Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry Department of Commerce Directorate General of Foreign Trade Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi Policy 3 Division

Dated: 20.02.2023

Policy Circular No. 46/2015-20

To,

All Regional Authorities of DGFT

SEZ RAs

Subject:- Processing of MEIS/SEIS applications pending at RAs under Para- 3.06 of HBP

This Directorate have received representations from MEIS/SEIS applicant firms and also from Regional Authorities, in which it has been informed that their applications are pending at RAs as their application are deficient on the basis of Para 3.06 of the HBP (2015-2020) i.e. application filed at wrong jurisdiction and had requested to get it expeditiously disposed at the RAs where it is pending since long.

- 2. The matter has been examined. It has been noted that MEIS and SEIS scheme have now been discontinued w.e.f. 01.01.2021 and 01.04.2020 respectively, and are on the verge of final closure, therefore, transfer/migration of files at this moment from one RA to another, might not be feasible, as it will leads to fresh examination of the case and will take time.
- 3. In view of above, it has been decided by the Competent Authority, that all such MEIS/SEIS applications, which have been kept pending and are deficient at the RAs under provisions of Para 3.06 of the HBP 2015-20 may be re-opened by the RAs and examined again on merits/ additional documents submitted by the firm as per extant policy and procedural conditions. RAs are advised to provide an opportunity of personal hearing to the applicants, before rejecting a case.
- 4. All such requests of transfer of application pending at present at the DGFT HQs, hereby stand remanded back to the RAs for necessary action as above.
- 5. This issues with the approval of DG, DGFT.

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