number is not available, system will prompt with a warning message. You will be required to enter the corresponding file details and RA Office before proceeding with submitting the payment. The file will need to be approved by the RA Office for consumption.



Step-5: Validate the details and proceed to make the payment via existing processes.

CONCLUSION

In today's Digital World, everything is online. Simultaneously, the fraudulent activities such as hacking, threats etc. are also on the rise. So, be extra cautious while dealing in such transactions.

Source:

- 1) <https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=application-help>
- 2) DGFT's Public Notice No. 19/2015-20 dated 30.7.2021 with respect to amendments in Appendix - 2K (Scale of User Charges and Process for Deposit/ Refund of Application Fee/ Penalty etc.) of the FTP.

Scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP)

O/o DGFT has notified the guidelines and rates of the much-awaited Scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) vide its Notification No. 19/2015-20 dated 17th August, 2021 (<https://tinyurl.com/mwmhbmrk>). In this regard, a Press Release dated 17th August, 2021 has also been issued by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry (<https://tinyurl.com/4dxrvptn>).

- RoDTEP is one such reform, based on the globally accepted principle that taxes & duties should not be exported, & taxes & levies borne on the exported products should be either exempted or remitted to exporters.
- Scheme's objective is to refund, currently un-refunded:
 - a) Duties/ taxes/ levies, at the Central, State & local level, borne on the exported product, including prior stage cumulative indirect taxes on goods & services used in production of the exported product, and
 - b) Such indirect Duties/ taxes/ levies in respect of distribution of exported products.
- Rebate shall not be available in respect of duties & taxes already exempted/ remitted/ credited.
- Shall give a boost to Indian exports by providing a level playing field to domestic industry abroad.
- Its support will be available to eligible exporters at a notified rate as a percentage of Freight on Board (FOB) value.
- Rebate on certain export products will also be subject to value cap per unit of the exported product.
- Appendix 4R containing the eligible RoDTEP export items, rates and per unit value caps, wherever applicable is available at the DGFT portal (www.dgft.gov.in) under the link `Regulatory Updates >>> RoDTEP'.
- Scheme to be implemented by Customs through a simplified IT System.
- Rebate will be issued in the form of a transferable duty credit/ electronic scrip (e-scrip) which will be maintained in an electronic ledger by the CBIC.
- Identified export sectors & rates under RoDTEP cover 8555 tariff lines in addition to similar support being extended to apparel & made-ups exports under RoSCTL scheme of Ministry of Textiles.
- The entire value chain of textiles gets covered through RoDTEP & RoSCTL.

Kindly click on the links given below for the Guidelines & rates of RoDTEP Scheme:

- Guidelines on RoDTEP Scheme- (<https://tinyurl.com/mwmhbmrk>)
- RoDTEP rates for products covered under Chapter 54-60: (<https://tinyurl.com/85xtdm2k>).

Statement of rates for the major items of MMF Textiles under the RoDTEP Scheme

Sr. No.	Description of Goods (As per CTH)	Tariff Item	RoDTEP Rate notified on 17/8/2021		
			%	UQC	Cap (Rs. Per UQC)
FIBRES					
1	Polyester Staple Fibre (PSF)	55032000	2.5%	Kg	1.8
2	Viscose Staple Fibre (VSF)	55041010	0.9%	Kg	***
YARNS					
3	Polyester Industrial Drawn Yarn (IDY)	54022090	2.5%	Kg	3
4	Polyester Partially Oriented Yarn (POY)	54024600	2.5%	Kg	3
5	Polyester Texturised Yarn (PTY)	54023300	2.5%	Kg	3
		54025200	2.5%	Kg	3
6	Polyester Fully Drawn Yarn (FDY)	54024700	2.5%	Kg	3
		54024500	1.0%	Kg	***
7	Polyester Multiple / Cabled BCF Yarn (Grey)	54026200	2.5%	Kg	3
8	Polyester Multiple / Cabled BCF Yarn (Dyed)	54026200	2.5%	Kg	3
9	Nylon Filament Yarn (Grey)	54023200	1.0%	Kg	***
10	Nylon Filament Yarn (Grey)	54024500	1.0%	Kg	***
11	Nylon Partially Oriented Yarn (Grey)	54023100	1.0%	Kg	***
12	Nylon Partially Oriented Yarn (Dyed)	54023100	1.0%	Kg	***
13	Nylon Multiple / Cabled BCF Yarn (Grey)	54026100	1.0%	Kg	***



Sr. No.	Description of Goods (As per CTH)	Tariff Item	RoDTEP Rate notified on 17/8/2021		
			%	UQC	Cap (Rs. Per UQC)
14	Nylon Multiple / Cabled BCF Yarn (Dyed)	54026100	1.0%	Kg	***
15	Nylon Draw Textured Yarn (Grey)	54023200	1.0%	Kg	***
16	Nylon Draw Textured Yarn (Dyed)	54023200	1.0%	Kg	***
17	Polypropylene Filament Yarn (Grey)	54026300	2.5%	Kg	3.1
18	Polypropylene Single BCF Yarn	54023400	2.5%	Kg	3.1
19	Polypropylene Multiple BCF Yarn	54026300	2.5%	Kg	3.1
20	Rayon Tyre Yarn Undipped	54031020	0.9%	Kg	***
21	Polyester Spun Yarn (Grey)	55092200	2.5%	Kg	1.8
22	Polyester Spun Yarn (Dyed)	55092100	2.5%	Kg	1.8
23	Acrylic Spun Yarn (Dyed)	55093100	2.0%	Kg	3
24	Viscose Spun Yarn (Dyed)	55101110	0.9%	Kg	***
25	Polyester/ Viscose Spun Yarn (Grey)	55095100	2.5%	Kg	1.8
26	Polyester / Viscose Spun Yarn (Dyed)	55095100	2.5%	Kg	1.8
27	Polyester Cotton Yarn (Grey)	55095300	2.5%	Kg	1.8
28	Polyester Cotton Yarn (Dyed)	55095300	2.5%	Kg	1.8
FABRICS					
29	Polyester Filament Fabrics (Dyed)	54071029	0.7%	Sq.m	***
30	Viscose Filament Fabrics (Dyed)	54083300	1.2%	Sq.m	***
31	Polyester Spun Fabrics (Dyed)	55121910	2.4%	Sq.m	2
32	Polyester Viscose Fabrics (Dyed)	55151130	0.7%	Sq.m	***
33	Polyester Cotton Fabrics (Grey)	55131110	2.4%	Sq.m	2
34	Polyester Cotton Fabrics (Dyed)	55131120	2.4%	Sq.m	2
35	Polyester Wool Fabrics (Dyed)	55151330	0.7%	Sq.m	***
36	Non-Woven Fabrics (Dyed)	56031200	1.5%	Sq.m	3
37	Knitted Fabrics	60041000	1.0%	Sq.m	***
38	Rayon Tyre Cord Fabric - Dipped	59029010	1.0%	Sq.m	***
39	Rayon Tyre Cord Fabric - Undipped	59029090	1.0%	Sq.m	***
TECHNICAL TEXTILE ITEMS					
40	Tufted carpets & other textile floor coverings of Nylon or other polyamides	57032010	2.7%	Sq.m	24.5
		57032020	2.7%	Sq.m	24.5
		57032090	2.7%	Sq.m	24.5
41	Quilts	94049019	0.5%	Kg	***
42	Nonwoven needle punch/ nonwoven, wther /not impregnated /coated/covered/ laminated- man made filaments	56039400	1.5%	Kg	3
		56031400	1.5%	Kg	3
43	Nonwoven textile article- Spunlace non-woven tape rolls P & V	56031100	1.5%	Kg	3
		56039100	1.5%	Kg	3
		56039200	1.5%	Kg	3
44	Non woven wet wipes articles	33079090	0.8%	Kg	***

FAQs on ICEGATE – NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS



Q1) What are Mandatory Documents for Registration under ICEGATE?

For IEC Holder	Scanned Copy of License / Permit (.pdf), Scanned Copy of Driving license, Passport, Aadhaar Card, Voter ID card (.pdf)
For IEC Authorized Person	Scanned Copy of Authorization Letter (.pdf), Scanned Copy of Driving license, Passport, Aadhaar Card, Voter ID card (.pdf)

(Please Note: All the documents uploaded by the user must be self-attested)

(A) User Registration on ICEGATE Portal

Q2) How does the User (Exporter and Importer) register on ICEGATE Portal?

- **For Exporter and Importer**
Login/Sign Up for Registration
User Name : _____
Password : _____
SUBMIT

Q3) What is the procedure for ICEGATE Partnership Registration?

ICEGATE Id : _____

Enter the "ICEGATE ID" & "e-Mail ID". "Check Availability button"

e-Mail Id: _____

(Please Note: ICEGATE should not contain any blank spaces, no special characters except "-" and "_", should not exceed 25 characters and may have alpha-numeric characters while E-mail id may have alpha-numeric characters)

(B) Signup as IEC Holder

Q4) What is the procedure for Signing/Registering of IEC Holders under ICEGATE?

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

ICEGATE ID	
ICEGATE Email ID	
User Role	ICE Holders
User Type	ICE Holder
Enter IEC	
	Verify

Enter the "IEC" & Click the "Verify" button

Q5) What are the details available in ICES (Indian Customs EDI System), can you modify these details and where can amendment be done and where is it updated?

- Details available are given below, details can be amended and later details are updated in ICEGATE Login Module.

PAN No.	
Agency Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Pin Code	
Contact Number	
Email ID	
Custom Location	
	Confirm

Click the "Confirm" button

Q6) What are the Personal details required for Registration?

- Following details are required for Registration–

Enter your Name	
Mobile Number	
Self - attested copy of License	
Select Photo-ID Type	
Enter Aadhar No.	
Self-attested scanned coloured copy of Aadhar	
Document Type	
License Expiration Date	
Digital Certificate	
	Confirm

Select "Photo ID" from Dropdown

Click to upload "Digital Signature"

Q7) What is the last step in Registration?

- You will receive an OTP or One Time Password on your Registered email id.

Enter "OTP" and click "SUBMIT"

You will receive "Registration Confirmation Message"

(C) Signup as IEC Authorised Person

Q8) What is the procedure for Signing/Registering of IEC Holders under ICEGATE?

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

ICEGATE ID	
ICEGATE Email ID	
User Role	IEC Holders
User Type	IEC Authorised Person
Enter ICEGATE ID of IEC Holder	
	Verify

Select "IEC Holders" from User Role, select "IEC Authorised Person from User Type, enter "ICEGATE ID" of IEC Holder & Click "Verify" button

Q9) What are the Personal details required for Registration?

- Following details are required for Registration–

Enter your Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Pin Code	
Scanned coloured copy of Authorisation Letter on the Letter Head of the Company/Agency	
Select Photo-ID Type	
Contact Number	
Mobile Number	
Email ID	
PAN No.	
Digital Certificate	
G Card No.	
	Submit

Select "Photo ID" from Dropdown

Click to upload "Digital Signature"

Q10) What is the last step in Registration?

- You will receive an OTP or One Time Password on your Registered email id.

Enter "OTP" and click "SUBMIT"

You will receive "Registration Confirmation Message"

Source:

https://www.icegate.gov.in/Download/New_Registration_Demo_Updated_APPROVED.pdf



MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

DGFT

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Notification No.16/2015-20	09.08.2021	Extension in period of IEC modification till 31.8.2021 & waiver of fees for IEC updation done in Aug., 2021	Provision in Para 2.05(d) of Chapter-2 of FTP 2015-20 is amended and no fees shall be charged for IEC updation done during August, 2021.	https://tinyurl.com/kfcmawfs
2)	Public Notice No.19/2015-20	30.07.2021	Amendment in Appendix 2K of FTP	Amendments made in Appendix 2K (Scale of User Charges and Process for Deposit/ Refund of Application Fee/Penalty etc.) under FTP.	https://tinyurl.com/8nnvw27a
3)	Public Notice No. 16/2015-20	22.07.2021	Amendments in HBP 2015-20	Amendments made in Paras 4.41, 4.51 and 4.57 of HBP 2015-20.	https://tinyurl.com/4rz6kkb5
4)	Trade Notice No. 14/2021-22	04.08.2021	Online Procedure for transfer of Advance Authorisation/ EPCG Authorisation in case of amalgamation/de-merger /acquisition etc.	DGFT has notified an online procedure to provide for online filing & transfer of Advance / EPCG Authorisations from the earlier entity to the new entity(s).	https://tinyurl.com/3mbez296
5)	Trade Notice No. 13/2021-22	04.08.2021	Uploading of e-BRC by 15.09.2021 for S/Bills with LEO upto 31.3.2020 on which RoSCTL scrip has been claimed from DGFT RAs.	All IECs/ firms who have been issued scrips under RoSCTL for S/Bills upto 31.3.2020 must get the related e-BRCs uploaded in the DGFT portal by their AD banks latest by 15.9.2021.	https://tinyurl.com/ywhjkchf
6)	Trade Notice No. 12/2021-22	28.07.2021	FTP 2015-20-Introduction of online Deemed Export Application Module	An online Deemed Exports Module on DGFT website is introduced as a part of IT Revamp for receiving applications under Chapter 7 of FTP.	https://tinyurl.com/pch46pm8
7)	Trade Notice No. 10/2021-22	19.07.2021	Extension of date for mandatory electronic filing of Non-Preferential CoO through Common Digital Platform till 1.10.2021	The objective of the Common Digital Platform is to provide an electronic, contact-less single window for the CoO related processes.	https://tinyurl.com/3ax3dk
8)	Trade Notice No. 9/2021-22	16.07.2021	New Foreign Trade Policy (2021-26) - inviting suggestions	To collate, analyze and for ease of processing the suggestions received, a Google Form has been created on (https://bit.ly/3khHEI2).	https://tinyurl.com/3sfzv6r7

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

CBIC - CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Notification No. 65/2021 - Cus. (NT)	05.08.2021	Exchange rate Notification	Notifies Rate of Exchange of Foreign Currencies w.e.f. 06.08.2021.	https://tinyurl.com/ymye5kp3
2)	Notification No. 64/2021 - Cus. (NT)	30.07.2021	CBIC amends Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations, 2018	These regulations may be called the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2021.	https://tinyurl.com/hfy9zrz4
3)	Notification No. 62/2021 - Cus. (NT)	23.07.2021	CBIC amends Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations, 2018	These regulations may be called the Customs Brokers Licensing (Amendment) Regulations, 2021.	https://tinyurl.com/4n93dndk
4)	Notification No. 61/2021 - Cus. (NT)	23.07.2021	CBIC amends Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations 2018	These regulations may be called the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2021.	https://tinyurl.com/mpy4ym4w



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5)	Notification No. 59/2021 - Cus. (NT)	15.07.2021	Exchange rate Notification	Notifies Rate of Exchange of Foreign Currencies w.e.f. 06.08.2021.	https://tinyurl.com/42hhjfet
6)	Notification No. 44/2021 - Cus. (ADD)	12.08.2021	CBIC rescinds Notification No. 43/2016-Cus (ADD) dated 8.8.2016	CBIC removes levy of ADD on Viscose Staple Fibre originating in or imported from China PR and Indonesia.	https://tinyurl.com/3cyka7jw
7)	Circular No. 18/2021- Customs	31.07.2021	Amendment in AEO Programme: Auto-Renewal of AEO-T1 validity for continuous certification based on continuous compliance monitoring	Board has decided to allow the facility of continuous AEO certification/ auto renewal for AEO-T1 entities.	https://tinyurl.com/a3mcx2z9
8)	Circular No. 17/2021- Customs	23.07.2021	Efforts required to reduce the compliance burden for citizens and business activities	Board has abolished renewals of Licence/Registration in Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations, 2021 & Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018 incorporating the changes.	https://tinyurl.com/25a5nhya
9)	Circular No. 15/2021- Customs	15.07.2021	Implementation of RMS for processing of Drawback claims	Risk-based processing of shipping bills with claim of duty drawback is being initiated w.e.f. 26th July, 2021.	https://tinyurl.com/3ffu6uu

MUMBAI CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No. 154/2021	27.07.2021	Implementation of RMS for processing of Duty Drawback Claim	Risk-based processing of shipping bills with claim of duty drawback is being initiated w.e.f. 26th July, 2021 .	https://tinyurl.com/3kstus7n

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No. 77/2021	04.08.2021	Amendment in AEO Programme: Auto-Renewal of AEO-T1 validity for continuous certification based on continuous compliance monitoring	Board has decided to allow the facility of continuous AEO certification/ auto renewal for AEO-T1 entities.	https://tinyurl.com/kwzwsujk
2)	Public Notice No. 73/2021	22.07.2021	Implementation of RMS for processing of Drawback Claims	Contact details of the officers appointed at JNCH in this regard is given in the Public Notice.	https://tinyurl.com/4x59s6y4
3)	Public Notice No. 72/2021	13.07.2021	Online filing of AEO T2 & T3 applications: Launch of Version 2.0 of web-application for filing, real-time monitoring & digital certification	New version (V 2.0) of the web application is designed to ensure continuous, realtime, and digital monitoring of the physically filed AEO T2 and AEO T3 applications for timely intervention and expedience.	https://tinyurl.com/4cmy6rhk
4)	Public Notice No. 71/2021	15.07.2021	Enhancing DPD by general in principle granting of the facility of DPD to the FCL consignments under Advancefiled BEs which are fully facilitated (do not require assessment and/or examination)	Relevant importers (not yet registered with JNPCT) and their authorized Custom Brokers, if any, are requested to initiate the steps for availing the facility of Direct Port Delivery (DPD).	https://tinyurl.com/2kas8er8



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5)	Standing Order No. 19/2021	24.07.2021	Procedure for putting any consignment/container on hold by SIIB(I), SIIB(X) & CIU, JNCH	All hold of consignment/container by SIIB(Import), SIIB(Export) and CIU will be with the approval of concerned Commissioner of JNCH Customs.	https://tinyurl.com/fwbc7u8a

OFFICE OF THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	-	-	List of MSME Spinning Mills as per ASR Submitted in TSRS portal of O/o Textile Commissioner by textile units as on 23.07.2021	List of MSME Spinning Mills as per the Annual Statistical Returns (ASR) Submitted in the Textile Statistical Returns System (TSRS) portal of O/o Textile Commissioner by the textile units as on 23.07.2021 is given.	https://tinyurl.com/jnhc46b

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE REMEDIES

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	F. No. 6/26/2020-DGTR	09.08.2021	Anti-subsidy investigation concerning imports of "Viscose Rayon Filament Yarn above 60 deniers" originating in or exported from China PR.	An appeal against the order of the Central Govt. arising out of these findings shall lie before the Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act.	https://tinyurl.com/4b87case
2)	F. No. 7/03/2021-DGTR	31.07.2021	Sunset Review of anti-subsidy investigation concerning imports of "Viscose Staple Fibre" originating in or exported from China PR and indonesia	The anti-dumping duties have been extended upto 31.10.2021.	https://tinyurl.com/2k9a43fw

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1)	RBI/2021-2022/79	06.08.2021	Export Credit in Foreign Currency – Benchmark Rate	In view of impending discontinuance of LIBOR as a benchmark rate, RBI has decided to permit banks to extend export credit using any other widely accepted Alternative Reference Rate in the currency concerned.	https://tinyurl.com/u3en4bkd

GST RELATED NOTIFICATIONS / CIRCULARS

CENTRAL TAX NOTIFICATIONS

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/central-tax-notfns-2017>

Notification No. & Date	Subject
31/2021-Central Tax dated 30.07.2021	Seeks to exempt taxpayers having AATO upto Rs. 2 crores from the requirement of furnishing annual return for FY 2020-21.
30/2021-Central Tax dated 30.07.2021	Seeks to amend Rule 80 of the CGST Rules, 2017 and notify Form GSTR 9 and 9C for FY 2020-21. Rule 80 provides for exemption from GSTR-9C to taxpayers having AATO upto Rs. 5 crores.
29/2021-Central Tax dated 30.07.2021	Seeks to notify section 110 and 111 of the Finance Act, 2021 w.e.f. 01.08.2021.

CIRCULARS / ORDERS

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Circular/ Order No. & Date	Subject
157/13/2021-GST dated 20.07.2021	Clarification regarding extension of limitation under GST Law in terms of Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 27.04.2021.



PRESS RELEASES

Name of Ministry	Date	Subject
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	13.08.2021	India's Foreign Trade: July 2021
Ministry of Textiles	13.08.2021	Government Notifies Continuation of Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and levies on Export of Apparel/Garments and Made-ups;
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	11.08.2021	Government e-Marketplace (GeM) organizes 5th edition of National Public Procurement Conclave
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	09.08.2021	Status of MSMEs and SMEs
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	09.08.2021	Contribution of MSMEs to GDP
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	09.08.2021	Scaling down operations of MSMEs due to pandemic
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	09.08.2021	Allocation of funds to MSMEs
Ministry of Textiles	06.08.2021	Rs 125.13 Crore funded by Government for Textile Excellence Centres
Ministry of Textiles	06.08.2021	FDI in textile sector
Prime Minister's Office	05.08.2021	In a first of its kind initiative, PM to interact with Heads of Indian Missions abroad and stakeholders of the trade & commerce sector on 6th August
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	05.08.2021	Assistance to MSMEs
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	04.08.2021	Various measures taken by Government for promotion of exports
Ministry of Finance	04.08.2021	CBIC launches Compliance Information Portal (CIP)
Ministry of Finance	03.08.2021	CBDT extends due dates for electronic filing of various Forms under the Income-tax Act, 1961
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	02.08.2021	INDIA'S MERCHANDISE TRADE: Preliminary Data July 2021
Ministry of Finance	01.08.2021	GST Revenue collection for July 2021
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	29.07.2021	Global level market for MSMEs
Ministry of Finance	27.07.2021	Measures taken to facilitate digital banking
Ministry of Finance	26.07.2021	Norms fixed for implementation of Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) in country to enable state-specific reforms
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	26.07.2021	Financial assistance towards MSMEs
Ministry of Finance	25.07.2021	CBIC reduces compliance burden by abolishing renewals of licenses/registrations
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	23.07.2021	Government takes various initiatives to boost Industrial Manufacturing;
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	23.07.2021	Initiatives under "Make in India" and "Startup" Programmes;
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	19.07.2021	Encouragement to MSMEs
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	15.07.2021	India's Foreign Trade for June 2021
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	15.07.2021	Commerce Minister bats strongly for India and the Developing World at the WTO

SRTEPC'S Services to Indian Exporters



- Introduces Exporters to appropriate Overseas Buyers
- Provides up-to-date information and identifies potential markets for them
- Organises Export Promotion Programmes like Trade Fairs/Exhibitions, Buyer-Seller Meets in various overseas markets.
- Organising Reverse Buyer Seller Meets every year by which the overseas buyers are brought to India to discuss business with members
- Provides Grant for Market Access Initiative subsidy towards airfare for participation in promotional programmes like Exhibition/Fairs abroad (Member of the Council for the last year one year is a must)
- Conducts Workshops, Seminars to keep exporters abreast of latest development in policy/procedural matters, international trends, marketing strategies, government schemes, etc.
- Assist the exporters on Import-Export Policy and Procedures
- Resolve their problems about shipping and transport
- Maintain liaison with the Government authorities to convey the requirements of the industry and trade and help to bring about appropriate policy changes.
- Facilitates free display of samples at Council's Trade Centre in Mumbai and Surat frequented by overseas buyers and Trade Delegations
- Resolves problems of members connected with DGFT, Customs/Central Excise, GST, ROSL, Duty Drawback, Banking, ECGC, etc.
- Provides information on the trends for product development and adaptation to suit the overseas market requirements
- Issues export turnover certificates and certificate of origin.
- Visa facilitation to visit specified markets to discuss business with their target customers.
- Publication of Newsletter and regular circulars/letters to keep them aware of the activities of the Council and trade information.
- Collection and dissemination of Industry / Trade statistics to help members make their export strategy for export.
- Dissemination of information on foreign markets/emerging trends and trade enquiries
- Make them aware about different Anti Dumping duties as applicable in respective markets. From time to time also inform them about Sunset Reviews and give them timely information on questionnaire to be filled in, etc.
- Forex updates on WhatsApp.

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The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council
Resham Bhavan, 78, Veer Nariman Road, Mumbai - 400 020.