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Meeting of the High Level Drawback Committee with SRTEPC members to discuss the Proposals for All Industry Rates of Duty Drawback for MMF Textile Products

The Drawback Committee Meeting was convened on Thursday 9th August, 2018 in Mumbai. The Drawback Committee was headed



Members of the Drawback Committee in discussion with SRTEPC members. Seen from l to r Shri Y. G. Parande, Member, Drawback Committee; Shri G. K. Pillai, Chairman, Drawback Committee; Shri Gautam Ray, Member, Drawback Committee and Shri Anand Kumar Jha, Under Secretary (Drawback).

by Shri G.K. Pillai, Chairman, Shri Gautam Ray, Member, Shri Y.G.Parande, Member along with Shri Anand Kumar Jha, Under Secretary (Drawback). Shri G.K. Pillai chaired the Meeting.

In accordance with the visit of the Drawback Committee to Mumbai, the meeting was open to selected Export Promotion Councils/Associations including SRTEPC from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The EPCs were to make a Presentation, which is followed by a discussion, review of the Calculations of the All Industry Rates of Duty Drawback for Products related to their industry and feedback.

The delegation from SRTEPC was headed by Shri Sri Narain

Aggarwal, Chairman, Shri Ronak Rughani, Vice-Chairman, Shri Subhash Goyal, COA Member, Shri Aziz Valiulla, COA Member, Shri S.Balaraju, Executive Director and other Officials of the Council.

The Chairman of SRTEPC extended his warm welcome and greeted the Chairman and Members of the Drawback Committee.

In the opening remarks, the Chairman of the Council emphasized the need for enhancement in the Drawback Rates for all synthetic textile items. It was pointed out by the Chairman that after the GST, exports of MMF textiles have been adversely impacted.

The Chairman of the Council made a detailed presentation which included the Profile of the Council, Overview of MMF Textiles Industry, export performance, issues affecting the growth of MMF exports, duty structure, Drawback Calculation for various product

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Members of the Drawback Committee interacting with the Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal, Chairman, SRTEPC.

SRTEPC organizes participation in Hong Kong Fashion Week

The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC) organized first-ever participation of Indian companies in “Hong Kong Fashion Week” (HFW) held in Hong Kong during 8-12 July, 2018 under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme of the Ministry of



Inauguration of “India Pavilion” at HFW by Shri Narayan Singh, Consul of the Indian Consulate in Hong Kong.

Commerce, Govt. of India. Participation in the International Fair in Hong Kong was held with the active association of the Consulate General of India in Hong Kong, and with the support of the Ministries of Commerce, and Textiles, Govt. of India. Participation of nineteen member-companies was organized by SRTEPC.

Hong Kong Fashion Week (HFW) is reported to be Asia’s largest and the world’s “second largest Fashion Event”, which has become a platform for top designers along with others to present their collections to grab attention of visiting discerning buyers from all over the world. HFW showcases products like fashion fabrics, clothing accessories, jewellerys, broach, handbags and accessories, among other products in the Fashion Industry.

Inauguration: Participation of around 50 Indian companies, which was jointly arranged by SRTEPC and AEPC, was located at a demarcated area—called: “India Pavilion” to get focused attention of visiting buyers, besides creating a “Brand India” image. India Pavilion was inaugurated by Shri Narayan Singh, Consul of the Indian Consulate in Hong Kong in the presence of local dignitaries, representatives of Indian companies, visiting buyers, media persons and others.

Response: SRTEPC participating companies located in the India

Pavilion, were visited by representatives of garment manufacturing companies, textiles traders’, buyers, and others. An early “Feedback of SRTEPC participants” - showed that most of the participating companies received reasonably good response and positive trade



Consul of the Indian Consulate at the stall of one of the Council’s participating companies.

enquiries for fabrics, made-ups and apparels, which are likely to result in export-orders shortly. The preliminary Feedback showed that while the estimated value of business under negotiation is amounted to ₹ 25.16 lakhs, some participants had even concluded business on the spot, which is estimated at ₹ 48.96 lakhs. Some of the representatives of the participating companies had stayed back in Hong Kong for undertaking follow-ups for the enquires they received from visiting Buyers during the Fair.

Participants & display of products : Participants had put on display the latest range of fabrics, made-ups and yarn, which impressed the visiting buyers, who came from different countries including China, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Canada, Australia, Russia etc. Products that were displayed in the Fair include suitings, shirtings , dress fabrics of different varieties /blends /mixtures, while in the yarn category -- polyester, viscose, P/C, P/V, modal etc. , besides various qualities of scarves, stoles, dupattas, etc. from the made-ups category.

Assistance to Indian Participants: Council held a pre-exhibition “Presentation Meeting” at its office in Mumbai with the presence of the Representatives of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC)

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Shri Narayan Singh seen briefing representatives of the participating companies at HFW.



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Dear Member,

The sentiments for Indian MMF textile industry seem upbeat. As per the latest data received from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, exports of MMF textiles for the 1st quarter (April-June) 2018-19 was US\$1550.55 million registering a growth of 4.37% as compared to the same period in the previous year. Although category-wise exports of fabrics and fibre witnessed a decline; exports of made-ups and yarn showed encouraging growth which is noteworthy.

The news that has been catching the traders and economists alike is the weakening rupee rate against dollar. The rupee rate has hit the lowest having already crossed the psychological Rs.70 mark. There is a growing fear across the world due to the currency crisis in Turkey. However, the depreciating rupee rate will be in favour for the exporting community.

The US-China trade off is also another matter that has been in news recently. China is moving towards toppling the US and establishing itself as a super power. The US therefore, by imposing tariff barriers has restricted them. India has the potential of being among the top trading countries and should take advantage of this situation.

The post-GST scenario for the textile industry in general and MMF textiles has particularly been tough and in light of this there is a need that the industry gets some kind of incentive from the Ministry to keep up the momentum of growth. Drawback rates benefit the exporters and thus the rates have to be favourable to ease exports. Like every year this year also the Drawback Committee held Meetings with various EPCs on 9th August 2018 in Mumbai. Council was also asked to make a presentation before the Committee and review the calculations of the All Industry Rates of Duty Drawback for Products related to the MMF textile industry. Accordingly we made the presentation before the Drawback Committee and clarified our points as to why the Drawback rates have to be enhanced to make MMF textiles competitive in the international market taking into consideration the GST rates. During the Meeting it was stressed that the Duty drawback scheme continues to play a crucial role in the export of Synthetic textiles items with more and more exporters from the synthetic textiles sector opting for the Drawback scheme. It was also emphasized that exporters are looking for suitable increase in the Drawback rates for manmade fibre textile items especially in the context of inadequate existing rates and accumulation of ITCs in the GST regime. I pointed out to the Committee that the duties imposed by major global MMF textile producing countries are uniform for all the fibres whereas in India we have different rates for MMF and cotton. This duty anomaly needs to be addressed on priority for growth on MMF textile segment in India. It was also highlighted that exporters in India continue to bear the burden of transaction costs for which the exporters do not get any refund. Therefore it was requested that the



transaction costs may be factored in suitably in the Drawback rates. Further, I raised the issue of value addition of nearly 60% between Nylon Chips and Yarn. The Drawback Committee has requested the Council to put up notes on these issues so that the same maybe taken up by them and the Council has already submitted the same to the Drawback Committee. It was a fruitful Meeting and the Committee has signaled for appropriate revision of the rates based on our representation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Drawback Committee comprising Shri G.K. Pillai, Chairman, Shri Gautam Ray, Member, Shri Y.G. Parande, Member and Shri Anand Kumar Jha, Under Secretary (Drawback). I am hopeful that the Committee would definitely recommend for enhancement of Drawback rates for the MMF textiles.

I am glad to inform you that the Council successfully organized first ever participation of its member-companies in the Hong Kong Fashion Week held in Hong Kong from 8-12 July, 2018. Hong Kong is a potential market for Indian MMF textiles. Moreover, India's share in the Hong Kong market is minuscule; participation in the Hong Kong Fashion Week helped in improving the image of Indian MMF Textile Industry and providing Indian exporters an opportunity to establish contacts with visiting buyers and garnering support and assistance of apex organizations of industry and trade. I would like to thank Shri Narayan Singh, Consul of the Indian Consulate in Hong Kong for inaugurating the "Indian Pavilion". I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Consulate General of India in Hong Kong for patronage, support and guidance in making our maiden participation a success.

I am pleased to inform that preparations for Council's pioneering RBSM – "SOURCE INDIA 2018" being held at the Surat International Exhibition & Convention Centre, Gujarat during 21st – 23rd September is progressing well. The Council has been holding Road Shows within the country and abroad to promote and publicise the event. These Road Shows are bearing fruits with genuine buyers from the target countries showing an interest to visit the stalls. Around 200 Indian companies are expected to put their latest range of products on display. Mobilization for participation in the event is being done on a priority basis. I request all the members to take advantage of this event and participate in large number to make the Show a big success.

Yours sincerely,

**SRI NARAIN AGGARWAL
CHAIRMAN**

The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council

Sri Lanka

Exports of textile and garment rise 4% during first five months of 2018

Sri Lanka exports of textiles and garments increased by 4 per cent year-on-year to \$2.065 billion in the first five months of 2018. Imports of textiles and textile articles were up 3.8 per cent to \$1.129 billion, while clothing and accessories imports fell 19.5 per cent to \$140.5 million during the five-month period.

In May 2018, Sri Lanka exports of textiles and garment rebounded after previous month's decline. Sri Lanka earned \$398.3 million from textiles and clothing exports, registering a rise of 10.9 per cent over exports of \$359.2 million during the same month of 2017. It is believed that earnings from textiles and garment exports increased significantly due to the higher demand from the EU and the US while exports to non-traditional markets also increased moderately.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's expenditure on textiles and textile articles increased in May 2018, "reflecting higher expenses on all sub categories particularly fabric imports". Textiles and textile articles imports increased 8.6 per cent to \$246.8 million during the month, whereas clothing and accessories imports fell 21.4 per cent to \$24.3 million.

In 2017, Sri Lanka exported \$5.031 billion of textiles and apparel, registering a growth of 3 per cent year-on-year. Of this, clothing exports alone accounted for \$4.739 billion. On the other hand, imports increased by 0.7 per cent to \$2.724 billion.

Source : Fibre2fashion

Uzbekistan

Plans of reviving the Afghan textile industry

Uzbekistan has offered to exempt Afghan goods from customs duties. At a meeting with an Afghan delegation in Tashkent, Uzbekistan evinced interest in cross-border trade and involving Afghan investors in partnerships. They discussed possible revival of the textile industry in Afghanistan and simplifying foreign currency control, visa, tax and customs regimes.

The recent meeting between Uzbek Government officials and Afghan industrialists discussed the prospects of further expansion of economic cooperation between the two countries and training of

Afghan personnel.

The Uzbek side suggested starting work on establishing a free trade regime between the countries.

Recent years have witnessed an upward trend in two-way trade between the two countries.

Source : Fibre2fashion

USA

Textile and garment imports up 4.21% in the first half of 2018

The import of textiles and apparel by the United States increased by 4.21 per cent to US\$51.488 billion in the first half (H1) of 2018, compared to imports valued at US\$49.409 billion in January-June 2017. With 33.56 per cent share, China was the largest supplier of textiles and clothing to the US during the six-month period, followed by Vietnam with 11.84 per cent share.

Apparel constituted the bulk of the textiles and garments imports made by the US in H1 2018, and were valued at US\$38.049 billion, while non-apparel imports accounted for the remaining US\$13.438 billion.

Segment-wise, among the top ten apparel suppliers to the US, exports from Cambodia showed double-digit growth of 14.23 per cent year-on-year. On the other hand, imports from Sri Lanka and Mexico registered a decline of 9.53 per cent and 3.20 per cent respectively, compared to the same period of the previous year.

In the non-apparel category, among the top ten suppliers, imports from Vietnam, Turkey, Italy, China and Mexico shot up by 31.77 per cent, 23.29 per cent, 16.77 per cent, 13.54 per cent, and 12.51 per cent year-on-year to US\$372.137 million, US\$548.095 million, US\$302.524 million, US\$6.006 billion, and US\$632.615 million respectively. However, imports from India fell by 2.00 per cent.

Of the total US textile and apparel imports of US\$51.488 billion during the period under review, cotton products were worth US\$22.768 billion, while man-made fibre products accounted for US\$26.094 billion, followed by US\$1.523 billion of wool products and US\$1.101 billion of products from silk and vegetable fibres.

In 2017, the US textile and apparel imports had increased by 1.25 per cent year-on-year to US\$105.968 billion, with apparel alone accounting for US\$80.269 billion.

Source : Fibre2fashion

Bangladesh

Ranks as the third largest global exporter of clothing

The share of Bangladesh in the global apparel export market was 6.46 per cent in 2017. The figure was 6.36 per cent in 2016. Annual exports of Bangladeshi apparel products rose by 2 per cent to \$ 29.33 billion in 2017 from \$28.22 billion in 2016.

Bangladesh retained its rank as the third largest global exporter of clothing, followed by China and the European Union (EU).

Last year, Bangladesh also retained rank as the fifth largest importer of textile across the world, importing textile products worth \$ 9.41 billion. Import registered around 7 per cent growth last year and the country's share in global import of textile stood at 2.76 per cent.

Vietnam witnessed around 8 per cent growth in clothing export last year with a 5.90 per cent global share over 5.54 per cent in 2016. The country ranked fourth in the world, followed by India whose share stood at 4.10 per cent with an annual export growth of 2 per cent last year. Indonesia registered a 10 per cent growth year while Cambodia registered 8 per cent.

Turkey, the fifth largest exporter of clothing, and China registered almost zero growth in their annual exports last year. China also lost its global share which declined to 34.90 per cent in 2017 from 36.40 per cent in 2016.

Clothing and textile contributed 4 per cent to global merchandise export in 2017.

Source : Fibre2fashion

Pakistan

Textile sector to get Rs.25.5 billion under Prime Minister's trade enhancement package

The Ministry of Commerce and Textile has revealed that Rs 25.5 billion has been given to the textile sector in first phase under

the Prime Minister's trade enhancement package by June 30, 2018. Rs2.6 billion was disbursed to the textile sector in first two months during Phase II from July 1 to August 07 2018. The Ministry of Commerce and Textile had assured payments through Prime Minister "Trade Enhancement Package" to the textile sector by February 2019 to enhance the country's exports.

The government, he said, had also given relaxation on the import of textile machinery for the modernization of industry and to enhance the capacity of the sector. The official said that through this package cost of doing business would come down in the country. He said the government gave priority to facilitating the textile sector and helping it gain competitiveness in order to enhance the country's exports.

Source : The Nation

Turkey

Technical textile exports up 20.1% during the first half of 2018

Turkey's technical textile exports grew by 20.1% to US\$ 898 million in the first half of 2018. The most exported product group from January to June was nonwovens. Exports of these products increased by 30.6% and were worth around US\$ 294 million. This product group accounted for 32.7% of total technical textile exports. The second major product group in the first half of 2018 was packaging products, worth around US\$ 182 million. Total technical textile exports account for 20.2%.

The product group that recorded the biggest growth in the first half of the year was parachute fabrics. Exports of these products rose by 135.7%, compared to the same period last year.

Germany became the most important export market. Technical textile exports made to Germany during this period were worth US\$84 million, with an increase of 23.6%.

The second most important country was Italy, with an export value of US\$ 58 million and an increase of 15.8%. The third export market was the USA. This country imported US\$ 58.5 million worth of technical textile products from Turkey in the first half of the year. The share of the USA was 6.5%.

Exports worth US\$ 480 million were realised in the 28 EU member countries, with an increase of 26.1%. With this exports figure, the share of the EU was 53.4%.

Source : www.innovationintextiles.com

Plans to replace export subsidy schemes to adhere to the WTO norms

The Commerce Ministry will soon be ready with a road map to replace export subsidy schemes incompatible with World Trade Organisation norms with ones that cannot be legally challenged at the multilateral organisation.

It is believed that some re-designed schemes could be announced in a review of the Foreign Trade Policy in 2018-19, some may be replaced even before.

This is a difficult exercise as incentives can no longer be targeted at exporters alone and giving sops to all enterprises, whether domestic or export-oriented, could put a huge burden on the exchequer.

The Centre is in a hurry to put its house in order as the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) has already agreed to constitute a panel to rule on a US complaint on certain programmes in India, including the popular Merchandise Export from India Scheme, the Export Promotion Capital Goods scheme and some Special Economic Zones incentives. United States has said that the schemes don't comply with existing rules.

Under existing WTO rules, a country can no longer offer export subsidies if its per capita GNI has crossed \$1,000 for three years in a row. In 2017, the WTO notified that India's GNI had crossed \$1,000 in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

While India refuted the US allegation by arguing that it should be entitled to a eight-year phase-out period, chances of the argument working in the dispute is weak as this demand has been ignored at the WTO since 2011.

The team re-working the schemes is going through all WTO disputes on export incentives in details with the legal team to see what has been successfully challenged and which schemes have stood up to legal scrutiny.

The Commerce Ministry will also hold discussions with the Finance Ministry once it has a plan in place as the alternative schemes would need ample funds.

The Commerce Ministry does not want the level of compensation and incentives that exporters are getting at present to be reduced. While schemes will be re-designed, the support is likely to remain unchanged.

Source : Business Line

Fabric industry allowed to utilize ITC

The government notified the decision of the GST Council to allow

the fabric industry to utilise accumulated input tax credit (ITC) lying in the ledger due to the inverted tax structure for the commodity, which means that the GST tax on the fabric is lower than the tax imposed on input/raw material.

However, the benefit will be prospective in nature as it is restricted to the ITC accumulated on supplies received from August 1. The notification clarified that "the accumulated ITC lying unutilised in balance, for after payment of tax for and up to the month of July 2018, on the inward supplies received up to the July 31, 2018 shall lapse."

This would only bring partial relief to the industry as the prospective nature of the notification means that the sector will suffer a setback in the short-term.

Source : Financial Express

MSMEs likely to get GST refunds

The Goods and Services Tax Council is likely to consider extending some monetary sops to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) within the turnover threshold of Rs 1.5 crore.

Although a final proposal on sops is being formulated, sources said small taxpayers could be given refund of a certain percentage of tax paid by them. This would ensure that no separate exemptions/differential rates are carved out under the GST and the input credit tax (ITC) chain also remains intact.

The decision to provide succour to the MSME sector is based on the fact that many such businesses were exempt from the excise duty in the pre-GST regime, but their tax liability now is equivalent to a combination of excise and VAT. This has robbed them of the competitive advantage since the rollout of the GST. For instance, small scale industries were exempt from excise duty for units with turnover of less than Rs 1.5 crore since 2008.

Incentives to MSMEs will come with adverse revenue implication, but sources said even a small quantum of relief would cover a large part of taxpayers, given that small taxpayers contribute a small fraction to the GST revenue collection. According to official data, registered taxpayers up to turnover of

Rs 1 crore constitute over 78% of the total base, but contribute less than 7% to the revenue collection. In absolute terms, these assesseees pay about Rs 6,000 crore in GST every month if the total collection is Rs 90,000 crore.

The Council had allowed quarterly return filing for assesseees with up to Rs 5-crore turnover in last meeting, but they would still need to deposit tax every month.

The MSMEs sector is believed to have suffered the most in the aftermath of demonetisation. Besides, they have also had the hardest time adjusting to IT-heavy infrastructure of the new indirect tax regime, which has made it difficult for small taxpayers to comply without engaging a tax professional. This had led to additional cost to the businesses.

However, the Council would have to factor in the possible shortfall in GST revenue collection due to the proposal. In the last meeting, the Council had cut rates on 88 items with an estimated revenue loss of nearly Rs 12,000 crore annually. Even though the GST revenue collection has been growing every month this fiscal, it is still a long distance away from the Rs 1.12 lakh crore of monthly collection required to meet the Budget target for FY19.

Source : The Financial Express

Total GST refunds to the tune of Rs.54,378 crores disposed during the Third Refund Fortnight

As part of the continued focus of the Government of India to liquidate pending GST refunds, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has successfully concluded the Third Refund Fortnight from July 16, 2018 to July 31, 2018. Till July 31, 2018, the total GST refunds disposed by the Centre and the states are to the tune of Rs 54,378 crore.

During this refund fortnight, apart from various measures like Special Refund Cells at CBIC offices, exporter awareness campaigns, etc., a unique facility was provided by CBIC. It was for the first time that officers of CBIC reached out to the doorsteps of the exporters for sanctioning of refunds by the way of GST Refund Help Desks. The GST Refund Help Desks were established at 11 locations in the offices of FIEO, EEPC and AEPC for the ease of exporters. These Help Desks were manned by the officers of CBIC who were tasked with assisting the exporters in resolving issues related to refunds. They provided an extension of CBIC offices, thus eliminating any need to go to Customs offices for submission of documents. During the period, all field formations of CBIC and the states once again worked very hard to provide all assistance to the exporters to ensure quick disposal of their refund claims.

By the end of July 31, the total amount of IGST refund claims disposed by CBIC was Rs 29,829 crore, taking the disposal rate to 93 per cent. During the third refund fortnight, IGST refunds totalling Rs 3,391 crore were sanctioned by CBIC.

As on July 31, 2018, in case of RFD-01A refunds, the amount disposed by the CBIC is Rs 16,074 crore and that by state authorities

is Rs 8,475 crore, taking the total amount of RFD-01A refunds to Rs 24,549 crore.

The remaining GST refunds pending with CBIC will continue to be processed expeditiously. However, exporters have been requested to ensure that the correct procedure of filing returns, giving accurate information in Shipping Bill and submitting RFD-01A application forms to the jurisdictional formations are followed for quick disbursal of their GST refund claims, said a release.

Source : eximin.net

US exports to India up in 2018

The US exports to India in both goods and services has increased this year, resulting in the substantial drop in trade deficit as compared with the last year. As per the figures available with the US Department of Commerce's Bureau of Census, in the first six months of this year, America's export to India in merchandise increased by 28.42 per cent from USD 12.1 billion to USD 15.5 billion. During the same period, India's export to the US in goods increased by 13.11 per cent from USD 23.6 billion in 2017 to USD 26.8 billion. The total bilateral trade in the first six months of the year increased by 18.4 per cent from USD 35.7 billion in 2017 to USD 42.36 billion in 2018.

The trade deficit in goods registered a decline of 2.54 per cent, according to the figures. The bilateral trade figures in the services sector for the first six months are yet to be revealed. However, in the first quarter of 2018, the deficit in bilateral trade in services declined by a whopping 42.9 per cent from USD 11.89 billion to USD 678 million. India's export to the US in the services sector in the first quarter of the year increased by 1.83 per cent from USD 6.8 billion to USD 7 billion. During the same period, America's export to India in the services sector increased by 11.19 per cent from USD 5.69 billion to USD 6.3 billion, the figures stated. Total bilateral trade in the services sector in the first quarter increased by 6.7 per cent from USD 12.57 billion to USD 13.3 billion.

If these trends continue, the bilateral trade in goods and services is expected to maintain the upward trajectory and register a decline in trade deficit, which is one of the main issues of concern of the Trump administration. India and the US' total bilateral trade in goods and services has increased from a mere USD 20 billion in the year 2000 to over USD 126.1 billion in the year 2017. The two countries have set a target of taking the total bilateral trade to USD 500 billion. During their White House meeting in June 2017, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the US President Mr. Donald Trump committed that the US and India – leading

engines of growth in the global economy – should intensify their economic cooperation to make their nations stronger and their citizens more prosperous.

Noting that extensive economic and tax reforms in their respective countries will unlock immense economic opportunities for both countries, the leaders committed to further expanding and balancing the trade relationship and removing obstacles to growth and jobs creation, a joint statement after the meeting had said. Both Shri Modi and Mr. Trump had also resolved to pursue increased commercial engagement in a manner that advances the principles of free and fair trade. The statement had further mentioned that towards this end, the United States and India plan to undertake a comprehensive review of trade relations with the goal of expediting regulatory processes; ensuring that technology and innovation are appropriately fostered, valued, and protected; and increasing market access in areas such as agriculture, information technology, and manufactured goods and services.

Source : The Financial Express

India set to become one stop sourcing destination for brands and retailers from ASEAN

India has the potential to become one stop sourcing destination for brands and retailers from ASEAN, according to a latest update from Ministry of Textiles. There are opportunities for textile manufacturers from ASEAN to invest here and cater to domestic market as well as exports because of competitive advantages available in India including availability of raw material, trained man-power and presence of the entire textile value chain. Further, 100% FDI is allowed in the textile sector under automatic route.

To increase exports of textile and apparel, Government has announced a Special Package for garments and made-ups sectors. The package offers labour law reforms, additional incentives under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS), enhanced duty drawback coverage and relaxation of Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act. Further, the rates under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) have been enhanced from 2% to 4% for apparel and made-ups from 1st November 2017.

Products such as fibre, yarn and fabric in the textile value chain are being strengthened and made competitive through various schemes like Powertex for fabric segment, ATUFS for all segments except spinning and Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) for all segments. Government is also providing interest rate subvention for pre and post shipment credit for the textile sector and gives

assistance to exporters under Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme.

Source : The Business Standard

Exporters approach various courts over restrictions imposed for availing Advance Authorization Licences under GST

Exporters have approached various courts over restrictions imposed for availing advance authorization licences under the goods and services tax (GST) regime. The change in condition has led to Directorate of Revenue intelligence (DRI) issuing notices to exporters. One such case on a petition filed by an exporter came up for hearing in the Delhi High Court, which issued notices to the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade and posted the matter for hearing in January.

The gist of the case is that the CBIC had inserted a clause of “pre-import” for exempting imports done on advance authorisation licences from integrated goods and services tax (IGST). These licences are issued to allow duty free import of inputs, which are physically incorporated in export product. The clause meant that imports done after exports would not be allowed to avail exemptions from IGST.

However, advance authorisation is generally used for importing goods after exports are made, as against the pre-import condition imposed by the CBIC, argued the counsel for the petitioner in Delhi HC. The clause was introduced after exemption was granted to imports under advance authorisation from paying IGST. Earlier, imports under advance authorisation were subjected to IGST. This prompted exporters to move courts. Though IGST is refundable, cash flow of exporters was hampered.

Following this, CBIC came out with a notification exempting these imports from IGST. However, it inserted the contentious clause in the notification the counsel argued that the petitioner had procured the advance authorisation licences on for post-export imports.

Due to imposition of pre-import condition, the benefits granted to the petitioner has been curtailed to the extent that he would never be able to get the exemptions as he was promised. This has left the petitioner, who has advance authorisation licences, to the level of those who would import through the normal channel, the counsel argued.

Source : The Business Standard

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON

USE OF DIGITAL SIGNATURE FOR LOGGING AND SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

As you may know, a digital signature is a mathematical technique used to validate the authenticity and integrity of a message, software or digital document. A valid digital signature gives a recipient reason to believe that the message was created by a known sender, that the sender cannot deny having sent the message and that the message was not altered in transit.

Given below are few FAQs on how to use the Digital Signature for logging and signing of documents.

1) Why am I getting a Please Wait message on the top when I Click Ecom Application?

- The page with the **Please Wait Message** will appear when you click the Ecom Application link on the main page.
- The system will be updated automatically as per **steps 1 to 4** as given below.
- This set up will be carried out only once on the computer from where you want to file online licence application.



Please Wait.....

Installation in Progress... It Will Take Maximum 10 to 15 Minutes...

- If installation done successfully it gives you the message. System may ask for restart of your machine then please restart your machine first proceeding.



- If you get this message on this screen, it means component is successfully installed on your machine and you can press Ok Button. Then you can login with your digital certificate.

➤ **Popup blocker should be disabled because Application has some popup windows.**

- Go to Internet Explorer and on the Address bar

Blocked/Windows pop-up blocked icon will be enabled. By simply pressing left mouse button on above icon choose disabled. It will allow Windows pop-ups.

- Remove yahoo & google toolbar from Start → Settings → control panel → Add Remove programs Options to enable pop-ups.

➤ **Please follow the below steps to check that component is installed or not then**

- 1) Open (Internet Explorer)
- 2) Click on Menu(Tools)
- 3) Click on (Internet Options)
- 4) Click on (Settings) button
- 5) Click on (View Objects) button
- 6) In this position component nCodeDGFT.DGFTctl should be present.

➤ **If you still have problem for downloading the component then please follow steps as given below.**

- Basic Steps to Install Component on your machine.

Step 1:

Open (Internet Explorer) → Click on Menu (Tools) → Click on (Internet Options)

Step 2:

- 1) Select (Security) → Click on (Internet) → Click on (Custom level) Button
- 2) Download signed ActiveX controls → Set as Enable
- 3) Download unsigned ActiveX controls → Set as Enable
- 4) Initialize and script ActiveX controls not marked as safe → Set as Enable
- 5) Run ActiveX controls and plug-ins → Set as Enable
- 6) Script ActiveX controls marked safe for scripting → Set as Enable
- 7) Press OK button and close all the windows now.

Step 3:

- 1) Close this existing dialog and now try to login into online DGFT Licensing application.
- 2) If at the time of login or here you have any message like **Install or Don't Install** then **Click on Install Button**.

Step 4:

- **If you have still any problem then you can download component manually and you can register it,**

- 1) Go to internet explorer and give the URL: [http://dgftcom.nic.in/\(n\)CodeDGFT.cab](http://dgftcom.nic.in/(n)CodeDGFT.cab).
- 2) The message box will appear to save the file.
- 3) Save this file ((n)CodeDGFT Zip file) in your local machine.
- 4) Unzip this file using WinZip utility which will extract six files in your folder. (i) (n)CodeDGFT.ini, (ii)(n)CodeDGFT.ocx., (iii)capicom.dll, (iv) msado25.tlb, (v) Mscomctl.ocx and (vi) Msstkprp.dll.
- 5) You have to copy four files (capicom.dll,(n) CodeDGFT.ocx ,Mscomctl.ocx,Msstkprp.dll) into C:/Windows/system32 or C:/WINNT/system32 and register it.

- **Register Components: (one way)**

- 1) You can Directly register component from STRAT → RUN
- 2) You can type all the command here one by one and can register components.

- **Register Components: (second way)**

- 1) You can register components using START →RUN →type CMD or command here and press ok button. This way you can register all the components.

- **At the time of register of the components it will give you the message box as below.**



2) How will a Login Dialog appear?

- Select the Ecom Application link on the main page of your website <http://dgft.delhi.nic.in> when the following dialog appears initially.
- If the above steps are carried out then the Login dialog with IEC Password/ Digital Certificate will appear.



3) What is the action on IEC Based Button?

- Enter the IEC Number, Branch Code (if branch code is zero then it is 0 by default and if it is one then enter 1) and password as allotted to you.
- Click the **IEC Based Login Button** when the new page with online Electronic Filing of Licensing Applications will appear.



4) What is the action on Digital Login Button?

- Select the Digital Login Button wherein the Sign Data dialog will appear with Certificate details.
- Certificate View Button at the bottom of the dialog gives the complete details of digital Certificate.



- When you Click the **OK Button** the Cryptographic Service Provider dialog will appear. Enter the password of your Private Key as allotted to you under the heading **Enter User Pass Phrase:**



- Select OK Button When the new Login Page for the application will be displayed.

5) From Which page can I get various Licensing Modules for Electronic filing of Applications?

- The following page will appear which is common to IEC based/Digital Login-

6) How do I attach documents and digitally sign it?

- In all the online Licensing applications there is a **Attachment of Documents Button** on the main dialog of any Licensing module. On selecting this button following dialog will appear

- Click the **Upload Documents Button** as on the left side of the above dialog when the **Document/ File Sign and Upload dialog** will appear on a new page.

- Select the **Browse Button** as on the right hand side.

➤ Browse Button

- When you click the browse button the Choose dialog will appear as

- Select the required file that you have to attach and press the **Open button**.
- The path of the file will automatically appear as given from your local system in the File text box.
- Enter the subject name in the subject text box option **(The maximum size of the file to be attached should be not more than 500KB)**.
- Select the **Document Sign Button** at the bottom of the **Document/File Sign and Upload dialog** at the when following Sign File dialog will box will appear as follows:

- When you Click the OK Button the following dialog with the status will appear as follows.

File Upload Status	
Ecom Ref. No.:	05/88/065/15300/0078/1038
Document Attacher:	HINDUSTAN
Document Staus:	Successfully Signed
Document Uploading Status :	Successful
Do You Want to Sign Another Documents ?	
<input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="No"/>	

- In case you want to attach another document click **Yes Button** and give the path of the file. Likewise repeat the above process for attaching other files.

(You can scan the document before attaching. The files with extension of type .doc,.exe,.bmp is not allowed. If the files with extension of type other than .txt,.rtf,.htm,.html is attached the following message box will appear.)



7) How will I know that my file has been digitally signed?

- When you select the Attachment of Documents Button as on the main page of any application the document to be signed appears in the list box below.
- Select the file in the list box below at the bottom.
- Click the **Show Button** when the file along with Status of Signed By, Certifying Authority, Signed Time and Document Status will appear in the tabular row at the bottom.



• Sample File Attached and Signed (Show Button)

Bank Realization Certificate

The Party is hereby issued the BEC certificate No vide Reference No dated vide application no. The user shall be solely responsible for the Certificate as per the details furnished to the banking authority. The holder of the Certificate should be accountable for carrying out financial transactions as per the Banking Act 2011 under the law of Government of India. The document is valid for the period of eighteen months from the date of issue of the certificate.

The user of the certificate shall compulsorily quote the number for the future references. In case of loss of the certificate the Bank shall issue a duplicate one after receiving the FTE copy in original. All the transactions carried out under the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. The complete format of the application has to be revised from time to time in case of any change in Registrars/ECMC details.

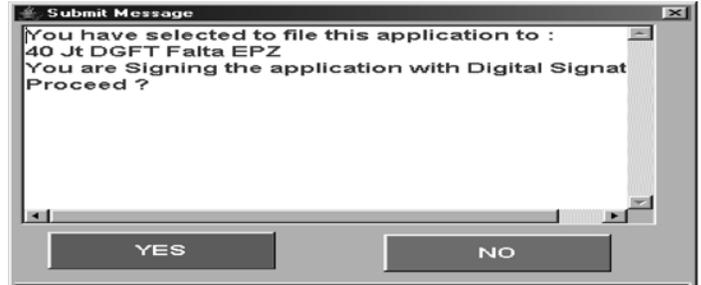
The Certificate issued to the holder is non-transferable in nature.

Signed By	Certifying Authority	Signed Time	Document Status
RAJIV NATH	Safecrypt Limited	2005-12-22 18:49:32.250001	OK

8) How will I know that my file has been successfully signed and submitted?

- Select **Submit Button** on the main dialog of the application.

- Select the **desired Office Code** from the drop down list and press OK Button. The submit message box will be displayed as below.



- Select **Yes Button** to proceed when the file will appear in a browser on a different page with Sign& Submit and Cancel Button at the bottom.
- Select **Sign&Submit Button** to submit your application when the system will check your private key (in case you are using you digital certificate) and in a new page will appear with **Application Submission Status: Successful.**
- Select **Cancel Button** if you don't want to submit your application.

9) Why am I getting the message while filing the application "Error Receiving Input"?

- Error Receiving Input Message will come due to following reasons
 - The speed of the ISP (Internet Service Provider) at your end is slow and you are not the able to establish link with our server.
 - You are working behind proxy so please ensure that LAN (Local Area Network) settings at your end should be correct.
 - Various ports are blocked on your Proxy Server (Please ensure that port 8100 is enabled).

(Clean the Cache of the browser from the Internet options of the Tools Menu. Remove temporary internet files, cookies and history items from the browser regularly).

10) I am not getting the e-commerce page for filing the application?

- It means either the internet connectivity is lost or it is the problem of your browser which should be IE6.0.
 - 1) Please ensure that your browser is Java enabled.
 - 2) Please clean the Cache of your Browser (Remove Internet Files)
 - 3) DGFT Central server is down, please try after sometime.

(Clean the Cache of the browser from the Internet options of the Tools Menu. Remove temporary internet files, cookies and history items from the browser regularly).

11) Why after logging on the DGFT application either by password or using digital certificate I am not getting any message after Ecom Reference Number is successfully created?

- It is a due to JVM (Java Virtual Machine).
 - 1) At the time of logging into the application .the Download JVM link will appear to download/ install JVM.
 - 2) From the Start →Control Panel → Add/Remove Options remove the earlier JVM. Download and install JVM from the URL <http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>. or <http://java-virtual-machine.net/download.html>.
 - 3) After installing it, please restart machine and try to run the application.

12) Why after logging into the DGFT application either by password or using digital certificate I am on same login page?

- It is due to pop-up being blocked. Enable the pop-up blocker option from the menu bar which enables the display of dialogs on your desktop.
- For Window XP/2000/2003 machine you have to disable or Turn off the popup blocker option.

- Go to Internet Explorer → Tools → popup blocker →click on Turn off pop-up blocker as appearing in the following screen.



- If the pop-up blocker is tuned on (Turn on pop-up blocker) then the pop-up blocked message will appear below the address bar .Select the option Always allow Pop-ups from the site to enable the pop-up option.



- If you are using Windows 98 then by please carry out the following steps:
 - 1) Download Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC) 2.50.4403.12. on your machine. It downloads MDAC_TYP.EXE file.
 - 2) Keep proper backup of **msado15.dll** file from C:\Program files\Common files\System\ado folder of your machine.
 - 3) Delete the file **msado15.dll** file from C:\Program files\Common files\System\ado folder of your machine.
 - 4) After Deleting the **msado15.dll** file, run the downloaded **MDAC_TYP.EXE** file on your machine by double clicking the **MDAC_TYP.EXE**.
 - 5) After installing it please restart machine and try to run the application.

Source: <http://dgftcom.nic.in/DigitalFAQ/digFAQ.htm>

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1)	Notification No. 24/2015-2020	08.08.2018	Amendment in Para 2.05 relating to Importer-Exporter Code of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020	Para 2.05 of IEC is revised and details on the procedure is shifted to para 2.08 of the Hand Book of Procedures.	http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Notification-24-8.8.18%28E%29.pdf
2)	Notification No. 22/2015-2020	26.07.2018	Amendment in Para 2.47 and Para 3.05 of Chapter-3 (Exports From India Schemes) of FTP 2015-2020.	The value limit for exports through Courier service/Post has been placed at Rs.5,00,000 and the eligibility criteria for entitlement under MEIS for courier/post exports have been increased to Rs.5,00,000 per consignment from the earlier Rs. 25,000 per consignment. The limitation on the port of exports for courier exports for the purpose of incentivisation under MEIS has been done away.	http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Notification%20No.%2022%20dt.%2026.07.2018%20English.pdf
3)	Public Notice No. 30/2015-2020	14.8.2018	Acceptance of installation certificate under EPCG Scheme by the RAs wherein installation certificate is submitted beyond 18 months, without penalty	One time relaxation and condonation of delay in submission of installation certificate to RAs under EPCG Scheme for authorizations issued upto 31.03.2015, without payment of any penalty.	http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/PUBLIC%20NOTICE%2030%20english.pdf
4)	Public Notice No. 27/2015-2020	8.8.2018	Amendment in Para 2.08 of the Handbook of Procedure (HBP) 2015-2020.	Procedure for filling online application for IEC/ modification in IEC/e-IEC is laid down. IEC will henceforth be system generated and applicant will have the facility of taking a print out of IEC. Further, requirement of Digital Signature for submitting IEC applications is done away.	http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/PN-27-8.8.18%28E%29_0.pdf
5)	Public Notice No. 25/2015-2020	27.07.2018	Amendment in Appendix 1B in HBP 2015-20.	Panipat is added to the list of Town of Export Excellence for Carpets, Other Textile Floor Coverings and Bed Linen.	http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/PN%2025%20eng.pdf
6)	Policy Circular No. 11/2015-2020	23.07.2018	Grant of Deemed Export benefits for supplies to the projects funded by Organizations such as JICA etc. under Para 8.2(d) of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2009-14.	O/o DGFT has decided to allow the refund of TED, where exemption from payment of TED under relevant excise notifications was not available, in respect of supplies made to the projects funded by JICA etc. (other than IBRD, IDA and ADB) for supplies made upto 31 st March, 2015.	http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/CIRCULAR%2011.pdf
7)	Policy Circular No. 10/2015-2020	13.07.2018	Accountability of inputs where Advance Authorisations are issued on net to net basis for parts/components	For ease of doing business and to facilitate issuance of EODC, O/o DGFT has decided that EODC shall be issued on the basis of the provisions as given in the said Circular. No. 10.	http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/10_20.pdf
8)	Trade Notice No. 23	8.8.2018	Amendment in Policy and Procedure for online IEC applications.	The policy and procedures for online IEC applications have been amended as exporters were facing problems in obtaining and modifying IEC due to, interalia, internet browser dependencies and other browser settings of digital signatures.	http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notine-23-2018-19%20dt-8.8.18.pdf

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

CBEC – CUSTOMS

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1)	Notification No. 58/2018-Cus (T)	7.8.2018	Seeks to further amend Notification No. 82/2017-customs dated 27.10.2017 to increase Ad-valorem component of BCD from 10% to 20% on 328 tariff lines of carpets, apparels and other textile products.	Basic Customs Duty (BCD) has been increased from 10% to 20% for HS 6117 under Chapter 61, and from 10% to 20% for HS codes 621390, 62143000 and 62144000.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-tarr2018/cs58-2018.pdf



2)	Notification No. 54/2018-Cus (T)	20.7.2018	Seeks to make amendments to Notification number 50/2017.	In the said notification, in the Table, the S. No. 330 and the entries relating to HS Code 6310 (All goods) thereto shall be omitted.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-tarr2018/cs54-2018.pdf;jsessionid=A4ECE179FC6D1B45356ACA9899D07705
3)	Notification No. 53/2018-Cus (T)	16.7.2018	Seeks to amend Basic Customs Duty rates on certain textile goods.	Basic Customs Duty has been amended for certain HS Codes covered under Chapters 54, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-tarr2018/cs53-2018.pdf
4)	Notification No. 74/2018-Cus (NT)	16.8.2018	Exchange Rates Notification No.74/2018-Custom (NT) dated 16.08.2018.	CBIC notifies the exchange rate of conversion of each of the foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice versa relating to import and export of goods. w.e.f. 17.08.2018.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-nt2018/csnt74-2018.pdf;jsessionid=67954B29248DC001653F109DD558B954
5)	Notification No. 73/2018-Cus (NT)	16.8.2018	Notification 73/2018-Cus (NT) notifying Customs (Finalisation of Provisional Assessment) Regulations, 2018	CBIC has notified the "Customs (Finalisation of Provisional Assessment) Regulations, 2018", in respect of the provisional assessments ordered on and after the enforcement of these regulations, including regulations on time limit and manner of submission of documents/ information, completion of provisional assessment, penalty, etc.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-nt2018/csnt73-2018.pdf;jsessionid=75624B2888198C712F8386A599A6458E
6)	Notification No. 72/2018-Cus (NT)	16.8.2018	Exchange Rates Notification No.72/2018-Custom (NT) dated 14.08.2018.	CBEC notifies the exchange rate of conversion of each of the foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice versa relating to import and export of goods. w.e.f. 15.08.2018.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-nt2018/csnt72-2018.pdf;jsessionid=89C99EBF653719EA9398F3F076B2F7B6
7)	Notification No. 69/2018-Cus (NT)	3.8.2018	Courier Imports and Exports (Electronic Declaration and Processing) Regulations, 2018	Amendments made in the Courier Imports and Exports (Electronic Declaration and Processing) Regulations, 2010.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-nt2018/csnt69-2018.pdf;jsessionid=FC920ECD1DED7573C5A1684DC88A05A6
8)	Notification No. 68/2018-Cus (NT)	3.8.2018	Courier Imports and Exports (Clearance) Amendment Regulations, 2018	Amendments made in the Courier Imports and Exports (Clearance) Regulations, 1998.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-nt2018/csnt68-2018.pdf
9)	Notification No. 67/2018-Cus (NT)	2.8.2018	Exchange Rates Notification No.67/2018-Custom(NT) dated 02.08.2018	CBEC notifies the exchange rate of conversion of each of the foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice versa relating to import and export of goods. w.e.f. 3.8.2018.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-nt2018/csnt67-2018.pdf;jsessionid=D45864ABDC4D2C415F60B120B4F071B1
10)	Notification No. 65/2018-Cus (NT)	30.7.2018	Amendment to Notification No. 38/2018-Cus (NT) dated 11.5.2018	Amendments made in the Sea cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-nt2018/csnt65-2018.pdf;jsessionid=997B10F875D9B562BE4EAE1EAD8E09CE
11)	Notification No. 64/2018-Cus (NT)	27.7.2018	Amendment of Export manifest in certain case	Amendments made in the Levy of Fees (Customs Documents) Regulations, 1970,	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-nt2018/csnt64-2018.pdf;jsessionid=8196B1218C22A17D4F5D345FDB6CD1F5
12)	Notification No. 63/2018-Cus (NT)	19.7.2018	Exchange Rates Notification No.63/2018-Custom(NT) dated 19.07.2018	CBEC notifies the exchange rate of conversion of each of the foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice versa relating to import and export of goods. w.e.f. 20.7.2018.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2018/cs-nt2018/csnt63-2018.pdf;jsessionid=E2DB130947205B8EBFA211D0EBA089BB

13)	Circular No. 27/2018	14.08.2018	Clarification regarding Bank Guarantee requirement for bond executed by Export Oriented Units (EOUs)	There is no requirement to submit a separate continuity bond by EOUs since B- 17 Bond was serving the purpose of continuity bond for EOUs.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2018/circ27-2018cs.pdf;jsessionid=96C4AD01FB31B7E8D5EFFD2D76C72946
14)	Circular No. 26/2018	10.08.2018	Simplification and rationalization of processing of AEO-T1 application	To implement the simplified processing of Authorized Economic Operator, the competent authority has prescribed some procedures.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2018/Circular_No_26-2018-Customs-updated.PDF
15)	Circular No. 24/2018	31.07.2018	Electronic sealing-deposit in and removal of goods from Customs Bonded warehouse	Amendment made in the Circular-19/2018-Customs dated 18.06.2018 by extending the date to 01.10.2018 in order to enable establishment of infrastructure and procurement of seals by warehouse owners.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2018/circ24-2018cs.pdf;jsessionid=B867F2233B0C9537A3A18986B3B078A7
16)	Circular No. 22/2018	18.07.2018	Refund of IGST on export of Goods on payment of Duty - Clarification in case of SB003 errors and extension of date in SB005 & other cases using office Interface for rectification of errors	As PAN is embedded in the GSTIN, CBIC has decided to accord similar treatment to cases already covered under Paragraph 2 of Circular No. 15/2018-Customs. The conditions prescribed in paragraph 2 of the said circular shall apply mutatis mutandis.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2018/circ22-2018cs.pdf;jsessionid=8D6D9D1DEA747C912127BAEE2E372CAD
17)	Circular No. 21/2018	18.07.2018	Refund of IGST on export of Goods on payment of duty-Setting up of Help Desks	Help Desks have been set up at the offices of FIEO and AEPC for expeditious resolution of IGST refund related issues.	http://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2018/circ21-2018cs.pdf;jsessionid=AA966A4D4EF13F5818A245C32C460443

SAHAR AIR CARGO CUSTOMS

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1)	Public Notice No. 78/2015-2020	25.06.2018	Validation of bank account details in Customs EDI systems	Procedures are prescribed for making Drawback payment completely electronic through PFMS like IGST & ROSL refund.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2018/NewDoc2018-07-23.pdf

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE

S. No	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No. 118/2018	01.08.2018	Facilitation of Self Sealed Containers	Exporters are advised to declare the seal type in the column provided in S/ bill at the time of filing of S/Bill to avail benefit of the risk management system.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2018/PN_118.pdf
2)	Public Notice No. 116/2018	02.08.2018	Procedure to be followed for obtaining unique DPD code to DPD importers	DPD importers, registered with either JNPT or any other Terminal but not registered with the Terminals should obtain registration with other Terminals and comply with other requirements like opening of PD Account etc.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2018/PN_116.pdf
3)	Public Notice No. 115/2018	02.08.2018	Operationalization of "one time default intimation" to Shipping Lines by DPD importers	DPD importers who have not submitted "one-time default intimation", should submit the same electronically.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2018/PN_115.pdf
4)	Public Notice No. 114/2018	01.08.2018	Standard Operating Procedure for movement of Domestic Containers from hinterland (ICD's) to JNPT Terminals	Standard operating procedures are prescribed in relation to movement of Domestic Containers by Rail/Road by CONCOR from its various ICD's to JNPT port terminals and vice versa.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2018/PN_114.pdf
5)	Public Notice No. 109/2018	17.07.2018	Third IGST Refund Fortnight to clear pending refunds	In order to liquidate IGST pendency, JNCH had organised third IGST refund clearance fortnight from 16.07.2018 to 30.07.2018.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2018/PN_109.pdf
6)	Public Notice No. 108/2018	11.07.2018	Monitoring of realisation of export proceeds on S/Bills on which drawback has been claimed & disbursed	In respect of 96460 shipping bills involving drawback amount of Rs. 678 crore, foreign exchange realisation is shown as pending in the RBI-BRC module for export shipments from 01.04.2014 till 31.12.2014. As per FEMA, 1999, the foreign exchange realisation should happen within 9 months from the date of export, unless the period is extended by the RBI. Beyond this period, the drawback disbursed becomes recoverable alongwith interest. The list of 96460 shipping bills, is available on the website http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in .	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2018/PN_108.pdf

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(1)	ATUFS: Guidelines as per Revised Resolution	2.8.2018	ATUFS: Guidelines as per Revised Resolution	Ministry of Textiles has issued Guidelines on the Revised Resolution of "Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS)" vide Resolution dated 2 nd August, 2018.	http://texmin.nic.in/sites/default/files/revised_atufs_guideline_02082018.pdf

GST RELATED NOTIFICATIONS

CENTRAL TAX NOTIFICATIONS

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

Notification No./ Date	Subject
34/2018-Central Tax, dt. 10-08-2018	Seeks to prescribe the due dates for filing FORM GSTR-3B for the months from July, 2018 to March, 2019
33/2018-Central Tax, dt. 10-08-2018	Seeks to prescribe the due dates for quarterly furnishing of FORM GSTR-1 for those taxpayers with aggregate turnover of upto Rs.1.5 crores for the period from July, 2018 to March, 2019
32/2018-Central Tax, dt. 10-08-2018	Seeks to prescribe the due dates for furnishing of FORM GSTR-1 for those taxpayers with aggregate turnover of more than Rs. 1.5 crores for the months from July, 2018 to March, 2019
31/2018-Central Tax, dt. 06-08-2018	Seeks to lay down the special procedure for completing migration of taxpayers who received provisional IDs but could not complete the migration process.
30/2018-Central Tax, dt. 30-07-2018	Notification issued to extend the due date for filing of FORM GSTR-6.

CENTRAL TAX (RATE) NOTIFICATIONS

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

Notification No. & Date	Subject
22/2018-Central Tax (Rate), dt. 06-08-2018	Seeks to exempt payment of tax under section 9(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 till 30.09.2019.
20/2018-Central Tax (Rate), dt. 26-07-2018	Seeks to amend Notification No 05/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dt. 28-06-2017 to give effect to the recommendations of the GST Council in it's 28th meeting held on 21.07.2018
14/2018-Central Tax (Rate), dt. 26-07-2018	Seeks to amend notification No. 12/2017- Central Tax (Rate) so as to exempt certain services as recommended by Goods and Services Tax Council in its 28th meeting held on 21.07.2018
13/2018-Central Tax (Rate), dt. 26-07-2018	Seeks to amend notification No. 11/2017- Central Tax (Rate) so as to notify CGST rates of various services as recommended by Goods and Services Tax Council in its 28th meeting held on 21.07.2018.

INTEGRATED TAX (RATE) NOTIFICATIONS

<http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/integrated-tax-rate-2017>

Notification No. & Date	Subject
23/2018-Integrated Tax (Rate) ,dt. 06-08-2018	Seeks to exempt payment of tax under section 5(4) of the IGST Act, 2017 till 30.09.2019.
22/2018-Integrated Tax (Rate), dt. 26-07-2018	Seeks to prescribe concessional IGST rate on specified handicraft items, to give effect to the recommendations of the GST Council in it's 28th meeting held on 21.07.2018
21/2018-Integrated Tax (Rate), dt. 26-07-2018	Seeks to amend Notification 05/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate),dt. 28-06-2017 to give effect to the recommendations of the GST Council in it's 28th meeting held on 21.07.2018

UNION TERRITORY TAX (RATE) NOTIFICATIONS

<http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/union-territory-tax-rate-2017>

Notification No. & Date	Subject
22/2018-Union Territory tax(rate), dt. 06-08-2018	Seeks to exempt payment of tax under section 7(4) of the UT GST Act, 2017 till 30.09.2019.
20/2018-Union Territory tax(rate), dt. 26-07-2018	Seeks to amend Notification 05/2017-Union Territory Tax (Rate),dt. 28-06-2017 to give effect to the recommendations of the GST Council in it's 28th meeting held on 21.07.2018

CIRCULARS/ ORDERS

(<http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/cgst-circ-idx-2017>)

Circular No.	Date	Subject
52/2018	9/8/2018	Circular No. 52/26/2018-GST dated 09.08.2018 i.r.o. clarification regarding applicability of GST rates on various goods and services.
50/2018	31-07-2018	Seeks to withdraw Circular No. 28/02/2018-GST dated 08.01.2018 as amended vide Corrigendum dated 18.01.2018 and Order No 02/2018-CT dated 31.03.2018 – reg.

PRESS RELEASES

Sr. No.	Name of the Ministry	Date	Subject
1)	Ministry of Textiles	09.08.2018	Schemes and Policy Initiatives for Development of Textiles and Handicrafts.
2)	Ministry of Finance	01.08.2018	Total Rs.54,378 crore of Refunds processed by the Centre and the States till 31.07.2018 under GST during the Third Refund Fortnight.
3)	Ministry of Finance	21.07.2018	(a) Recommendations made during the 28 th meeting of the GST Council held in New Delhi on 21 st 2018 (b) Amendments to the CGST Act, 2017, IGST Act, 2017, UTGST Act2017, and GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017.
4)	Ministry of Finance	21.07.2018	GST Council recommends for allowing refund to fabrics on account of inverted duty structure & Rate change made in respect of Chenille fabrics and other fabrics under heading 5801.
5)	Ministry of Finance	21.07.2018	GST council approves Simplified GST Return.
6)	Ministry of Finance	21.07.2018	Recommendations on opening of migration window for tax payers till 31 st August, 2018.
7)	Ministry of Finance	16.07.2018	CBIC to observe Third Refund Fortnight to clear pending refunds regarding IGST, ITC and any other refunds.

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A Tribute to our Past Chairman, Dr. Vinod Kumar Ladia (December 2010 to December 2012)

Dr. Vinod Kumar Ladia was born in Amritsar in the year 1945. A graduate from Textile Institute of Technology, Dr. Ladia also holds a post graduate diploma in Business Management (MBA) from the prestigious Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. Starting his career in the year 1968 as an officer on special duty with M/s. J. K. Synthetics, Kota he was subsequently the in charge of all commercial activities of the J. K. Group including nylon, polyester, polyester staple fibre and tyre cord business. Gaining considerable knowledge and experience Dr. Ladia then founded his own company Shree Rajasthan Syntex Limited in Udaipur. Today the SRSL group is a leading supplier of polyester-viscose yarn besides being the largest exporter of polypropylene yarn in India.

Dr. Ladia was associated with the Council as the Vice Chairman for two years before taking charge as the Chairman in December 2010 and was a member of the Committee of Administration for a long time prior to that. As a Vice Chairman he was actively involved in the activities of the Council presiding over the Seminar on “Export Potential of Man-made Fibre knitted fabrics and garments” held in Ludhiana in December 2009, this was because of his closeness and understanding of the Northern region having been born in Amritsar. In October 2009 Council was chosen by the Government to organize exclusive Exhibitions in Riyadh & Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on the occasion of the Indo-Saudi Joint Commission Meeting held in Saudi Arabia during October-November 2009. Dr. Ladia represented the Council at these Exhibitions. He also attended the Indo Saudi Joint Commission Meeting addressed by the then Hon’ble Union Minister of Finance, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. Incidentally the Exhibition in Riyadh was jointly inaugurated by Shri Pranab Mukherjee.

During his tenure the Council organized exclusive Exhibitions in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Colombia and Ecuador and participated in international Exhibitions held in France, Bangladesh and Russia. Realising the immense potential of the Philippines market, a first ever exclusive Exhibition was organized in Manila during May 2012. But two of the main events held during his tenure which made a major impact on the image of the Council and the MMF textile industry were the INTEXPO Malaysia, the biggest ever exposition of the Indian textile and clothing in the ASEAN region which was held at MATRADE Exhibition and Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during 22nd-24th November 2011. The event organized on the context of the Comprehensive Economic Co-operation Agreement (CECA) between India and Malaysia was a success and paved the way for strengthening Indo-Malaysian trade ties especially in the field of MMF textiles. The event also helped in boosting Indian textile and clothing items to Malaysia and the neighbouring ASEAN Region. The other event was the first ever Exhibition in Pakistan held during 30th November to 3rd December 2012. The Exhibitions held in Karachi and Lahore received overwhelming response from the Pakistani textile manufacturers. The Exhibitions helped in breaking the ground with Pakistani textile and trading community. During the Exhibitions, MoUs were signed with the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) and Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) to facilitate members of respective trade organizations for the promotion of mutual relations and dissemination of trade related information. The Exhibitions in Pakistan have definitely helped in improving trade ties with Pakistan especially in the field of MMF textiles.

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MMF textile industry poised to scale new heights

By Shri Anil Gupta, CMD, Wellknown Polyesters Ltd.

Textile sector in India has an enormous potential for growth and jobs creation. Realizing its importance, government has accorded a priority status to this sector. Major policy initiatives have been taken by the government over a period of past two years aimed at simplification of tax structure; promote ease of doing business and bringing in more transparency in the business.

Whenever reforms of this scale are undertaken, inevitably it entails some pain during the period of transition. Moreover some loose ends are left inadvertently which impacts the business. But what is heartening to see is that government has been rather swift in taking necessary action to tie up those loose ends.

Allowing refund of unutilized ITC to the fabric manufacturers virtually means fiber neutrality which was a longstanding demand of the industry. This will bring down the cost of production of manmade fabrics /blended fabrics and improve the competitiveness in the international market.

Similarly recently import duty on fabric has been raised from 10 to 20% which will significantly curb the import of cheaper fabric from China. As a matter of fact, china has a surplus not only in fabric but in the fiber and filament as well. China has a capacity of over 45MMTA of polyester fiber and filament yarn whereas India has a capacity of less than 4.5 MMTA.

In order to fully utilize our own polyester capacity and encourage fresh investment, we also need to raise import duty on polyester fiber and filaments from existing 5% to 10%. This will increase the competitiveness of domestic industry, curb import and promote further investment.

Similarly there are a few more areas which call for an attention of the policy makers. Inverted GST structure in the textile chain is causing much hardship to the industry. Funds get unnecessarily blocked due to unutilized ITC affecting the cash flow of the manufacturers. GST on PTA and MEG which are the raw material for polyester filament & Yarn is 18%. GST on Fiber & filament yarn which are the raw material for fabric is 12% & 18% whereas on fabric it is 5%. This needs to be rationalized. There is no revenue loss to the government by doing so.

MEIS is available on export of FDY but there is no such incentive applicable on the export of other similar polyester products viz. POY, PTY & PSF which are also used for the similar textile application.

Government has set an ambitious target of growing textile sector from an existing size of \$110 billion to \$350 billion by 2025. In order to achieve the same, we have a dual challenge of protecting the domestic industry from the import of large surpluses available in China on one hand and creating a right domestic environment to encourage fresh investment in synthetic textiles sector on the other hand. We need to plug cheaper import by any mean if our own capacities are underutilized. This is necessary for encouraging fresh investment. Today we have an import of about 80000mt /annum of Polyester Fibre (PSF) while our own capacity remains unutilized. There is a case for levying anti-dumping duty to prevent inflow of cheaper imports of PSF at dumped price.

In order to fast track the growth of textile sector and realize its full potential, a focused approach is required to ensure that :

- ✓ The right fiscal policies are in place ,
- ✓ Industry's genuine problems requiring policy intervention are promptly addressed.
- ✓ An adequate precaution is taken while reviewing the FTAs so as to safeguard the Indian industry from cheaper imports.

With the support of the government, textile industry will be soon on a high growth path.



GDJD EXPORTS, CHENNAI

In 1990, Mr. Bharat Kumar K Shah founded GDJD Exports with a singular objective of exporting high quality yarns and fabrics sourced from India. The company started its first export operations with the European markets and later expanded to North American markets. In a short span of 5 years, GDJD had expanded operations to 10 countries and 3 continents. Today, after almost 3 decades of establishment, GDJD's operations are spread across 45 countries and 5 continents.

Under the vision and leadership of Mr. Bharat Kumar K Shah, GDJD Exports is now a 'Two Star Export House' and has grown to offer a wide range of fibres, synthetic & blended yarns, fabrics spanning multiple textures, materials and functions and technical textile products from not only India but from other countries too.

This success is attributed to GDJD's unwavering adherence to the principles of integrity, striving for perfection, consistency of quality and remaining fiercely competitive. Led by a passionate management team – the right mix of youth and experience, GDJD is now among the top best yarn export-trading companies from India.

From a modest revenue of USD 1 Million in late 1990s to USD 50 Million in 2017, GDJD has survived economic downturns, political unrest and shaky economies to always come out on top. GDJD has been conferred many awards from Chamber of Commerce, Export Promotion Councils and recently by SRTEPC - Certificate of Merit for 100% increase in Yarn export in 2017.

Over the years, GDJD has spread its roots deep into the trading ecosystem, gathering invaluable experience and forging lasting relationships across the globe. They are now gearing up to execute their vision of becoming India's best trading company, by a team of driven young individuals led by Mr. Tapan Shah. They are right on course to becoming an MNC in the coming years with a world class brand, and will leave no stone unturned in creating a lasting legacy.



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Dr Ladia has also been the President of Indian Spinners' Association and the former Chairman of Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) and Rajasthan Textile Mills Association. His role in the Indian MMF textile industry has been noteworthy having played a significant role in formulating the TUFs keeping in mind spinning, weaving and processing of MMF spun yarn. He has also been instrumental in getting exemption route of Central Excise on MMF spun yarn and fabrics equivalent to the exemption route given to cotton products. For his outstanding contribution to the Indian MMF textile industry Dr. Ladia was honoured with the Life Time Achievement Award at the Export Award Function held on 27th January 2017.

An astute businessman, Dr. Ladia understands the pulse of the textile trade which has catapulted the SRSL Group as a leading supplier of polyester-viscose yarn apart from being largest exporter of polypropylene yarn from the country. Dr . Ladia has now moved on to philanthropy and is actively involved in the activities of Lions Club. Recently he was elected as the Director of the Lions International which is creditable.



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All about ICEGATE

What is ICEGATE?

- ICEGATE or the Indian Customs Electronic Commerce/ Electronic Data interchange (EC/EDI) Gateway is a portal/ website that provides e-filing services to the trade & cargo carriers and other clients of Customs Department (collectively called Trading Partner).
- An infrastructure project that fulfills the department's EC/ EDI and data communication requirements. At present, about 24,000 users are registered with ICEGATE who are serving about 6.72 lakhs importers/ exporters.
- Links about 15 broad types partners with Customs EDI through message exchanges enabling faster Customs clearance and in turn facilitating EXIM Trade.

Facilities offered by ICEGATE

- Electronic filing of (a) Bill of Entry (import goods declaration) (b) Shipping Bills (export goods declaration) and (c) related electronic messages between Customs & the Trading Partners using communication facilities (E-mail, Web-upload & FTP) using the communication protocols commonly used on the internet.
- Airlines/ Shipping agents can file manifests through the internet, while the custodians & cargo logistics operators interact with Customs EDI through ICEGATE for cargo logistics and related information.
- Data is exchanged between Customs and the various regulatory & licensing agencies such as DGFT, RBI, Ministry of Steel and DGCIS through ICEGATE.
- The National Import Database (NIDB) and Export Commodity Database (ECDB) for Directorate of valuation are also being serviced through ICEGATE.
- All electronic documents/ messages being handled by the ICEGATE are processed at the Customs' end by the Indian Customs EDI System (ICES), which is running at 134 customs locations.

Project Expansion

CBIC has embarked upon Centralization of its infrastructure and all customs locations have been shifted to centralized infrastructure hosted at Data Centre by linking them through Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) based Wide Area Network (WAN).

Other Facilities

(a) e-filing (b) e-payment (c) on-line registration for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) (d) Document Tracking status at Customs EDI (e) online verification of DEPB/ DES/ EPCG licences (f) IE code status (g) PAN based CHA data (h) links to various other important websites/information pertaining to the Customs business (i) 24X7 helpdesk facility for its trading partners and (j) to ensure secure filing, it is proposed to use digital signatures on the Bill of Entry

and other documents/ messages to be handled on the gateway.

ICEGATE- Quick Help

(1) To know the current status of a document filed in the last 24 hours on ICEGATE.

- ✓ Login to ICEGATE using your login credentials.
- ✓ Click on 'Job Status' link on the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Select the appropriate document type for which you wish to view the status from the menu on the left.

♣ For Bill of Entry:

- Click on 'Bill of Entry (BE) (24 Hrs.)' & select the appropriate Location from the drop down.
- Submit the details.
- View details of all BEs filed from the selected Location in the last 24 hours. These details include Job No., Job Date, Customs Location name along with details of the various stages of the BE.

♣ For Shipping Bill:

- Click on 'Shipping Bill (SB) (24 Hrs.)' & select the appropriate Location from the drop down.
- Submit the details
- View details of all SBs filed from the selected Location in the last 24 hours. These details include Job No., Job Date, Customs Location name along with details of the various stages of the SB.

♣ For Air- Import General Manifest (IGM):

- Click on 'AIR IGM (24 Hrs.)' and select the appropriate Location from the drop down.
- Submit the details.
- View details of all AIR IGMs filed from the selected Location in the last 24 hours.

♣ For Air- Export General Manifest (EGM):

- Click on 'AIR EGM (24 Hrs.)' and select the appropriate Location from the drop down
- Submit the details
- View details of all AIR EGMs filed from the selected Location in the last 24 hours.

♣ For Sea- IGM:

- Click on 'SEA IGM (24 Hrs.)' and select the appropriate Location from the drop down.
- Submit the details.

- View details of all SEA IGMs filed from the selected Location in the last 24 hours.

♣ **For Sea- EGM:**

- Click on 'SEA EGM (24 Hrs.)' and select the appropriate Location from the drop down.
- Submit the details.
- View details of all SEA EGMs filed from the selected Location in the last 24 hours.

(2) To know drawback status against IEC.

- ✓ Navigate to 'Services' tab and select your user type.
- ✓ Select Drawback Enquiry from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Enter IEC code, PAN Number, Location and required date range in the form displayed.
- ✓ Submit the details to view your drawback status by selecting the appropriate button – 'Drawback Pending Status' or 'Drawback Sanctioned Status'.
- ✓ If your drawback details are not available on 'Drawback Pending Status', then your drawback amount has been sanctioned by the bank and you can view the status by clicking on 'Drawback Sanctioned Status' button.
- ✓ In case your drawback against a SB is pending, 'Drawback Pending Status' will view the current queue of the SB and help understand the current status.
- ✓ In case your drawback against a SB is sanctioned, 'Drawback Sanctioned Status' will view details including Scroll number, date and the amount of drawback sanctioned.

(3) To know status of ROSL against a particular IEC Number.

- ✓ Navigate to 'Services' tab and select your user type.
- ✓ Select 'ROSL Sanctioned Status' from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Enter IEC Code, PAN Number, Location Name and select appropriate date range, in the form displayed.
- ✓ Click on 'ROSL Sanctioned Status'.
- ✓ A list of Shipping Bills will be displayed along with the corresponding ROSL scroll details and amounts.
- ✓ This report can be printed and even be downloaded in Excel format.
- ✓ **Note: In case a SB No. is not visible on the 'ROSL Sanctioned Status' enquiry, the ROSL for the same has not yet been sanctioned. So, please check back again.**

(4) To track the status of IE Code registration at DGFT's end.

- ✓ Please visit DGFT website to confirm the status of your

IE Code registration.

- ✓ To check the same via ICEGATE portal, navigate to 'Services' tab and select your user type.
- ✓ Select 'Check IE Code/BIN Status' service from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Click on 'IE Code@DGFT' button in section 1 of the form to check whether your IE code has reached DGFT headquarters and the correctness of your IE code details.
- ✓ By clicking on this, you will be redirected to DGFT's website.

(5) Procedure to check status and correctness of your IE Code at Customs.

- ✓ Navigate to 'Services' tab on ICEGATE portal and select your user type.
- ✓ Select 'Check IE Code/BIN Status' service from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ In section 2 of the form, enter the IE code and click on 'IECode@ICEGATE' button.
- ✓ An IEC Enquiry Form will be presented displaying details of the IEC along with details of its branches.
- ✓ The table containing IEC details would also contain the current status of the IEC. The current status can be any one of the following. Significance of each of them is described alongside:
 - 0 – Normal IEC,
 - 1 – IEC Blacklisted,
 - 2 – IEC Suspended,
 - 3 – IEC Cancelled,
 - 4 – IEC Cleared from Blacklist,
 - 7 – Revoke Suspension of IEC,
 - 8 – Revoke Cancellation of IEC,
 - 9 – Amended IEC
- ✓ Users can verify your IEC details using this enquiry

(6) To check the summary of Shipping Bills (SBs) for a particular IEC on ICEGATE.

- ✓ Navigate to 'Services' tab and select your user type.
- ✓ Select 'IEC Wise Summary Report' service from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Enter IEC No., PAN No. and select appropriate date range, in the form displayed.
- ✓ Enter valid date range (Date range of more than one month will not be permitted).
- ✓ In order to view the summary of Shipping Bills, Click on 'Shipping Bill Summary' button.

- ✓ The report displayed contains details all SBs, their details and Current Status.
- ✓ This report can be printed and is also downloadable in Excel format.

(7) To check the summary of Bill of Entry (BE) for a particular IEC on ICEGATE.

- ✓ Navigate to 'Services' tab and select your user type.
- ✓ Select 'IEC Wise Summary Report' service from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Enter IEC No., PAN No. and select appropriate date range, in the form displayed.
- ✓ Enter valid date range (Date range of more than one month will not be permitted).
- ✓ In order to view the summary of BE, Click on 'Bills of Entry Summary' button.
- ✓ The report displayed contains details all BEs, their details and Payment Status.
- ✓ This report can be printed and is also downloadable in Excel format.

(8) To check the status of all the Shipping Bill documents filed at ICEGATE against a particular PAN Number.

- ✓ Login to ICEGATE website using your login credentials.
- ✓ Click on 'CB Wise Daily Summary' link from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Now click on 'Shipping Bill' link and enter the PAN No.
- ✓ Click on 'Click Here' link to view summary of all Shipping Bills filed at ICEGATE against a particular PAN No.

(9) To check status of all the Bill of Entry documents filed at ICEGATE against a particular PAN Number.

- ✓ Login to ICEGATE website using your login credentials.
- ✓ Click on 'CB Wise Daily Summary' link from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Now click on 'Bill of Entry' link and enter the PAN No.
- ✓ Click on 'Click Here' link to view summary of Bill of Entry filed at ICEGATE against a particular PAN No.

(10) To check if a license has been received from DGFT at Customs

- ✓ Navigate to 'Services' tab and select your user type.
- ✓ Select 'License received from DGFT' service from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ **Click on 'IEC Based' in the left menu if you wish to check the status against a particular IEC No.**
- ✓ Select Location from the drop down and enter the IEC No.

- Enter valid date range (Date range of more than one year will not be permitted).
- Click on Search button to view the status of your License.
- It will display the License Number, its corresponding Scheme Code, License Date and Status (fresh or amended license) along with Date of Integration at ICEGATE and Error Code.
- To understand the significance of the displayed Error Code on the enquiry, click on 'Click Here to view error code list' link.

✓ **Click on 'License Based' in the left menu if you wish to check the status against a particular License No.**

- Enter the Licence No. and valid date range (Date range of more than one year will not be permitted). Click on Search button to view the status of your License.
- It will display the License Number, its corresponding Scheme Code, License Date and Status (fresh or amended license) along with Date of Integration at ICEGATE and Error Code.
- To understand the significance of the displayed Error Code on the enquiry, click on 'Click Here to view error code list' link.

(11) Procedure to track month-wise drawback scrolls on ICEGATE website.

- ✓ Navigate to 'Services' tab and select your user type.
- ✓ Select Month Wise DBK Scroll service from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Select the Location, Month and Year of which you want to view the scroll details, from the drop down menu on the form and click on search button.
- ✓ You can view a complete list of scrolls generated with the scroll no., Generation Date and count of SBs contained, against the selected Location, for the selected month and year.
- ✓ This report can be printed and is also downloadable in PDF format.

(12) To check status of Public Rotation No. on ICEGATE.

- ✓ Navigate to 'Services' tab and select your user type.
- ✓ Select Public Rotation No Enquiry from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Enter International Maritime Organization (IMO) No. and Shipping Line Code in the form displayed.
- ✓ Press the submit button to generate the report.
- ✓ The report displays a list of Rotation Numbers, along with their dates, IMO Code, Shipping Line Code and

corresponding Error Code.

(13) To check the status of my challan on ICEGATE.

- ✓ Click on 'Public Enquiries' button on ICEGATE home page.
- ✓ Select 'Challan Enquiry' from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Enter all mandatory details including your Challan No., BE No. and BE date in the Search form. Press the submit button to view your challan status.
- ✓ This enquiry will display details of the Challan No. entered along with corresponding error codes.
- ✓ The error code can be any one of the following. Significance of each of them is given alongside:
 - Error Code 00 – Payment has been done successfully.
 - Error Code 02 – One of the payments made has already been updated.
 - Error Code 03 / 04 / 11 – Kindly contact ICEGATE Helpdesk Team

(14) To check list of challans against my IEC.

- ✓ On the ICEGATE portal, click on E-Payment link on homepage.
- ✓ Enter your details: Document type, Location and IEC Number.
- ✓ ICEGATE Custom E-Payment Gateway page will be displayed.
- ✓ Here you can view list of unpaid challans for your IEC number and corresponding Location entered.
- ✓ You can also view pending transactions by clicking on 'Incomplete Transactions' link available in the left menu.
- ✓ To view your current transactions, click on 'Transaction Summary' link available in the left menu.
- ✓ To view your transactions date and location wise, click on 'Transaction Report' link available in the left menu.

(15) Steps to be followed in case you have received the Bill of Entry (BE) First Print, but challan details are not available at:

a) ICEGATE Website

- ✓ You can check / view your challan details on ICEGATE website by following the below procedure:
- ✓ Navigate to 'Services' tab and select your user type.
- ✓ Click on 'Document Status' enquiry and then select 'Bill OF Entry' from the left menu of

available services.

- ✓ Enter your BE No. & date and Location (All fields are mandatory).
- ✓ Press the Submit button.
- ✓ The enquiry will display details of the requested BE, its Current Status and Payment Details in different sections.
- ✓ You can view your challan details under Payment Details section.

b) Bank

- ✓ In case of challan payment at the authorized bank branch, please contact your respective Customs Location.
- ✓ If the Challan is not reflecting at the Bank or at ICEGATE E-payment, please contact ICEGATE HELPDESK, please contact the ICEGATE helpdesk team.

(16) To know the status of documents filed at ICEGATE against a particular Location and Document Number.

- ✓ Click on 'Public Enquiries' button on ICEGATE home page.
- ✓ Select 'Document Status' from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ On the 'Document Status' page, select the appropriate document type for which you wish to view the status from the menu on the left.

♣ For Bill of Entry:

- ✓ Click on 'Bill of Entry' and fill in BE No. and BE date on the form. Select the appropriate Location from the drop down.
- ✓ Submit the details.
- ✓ You can view your current BE document status or BE No., Drawback details, ROSL details and status of NOC received from other government agencies.
- ✓ If you have not received any acknowledgment for more than 2 hours, then kindly contact ICEGATE Helpdesk team.

♣ For Shipping Bill:

- ✓ Click on 'Shipping Bill' and fill in SB No. and SB date. Select the appropriate Location from the drop down.
- ✓ Submit the details.
- ✓ You can now view your SB details, Item wise reward details, current status, EGM status, Drawback Query details, ROSL details and

status of NOC received from other government agencies.

♣ **For AIR IGM:**

- ✓ Click on AIR IGM and fill in Master Bill No. Select the appropriate Location from the drop down.
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- ✓ The Error Code displayed on the enquiry can be any one of the following. Significance of eachØ is mentioned alongside:
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- Error Code 42 – Invalid Shipping Line Code
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- Error Code 44 – Error in File
- Error Code 45 – Error in File
- Error Code 46 – Error in File
- Error Code 100 – Container Record Transfer Failed
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- Error Code 102 – Container Already Exists

♣ **For SEZ BE Acknowledgment status:**

- ✓ Click on SEZ BE Ack status and fill in Bill of Entry No. and Date.
- ✓ Select the appropriate Location from the drop down.
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♣ **For SEZ SB Acknowledgment status:**

- ✓ Click on SEZ SB Ack status and fill in Shipping Bill No. and Date.
- ✓ Select the appropriate Location from the drop down.
- ✓ Submit the details.
- ✓ The Error Code displayed on the enquiry can be any one of the following. Significance of each is mentioned alongside:
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♣ **For other government Agencies/ Single Window:**

- ✓ Click on other Govt. Agencies.
- ✓ To know BE Acknowledgment status or Release Order status, click on the appropriate linkØ and

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- ✓ Select Location and Agency from the drop down provided.
- ✓ Submit the details.
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(17) To search for the current status of my Shipping Bill on ICEGATE, in case Shipping Bill is not visible / integrated at DGFT's end.

- ✓ Click on 'Public Enquiries' button on ICEGATE home page.
- ✓ Select 'DGFT Shipping Bill Integration Status' from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Select the criteria to search for the required Shipping Bill status from the left menu.
- ✓ Select 'Search by Shipping Bill No.' if you wish to search for one SB.
- ✓ Select 'Search by Shipping Bill Date Range' if you wish to search for all SBs in a particular time interval.

♣ **Searching by Shipping Bill Number.**

- ✓ Enter the SB No. and SB Date. Select the corresponding Location from the drop down menu.
- ✓ Once you submit the details, you can view you the details of the SB, corresponding Export General Manifest (EGM) date along with the integration status of the SB displayed as the Error Code.
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 - Error Code 9 – Table could not be added due to duplicate record
 - Error Code 10 – Data Error in some other related table
 - Error Code 16 – Parent record missing
 - Error Code 21 – Invalid LEO / LEO less than SB date
 - Error Code 23 – FOB value in INR is missing or invalid

♣ **Searching by Shipping Bill Date Range**

- ✓ Enter the IEC code, Start and End Date for the Date Range
- ✓ Once you submit the details, you can view you the details of all the SBs filed by the particular IEC for all locations, their corresponding Export

General Manifest (EGM) dates along with the integration status of the SB displayed as the Error Code.

- ✓ The Error Code displayed on the enquiry can be any one of the following. Significance of each is mentioned alongside:
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 - Error Code 21 – Invalid LEO / LEO less than SB date
 - Error Code 23 – FOB value in INR is missing or invalid

(18) To search for the status of my Shipping Bill on ICEGATE, in case Shipping Bill is not available at RBI.

- ✓ Click on 'Public Enquiries' button on ICEGATE home page.
- ✓ Select 'Status of SB in RBI – EDPMS' service from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Enter Shipping Bill No. and Shipping Bill Date. Select the corresponding Location from the drop down menu.
- ✓ Submit the details.
- ✓ You can now view details of the SB along with date of transmission to EDPMS.

(19) To search for the status of my Bill of Entry (BE) on ICEGATE, in case BE is not available at RBI.

- ✓ Click on 'Public Enquiries' button on ICEGATE home page.
- ✓ Select 'Status of BE in RBI – IDPMS' service from the left menu of available services.
- ✓ Enter BE No. & Date.
- ✓ Select the corresponding Location from the drop down menu.
- ✓ Submit the details.
- ✓ You can view details of the BE along with date of transmission to IDPMS.

Note: For any errors while fetching the details / issues/ questions, please contact ICEGATE helpdesk team via Toll Free No. 1800-3010-1000 or write an email to icegatehelpdesk@icegate.gov.in.

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Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

(April-June 2018-19)

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in the month of June 2018 was higher by 7.0% over the index of June 2017.
- The cumulative overall growth of IIP during April-June 2018-19 registered a growth of 5.2% as compared to the same period of the previous year.
- **The Index of Industrial Production for the month of June 2018 for the Textiles Sector declined by 0.8 % as compared to June 2017. There has been a cumulative fall of 0.4% in Textiles Sector during April-June 2018-19 over the corresponding period of 2017-18.**
- The Index of Industrial Production for wearing apparel for June 2018 increased 4.4% and a fall of 4.9% during the period April-June 2018-19 over the corresponding period of the previous year.
- The Index of overall Industrial Production for the manufacturing sector has increased by 6.9% during the month of June 2018 while there was a cumulative growth of 5.2% during the period of April-June 2018-19 over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The Statement below gives the Quick Estimates of growth rate of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) at 2 digit level of the National Industrial Classification (NIC-2008) for the period of April-June 2018-19, along with the cumulative growth rates over corresponding period of the previous year:

Industry code	Description	Percentage growth				
		May 2018	June 2017	June 2018	Apr-June 2017-18	Apr-June 2018-19
13	Textiles	-0.5	-3.3	-0.8	-1.7	-0.4
14	Wearing apparel	-12.8	-12.8	4.4	-2.2	-4.9
10-32	Manufacturing	2.8	2.8	6.9	1.8	5.2
	General	3.2	3.2	7.0	2.0	5.2

Source : Ministry of Statistics & Programme (MOSPI) www.mospi.nic.in

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SRTEPC organizes participation in Hong Kong Fashion Week

to give representatives of participating member-companies information about the arrangements about the HFW, besides allocating booths among participants based on 'draw of lots'. All representatives were provided assistance to obtain their "Pre Arrival Registration" (PAR) Online, which is used as "visa" for entering into Hong Kong by Indians. Participants were given a reference list of different categories of hotels to enable them to book accommodation in hotels of their choice. They were also given a specially compiled "Dossier on Hong Kong" --- providing the "Floor Plan" for Indian participants, market information along with a data-base of prospective Buyers in Hong Kong. All these services offered by the Council were meant to enable the member-participants for ensuring their effective participation in HFW, and to help them concentrate on the main task of discussing business with their visiting customers. Prior to the inauguration of SRTEPC Booths at "India Pavilion", Shri Narayan Singh, Consul of the Indian Consulate in Hong Kong briefed the SRTEPC participants about the Hong Kong market and strategies for doing business with them.

Hong Kong Fashion Week (Spring/Summer) – A One-stop Trading Platform to create new business opportunities: Based on the inputs provided by the Organizers, the 25th Hong Kong Fashion Week for Spring / Summer attracted around 10,000 buyers from 65 Countries including Canada, US, UK, Spain, France, Italy, Netherland, Australia, Taiwan, Korea, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Russia. Around 15 Fashion Events, including Fashion Shows, Trend Forecasting and Fashion Tech Seminar, Buyers Forum and a Networking Reception were held during the Fair to generate business opportunities for Industry-Professionals.

To cater to the demand for sourcing in small amounts, HFW once again set up the hktcdc.com "Small Orders Zone" - featuring nearly 100 showcases and garment racks with close to 300 products, which are available for orders in minimum quantities of between 5 and 1,000 pieces. During the 4 day event, 2,700 buyers visited the zone, and 6,000 connections were established.

Hong Kong- a huge potential Market for exports of Indian Textiles & Clothing Products: Hong Kong's Textiles market has become the "World's Trading Hub". Moreover, Hong Kong is unrivalled as the

"Gateway to the vast market of the Chinese mainland". Hong Kong's Textile Industry has a modern Garment Sector. Chinese mainland continues to be a driving force for Hong Kong's Fashion Industry. The mainland consumers generally find Hong Kong clothing brands trendsetting, fashionable and tasteful. They are willing to pay an average premium of 36% to purchase Hong Kong branded apparels. Textile Industry of Hong Kong serves not only the local clothing manufacturers, but also those on the Chinese mainland and other offshore production bases. Capitalizing on the long experience in the manufacture of textiles, many Hong Kong companies are also engaged in textile trading. Hong Kong's Textile Industry is reputed as a supplier of quality dyed and printed fabrics. It is also strong in cotton spinning, denim weaving, knit-to- shape panel knitting and fine-gauge cotton knit manufacturing. Asia is the leading market for textiles from Hong Kong—accounting for 93% of the total textile export. Of the top 10 destinations for textiles exported from Hong Kong, 9 of them are in Asia with the Chinese mainland being the predominant export market.

Highlights of Textile Industry in Hong Kong:

- The Textiles Industry in Hong Kong is the major export earners.
- Hong Kong's Textiles Industry is well positioned to serve both local and overseas clothing manufacturers and merchandisers.
- The Textile Industry - comprising spinning, weaving, knitting and finishing of fabrics – had a total of 446 manufacturing establishments as of March 2017, employing 2,569 workers or 2.7% of the local manufacturing workforce.
- Hong Kong is the world's freest economy. It is the world's most service-oriented economy with service sectors - accounting for more than 90% of GDP. According to the World Trade Organization (WTO), Hong Kong is the world's 7th largest exporter of merchandise trade and the world's 15th largest exporter of commercial services in 2017.
- Main products Hong Kong exported to the World in 2017 were knitted or crocheted fabrics, textile yarns, woven fabrics, textile made-up, floor coverings and finishing accessories etc.
- India's main competitors in this market are China, Italy, Republic of Korea, Japan, Vietnam, USA and Thailand etc.

CEPA Provisions: On 18th October 2005, the mainland and Hong Kong agreed to further liberalize the mainland market for Hong Kong companies under the third phase of the Mainland and Hong Kong “Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement” (CEPA III). Under CEPA III, the mainland agreed to give all products of Hong Kong origin, including textiles, tariff-free treatment starting from 1st January 2006. According to the stipulated procedures, products, which have no existing CEPA rules of origin, will enjoy tariff-free treatment upon applications by local manufacturers and upon the CEPA rule of origins being agreed and met. But non-Hong Kong made textile products will remain subject to average tariff rates of 10-25% when entering the mainland

General trade measures affecting exports of textiles : Despite the elimination of textile quotas among WTO members in 2005, the US and EU had subsequently imposed safeguard measures against imports from the Chinese mainland. Starting 1st January 2009, however, textile and clothing products originating in China no longer require any import licence or surveillance document before entering the EU. Meanwhile, textile and clothing shipments to the US made on or after 1st January 2009 are no longer subject to any quotas.

Product Trends: Among various kinds of fibres, the Hong Kong Textile Economy is predominantly cotton based, but in recent times, demand for manmade fibre textiles in the country is increasingly growing.

- Imports of Textile & Clothing by Hong Kong from the world were around US\$ 19 billion during 2017.
- India’s share in total imports of Textile & Clothing of Hong Kong is 0.70%, worth US\$ 132.19 million in 2017.
- Textile imports of Hong Kong from the world account for nearly 36% (US\$ 6.78 billion) of its total T&C imports.
- Clothing imports of Hong Kong from the world account for nearly 62% (US\$ 11.68 billion) of its total T&C imports.
- Imports of Made-ups from the world reached over US\$ 333 million with a share of nearly 2%.
- Hong Kong’s total imports of MMF textiles from the world during 2017 stood at US\$ 4.69 billion, of which India’s share was only US\$ 7.01 Million (0.14%).

- Hence, there is tremendous scope to increase India’s exports to Hong Kong and increase our existing market share.

Exports of MMF textiles from India to Hong Kong during last 5 years

Value in USD Mn

Year	Fabrics	Made-up	Yarn	Fibre	Total	%Gr/Dec
2012-2013	7.71	10.61	2.66	0.00	20.98	16.30
2013-2014	7.52	12.50	2.26	0.09	23.87	13.78
2014-2015	6.35	6.25	2.87	1.56	17.03	-28.66
2015-2016	5.96	3.09	2.11	1.03	12.19	-28.42
2016-2017	6.77	3.17	1.43	0.73	12.10	-0.74
2017-2018	5.63	3.44	1.14	0.00	10.21	-15.61

Source: MOC

India’s main Items of export to Hong Kong during 2017-18

- Fabrics : Synthetic Filament Fabrics, Polyester Viscose Fabrics, Polyester Wool Fabrics, Polyester Cotton Fabrics
- Yarn : Polyester Textured Yarn, Polyester Cotton Spun Yarn, Sewing Threads
- Made-ups : Motifs, Shawls/Scarves, Dress Material, Handkerchief, Dish-cloths/dusters
- Fibre : Viscose Staple Fibre

Conclusion: The global economy is now facing significant challenge under the impact of the Sino-US Trade friction. Its impact was also felt on the overall outcome of the recently concluded Hong Kong Fashion Week. Since many big customers / buyers could not effectively execute their plan for procuring their requirements of textiles / clothing due to uncertain trading conditions / environments in the world market, many leading suppliers of textiles , who showcased their products with the hope of firming – up big deals of textiles, could not meet their prospective discerning customers for discussing business.

Nevertheless, participation in Hong Kong Fashion Week has gone a long way in improving the image of Indian Synthetic Textile Industry in helping Indian exporters in establishing contacts with visiting buyers and garnering supports and assistance of apex organizations of industry and trade. It is, therefore, hoped that the participation in the Fair will help immensely in giving a big boost to the current exports of Indian Synthetic & Rayon Textiles to Hong Kong in the near future.

Buyers at various booths of member companies



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Meeting of the High Level Drawback Committee with SRTEPC members to discuss the Proposals for All Industry Rates of Duty Drawback for MMF Textile Products

lines etc.

The Chairman also informed that exports of Indian MMF textiles during the first three quarters of 2017-18 had shown a decline across the segments of fabrics, madeups and fibre. But the exports of yarns had picked up. The Chairman informed that the decline in these segments will create a shortfall in the achievement of the export target fixed for the year by the Government for the Council.

He further said that the United States overtook UAE as the main export market for India last year, underscoring how the world's No. 2 economy is growing its influence in India. UAE was the top buyer of Indian goods for many years until it was overtaken in 2017-18 by USA. He reiterated that India's exports of MMF Textile items to USA means exports of quality goods to a high-quality market.

He further informed that the Duty drawback scheme continues to play a crucial role in the export of Synthetic textiles items with more and more exporters from the synthetic textiles sector opting for the Drawback scheme. Exporters are, therefore looking for suitable increase in the Drawback rates for Synthetic textiles items especially in the context of the high GST Rates.

He pointed out to the Committee that exporters in India continue to bear the burden of transaction costs as compared to their competitors. He indicated that there is an element of transaction costs which was beside the State levies for which the exporters do not get any refund. He therefore requested that these may be

factored suitably in the Drawback rates.

The Chairman later made a detailed presentation of the calculations for the major products of the Council and placed before the Drawback Committee the Summary of the Central and State Taxes and the data used for calculations. Each product calculation was briefly explained to them. He briefly indicated that there is value addition of nearly 35% to 85% across the value chain from the raw-material stage to the finished stage of all Manmade Textile items namely Polyester, Viscose, Acrylic, Nylon Chips, PTA, MEG, Polyester Spun & Blended Yarns, Polyester Spun & Blended Fabrics, & Manmade Madeups etc.

Further, the Drawback Committee was informed that taxes and duties under CGST such as Transaction Cost, Incidence of embedded taxes and Purchases from unregistered dealers while under SGST taxes and duties such as State VAT on petroleum products, Blocked GST (Bldg. & construction), Stamp Duty, Electricity duty/ Fuel surcharge/Cross Subsidy and Additional Surcharge on power purchases/Duty paid on cess for captive power consumption, etc need to be reimbursed through higher Drawback Rates.

The Chairman concluded the presentation by recommending appropriate higher Drawback rates across the Manmade Fibre Textile products.

The Drawback Committee gave a patient hearing to all the issues raised by the Council during the presentation. The discussion was fruitful and positive. Expecting all taxes including State taxes will be reimbursed.

The Drawback Department informed that the issues mentioned by the Council would be suitably recommended to the concerned authorities for consideration.

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UZBEKISTAN

EXPORTS FROM INDIA

- Uzbekistan is a smaller market for Indian MMF textiles. During 2017-18, exports of Indian MMF textiles to Uzbekistan were around US\$ 2 mn.
- In the export basket yarn was the dominant product with 52% share, followed by made-ups 27% and fabrics 21%.

MARKET POTENTIAL IN UZBEKISTAN

- Uzbekistan is a producer and net exporter of Cotton. It does not have production of man-made fibre textiles and hence all its requirements are sourced through imports.
- During 2017, Uzbekistan imported around US\$ 406 Mn. of man-made fibre textiles; however, India's share in it was only below 1% and hence there is scope to increase our exports to Uzbekistan.
- Currently, Uzbekistan is importing man-made fibre textiles from Republic of Korea, Japan, Iran, etc.

UZBEKISTAN'S GLOBAL IMPORT OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING AND CORRESPONDING INDIA'S SHARE

Chapter	Product Description	Uzbekistan's imports from world in 2017 (Value in 000)	Uzbekistan's imports from India in 2017 (Value in 000)	% India's Share
50	Silk	40	0	0.00
51	Wool, fine or coarse animal hair; horsehair yarn and woven fabric	1,415	0	0.00
52	Cotton	9,907	546	5.51
53	Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	3,170	33	1.04
54	Man-made filaments; strip and the like of man-made textile materials	162,684	1,176	0.72
55	Man-made staple fibres	64,268	278	0.43
56	Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof	22,098	16	0.07
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings	3,926	4	0.10
58	Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	28,822	295	1.02
59	Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable . . .	34,350	269	0.78
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	94,268	7	0.01
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted	24,561	773	3.15
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	26,232	823	3.14
63	Other made-up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags	17,970	129	0.72
	Total	493711	4349	0.88

Source : ITC

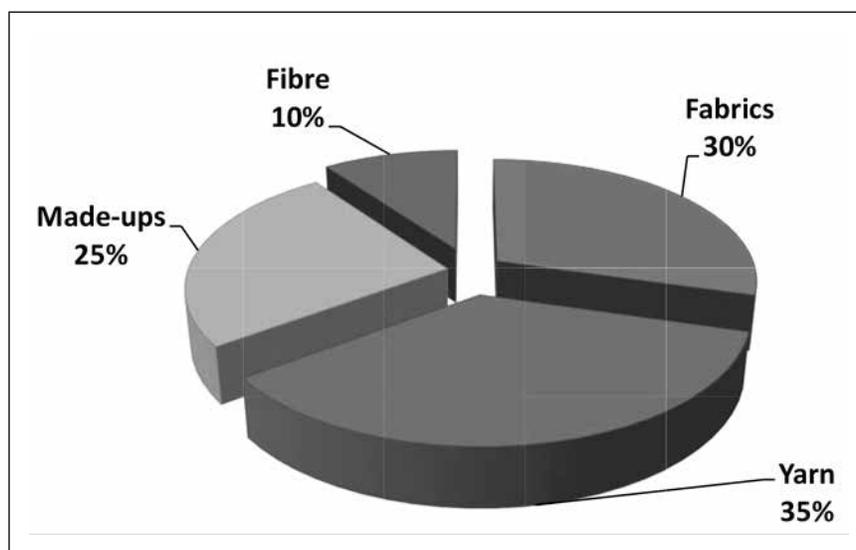
REVIEW OF INDIA'S MMF TEXTILES EXPORTS FROM APRIL TO JUNE 2018-19

Exports of Indian MMF textiles during first quarter (April-June) of 2018-19 were US\$ 1550.55 Million in value terms against US\$ 1485.68 Million during the same period of the previous year, witnessing a growth of 4.37% (SOURCE: MOC)

Product	Unit	Quantity (Thousand)		% Growth	Value (USD Mn)		% Growth
		Apr-June 2018-19	Apr-June 2017-18		Apr-June 2018-19	Apr-June 2017-18	
Fabrics	Kgs	20417.38	17312.29	17.94	457.12	541.80	-15.63
	Sqm	382755.45	443041.57	-13.61			
Yarn	Kgs.	266289.29	223762.90	19.01	548.89	424.56	29.28
Made-ups	Kgs.	83477.55	66952.55	24.68	391.38	364.87	7.27
	Nos.	22400.89	30162.45	-25.73			
	Sqm	48.11	31.50	52.73			
Fibre	Kgs.	97760.19	101162.01	-3.36	153.16	154.45	-0.84
Total					1550.55	1485.68	4.37

PRODUCT SHARE

During April-June 2018-19, dominant products in the Indian MMF textiles export basket were Yarn accounting for a share of 35% followed by fabrics 30%, made-ups 25% and fibre 10%.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Overall exports during April-June 2018-19 in value terms were US\$ 1550.55 million against US\$ 1485.68 million during the same period of the previous year, witnessing a growth of 4.37%.
- Exports of Indian MMF Fabrics and fibre witnessed 15.63% and 0.84% decline respectively during April-June 2018 as compared to the same period of the previous year.
- Exports of yarn dominated with 35% share followed by fabrics 30%, Made-ups 25% and Fibre 10% in the Indian MMF textile exports.
- Share of the value added segments like fabrics and Made-ups have increased to 55% of total exports.
- Other segments witnessed positive growth in exports like yarn 29.28% and made-ups 7.27%
- In the fabrics segment Synthetic Filament Fabrics (US\$ 141.48 Mn) the top exported product in India's MMF textile exports followed by Polyester Filament Fabrics (US\$ 94.59 Mn) during April-June 2018-19.
- Viscose Filament Fabrics exports have been excellent with over 100% growth.
- In case of MMF yarn exports, Polyester Filament Yarn was the leading item with exports worth US\$ 326.01 Mn followed by Polyester

Cotton Yarn (US\$ 50.49 Mn), Polyester Spun Yarn (US\$ 46.07 Mn).

- In Made-ups, exports of Bulk Containers was the leading item with exports worth US\$ 168.49 Mn followed by Shawls/Scarves US\$ 28.19 Mn, Motifs and Muffler worth US\$ 18.51 Mn and US\$ 17.47 Mn respectively.
- Polyester Staple Fibre (US\$ 83.57 Mn) was the leading item in the MMF category followed by Viscose Staple Fibre (US\$ 50.57 Mn).
- Turkey was the leading market for Indian MMF textiles during April-June 2018-19 with 10% share in total exports followed by USA 9.60% and Brazil 5.61%.
- Leading markets with positive growth are Egypt (40.61%), Turkey (26.05%), Brazil (15.84%), Germany (12.68%), Belgium (3.93%), Sri Lanka (1.73%) and Italy (0.12%).
- UAE, USA and Sri Lanka were the leading markets for Indian MMF Fabrics but UAE has witnessed a decline of 21.60% during April-June 2018-19 as compared to the same period of last year.
- USA was also leading market for Indian MMF Made-ups and fibre during the period.
- Major markets for Indian MMF yarn were Turkey and Brazil.
- Made-ups exports to Sri Lanka showed an impressive growth rate (91.28%)

PRODUCT-WISE EXPORT PERFORMANCE APRIL-JUNE 2018-19

Value in US\$ Million

Product Description	April-June 2018-19	April-June 2017-18	%Net Change	% Growth
FABRICS (Woven+non-woven+knitted)				
Synthetic Filament	141.48	117.20	24.28	20.72
Polyester Filament	94.59	130.17	-35.58	-27.33
Polyester Viscose	72.72	90.84	-18.12	-19.95
Polyester Blended	20.79	42.46	-21.67	-51.04
Synthetic Cotton	11.59	11.69	-0.10	-0.86
Polyester Cotton	10.52	8.22	2.30	27.98
Polyester Wool	9.70	11.05	-1.35	-12.22
Viscose Spun	6.89	46.98	-40.09	-85.33
Viscose Blended	6.70	15.73	-9.03	-57.41
Nylon Filament	6.39	5.49	0.90	16.39
Viscose Filament	5.82	2.35	3.47	147.66
Other Fabrics	69.93	59.62	10.31	17.29
Total	457.12	541.80	-84.68	-15.63
YARN				
Polyester Filament	326.01	244.80	81.21	33.17
Polyester Cotton	50.49	36.61	13.88	37.91
Polyester Spun	46.07	37.06	9.01	24.31
Polyester Viscose	37.73	25.14	12.59	50.08
Viscose Spun	20.32	18.79	1.53	8.14
Viscose Filament	12.55	13.02	-0.47	-3.61
Acrylic Spun	7.45	7.90	-0.45	-5.70
Nylon Filament	6.29	3.50	2.79	79.71
Polyester Wool	6.10	5.47	0.63	11.52
Synthetic Spun	4.26	9.06	-4.80	-52.98
Other Yarn	31.62	23.21	8.41	36.23
Total	548.89	424.56	124.33	29.28
MADE-UPS				
Bulk Containers	168.49	122.21	46.28	37.87
Shawls/Scarves	28.19	33.19	-5.00	-15.06
Motifs	18.51	22.90	-4.39	-19.17
Muffler	17.47	42.74	-25.27	-59.12
Fishing Net	15.13	13.09	2.04	15.58

Bedsheet	8.58	4.33	4.25	98.15
Blanket	6.84	7.63	-0.79	-10.35
Rope	6.36	5.68	0.68	11.97
Sacks and Bags	5.45	2.63	2.82	107.22
Bed Linen	4.70	6.13	-1.43	-23.33
Tulles	3.84	2.28	1.56	68.42
Other Made-ups	107.82	102.06	5.76	5.64
Total	391.38	364.87	26.51	7.27
FIBRE				
Polyester Staple	83.57	59.95	23.62	39.40
Viscose Staple	50.57	78.89	-28.32	-35.90
Acrylic Staple	12.08	9.22	2.86	31.02
Other Staple	6.94	6.39	0.55	8.61
Total	153.16	154.45	-1.29	-0.84

*Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container (HS Code 63053200)/big bag/bulk bag or Super Sack is a standardized container in large dimensions for storing and transporting dry, flow able products, for example sand, fertilizers, and granules of M, plastics, most often made of thick woven polyethylene or polypropylene, either coated or uncoated. **Other Made-ups include Tents, Sails, Rags, Embroidery (without visible ground) & Accessories.

Synthetic Filament: HS Codes 54077200, 54072090, 56031200, 54077400, 54079400, 54079200

LEADING MARKETS

Value in USD Mn

Country	April-June 2018-19	April-June 2017-18	Net Change	%Grw/ Decline
TURKEY	155.74	123.55	32.19	26.05
USA	148.99	150.62	-1.63	-1.08
BRAZIL	87.08	75.17	11.91	15.84
UAE	86.56	118.22	-31.66	-26.78
GERMANY	43.44	38.55	4.89	12.68
EGYPT	41.62	29.6	12.02	40.61
ITALY	40.96	40.91	0.05	0.12
SRI LANKA	40.53	39.84	0.69	1.73
BELGIUM	28.58	27.5	1.08	3.93
PAKISTAN	25.27	31.81	-6.54	-20.56

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF FABRICS

Value in USD Mn

Country	April-June 2018-19	April-June 2017-18	Net Change	%Grw/ Decline
UAE	48.49	61.85	-13.36	-21.60
USA	39.12	41.72	-2.6	-6.23
SRI LANKA	33.66	31.09	2.57	8.27
EGYPT	11.55	6.22	5.33	85.69
ITALY	6.79	4.97	1.82	36.62
PAKISTAN	6.63	19.74	-13.11	-66.41
BELGIUM	4.03	4.36	-0.33	-7.57
GERMANY	3.58	3.37	0.21	6.23
TURKEY	2.42	3.55	-1.13	-31.83
BRAZIL	1.61	1.68	-0.07	-4.17

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF YARN

Value in USD Mn

Country	April-June 2018-19	April-June 2017-18	Net Change	%Grw/ Decline
TURKEY	140.34	102.05	38.29	37.52
BRAZIL	79.80	69.55	10.25	14.74
EGYPT	25.58	18.58	7.00	37.67
USA	19.79	16.50	3.29	19.94
PAKISTAN	10.78	5.72	5.06	88.46
BELGIUM	9.92	9.93	-0.01	-0.10
ITALY	7.81	7.48	0.33	4.41
GERMANY	7.46	6.14	1.32	21.50
SRI LANKA	4.88	5.02	-0.14	-2.79
UAE	4.27	6.26	-1.99	-31.79

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF MADE-UPS

Value in USD Mn

Country	April-June 2018-19	April-June 2017-18	Net Change	%Grw/ Decline
USA	67.32	68.92	-1.60	-2.32
UAE	49.95	33.00	16.95	51.36
GERMANY	23.91	28.08	-4.17	-14.85
ITALY	22.49	22.80	-0.31	-1.36
BELGIUM	7.76	8.57	-0.81	-9.45
SRI LANKA	3.73	1.95	1.78	91.28
PAKISTAN	2.90	6.48	-3.58	-55.25
TURKEY	2.21	2.27	-0.06	-2.64
BRAZIL	1.41	1.26	0.15	11.90
EGYPT	1.30	1.07	0.23	21.50

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF FIBRE

Value in USD Mn

Country	April-June 2018-19	April-June 2017-18	Net Change	%Grw/ Decline
USA	21.16	25.08	-3.92	-15.63
TURKEY	10.71	15.74	-5.03	-31.96
BELGIUM	6.06	5.45	0.61	11.19
BRAZIL	4.41	2.53	1.88	74.31
GERMANY	4.32	5.13	-0.81	-15.79
ITALY	3.56	5.97	-2.41	-40.37
EGYPT	3.42	3.50	-0.08	-2.29
PAKISTAN	1.38	3.45	-2.07	-60.00
UAE	0.80	0.16	0.64	400.00
SRI LANKA	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00

Roadshow in Dubai to promote “SOURCE INDIA 2018”

The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC) in association with Textile Merchant Group (TEXMAS) Dubai



The Road Show in Dubai to promote ‘SOURCE INDIA 2018’ organized by SRTEPC along with TEXMAS. Seen in picture from l to r Mr. Sanjeev Saran, Former Chairman, SRTEPC; Mr. Jagdish Amarnani, Hon. Secretary, TEXMAS; Mr. Ram Bhagchandani, Hon. Chairman, TEXMAS; Mr. Ronak Rughani, Vice Chairman, SRTEPC and extreme right Mr. Ravi Bhushan, General Manager, TEXMAS

conducted a Roadshow on “SOURCE INDIA 2018” on 5th August 2018 at the Hotel Omega in Dubai. Mr. Ram Bhagchandani, Hon. Chairman of TEXMAS inaugurated the Roadshow and delivered the Welcome Address. The Chief Guest for the evening was Mr. Pankaj Bodkhe, Consul (Economics and Education), Consulate General of India, Dubai, who delivered the key note address. He extended full support to SRTEPC’s mega event and ensured to do his best to promote the event with the resources available at his disposal. Nearly 30 textile entrepreneurs from Dubai and Abu Dhabi attended the event.

Mr. Sanjeev Saran, Former Chairman, SRTEPC informed the audience about the “Role of SRTEPC in promoting Exports of Indian Man-Made Fibre Textiles” and highlighted Exhibitions and Trade Fairs conducted by the Council in more than 150 countries. He briefly mentioned the Government initiative and some encouraging policies which has helped boost the morale of the textile fraternity to come forward and take innovative and qualitative projects to further develop Indian textile sector mainly in Man-made Fibre Textiles.

Mr. Ronak Rughani, Vice-Chairman, SRTEPC presented “SOURCE INDIA 2018”, second edition of India’s largest Sourcing Show

for Man-made Fibre Textile products spread over 10,000 sq m of air-conditioned space. Manufacturers and exporters of all types of man-made fibre textiles and its blends, including yarns, fabrics, apparels, made-ups, home textiles, technical textiles and accessories will be showcasing their products. He further explained about India’s MMFT present scenario and informed that at present India is on top in the world market after China. He said that the country’s export trend has been growing year on year and India has been exporting to more than 150 countries, UAE is one of the leading importing countries for Indian exports.

It was a good interactive session, with queries related to “SOURCE INDIA 2018” being suitably replied to the satisfaction of the audience.

Mr. Jagdish Amarnani, Hon. Secretary, TEXMAS gave vote of thanks by complimenting Mr. Ronak Rughani and Mr. Sanjeev Saran for selecting Dubai as prospective market and visiting them to brief on “SOURCE INDIA 2018”.

Mr. Ronak Rughani, Vice Chairman thanked the Consulate General of India and TEXMAS for extending their support and guidance to host the Road Show in Dubai.

The outcome of the Road Show was very positive and good number of buyers showed their keenness to participate in “SOURCE INDIA 2018”



Mr. Sanjeev Saran, former Chairman, SRTEPC presenting bouquet of flowers to Mr. Ram Bhagchandani, Hon Chairman, TEXMAS. Also seen in picture Mr. Ravi Bhushan, General Manager, TEXMAS and Mr. Ronak Rughani, Vice Chairman, SRTEPC.

Roadshow to promote 'SOURCE INDIA 2018' held at Salem



Shri Sanjeev Saran, former Chairman, SRTEPC addressing the Road Show Meeting in Salem. Also seen in picture Shri Ronak Rughani, Vice Chairman, SRTEPC.

The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC) in association with The Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA) conducted a Roadshow on "Source India 2018" as well as a Seminar on the Man-made Fibre Textile Industry for the benefit of the textile community on 28th July 2018 at Indigo, Hotel C. J. Pallazio, Salem. Shri S. Dinakaran, Joint Managing Director of Sambandam Spinning Mills Limited, Salem inaugurated the Roadshow and delivered the Welcome Address. Nearly 50 entrepreneurs from Salem and surrounding clusters of Erode, Namakkal and Karur attended the event.

Shri Durai Palanisami, Director, Pallava Group, Erode delivered Key Note Address, followed by Shri Sanjeev Saran, Past Chairman; SRTEPC educated the audience on the "Role of SRTEPC in promoting Exports of Indian Man-Made Fibre Textiles".

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Shri D..Jayaraman, Head-Spinning, South India Textile Research Association (SITRA) delivered a presentation "Market potential and emerging trends in MMFT Trade". This was followed by Shri M. Natarajan, Asst V.P. (Sales & Marketing) & Zonal Head (South Region), Grasim Industries Ltd, delivering a presentation on 'Birla Cellulose and its world of opportunities'. Shri G.R.Das, Vice President & Regional Head (South India), Reliance Industries Limited made a presentation on Product Diversification & Value Creation through Speciality Polyester and Reliance Industries Ltd also exhibited their latest range of products for the benefit of the assembled audience.

Shri Jai Kumar, deputing for Shri Balakumar, Dy.Director & Officer In-Charge, Regional Office of the Textile Commissioner, Coimbatore explained about "Government of India's Schemes for the development of textile industry" by means of an AV film.

Mr. Pankaj Tibrewal, Member Committee of Administration, SRTEPC proposed vote of thanks.

Shri Murali Balkrishna, Joint Director, SRTEPC proposed vote of thanks.

Roadshow to promote 'SOURCE INDIA 2018' held at Rajapalayam

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Shri A.Palaniappan, Managing Director, Sree Karpagambal Mills Limited, Rajapalayam delivered Key Note Address, followed by Shri D.Jayaraman, Head-Spinning, South India Textile Research Association (SITRA) delivered a presentation "Market potential and emerging trends in MMFT Trade". Shri G.R.Das, Vice President & Regional Head (South India), Reliance Industries Limited made a presentation on Product Diversification & Value Creation through Speciality Polyester and Reliance Industries Ltd also exhibited their latest range of products for the benefit of the assembled audience.

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Shri Ronak Rughani, Vice Chairman, SRTEPC at the Road Show organized by the Council in Rajapalayam

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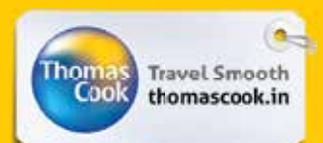
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- Provides Grant for Market Access Initiative subsidy towards airfare for participation in promotional programmes like Exhibition/Fairs abroad (Member of the Council for the last year one year is a must)
- Conducts Workshops, Seminars to keep exporters 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
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