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“SOURCE INDIA 2020 VIRTUAL 5.0”

The Council is hosting its flagship Reverse Buyer Seller Meet (RBSM) - "SOURCE INDIA 2020 Virtual 5.0" from 7th-9th September 2020. The fifth edition of the event will be held online this year due to the pandemic and its travel restrictions and social distancing norms. Nevertheless, the event will have all its grandeur albeit with some difference. Around 100 Indian MMF textile companies will be putting up their stalls online for the 250 buyers who are participating from more than 50 countries. The event is being organised with the support and assistance of the Ministries of Commerce & Industry and Textiles.

“SOURCE INDIA 2020 Virtual 5.0” will be inaugurated online by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani on 7th September 2020. She will also be sending her inaugural video message which will be placed on the main platform of the event.

Around 60 Indian Missions from around the world have been roped in for their help and guidance in identifying genuine appropriate buyers for the Show. The Council has also targeted the leading Textile Trade Associations / Chambers of potential countries for their assistance in garnering the right buyers through their vast database. The event will therefore have the right buyers who are interested in sourcing MMF textile products.

The event will also feature one-to-one business Meetings for exhibitors with appropriate buyers.

The virtual hosting of Exhibitions/Trade Fairs has been the need of hour as the pandemic has severely affected the export trade. Such events will give Indian exhibitors a platform to interact with



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foreign buyers to negotiate business which would finally culminate in fruitful deals for both the parties thus giving Indian exports a boost.

SOURCE INDIA 2020 is the first online event being hosted by the Council and will have added advantage for both the Exhibitors and buyers. Exhibitors can interact and negotiate business dealings with buyers of their choice from various countries of the globe right here at their convenient ambience of their office/homes. Buyers too can have business discussions and can witness the range of products being offered by the Indian MMF manufacturers without the hassles of being physically present in India which involves visas, travel hassles, stay and other issues pertaining to travel and stay etc.



As this is a new experience for the participants, the Council organized two webinars through VC on 19th and 26th August 2020 for the exhibitors to impart training regarding how to go about with the online interactions with buyers and to train exhibitors about the effective use of virtual platform. The Council has also been holding webinars/training sessions through VC for its staff so that they understand the working of an online show. Council is also holding one-to-one sessions with each exhibitor and training is given to help them effectively navigate the virtual platform.

SOURCE INDIA 2020 is therefore a unique opportunity for both Indian exhibitors and foreign buyers and a not-to-be-missed event

especially during these trying times of Pandemic when the business and trade have been severely hit.

Looking at the convenience and ease of doing business on virtual platform it is certain that even after the pandemic is over buyers and exhibitors shall prefer to interact/work on virtual platform and in all future physical events virtual platforms shall be integrated in them.

The Council requests member-exporters to take advantage of this exclusive platform and participate in large numbers.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Members,

I am glad to inform that the Council is gearing up for its first online event "Source India Virtual 5.0" being held during 7th-9th September 2020. SOURCE INDIA which is the flagship event of our Council has been a success for the last four years drawing large crowds and visitors however, this year due to the Pandemic - social distancing and travel restrictions the event will be held online nonetheless the event will retain the grandeur of its last editions. Around 250 buyers from more than 50 countries will be interacting with about 100 Indian MMF textile manufacturers. The virtual event has been scheduled at an opportune time when export business and trading with overseas buyers looked bleak and impossible. I am confident that the event will help in establishing contacts which may culminate in business deals.

I am pleased to inform you that the restriction on exports of Non-woven fabrics has been lifted by the Government and now our members can carry out exports of Non-woven fabrics without any hassles. On behalf of the Council I have been on various fora requesting the Ministry for lifting the restrictions and I am grateful to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Union Ministers of Commerce & Industry and Textiles, along with DGFT for considering the same and allowing exports of Non-woven fabrics of any GSM. This will indeed give exports of these items a big boost.

I would also take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles and the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai for hearing the plea of our members and issuing directives to further amend the modified operational guidelines of Bank Guarantee (BG) Scheme under ATUFS/ RRTUFS which will prove beneficial to our exporters. I look forward for their continuance support in the matter.

I would also like to mention that due to rigorous follow-up efforts of Council's team and the co-ordinated efforts by the Customs Officials of JNCH, Hazira and Air Cargo Customs (Sahar), disbursal of pending Duty Drawback claims of our members has been granted. I sincerely thank the Chief Commissioner and Officers of Tuticorin Customs for the support and co-operation extended for allowing the export shipment of one of our members which was stuck at the Port due to a clarification for more than a week. The Council had also represented the issue for updation of AD Codes on JNCH site which arose due to the merger of banks, the matter was later resolved by the Customs. Some of our members faced problems with IEC modification and registration for Certificate of Origin on the New DGFT Portal and I am glad to inform you that the DGFT Officials along with the assistance of their Technical Team have resolved these problems. ICEGATE Helpdesk too has been supportive to the Council for resolving the issue of updation of details of IGST validation.

Seeking the intervention of the Commerce Ministry, the Council along with other EPCs raised the serious concerns over halting of export consignments at the West Bengal-Bangladesh land border which impacted bilateral trade. The Council acknowledges the support of the Hon'ble Union Ministers of Commerce & Industry and Textiles for helping to sort out the issue.

Once again, I thank the Office of Customs, DGFT, RBI, TXC, GST, Ministries of Commerce & Industry and Ministry of Textiles for the cooperation and support received from them to resolve the issues of our member-exporters promptly during this pandemic.

I am glad to inform you that this year the Annual General Meeting of the Council will be held online on Wednesday 30th September 2020. The details about the Meeting will be communicated to members. I request members to register themselves for the Meeting and be present at Council's virtual Annual General Meeting.

The Council has been trying to help out members during these crucial times and I therefore urge members who have yet to renew their membership to do so to enable us provide our services to you uninterrupted. Those members who have missed renewing their membership may kindly do so at the earliest so that you may take advantage of the services and activities being offered by the Council especially during these times.

Yours sincerely,

RONAK RUGHANI
CHAIRMAN



Chairman's Virtual Meeting with JS, Ministry of Commerce

Shri Ronak Rughani, Chairman of the Council had a VC with Ms. Nidhi Mani Tripathi, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry on 28th August 2020. The Meeting was called to interact with Ms. Nidhi Mani Tripathi, Joint Secretary who recently took charge of the EP-Textiles Division, DoC, and give her an overview of the MMF textile sector and further discuss the way forward in promoting export of MMF textiles. Vice Chairman, Shri Dhirubhai Shah; Immediate past Chairman, Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal; Former Chairman Convenor, Shri Anil Rajvanshi; Executive Director, Shri S. Balaraju and Shri Baruah, Joint Director also participated in the Interactive Meeting.

The Chairman made a powerpoint presentation on the Council, the MMF textile industry, current scenario, issues and suggestions, etc. During the Meeting some of the issues discussed were inclusion of the entire MMF textile value chain in RoDTEP, rationalisation of the IDS in MMF textile value chain under GST, restoration of the MEIS Scheme and continuation without capping, etc.

Shri Anil Rajvanshi, former Chairman and Convenor briefed on the status of global MMF textiles vis-a-vis Indian MMF Textiles and the need of the hour for its growth .

Shri Rughani requested the Joint Secretary to take up the issues of the MMF textile suitably and also sought the handholding support of the Government for encouraging growth and investment in the MMF textile segment.

Ms. Tripathi informed that the issues pointed out by the SRTEPC Chairman would be taken up favourably and assured that the Ministry of Commerce & Industry would provide handholding support to the Council and the MMF textile industry.

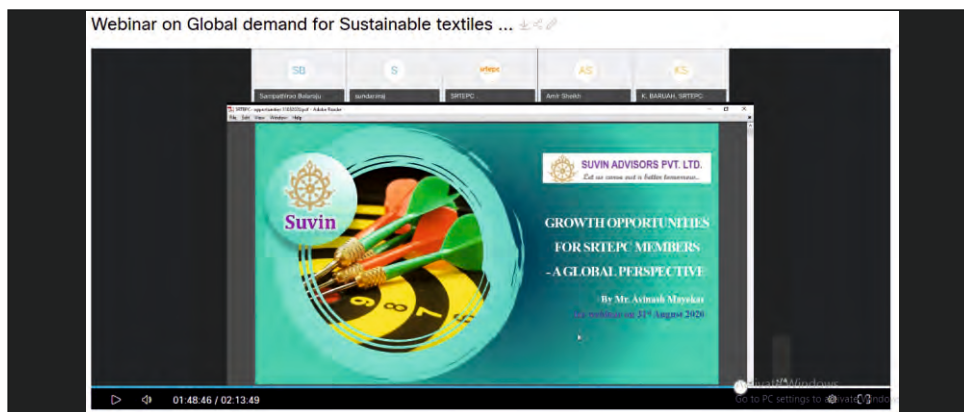
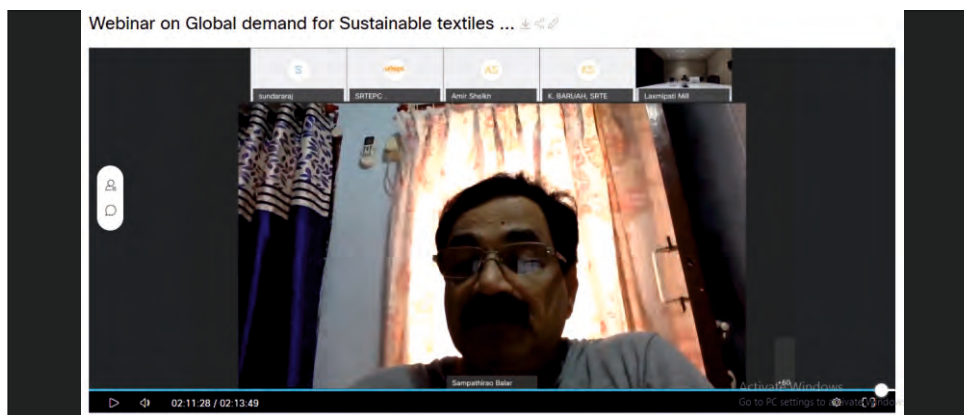
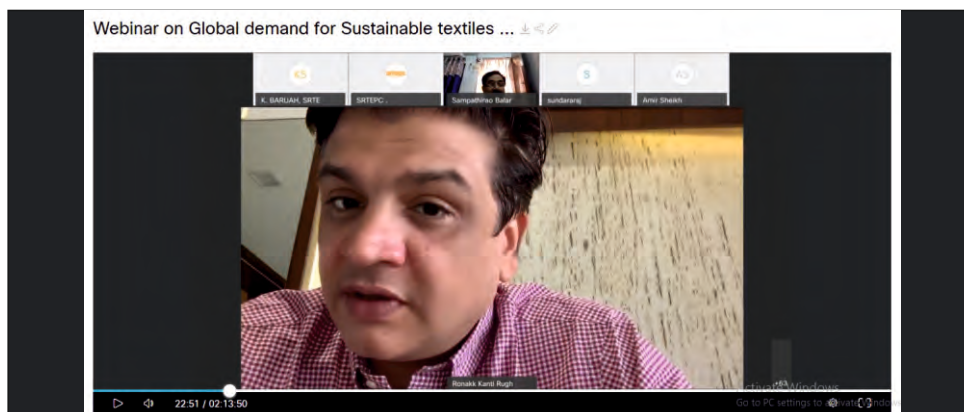
The image shows two promotional materials for Source India 2020 Virtual 5.0. The left material is a large banner with the text "SAVE THE DATES" in large grey letters, followed by "07-08-09 SEPTEMBER 2020" in a smaller font. Below this, it lists the organizers: "Organised by srtepc", "Supported by MAKE IN INDIA", and "Organised under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India". The right material is a flyer with the headline "COME, EXPERIENCE THE NEW VIRTUAL SOURCE INDIA". It includes a "Dear Buyer" message and lists benefits such as participating from the comfort of the workplace, seeing latest products, connecting with suppliers, and scheduling virtual meetings. Both materials feature the "SOURCE INDIA 2020 VIRTUAL 5.0" logo and the tagline "UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES WITH INDIAN TEXTILES".

SRTEPC organizes Webinar on Global demand for Sustainable textiles

Global textile trade has evolved considerably over the years and the product profiles in trade have seen the most dynamic trends in history. COVID -19 pandemic global trade has been severely impacted and textiles trade also had to take the hit. Exports of the conventional textile items were almost halted and deferred, except a few selected raw-materials and semi-finished items like some specific yarns, nonwovens, antiviral fabrics, sustainable fabrics, etc.

It is imperative and urgent for the Indian textile industry and exporters to be in line with the new global normal during the COVID and thereafter. It is also important to understand the emerging trade scenario globally in order to be strategic, sustain and be successful in exports.

In light of the above, the Council has organised a Webinar on Global demand for Sustainable textiles and growth opportunities, specially for its Members on Monday 31st August, 2020. Domain experts from Gherzi Consultancy and Consulting Firm Suvin Advisors Pvt. Ltd. were the speakers during the Webinar.



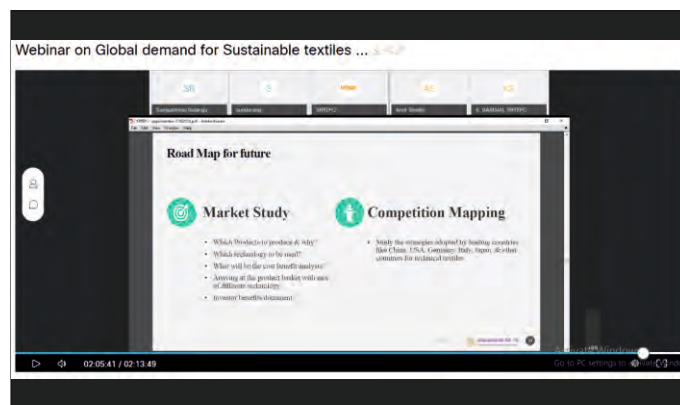
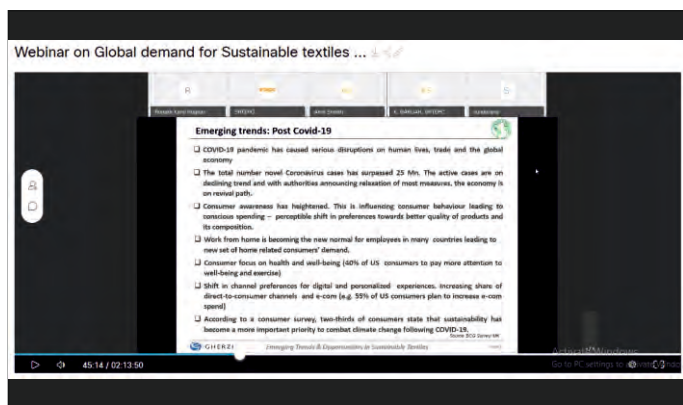
The Webinar began with opening remarks by Shri Ronak Rughani, Chairman, SRTEPC. In his opening remarks Shri Ronak Rughani informed that exports have witnessed turbulent times during the last 4-5 months since outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the MSMEs manufacturers and exporters have been severely impacted. Therefore, the need of the hour is to be informed and strategic in steps in the field of exports. He also informed that the discussion and information being provided by the experts during the Webinar are going to be useful for the Member-exporters.

There were two important Sessions conducted during the webinar. Mr. Amir Saikh, Sr. Consultant, Gherzi Consultancy started the 1st Session and made a presentation on “Emerging trends and opportunities in Sustainable Textiles” wherein he discussed on issues like Emerging trends: Post Covid-19, Emerging trends: T&C Trade, Global fibre consumption, Concerns for Sustainability, etc. The session ended with a short Q & A session.

The 2nd Session was delivered by Mr. Avinash Mayaker who is MD & CEO of Consultancy Firm M/S Suvin Advisors Pvt. Ltd. and the topic of discussion was Growth Opportunities for SRTEPC members- A global perspective. Mr. Avinash Mayaker has focused his issues like fibre contents in global fibre consumption, consumption ratio between natural and manmade fibre, change in global fibre demand over the years, technical textiles, SWOT analysis of Indian MMF textile segment, etc. This session also concluded with a short Q & A session.

Around 90 member-companies of the Council participated in the Webinar.

Shri S. Balaraju, Executive Director of the Council proposed the vote of thanks and acknowledged the importance of the issues discussed by the speakers, their insightful presentations, etc.



Vietnam

Textile production up 1.8% in the first seven months of 2020

In the first seven months of 2020, textile production in Vietnam rose by 1.8 per cent, while apparel production decreased by 4.6 per cent compared to the same period in 2019. Export turnover of textiles and apparel in seven months was estimated at US\$16.18 billion, down by 12.1 per cent.

Production of fibres and textile fibres decreased by 20.9 per cent over the same period in 2019.

It is learnt that by July, many textile enterprises have not had orders for the last two quarters of the year for high-value products like suits and high-end shirts, while masks and protective goods, households are helping many garment businesses in the second quarter, the current price has dropped sharply due to an oversupply worldwide.

Vietnam Textile and Garment Group (Vinatex) forecasts that Vietnam's textile and garment export in the last six months of the year will continue to decrease by 14-18 per cent over the same period last year. The total export turnover of the whole year is about US\$32.75 billion, down by about 16 per cent compared to 2019.

Source : Fibre2fashion

Turkey

Textile exports up during July 2020

The Turkish textile industry which has been placed to be the world's second-largest product group in exports has recorded an 8% increase year-on-year in exports. The country's textile exports was US\$1.18 billion in July.

It is reported that the textile and ready-to-wear industry exported to over 150 countries in July.

The total exports have reached US\$8.79 billion in the first half of 2020 and have posted a 15% decrease compared to the previous year.

Germany was among the first countries to receive Turkish textiles in July with US\$349.1 million which has accounted for 15% increase year-on-year. Spain and U.K followed Germany with US\$248 million and US\$ 183 million respectively.

The exports in the US increased by 53% in the same time frame when compared to the previous year and has reached US\$109 million.

The overall exports in Turkey reached its highest in 2020 as they have made over US\$15 billion amid a rapid recovery from the pandemic.

Source : Yarnsandfibers

Global

Exports of synthetic staple fibres to rise in 2022

The global export of synthetic staple fibres, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning of polypropylene dropped 16.49 per cent from US\$634.87 million in 2017 to US\$530.16 million in 2019. Total exports fell 20.59 per cent in 2019 over the previous year and is expected to rise to US\$625.42 million in 2022 with a rate of 17.97 per cent from 2019.

The global import value of synthetic staple fibres of polypropylene was US\$794.68 million in 2017, which declined 15.64 per cent to US\$670.35 million in 2019. Total imports decreased 23.41 per cent in 2019 over the previous year and is expected to blown-up to US\$776.02 million in 2022 with a rate of 15.76 per cent from 2019.

Belgium (US\$176.29 million), Italy (US\$57.63 million), South Korea (US\$49.48 million), Austria (US\$44.41 million) and US (US\$37.12 million) were the key exporters of synthetic staple fibres of polypropylene across the globe in 2019, together comprising 68.83 per cent of total export. These were followed by UK (US\$36.19 million), China (US\$23.20 million) and South Africa (US\$17.18 million).

From 2016 to 2019, the most notable rate of growth in terms of export value, amongst the main exporting countries, was attained by Italy (43.11 per cent) and Austria (0.98 per cent).

Germany (US\$151.26 million), Italy (US\$134.94 million) and US (US\$51.98 million) were the key importers of synthetic staple fibres of polypropylene across the globe in 2019 together comprising 50.45 per cent of total import. These were followed by Spain (US\$39.40 million), Czech Republic (US\$35.77 million) and Canada (US\$31.81 million).

From 2016 to 2019, the most notable rate of growth in terms of import value, amongst the main importing countries, was attained by Italy (90.37 per cent).

Source : Fibre2fashion

Exports of acrylic synthetic staple fibre to rise

The global export of synthetic staple fibres, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning of acrylic or modacrylic decreased 20.48 per cent from US\$593.28 million in 2017 to

US\$471.78 million in 2019. Total exports fell 21.67 per cent in 2019 over previous year and is expected to rise to \$572.15 million in 2022 with a rate of 21.28 per cent from 2019.

The global import value of synthetic staple fibres of acrylic or modacrylic was US\$1,026.00 million in 2017, which slipped 26.37 per cent to US\$755.42 million in 2019. Total imports decreased 32.08 per cent in 2019 over the previous year and is expected to rise to US\$933.59 million in 2022 with a rate of 23.59 per cent from 2019.

Japan (US\$218.54 million), Thailand (US\$90.72 million), India (US\$34.62 million) and South Korea (US\$31.60 million) were the key exporters of synthetic staple fibres of acrylic or modacrylic across the globe in 2019, together comprising 79.59 per cent of total export. These were followed by China (US\$27.90 million), Portugal (US\$26.95 million) and UK (US\$9.45 million).

From 2016 to 2019, the most notable rate of growth in terms of export value, amongst the main exporting countries, was attained by China (39.62 per cent).

China (US\$201.10 million), Spain (US\$83.63 million), US (US\$74.60 million) and India (US\$56.97 million) were the key importers of synthetic staple fibres of acrylic or modacrylic across the globe in 2019, together comprising 55.11 per cent of total import. These were followed by Italy (US\$52.74 million), Turkey (US\$45.22 million) and Iran (US\$43.59 million).

From 2016 to 2019, the most notable rate of growth in terms of import value, amongst the main importing countries, was attained by Spain (84.25 per cent) and India (25.35 per cent).

Source : Fibre2fashion

Egypt

Clothing exports fall during the first six months of 2020

Exports of readymade garments from Egypt fetched US\$614 million in the first six months of 2020, registering a decline of 24 per cent year-on-year compared to US\$806 million earned in the same period of the previous year. The US, EU and Arab countries were the main export destinations.

Around 58.4 per cent (US\$359 million) of readymade garments from Egypt were imported by the US, followed by US\$164 million of apparel by the EU countries, US\$31 million by Arab countries, and US\$713,000 by African nations. Exports to the remaining countries were around US\$60 million.

However, in June 2020 Egypt's clothing exports grew by 2 per cent year-on-year to US\$128 million.

Source : Fibre2fashion

World

Fall in world textile trade by 2.4% in 2019

The value of the world textile trade decreased by 2.4 per cent year-on-year to US\$305 billion, while apparel trade dropped 0.4 per cent to US\$492 billion, according to the World Trade Statistical Review 2020, released by the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The US-China tariff war was among the reasons for contraction of textile and apparel trade.

The top three textile exporters—China, EU-28, and India—together accounted for 66.9 per cent of the world textile exports in 2019. With an increase of 8.3 per cent year-on-year, Vietnam overtook Taiwan as the seventh-largest textile exporter. China's share increased to a record high 39.2 per cent in world textile exports, according to the WTO report.

The top four apparel exporters—China, EU-28, Bangladesh, and Vietnam—together contributed 71.4 per cent to world apparel market share last year. However, China's share fell from 31.3 per cent in 2018 to 30.8 per cent last year, the WTO report showed.

In terms of textile imports, the top two importers—the US and EU-28—together accounted for 31.2 per cent of world textile imports in 2019. Vietnam emerged as the third largest textile importer.

The top three apparel importers—EU-28, the US, and Japan—together bought 58.1 per cent of world apparel in 2019.

Source : Fibre2fashion

Ban on exports of certain non-woven fabrics used for masks and coveralls lifted

The government recently allowed exports of certain non-woven fabrics used to make masks and coveralls with a view to push outbound shipments. However, export of melt blown fabric of any GSM (grams per square metre) continues to be banned.

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in its notification dated July 13 amended "to the extent that only melt blown fabric of any GSM...is prohibited for export. All other non-woven fabrics of any GSM (including GSM 25-70 which were earlier prohibited) are freely allowed for exports".

Source : The Economic Times

Plans to commission a study to analyse GST on textiles by Textile Ministry

The Textiles Ministry is planning to commission a study to analyse whether the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on textiles and apparels was creating an inverted duty structure hurting domestic production and if some changes were required.

It is learnt that there have been complaints from the industry about GST rates for synthetic fibres giving rise to an inverted duty structure that made imports cheaper than domestic manufacture. The government has thus decided to appoint consultants to assess GST on the entire value chain of textile including peripheral activities.

At present, synthetic fibre is taxed at 18 per cent, yarn at 12 per cent and final output including garments at 5 per cent, which creates an inverted tax structure where rate on inputs is higher than that on output.

As per the Request for Proposal (RFP) circulated by the Ministry of Textiles the consultants would be asked to map various GST rates on products covering entire value chain, understand existing incentives under GST and Customs and gather industry representations and demands made till date.

They would also have to study such taxes of other countries where in some cases some products are clubbed together while some others are exempted for making finished product competitive.

The consultants would also be required to make suggestions with respect to changes in existing rates, suggest new rates, find out if the taxes have affected the prices and thereby affected affordability for the buyer.

Recommendations regarding any change to the present tax and duty structure (including fiber neutrality), with proper justifications, that can be extended within the ambit of international norms and laws such as WTO have to be made, the RFP stated.

Source : The Business Line

Cost to exceed NITI Aayog's estimate of Rs.10,000 crore a year under new export scheme

The outlay for a key scheme, under which exporters will be reimbursed for all embedded taxes paid on inputs consumed in outbound shipments, could be "much higher" than the NITI Aayog's much-curtailed estimate of Rs 10,000 crore a year, Shri GK Pillai, former commerce and home secretary, who now heads a panel to fix the refund rates.

Although Shri Pillai refrained from offering a precise estimate of the allocation under the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme, he said the committee's intention is not to leave out any event that causes tax content in exports. All the imposts that are not subsumed by the goods and services tax (GST) will be built into the RoDTEP rates, in a potential relief for exporters battered by the pandemic.

The government had envisaged an annual allocation of about Rs 50,000 crore under the RoDTEP scheme to make exports zero-rated. This new scheme is to replace the extant Merchandise Export from India Scheme – under which exporters were granted benefits worth about Rs 45,000 crore in FY20 – from January 2021.

But the latest NITI proposal had stoked fears of a massive reduction in either the coverage of sectors or the reimbursement rates under the RoDTEP scheme and cast a shadow over an export recovery following the Covid-19 outbreak. While the government is yet to endorse the NITI suggestion, the resource-strapped revenue department has capped the MEIS outlay at just Rs 9,000 crore for the April-December period of FY21, forcing the commerce ministry to block an online module for exporters to apply for such incentives for close to a month now.

The levies that will be considered while fixing the RoDTEP rates include state VAT/ central excise duty on fuel used in transportation, captive power and farming; mandi tax; electricity duty; stamp duty on export documents and purchases from unregistered dealers; embedded central GST and compensation cess; tax paid on transportation; cesses and royalties in case of minerals like coal and iron ore. Such imposts typically inflate exporters' costs and contribute to Indian products losing competitive edge in the global market.

Merchandise exports have been contracting since March. They witnessed a record 60% crash, year-on-year, in April, although the contraction narrowed to 37% in May, 12% in June and 10% in July, as lockdown curbs were lifted substantially from June. But any sharp reversal in the benefit structure, especially in times of a demand compression in the key US and European markets, will potentially jeopardise the export recovery, exporters have already warned.

The Pillai committee was formed on July 30 to suggest the RoDTEP rates, among others, and submit a report in three months. A supplementary report, if required, may be submitted two months after that, keeping in view "any issues that may arise".

An earlier committee under Shri Pillai had undertaken a similar, comprehensive exercise in textiles and readymade garments (under chapters 62 and 63 of the harmonised system code). Taxes up to the local level, and including central and state-level taxes, were estimated. For instance, cotton being a principal input in the textile value chain, the panel had to compute the tax incidence in textiles and garments due to the tax on fertilisers used by cotton farmers. So, the exercise is an elaborate and meticulous one.

The duty drawback division of the finance ministry is assisting the committee in the exercise, Shri Pillai said. Efforts are on to submit the report within the deadline for the specified tariff lines, the former secretary said. But he conceded that a thorough process, covering all items (at the six-or-eight-digit HS code levels) may take even 1-2 years.

The Centre had in 2016 decided to reimburse all embedded state levies paid by garment exporters. Later, the scope of the scheme was expanded to include central levies in it. With RoDTEP, the government will cover all other products.

Since tax rates keep on changing, the RoDTEP rates may need annual adjustments.

Source : The Financial Express

MSMEs may benefit from the newly framed Scheme - CGSSD

The newly-framed Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (CGSSD) can be a workable scheme for small MSMEs provided both bankers and the promoters of such stressed enterprises fulfil their side of the bargain.

Though the government has clearly gone out of the way and sweetened the deal for promoters of such stressed MSMEs, many MSME promoters see the stipulation requiring promoters to bring in 10 per cent of the sub-debt as margin money as daunting in the current trying Covid-19 times.

The bankers, on the other hand, say that it is they who are going to take a larger exposure, when they take up "restructuring" of the MSME.

Giving an example, a former chief executive of a public sector bank said that if total package for restructuring an MSME is say ₹100, then the bank is asking the promoter to bring ₹10 (while the bank itself will bring ₹90).

The main objective of this scheme is to facilitate loans (personal loan) through banks to the promoters of stressed MSMEs for infusion as equity/quasi equity in the business eligible for restructuring as per RBI guidelines.

The maximum sub-debt eligible under the scheme is equivalent to 15 per cent of his/ her existing stake (equity plus debt) or ₹75 lakh, whichever is lower as per the last balance sheet. To support the promoter, who may find it difficult to give this ₹10 in current Covid-19 times, the government has now through the CGSSD told the

banks to fund another ₹9 (give as loan to the promoter) and ask the promoter to fork out just ₹1 towards sub-debt. In effect, the bank will give ₹99, while the promoter puts in ₹1. If the promoter can't pitch in this ₹1 also, then the restructuring itself should not be done as the business itself will not be viable, the former banker said.

Source : The Business Line

GST registration for businesses in three working days with Aadhaar verification

Businesses which will provide Aadhaar number while applying for registration under the Goods and Services Tax will get the approval in three working days.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) last week notified Aadhaar authentication for GST registration with effect from August 21, 2020.

The notification also provides that in case businesses do not provide Aadhaar number, then GST registration would be granted only after physical verification of the place of business.

Finance Ministry sources said the GST Council in its 39th meeting held on March 14, 2020, had approved operationalisation of Aadhaar authentication for new taxpayers. However, its implementation was postponed due to the lockdown on account of Covid-19 pandemic.

For a person opting for Aadhaar authentication for new GST registration would get it within just three working days, if no notice is issued and would not need to wait for physical verification.

While applicants not opting for Aadhaar Authentication for GST registration would be granted it only after physical verification of the place of business or documentary verification which may take up to 21 working days or more if notice is issued, sources said.

Sources further said that keeping the Covid-19 pandemic in view, it has been provided that the officer may, if the circumstances warrant, opt for asking for additional documents in lieu of the pre-registration for physical verification of the premises.

Aadhaar authentication is expected to facilitate genuine and honest taxpayers while at the same time keeping fake and fraudulent entities away from GST, sources added.

Source : Business Standard

Norms for the enforcement of 'rules of origin' for imports under FTA

The government has come out with norms for the enforcement of 'rules of origin' provisions for allowing preferential rate of customs duties on products imported under free trade agreements.

The new norms have been framed with a view to checking inbound shipments of low quality products and dumping of goods by a third country routed through an FTA partner country.

The Department of Revenue has notified the 'Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020' which would "come into force on September 21, 2020".

These rules "shall apply to import of goods into India where the importer makes a claim of preferential rate of duty in terms of a trade agreement,".

The "rules of origin" provision prescribes for the minimal processing that should happen in the FTA country so that the final manufactured product may be called originating goods in that country.

Under this provision, a country that has inked an FTA with India cannot dump goods from some third country in the Indian market by just putting a label on it. It has to undertake a prescribed value addition in that product to export to India. Rules of origin norms help contain dumping of goods.

India has inked FTAs with several countries, including Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and ASEAN members.

Under such agreements, two trading partners significantly reduce or eliminate import/customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them.

According to the notification, to claim preferential rate of duty under a trade agreement, the importer or his agent, at the time of filing bill of entry, has to make a declaration in the bill that the imported products qualify as originating goods for preferential rate of duty under that agreement; and produce certificate of origin.

The claim of preferential rate of duty may be denied by the proper officer without verification if the certificate of origin is incomplete or has any alteration not authenticated by the issuing authority or the certificate is produced after its validity period has expired, it said.

The importer, it said, also has to possess all relevant information related to country of origin criteria, including the regional value content and submit the same to the proper officer on request.

It also said that an officer may, during the course of customs clearance or thereafter, request for verification of certificate of origin from verification authority where there is a doubt regarding genuineness or authenticity of the certificate for reasons such as mismatch of signatures or seal when compared with specimens of seals and signatures received from the exporting country.

The Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget speech had stated that the government would review 'rules of origin' requirements, particularly for certain sensitive items, "so as to ensure that FTAs are aligned to the conscious direction of our policy".

She had also said that it has been observed that imports under FTAs are on the rise and undue claims of FTA benefits have posed

threat to the domestic industry and such imports require stringent checks.

Source : The Business Standard

Niti Aayog asks states to set up dedicated export departments

States must set up dedicated export departments and re-look at the composition of exports with focus on labour intensive sectors, NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Shri Rajiv Kumar said while reiterating that the government's Atma Nirbhar Bharat package is aimed at pushing exports while continuing with critical imports into the country.

Shri Kumar said that the aim is to double India's export in global trade. For this, we need to change the composition of our exports and move towards labour intensive sectors which can generate a lot of jobs.

Urging states to compete among themselves to improve export competitiveness, Kumar said all states should set up dedicated export departments under an export commissioner to hike exports. Kumar was speaking at the launch of NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2020.

As per the index, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Odisha have emerged as top five states in export preparedness index. The index has ranked states in four categories like the coastal states, landlocked states, Himalayan states and the union territories across different pillars.

Source : The Economic Times

New trade connectivity route through inland waterways between India and Bangladesh

India and Bangladesh will open a new chapter in regional connectivity from September 3 by expanding the scope of inland water transport mechanism that would enable to boost trade in the region.

In May the two sides signed the addendum to the Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWTT). The number of Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) routes were increased from eight to ten. This includes the Sonamura- Daudkhandi stretch of Gumti river and the operationalisation of the Rajshahi-Dhulia Rajshahi routes with the extension up to Aricha.

With the 2nd Addendum to PIWTT, 2 new protocol routes, 5 new Ports of Call and 2 Extended Ports of Call have been added. This takes the no of protocol routes to 10, ports of call to 11, extended ports of call to 2.

Inland Water Authority of India has been discussing with Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority for the early operationalization of the newly added PIWTT route 9 & 10. The first pilot movement on this route is likely to be conducted on September 3.

The operationalization of the new protocol route will greatly facilitate the bilateral trade, with improved reliability and cost effectiveness for the business community and the people of both the countries.

Excellent connectivity provided by the existing and the newly added protocol routes is all the more pertinent in the present Covid-19 scenario as it will be instrumental in providing economical, faster, safer and greener mode of transport for traders and business communities of both the countries and will also have environmental benefits for the region.

The Sonamura-Daudkhandi route will improve the connectivity of Tripura and adjoining states. The Rajshahi-Dhulian route will augment infrastructure in Bangladesh and reduce transportation cost of stone chips to Bangladesh.

Among the newly added ports of call, Dhulian, Maia, Kolaghat, Sonamura and Jogigopha are on the Indian side while Rajshahi, Sultanganj, Chilmari, Daudkandi and Bahadurabad are on the Bangladesh side.

Further, two more extended Ports of Call – Tribeli (Bandel) and Badarpur on Indian side and Ghorasal and Muktarpur on Bangladesh side – have been included through this addendum. With this the total number of ports of call is now eleven and two extended Ports of Call in both the countries.

Inclusion of Jogigopha in India and Bahadurabad in Bangladesh as new Port of Call will provide connectivity to Meghalaya, Assam and Bhutan. Currently there are six ports of call each in Bangladesh and India.

The two countries have also agreed to introduce trade between Chilmari in Bangladesh and Dhubri in India through the use of shallow draft mechanized vessels. This initiative will allow export of stone chips and other Bhutanese and North East cargo to Bangladesh and easy access for the traders to the hinterland of Bangladesh.

The agreement will allow Inland vessels of both the countries to ply on the designated protocol route and dock at Ports of Call in each country, notified for loading and unloading of cargo. It will help boost bilateral trade and connectivity between the two countries.

The decision to add new protocol routes and inclusion of new routes and addition of new ports of call to facilitate trade between

the two countries was taken in October 2018 which has now been operationalised.

The Protocol for Inland Water Trade & Transit (PIWT&T) was signed between India and Bangladesh in 1972 to provide inland waterways connectivity between the two countries for bilateral trade as well as to improve the connectivity to North East States of India through waterways. In the FY 2019-2020, approx. 3.5 MMT of cargo was transported between India and Bangladesh on the protocol routes.

Source : The Economic Times

Deferred duty payment scheme announced by CBIC

Central and state level public sector undertakings (PSUs) can now pay customs duty 15 days after clearance of imported goods through customs, a move that is set to ensure speedier clearance and ease compliance for companies.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) announced the deferred duty payment scheme recently, adding that it had centralized intimation of entitlement to the scheme to all customs ports, thereby removing another hurdle for compliance.

This measure is expected to result in speedier clearance of the goods imported by the PSUs, thereby helping them in their activities.

Central and state PSUs importers will have to register with the CBIC on the basis of a recommendation letter from a joint secretary level officer of their administrative ministry or department.

The deferred duty payment scheme is presently available to 244 Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs) who can get their imported goods immediately and pay customs duties subsequently.

The Board has done away with the requirement of approved AEOs having to intimate every customs port of their entitlement to avail the facility of deferred payment of customs duties. This would now be handled centrally... This will also apply to the approved PSUs.

The scheme was launched in 2016 as part of 'Turant Customs' reforms which envisages a faceless, contactless and paperless customs environment for enhancing ease of doing business, increasing efficiency and improvement in turnaround time.

Source : The Economic Times

Chairman's VC Meeting with Joint Secretary, Dept. of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Chairman participated in a VC Meeting chaired by the Joint Secretary, DoC, Ministry of Commerce & Industry 13th August 2020. The Meeting was called to discuss the BIS testing and certifications standard for exports of PPE coveralls.

The Chairman said that the BIS standards for PPE coverall exports are hurting the Indian exporters and hindering our exports. Therefore the Government should consider doing away with the BIS standards and certification for exports of PPE coveralls. Subsequent to the Meeting, the Council also sent a representation to the Joint Secretary citing the reasons the ban on exports of PPE coveralls be lifted.

Further to this the Ministry has decided to allow exports of PPE coveralls without any restrictions.

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FAQs on Import Export Code Certificate – NEW Application



An Importer -Exporter Code (IEC) is a key business identification number which is mandatory for export from India or Import to India. No export or import shall be made by any person without obtaining an IEC unless specifically exempted.

Q1. What is the technical requirement for filing an IEC?

- Valid Digital Signatures Token
- Valid PAN
- Valid Mobile Number and Email ID.
- Valid Address Details of Branch Office
- Valid Bank Account in the name of IEC Holder
- Valid Aadhar Card matching the details with PAN Card

Q2. How to apply for new IEC application?

- Log on to **DGFT** website via link <https://dgft.gov.in/>.
- Proceed with registration process by clicking on **Login >>> Register >>> Register as “Importer/Exporter”**.
- After registration, Go to **My Dashboard**→ **Importer Exporter Code (IEC)**→**Apply for IEC**.

Q3. Why registration is required on DGFT Website?

- Have your own user profile.
- Apply / Link IEC – View IEC Dashboard under single window.
- Apply and track applications easily.
- Receive notifications over dashboard, email and mobile.

Q4. How to register on DGFT Website?

- Visit the DGFT website and proceed with registration process.
- Navigate to <https://dgft.gov.in>
- Click on **Login >>> Register**
- Enter **basic** details

- Enter the **OTPs** sent on your mobile and email
- Submit the details, Registration is Successful
- Temporary password sent on your email
- Login and change temporary password

Q5. What is my User name and what steps to follow after registration?

- The email will be your user name.
- Login credentials shared over email registered.
- Login with temporary password and change it.
- Apply for new IEC or link to existing IEC.
- You can link / apply for one IEC only

Q6. In how much time the OTP Expires?

- One-time password (OTP) is generated by computer and sent on mobile phone and e-mail to authenticate.
- OTP expires in 15 minutes.
- If OTP expires, click the **Resend OTP** button.

Q7. What is bank details validation?

- Bank Details will be validated through PFMS and result will be made available the next day.
- User will be issued the IEC immediately and the Risk shall be marked in RMS.
- On Successful Validation– RMS Flag shall be removed.
- On Failure – RMS Flag will retain for RA to verify the supporting document uploaded by the user.

Q8. How will I get to know that whether my payment process is Successful or Unsuccessful?

- After successful payment you will get the Acknowledgement stating the successful Submission of application for IEC with File No.
- The Application Status can be tracked using 'Track Status' and Receipt could again be printed.

Q9. How I can take the print of my IEC Certificate?

- Navigate to <https://dgft.gov.in>
- Enter **User Name** and **password**
- Click **Services**→**IEC**→**Manage IEC**
- Verify **Your details**
- Click **Print IEC**
- PDF displayed to print

Q10. How much time it takes to issue new IEC Certificate?

- The Average time to receive is immediate from successfully submission of the application.

Q11. How much time it takes to reflect my New IEC on Icegate?

- On realtime basis reflects the data on Icegate, once the IEC gets issued to you.

Q12. New System or application is compatible with which Browsers?

- The new portal is compatible with the following browsers: Chrome 70 + / Firefox 70 + / IE 11 +

Q13. What needs to be done if one is unable to proceed further without providing the details of members of the firm (Partners/Trustee/Directors)?

- The applicant needs to provide all the mandatory details of the members to proceed further.
- The director details from MCA are fetched based on the CIN (which is mandatory for the entity type companies.)
- For Foreign Directors, the PAN details are not mandatory.

Q14. What needs to be done if the Name of the firm and Bank Account Name doesn't match?

- Please check for the white spaces, if any, needs to be removed to proceed.
- The user needs to upload the supporting document for the Bank Account.

Link IEC

Q1. How I can link my old IEC in the new system?

- Logon to DGFT website via link <https://dgft.gov.in/>.
- Proceed with registration process by clicking on **Login >>> Register >>> Register as "Importer/Exporter"**
- After registration, Go to **Services → Link IEC**.
- Enter **IEC Number** and Click on **Validate**.
- Validation by DSC can happen only after registering **DSC on CP**
- Once the Validation Completes then click on **Validate with DSC / e-Sign with Aadhar Card**
- Once linked, you can add additional users as primary or secondary users to an IEC.

Q2. What is the technical requirement to Link an IEC?

- Valid Digital Signature Token
- Valid Mobile Number and Email ID

Q3. What is the issue as while clicking on Validation, I am unable to proceed?

- Kindly check the IEC Number entered as the same Validates the information registered against the IEC.

Q4. What features or tasks enabled for Primary User?

- Have Digital Token Authentication for IEC (e.g. Directors, Partners, and Proprietor etc.)
- Draft, save and submit applications
- Manage Users linked to IEC.
- Manage User Permission – Access to various schemes for an IEC.

Q5. What features or task enabled for Secondary User?

- Draft and save applications
- Submit applications with valid Digital Token Authentications

Modify IEC

Q1. How I can modify my IEC?

- Logon to DGFT website via link <https://dgft.gov.in/>.
- Proceed with registration process by clicking on **Login >>> Register**
- After registration, Go to **Services → Manage IEC**.
- Enter **IEC Number** and Click on **Validate**

- Validation by DSC can happen only after registering DSC on CP
- Once the Validation Completes then click on **Validate with DSC**
- Once linked, you can modify details in IEC

Q2. How I can modify my old email ID and mobile number registered with IEC?

- Logon to DGFT website via link <https://dgft.gov.in/>.
- Proceed with registration process by clicking on **Login >>> Register**
- After registration, Go to **Services → Manage IEC**.
- Enter **IEC Number** and Click on **Validate**
- Once the Validation completes then click on **Validate with DSC**
- Once linked, then click on **Modify IEC**
- You can change your registered mobile and email ID

Other Queries

Q1. Do I need to use the same mobile and email which is registered under IEC or while applying for New IEC?

- No, you only need to use the DSC to link your existing IEC.

Q2. Exporter created Login and Link the IEC, how he can change the actual details of registered user or how he can delink the IEC with the registered login! Eg, If A has created login and link B's IEC. How he can change the login of A to B or B can delink A's ID?

- To Link the B's IEC, the user A would need B's DSC. Logins cannot be changed. The DSC Holder may register any number of times and link their IEC.

Q3. How I can change the login email and mobile at the time of login, if I have submitted incorrect information earlier?

- The email and mobile are OTP Validated. But if you need to change then you can do post login >>> **Manage profile**.
- If you forget both email id and mobile, you may register again and link the IEC using DSC.

Q4. What is the step if I forget my password?

- If you have already registered and forget the password, you may use the **Forgot password** feature to request for a temporary new password and then set again your password by following the below given steps–
- 1) Visit the DGFT website and click on **Forgot Password hyperlink**.
 - 2) Enter **registered email id** in the username field.
 - 3) Enter **captcha code** shown on the screen.
 - 4) Click on the **submit** button.
 - 5) Click **OK** to proceed with the forgot password or click **cancel** to go back to previous screen
 - 6) System will validate the email id provided by you and send the one time password on the registered email id and mobile if email address is registered with DGFT.

Q5. Is there any expiry of default/temporary password?

- The temporary password doesn't have any expiry.

Q6. The Temporary password doesn't have any expiry.

- The application saves the draft when you will enter all the mandatory fields on the page and is navigating to the next page using the **'Save & Next'** or through the horizontal navigation radio button.

a) Proof of establishment/incorporation/registration

- Partnership
- Registered Society
- Trust
- Others

b) Proof of Address can be any one of the following documents:

- Sale Deed, rent agreement, lease deed, electricity bill, telephone land line bill, mobile, postpaid bill, MoU, Partnership deed
- Other acceptable documents (for proprietorship only): Aadhar card, passport, voter id.
- In case the address proof is not in the name of the applicant firm, a no objection certificate (NOC) by the firm premises owner in favor of the firm along with the address proof is to be submitted as a single PDF document.

c) Proof of Firm's Bank Account

- Cancelled Cheque
- Bank certificate

Q13. My Bank Name is not appearing in the list provided in the payment gateway section (Bharatkosh).

- You may please proceed by clicking on **Category**, you want to proceed (Net Banking, Debit Card, Credit Card, UPI)
- Click on **Pay**
- Enter your details for payment of any Bank
- Proceed with payment process.

Q14. Where can I check my transaction status of Payment?

- In case, you do not receive transaction status as success or failure after completing all steps in payment process, then wait for 30 Minutes and check the transaction status of the transaction using the "**Track Your Payment**" link on **Bharatkosh** home page.
- If your status of your transaction is shown as **Fail Ref**, then proceed to reinitiate a transaction for same purpose again.
- In case the amount is debited from your account for the Fail ref case, then you can expect the refund to be credited to your account in 3-5 working days.

Source:

[https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/DGFT%20-%20Profile%20Management%20\(IEC\)%20FAQs%20v1.0.pdf](https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/DGFT%20-%20Profile%20Management%20(IEC)%20FAQs%20v1.0.pdf)

Q7. If one of the director is Foreign National and not have Permanent Account Number (PAN), how can the details be added in Import Export Code (IEC) - Director details section?

- The applicant shall check the **Check Box – “Is the Director a Foreign National?”**. Applicant shall then be able to enter the details without providing mandatory PAN details.

Q8. What needs to be done if Importer/Exporter is unable to use DSC even though the drivers have been installed in the system?

- Importer/Exporter requires 2 set of system drivers to be installed on the computer-
 - 1) DSC Token Driver
 - 2) EMUDHRA Application Driver(Emudhra application needs to be installed and be available on the machine in the Running State).

Q9. Importer/Exporter have paid the fees in the old system for IEC Application or Modification and did not submit the complete application. What will happen to those payments?

- The Payments against IEC Application/Modification made in the Old system and not submitted by the applicant are valid for one year from the date of payment.
- The applicant will be able to create and submit the Application in the new system without paying again.
- The applicant with valid payment shall follow the given steps in new system
 - The Importer/Exporter shall register in the new DGFT Portal.
 - The user shall proceed with the filing of the application as a fresh with complete details.
 - The drafts of applications shall not be available and the complete form needs to be refilled by Exporter.
 - Upon e-sign and submission of the new IEC Application, the user shall not be re-directed to the Payment screen and system shall check for the previous payment for the same PAN, if any will attach to this application and receipt shall be generated with same previous payment details.

Q10. Exporter has paid the fees in March'2020 to modify IEC Application, but not submitted the complete application and file number not generated. What is the further process in the new system?

- The Importer/Exporter shall register in the new DGFT Portal.
- The users shall proceed with linking of IEC and then proceed with modification in the new DGFT Portal with filling complete details.
- **NOTE :** The drafts of applications shall not be available and the complete form needs to be refilled by Exporter.
- Upon e-sign and submission of the modification in IEC Application, the user shall not be re-directed to the Payment screen and system shall check for the previous payment for the same PAN, if any will attach to this application and receipt shall be generated with same previous payment details.
- **NOTE :** The payments made in the system and not submitted are valid for only one year from the date of payment.

Q11. Exporter is unable to proceed with New IEC Application or While Modifying IEC, if the same is saved as draft.

- The Member details (Directors/Partners/Trustees/..) are to be filled one by one and all the mandatory details before proceeding to the next section.
- The user needs to click on **Edit Button** against each member, fill the mandatory details and proceed.

Q12. How many documents do I have to attach in IEC Application?

- Scanned Documents for Upload in the System (PDF Only and Max file size of 5 MB).



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2)	Trade Notice No. 24/2020-21	6.8.2020	Extension of date for filling online applications for export quota of August 2020 for PPE Medical coveralls	DGFT extended the time for filling online applications for export quota of August 2020 for PPE Medical Coveralls for Covid-19 till 8.8.2020.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/395ff789-92cd-4576-b3ee-50cc50b98841/Trade%20Notice%2024.pdf
3)	Trade Notice No.23/2020-21	31.7.2020	Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin for India's exports to Thailand under ASEAN-India FTA	W.e.f. 1.8.2020, CoO applications for exports from India to Thailand under ASEAN-India FTA to be submitted through e-COO Platform to the designated issuing agencies.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/1bd2f586-1519-4fbc-a9d2-6be3e1090468/Trade%20Notice%2023%20e-COO%20Thailand.pdf
4)	Trade Notice No. 22/2020-21	30.7.2020	Procedure & Criteria for submission & approval of applications for export of 2/3 Ply Surgical Masks	DGFT notified procedures and criteria for submission and approval of applications for export of 2/3 Ply Surgical Masks.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/50af3b2b-33b1-4760-bef5-fbf6f189e359/T22N.pdf
5)	Trade Notice No.21/2020-21	30.7.2020	Procedure & Criteria for submission & approval of applications for export of Medical Goggles	DGFT notified procedures and criteria for submission and approval of applications for export of Medical Goggles.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/4a1cb6e6-721d-47cf-92e0-4140deb06c8c/21TN.pdf

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2)	Notification No. 77/2020-Cus (NT)	17.8.2020	Special Warehouse (Custody and Handling of Goods) Amendment Regulations, 2020	Amendments made in the Special Warehouse (Custody and Handling of Goods) Regulations, 2016. These regulations may be called the Special Warehouse (Custody and Handling of Goods) Amendment Regulations, 2020.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/hdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt77-2020.pdf
3)	Notification No. 76/2020-Cus (NT)	17.8.2020	Manufacture and Other Operations in Warehouse (no. 2) Amendment Regulations, 2020	The regulations may be called the Manufacture and Other Operations in Warehouse (no. 2) Amendment Regulations, 2020.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/hdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt76-2020.pdf
4)	Notification No. 75/2020-Cus (NT)	17.8.2020	Manufacture and Other Operations in Special Warehouse Regulations, 2020	These regulations may be called the Manufacture and Other Operations in Special Warehouse Regulations, 2020 and shall come into force on the date of their publication in Official Gazette.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/hdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt75-2020.pdf



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5)	Notification No. 69/2020-Cus (NT)	6.8.2020	Exchange Rates Notification	Notifies Rate of Exchange of Foreign Currencies w.e.f. 7.8.2020.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt69-2020.pdf
6)	Notification No. 67/2020-Cus (NT)	4.8.2020	Notification 67/2020-Cus. (N.T.) dated 04.08.2020- Amendment to Notification No. 12/97-Cus (N.T.) dated 02.04.1997	Amendments made in Notification No. 12/97-Customs (N.T.) dated 2nd April, 1997, against serial number 13 relating to State of West Bengal.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt67-2020.pdf
7)	Notification No. 66/2020-Cus (NT)	31.7.2020	Notification 66/2020-Cus. (N.T.) dated 31.07.2020 - Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020	CBIC has amended the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations, 2018.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt66-2020.pdf
8)	Notification No. 64/2020-Cus (NT)	31.7.2020	Transhipment of Cargo to Nepal under Electronic Cargo Tracking System (Amendment) Regulations, 2020	CBIC has amended the Transhipment of Cargo to Nepal under Electronic Cargo Tracking System Regulations, 2019.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt64-2020.pdf
9)	Notification No. 63/2020-Cus (NT)	30.7.2020	Specify jurisdiction of Commissioner (Appeals) to assessment orders passed by Faceless Assessment Groups	CBIC has made amendments in Notification No.92/2017-Customs (NT), dated 28.9.2017 to specify the jurisdiction of Commissioner (Appeals) to assessment orders passed by Faceless Assessment Groups.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt63-2020.pdf
10)	Notification No. 25/2020-Cus (ADD)	17.8.2020	CBIC extends levy of ADD on imports of "Caustic Soda" originating in or exported from China PR and Korea RP, upto 17.11.2020	Amendments have been made in Notification No. 42/2015-Customs (ADD), dated 18.8.2015 to extend Anti Dumping Duty on imports of Caustic Soda originating in or exported from China PR and Korea RP till 17.11.2020.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd25-2020.pdf
11)	Circular No. 36/2020	17.8.2020	Procedures to be followed in cases of manufacturing or other operations undertaken in special warehouses under section 65 of the Customs Act	CBIC has prescribed procedures to be followed in cases of manufacturing or other operations undertaken in special warehouses under section 65 of the Customs Act.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2020/Circular-No-36-2020.pdf
12)	Circular No. 34/2020	30.7.2020	2nd phase of All India roll-out of Faceless Assessment	CBIC decided to begin 2nd phase of All India roll-out of Faceless Assessment w.e.f. 3.8.2020 by including Delhi & Mumbai Customs Zones and extending scope of Faceless Assessment at Chennai & Bangalore Customs.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2020/Circular-No-34-2020.pdf

MUMBAI CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No.51/2020	18.8.2020	Streamlining of Unit Quantity Codes (UQCs) in Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills	To improve data quality among UQCs declared for items as per the invoice, codes mentioned in the Annexure of this Public Notice would be permitted in Bills of Entry/Shipping Bills.	http://www.mumbai.customszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/UQC.pdf



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2)	Public Notice No.50/2020	13.8.2020	Setting up of Central Receipt Unit (CRU)-Receipts and Acknowledgement of all Physical Receipts and Single Email for Commissionerates of Mumbai Customs	Address of CRU Section for Physical Correspondence is as follows- Central Receipts Unit (CRU), Ground Floor Main Building, New Customs House, N.M Road, Ballard Estate, Mumbai, 400001.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/Public_Note_50_of_2020_CRU.pdf
3)	Public Notice No.49/2020	11.8.2020	New Electronic Messages in Exports in SCMTR, 2019	To reduce physical interface, Electronic Exchange of Information from concerned stakeholders have been activated at different stages of Export clearance process.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/PN-49-2020.pdf
4)	Public Notice No.48/2020	10.8.2020	Designated official email id of O/o Pr. Chief Commissioner of Mumbai Customs	ccu-cusmum1@nic.in has been designated as the official email-id and single point of contact at Mumbai Customs.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/PN-48-2020.pdf
5)	Public Notice No.47/2020	10.8.2020	Launch of e-Office in the office of the Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs. Mumbai Zone I	Members must mention their mobile number & email in their communications to facilitate immediate acknowledgment by email & SMS through the application.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/PN-47-2020.pdf
6)	Public Notice No.46/2020	1.8.2020	2nd phase of All India roll-out of Faceless Assessment	Commissioner of Customs, Import, New Custom House, Mumbai has been designated as the Nodal Commissioner at Mumbai Customs.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/PN_FAG_01082020_(2).pdf
7)	Public Notice No.44/2020	28.7.2020	Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programme-Appointment of Nodal Officer within the jurisdiction of Chief Commissioner of Mumbai Customs	Shri K Raguram, Joint Commissioner of Customs, Import-II is appointed as Nodal Officer for all AEO matters at Mumbai Customs.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/20.pdf
8)	Public Notice No. 43/2020	23.7.2020	Invitation for suggestions for review existing Customs Exemption Notification	Suggestions towards the process of review may be submitted on the online portal at innovate.mygov.in before 21.8.2020.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/WhatsApp.pdf
9)	Public Notice No.42/2020	14.7.2020	Turant Customs- Setting up of Turant Suvidha Kendra, Its Roles and Functions	Turant Suvidha Kendra (TSK) is being set up for Import-I & II Commissionerates under Mumbai Customs.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/PN_TSK-Amended_12_copy.pdf

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOMS HOUSE

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1)	Corrigendum to Public Notice No. 98/2020	11.8.2020	Launch of e-Office in the office of Chief Commissioner of Customs, Nhava Sheva	The designated E-mail id ccu-cusmum2@nic.in may be used for official communication.	http://jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/CPN-98-2020.pdf
2)	Public Notice No.101/2020	18.8.2020	Streamlining of UQCs in Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills	In order to further improve data quality, even among the commercial UQCs declared for the items as per the invoice, henceforth only codes as mentioned in the Annexure would be permitted in BEs/SBs. Declarations in any other UQC will not be accepted.	http://jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-101-2020.pdf



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3)	Public Notice No.100/2020	14.8.2020	Refund of IGST on Export-Invoice mis-match Case - Alternative Mechanism with Offer Interface	Members are requested to check the list of IECs and their pending shipping bills of invoice mis-match exists that is being made available on JNCH website.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-100-2020.pdf
4)	Public Notice No.98/2020	10.8.2020	Launch of e-Office in the office of Chief Commissioner of Customs, Nhava Sheva	E-Office application has been developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) to carry out office work electronically in Chief Commissioner of Customs Unit.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-98-2020.pdf
5)	Public Notice No. 97/2020	6.8.2020	Webinar on "Manufacture & other operations in a Customs Bonded Warehouse	A webinar was organized by Customs on Manufacture and other operations in Customs Bonded Warehouse on 7.8.2020 at 11:00 hours.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-97-2020.pdf
6)	Public Notice No.96/2020	31.7.2020	2nd phase of All India roll-out of faceless Assessment	2nd phase of All India roll-out of faceless Assessment has been started at JNCH.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-96-2020.pdf
7)	Public Notice No.94/2020	30.7.2020	Crowd sourcing of suggestions for review of existing Customs duty exemption notifications/ Customs Laws and procedures	An initiative has been taken to institute a facility at the MyGov Innovate Portal https://innovate.mygov.in/suggestions-for-review-of-existing-customs/ for stakeholders/ public to provide their suggestions online.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-94-2020.pdf
8)	Public Notice No.93/2020	29.7.2020	Instructions for uploading documents in E-Sanchit for approval of AD Code/IFSC with Bank Account in ICES	JNCH has prescribed instructions for uploading documents in E-Sanchit for approval of AD Code/IFSC with Bank Account in ICES.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-93-2020.pdf
9)	Public Notice No.92/2020	28.7.2020	Registration of different stakeholders under SCMTR -urgent onboarding	A dedicated SCMTR Cell has been created to facilitate process of registration. This cell is headed by DC, import noting, who is also nodal officer for SCMTR 2018 related issues.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-92-2020.pdf
10)	Standing Order No. 21/2020	10.8.2020	Launch of e-Office in the Chief Commissioner's Office, JNCH	e-Office electronic application to carry out office work electronically has been launched in Chief Commissioner of Customs Unit.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-21-2020.pdf
11)	Standing Order No. 20/2020	3.8.2020	Implementation of Phase II of the Faceless Assessment	For ease of reference, workflow of the Bill of Entry in Faceless Assessment Group (FAG) is given in this Standing Order.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-20-2020.pdf
12)	Standing Order No.19/2020	29.7.2020	Amended to the Standing Order No. 16/2020 dated 16.06.2020	In partial modification to the Standing Order 16/2020 dated 16.06.2020, S. No. 2 & 10 are replaced.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-19-2020.pdf

SAHAR AIR CARGO CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No. 07 issued by CCO	11.8.2020	Designating official email id for communicating with O/o Chief Commissioner of Mumbai Customs, Mumbai Zone-III	cczone3@mumbaicustoms3.gov.in is the official email id and single point of contact with O/o Chief Commissioner of Air Cargo Customs.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/Public%20Notice%20No.%2007.pdf
2)	Public Notice No. 06 issued by CCO	11.8.2020	Launch of e-office in the office of Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-III	eOffice application has been launched in O/o Chief Commissioner of Customs, Air Cargo Complex.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/Public%20Notice%20No.%2006.pdf



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3)	Public Notice No. 106/2020	7.8.2020	Operationalization of Faceless Assessment at Air Cargo Complex, Mumbai	Customs has prescribed detailed procedures that have been adopted for smooth operation of Faceless Assessment by Customs.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/PUBLIC%20NOTICE_Faceless%20assessment106.pdf
4)	Public Notice No.105/2020	5.8.2020	Instructions for uploading documents in E-Sanchit for approval of AD Code/IFSC with Bank Account in ICES	ACC has prescribed instructions for uploading documents in E-Sanchit for approval of AD Code/IFSC with Bank Account in ICES.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/PN%20AD%20CODE.doc
5)	Public Notice No.104/2020	5.8.2020	ICES Advisory No. 25/2020 dated. 31.07.2020- Implementation of Phase II of Faceless Assessment	Procedures to be followed in ICES remains the same as were followed in the pilots for faceless assessment.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/PN-ICES-FAG.doc
6)	Public Notice No.103/2020	31.7.2020	2nd Phase of All India roll-out of Faceless Assessment	2nd phase of All India roll-out of faceless Assessment has been started at Air Cargo Complex.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/Scan%20jul%2031%202020.pdf
7)	Public Notice No.101/2020	29.7.2020	All Industry Rate Drawback Claims - Disposal of older cases	Customs has informed that a large number of drawback Shipping Bills are lying in queue and are pending for reply from the exporter for quite a long time.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/PN%20%20DBK.docx

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE REMEDIES

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1)	F. No. 6/10/2020 - DGTR	13.8.2020	Proposed PCN methodology in anti-dumping investigation on imports of "Polyester Yarn (Polyester Spun Yarn)" from China PR, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam.	Product Control Number (PCN) methodology has been adopted.	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/PCN.pdf
2)	-	24.7.2020	Questionnaire- Anti-subsidy investigation Govt Questionnaire- Anti-subsidy investigation concerning imports of "Viscose Rayon Filament Yarn above 60 deniers" originating in or exported from China PR	Government's Questionnaire is given.	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Subsidy%20-CVD_Govt.Questionnaire_1.pdf

OFFICE OF THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	-	18.8.2020	Minutes of 17th Technical Advisory Monitoring Committee Meeting under ATUFS held on 29th July, 2020	O/o Textile Commissioner has issued Minutes of 17th Technical Advisory Cum Monitoring Committee (TAMC) Meeting under ATUFS.	http://txcindia.gov.in/html/17th%20TAMC%20meeting%20minutes.pdf

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

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1)	RBI/2020-2021 /26	21.8.2020	New Definition of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises – clarifications	Clarifications on the New Definition of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.	https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11951&Mode=0
2)	RBI/2020-21/22	6.8.2020	Offline Retail Payments using Cards / Wallets / Mobile Devices – Pilot	To encourage technological innovations that enable offline digital transactions, Reserve Bank shall permit a pilot scheme to be conducted for a limited period.	https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11947&Mode=0
3)	RBI/2020-21/21	6.8.2020	Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) System for Digital Payments	ODR arrangement would be extended to cover disputes and grievances other than those related to failed transactions.	https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11946&Mode=0

GST RELATED NOTIFICATIONS

CENTRAL TAX NOTIFICATIONS

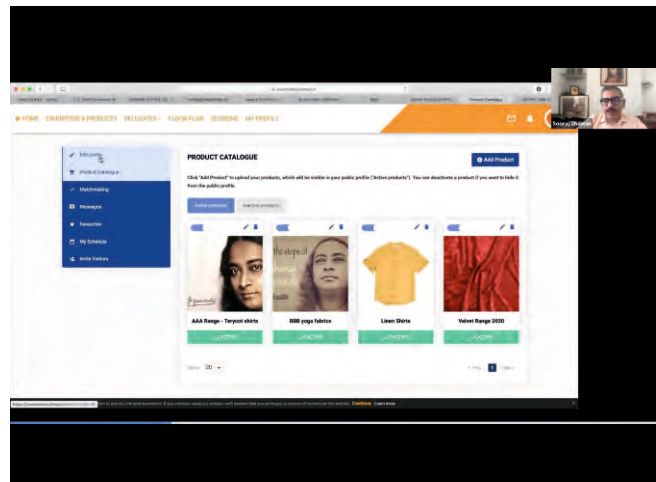
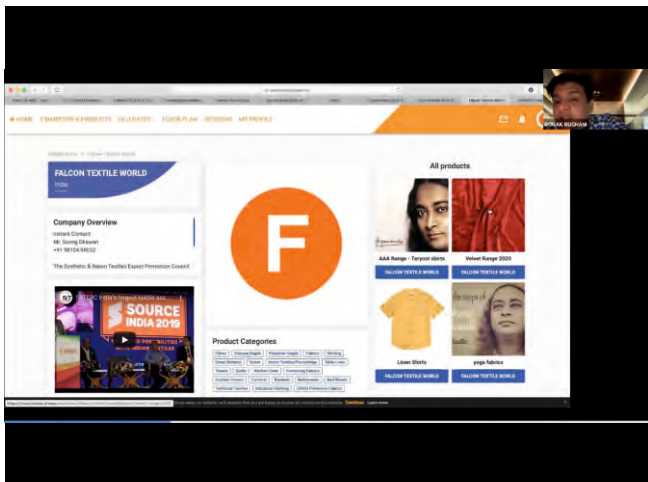
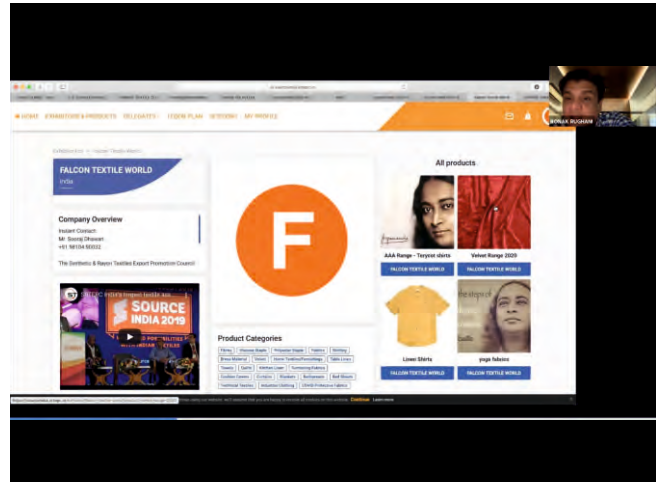
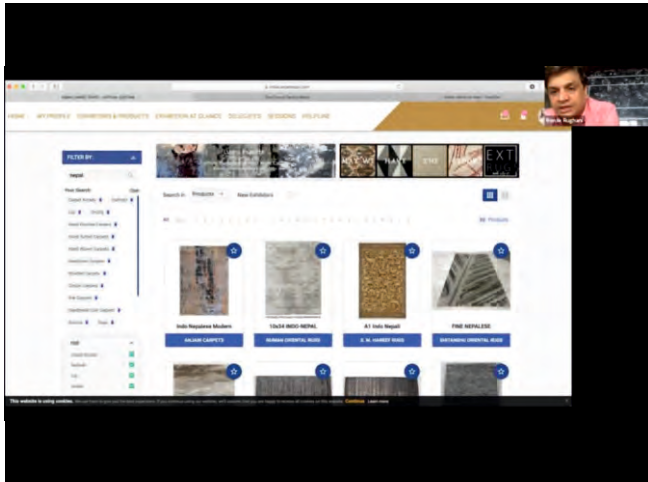
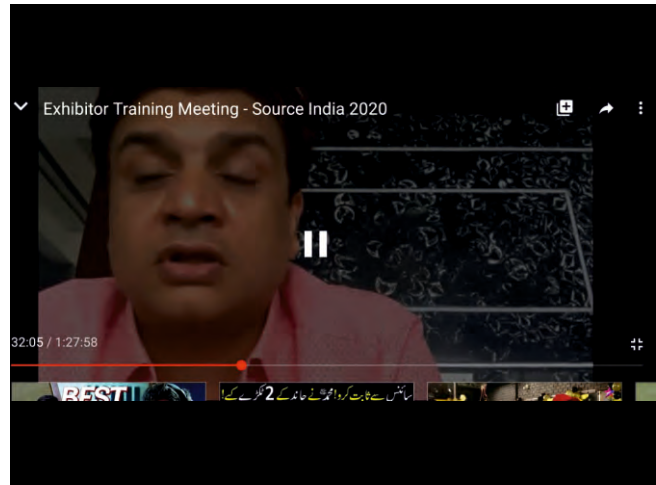
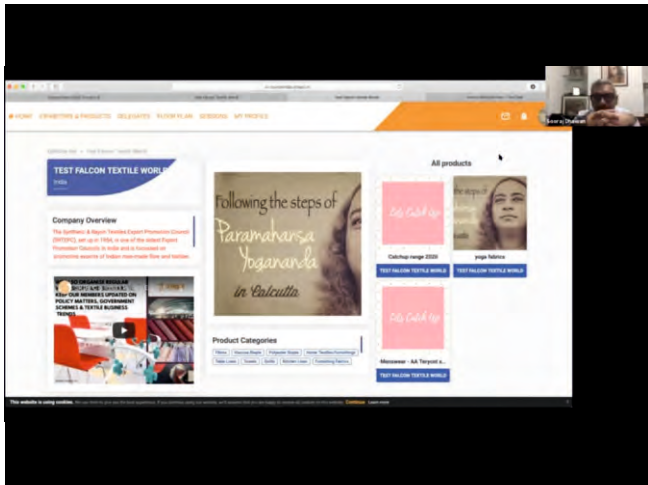
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Notification No./ Date	Subject
61/2020-Central Tax dated 30.07.2020	Seeks to amend Notification no. 13/2020-Central Tax in order to amend the class of registered persons for the purpose of e-invoice
60/2020-Central Tax dated 30.07.2020	Seeks to make Ninth amendment (2020) to CGST Rules

PRESS RELEASES

Name of Ministry	Date	Subject
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	18.8.2020	Our Target is to Become a Manufacturing Hub of Construction Equipments in the World: Shri Nitin Gadkari
Ministry of Finance	15.8.2020	PM Shri Narendra Modi highlights importance of Aatmanirbhar Bharat in 74th Independence Day speech
Ministry of Home Affairs	13.8.2020	Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said 'Launch of 'Transparent Taxation - Honoring the Honest' platform is an important step for New India
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	12.8.2020	Gadkari calls for enhanced international investment in Infrastructure and MSME sector
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	10.8.2020	Recent Steps Taken by Government to Give Relief to MSMEs will Accelerate the Wheel of Economy: Shri Nitin Gadkari
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	10.8.2020	Indian products deserve fair access to other countries on reciprocal basis
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	9.8.2020	Shri Piyush Goyal calls upon more buyers and sellers to join the GeM, which has proved to be a game-changer in government procurement;
Ministry of Finance	8.8.2020	Shri G C Murmu takes over as C&AG of India
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	8.8.2020	Gadkari emphasizes upon improving MSME footprint in 115 aspirational districts
Ministry of Finance	7.8.2020	Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs Shri Anurag Thakur participates in CBIC Web interaction on "In Bond Manufacturing & Other Operations" for business-friendly environment in India
Ministry of Textiles	7.8.2020	Union Minister of Textiles and Women & Child Development, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani extends greetings on the occasion of the 6th National Handloom Day
Ministry of Textiles	6.8.2020	National Handloom Day on 07th August 2020- Function being organized by Ministry of Textiles on Virtual Platform
Ministry of Finance	1.8.2020	GST Revenue collection for July 2020
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	30.7.2020	Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurates CII National Digital conference on Ease of Doing Business for Atmanirbhar Bharat;

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