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COUNCIL ORGANIZES WEBINAR ON EXPORT FINANCE JOINTLY WITH BANK OF BARODA



The Council in association with BOB Forex Department organised webinar on "Export Finance (Packing credit, post shipment credit, bill purchasing, bill discounting, etc.) Documentation under LC and third party payments for exports" for its member-exporters on 18th July 2020. Shri Ramesh S. Iyer, AGM, BOB, an export finance domain expert was the speaker at the webinar.

The current situation due to the pandemic has gravely affected the exports of the country. The uncertainty prevailing due to the conditions have put exporters in a precarious position with no immediate shipments but payments to be carried out to workers, etc. The webinar was organized with an objective to enlighten and educate our member exporters on the export finance being offered by Banks.

The webinar was inaugurated by the Chairman Shri Ronak Rughani with his keynote address. He informed that he has 40 years of experience in dealing with banks for export finance. He emphasised that an effective management and utilisation of export finance can mitigate most of the exporters finance requirements.

Shri Iyer focussed on Export Finance and the various types of it offered by Banks. The topic gained importance in the current situation as exporters are in a quandary about the intricacies of Bank Export Finance. The topics touched by Shri Iyer included Pre-shipment / Packing Credit as well as Post-shipment Credit available in Indian Rupee and foreign currency.

Shri Iyer mentioned that there are separate limits for Pre-shipment and Post-shipment finance and interchangeability is restricted.

He also mentioned about the Exporters Gold Card - a Scheme for exporters with good track record and in-principle' limits sanctioned for a period of 3 years.

The Meeting received a good response from members with around 120 of them attending the webinar. The Meeting was enlightening and gave member-exporters an insight on the different aspects of Bank Export Finance.



CHAIRMAN ATTENDS WEBINAR ON INLAND WATERWAYS TRANSPORT FOR TEXTILE TRADE WITH BANGLADESH



SRTEPC Chairman attended a webinar organized by TEXPROCIL on "Inland Waterways Transport for textile trade with Bangladesh" on 22nd July 2020. Shri Ravi Capoor, Secretary (Textiles) and Dr. Amita Prasad, IAS, Chairperson, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA) were present at the webinar. Shri Rajesh Jindal, Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Kolkata, West Bengal was also present at the webinar Meeting.

The webinar was organized with an objective of exploring an alternative mode of transport for trading with Bangladesh. The frequent problems faced in the road transport system by the Indian exporters of textiles have affected our exports to Bangladesh and since the major part of the international border shared with Bangladesh fall under the riverine boundaries Inland Waterways Transport seems to be an ideal substitute for shipments to Bangladesh. Bangladesh is an important market for Indian textiles. Moreover, the proximity between the two countries makes it easier and cheaper to exchange trade with each other.

The SRTEPC Chairman commended the efforts made by the Ministry of Textiles and Inland Waterways Authority of India for initiating alternative mode of transport discussions which he felt would boost Indian textile exports to Bangladesh in a big way. He requested for a transport cost comparison analysis with road, rail and sea transport.

A presentation on "Development of Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) for Indo–Bangladesh Textile Trade" was also made during the Meeting.

The webinar Meeting concluded with a Question and Answer session.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Members,

I am glad to inform that the Council is organizing "Source India Virtual 5.0" during 7th-9th September 2020. The flagship event of the Council is in its fifth year and although this time the event would be a virtual one, the Council is leaving no stone unturned to see that it is a success like the previous ones. A circular in this regard has already been mailed to members and I hope that you all have received the same. The Council has begun scrutinising the buyers from different parts of the globe. I am confident that this new experience will indeed be fruitful to all the member-exporters especially since there has been a lull in overseas business in the last few months. I request members to take advantage of this unique opportunity and participate in large numbers.

The export scenario the last few months has been worrisome. The latest data received from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry shows that exports of MMF textiles during the period 2019-20 showed a fall of 4.05% compared to the same period the previous year. Barring fabrics the other three product categories viz yarn, fibre and made-ups registered a negative growth during the period. The decline in exports of MMF textiles may be mainly attributed to the global slowdown and not to the COVID situation since it affected in the beginning of the year 2020. However, conditions are slowly changing and according to reports the Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry has recently announced that exports have started improving by 10-12% in June 2020. The Hon'ble Minister also informed that the Government is now focusing on some sectors where the country has a competitive edge to boost exports and I am happy to mention that textiles in general and MMF textiles in particular is one of the sectors targeted by the Government.

In recent years, MMF textiles have gained importance over cotton especially during these times. In light of the current situation, exports of PPE and masks have gained tremendous potential in the market and it is to our advantage that 90% of the protective textiles are made from MMF textiles such as polyester, nylon, etc. which fall under our purview. Another field that has gained strength in today's world is the anti-viral products which too come under the MMF textiles. I have been, at various platforms, seeking Government's support in encouraging the production of such fabrics by giving special incentives to producers of these fabrics. The other field that needs attention is our R&D centres, as most of the Indian companies venturing in the manufacture of anti viral products are partnering with foreign research centres. We therefore need to bolster our R&D by setting up Research Centres with focus on innovations in textile products. I am sure that the Government will definitely take positive steps in this direction.

The Council on its part has been continuing with its activities even during the lockdown and in its endeavour to keep the exporters updated and apprised organized a webinar Meeting jointly with BOB Forex Department on 18th July 2020. The webinar Meeting was informative and gave an insight to our member-exporters on the various aspects of Export Financing. I am also happy to note that members have been participating in large numbers in these webinars. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Shri Shri Ramesh S. Iyer, AGM, BOB, the export finance domain expert who was the main speaker at the Meeting. Friends, the Council will continue to host such webinars inviting experts in different fields on various topics which are currently affecting the exports and exporters. I once again request members to come forward and participate in such webinar Meetings.

I would also like to request our distinguished members once again to renew their membership with this Council to enable us serve them better and to participate in Council's programmes in this financial year. I look forward to your continued support for strengthening the Council's membership by bringing more and more Members into the fold and strengthen our unity.

Yours sincerely,

RONAK RUGHANI
CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN HAS A VC INTERACTION WITH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ON PROSPECTS OF TRADE WITH BRAZIL

EXPORTS OF CHINESE MMF TEXTILES TO BRAZIL IN 2019

Segment-wise exports in US\$ mn

Sl. No.	Segment	From China	From India
1	Fibre	65.58	11.3
2	Yarn	280.48	225.26
3	Fabrics	470.07	9.4
4	Made-ups	104.44	4.7
5	Total	920.57	250.66

Main Tariff lines in potential Segments (US\$ mn)

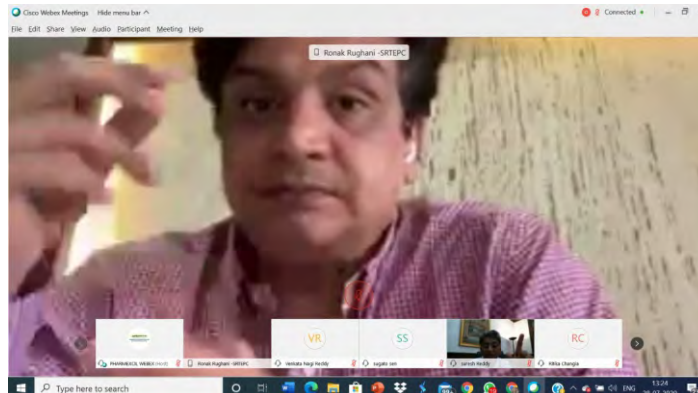
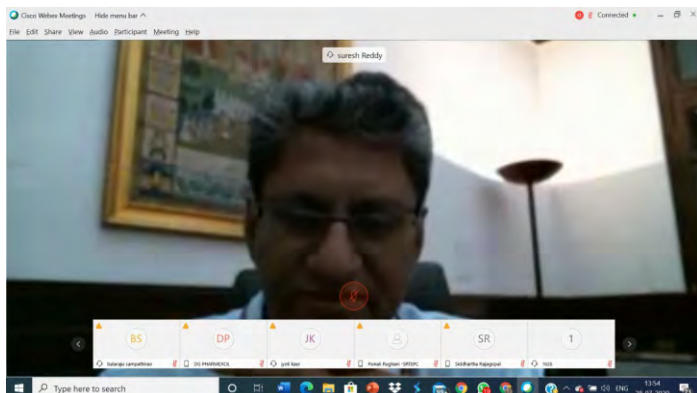
Sl. No.	HS Code	From China	From India
FIBRE			
1	55032000 PSF	43.45	11.06
2	55041000 VSF	12.69	0.20
YARN			
1	54021110 PTP	184.00	112.00
2	54021110 Multi- twisted yarn	39.23	2.44
3	55091100 PV Yarn	11.58	3.40
4	55092100 Polyester Yarn combed	15.00	2.86

SOURCE: ITC

Shri Ronak Rughani, Chairman, SRTEPC had a VC Interaction with Department of Commerce regarding prospects of trade with Brazil and way forward to enhance exports to Brazil on 28 th July 2020. The VC interaction was chaired by Shri Suresh K. Reddy, Ambassador designate of India to Brazil. Shri Suresh Kumar, Joint Secretary, FT-LAC and EP(CAP) and Dr Srikar Reddy, Joint Secretary, EP(Engg) Department of Commerce were also present at the Video Conference Meeting. Besides SRTEPC other Export promotion Councils viz., AEPC, Texprocil, Pharmexcil, Chemexcil, Plexconcil, EEPC, etc. were also a part of the Video Conference Meeting.

Shri Suresh K. Reddy, Ambassador designate of India to Brazil informed that Brazil is the largest market in the LAC and Indian products have good acceptance in the Brazilian market. He also mentioned that the present is the opportune time when the political relationship between Brazil and India are at its best. Indian companies should take advantage of this great time to enhance exports to Brazil.

The Chairman Shri Ronak Rughani made a PowerPoint Presentation during the VC interaction regarding MMF textiles export potential in Brazil. During the presentation Shri Rughani highlighted the potential MMF textile tariff lines which are currently heavily imported by Brazil from China. He also mentioned that for exporting from India to Brazil it takes 55 to 60 days as compared to 25 to 30 days for exports from China to Brazil and this long shipping time from India to Brazil is one of the major hurdles for exporting to Brazil. Shri Rughani requested Shri Suresh K. Reddy, Ambassador designate to Brazil to give handholding support to the Indian exporters to establish a foothold in the Brazilian market including contacts of the Brazilian importers. Ambassador designate has appreciated the presentation made by Chairman Shri Ronak Rughani and assured all cooperation and help to develop the Brazilian market for Indian man-made fibre textile exports.





CHAIRMAN'S VC MEETING WITH HON'BLE UNION MINISTER OF TEXTILES ON SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN BEING LAUNCHED ON NATIONAL HANDLOOM DAY



Shri Ronak Rughani, Chairman participated in a VC Meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani on 31st July 2020. The Meeting was held on the Social Media Campaign being launched on National Handloom Day.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Rughani, Chairman assured the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles that the Council will promote the National Handloom Day on 7th August 2020 along with Council's virtual show publicity and request all the members of the Council and their employees to participate in the campaign. Shri Rughani also stated that there would be a Pavilion to promote Handloom and weavers during the Source India 2020 virtual show scheduled to be held during 7th - 9th September 2020 and promote the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Handlooms during the 3-day event.

Bangladesh

Apparel target fixed at US\$ 33.78 billion

Bangladesh has set a target of US\$41 billion from merchandise exports with 21.75% growth for fiscal 2020-21 as the country has witnessed a fall in exports due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the apparel sector, the target is set at US\$33.78 billion with a 20.88% growth, of which US\$16.70 billion will come from knitwear products and US\$17.09 billion from woven goods.

In the last fiscal, the government set a goods export target of US\$44.5 billion, but could earn only US\$33.67 billion, registering a 16.93% fall.

The Bangladesh Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi announced the export target recently in a virtual meeting with the stakeholders.

In the last fiscal, apparel exports plunged by 18.12% to US\$27.95 billion, as compared to US\$34.13 billion in the previous fiscal. Knitwear products fetched US\$13.90 billion, 17.65% less than the previous fiscal's figure. Woven items earned US\$14.04 billion, registering a 18.58% negative growth.

Source : Fibre2fashion

Vietnam

Textile and apparel exports down 14.5% in the first five months of 2020

Vietnam has faced a 14.5 percent decline year-on-year to over US\$10 billion in textile and apparel export in the first 5 months of the year. However Vietnam targets 5% annual GDP growth in 2020.

The United States, the European Union, Japan, South Korea and China are among its largest markets. In the first two months of the year Vietnam's export of garments and textile products reached US\$5.3 billion which was 3.5% less than the previous year. In May alone, the export stood at US\$1.8 billion which was 34.3% percent less than previous year.

According to the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association, complex development of COVID-19 is responsible for the order reduction.

Vietnam, among the world's biggest exporters and producers of garments and textiles, fetched US\$32.6 billion in 2019, which was up 6.9% over the previous year, according to the statistic office. The industry aims to achieve an export turnover of about US\$32.55 billion in 2020 (at 5% GDP growth).

Source : <https://www.textiletoday.com.bd/>

Indonesia

CEPA with Australia to increase GDP

The Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA), which took effect on July 5, could increase the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 0.23% or add US\$ 1.65 billion (Rp16.5 trillion) per year.

It is learnt that under the IA-CEPA agreement, the two countries will enjoy certain preferential market access. Indonesia expects an increase in exports of some of its products to Australia, such as textiles, automotive products, electronics, fish products, and communication equipment.

The Indonesia-Australia CEPA not only includes trade and investment Agreements but also vocational education, higher education, and the health sector. Indonesia's advantage in the framework of the agreement is the imposition of a 0 percent tax on Australian imports.

Because global trade was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Indonesia's exports fell 28.95% year-on-year (YoY) to US\$ 10.53 billion in May. However, the country's exports to Australia still rose 15.69% year on year to US\$ 920 million in the January-May period, when exports to major trading partners largely fell.

The IA CEPA is expected to increase the value of Indonesia's annual textile exports to Australia by 2% to 7% from the level before the trade agreement. The value of Indonesian textile exports to Australia fell slightly by 1 percent to \$ 250.9 million in 2019 from the previous year.

The trade agreement is also expected to help the post-pandemic economic recovery of the two countries, especially in terms of trade and investment. Bilateral trade between the two countries is valued at \$ 7.8 billion in 2019.

Australia imported US\$ 2.11 billion worth of Indonesian products, 1.36% of the last total non-oil and gas exports, throughout 2019. On the other hand, Australia sent US\$ 4.67 billion of commodities to Indonesia, resulting in a US\$ 2.56 billion trade deficit on the Indonesian side.

Source : <http://www.indotextiles.com/>

Turkey

Exports of protective clothing and mask touched US\$573.4 million in the first half of 2020

Turkey's protective clothing and mask exports reached US\$573.4 million in the first half of this year amid the coronavirus pandemic. The country exported US\$144.7 million worth of masks and US\$428.7 worth of protective clothes in the first six months of this year. The share of the sector on Turkey's total readymade garment and clothing exports reached 8.2%.

Readymade garment and clothing exports surged 25% annually in June after a three month decline. Despite the rise in June, exports shrank 19.8% to \$7 billion in six-month period.

Source : Hurriyet Daily News

Textile exports up

The Turkish textile and raw materials industry experienced the shocking effect of the Covid-19 pandemic in the export markets in the first half of 2020 and managed to enter a rapid recovery process.

In the January-June period of 2020, the total exports of the textile industry were recorded as 4.1 billion dollars, down by 17.4% compared to the same period of the previous year. On the basis of June alone, textile exports increased by 19.8% compared to the previous year to 766 million dollars. Turkey's overall exports in the first half of the year increased by 15.8% to 13.5 billion dollars. Looking at the export performance of the textile industry on a monthly basis, the promising development attracts attention. After the increases in January and February, there was a sharp decline by 17% in March and 44.4% in April, when the pandemic began to take effect. The shock landing encountered a quick fix of 15% in May. This uptrend continued in June, with an increase of 42.7%. The exports of the sector showed a similar fluctuation in terms of quantity. In the January-June period of 2020, quantity-based exports decreased by 14.3% to 999 thousand tons. The amount of exports realized only in June has increased by 16.3%. The highest textile and raw material exports were made to 28 EU countries in June. This export amounted to 410 million dollars, an increase of 23.9%. On a 6-month basis, exports to the EU fell 18.5% to 2 billion dollars. Exports to other European countries also reached 11 million dollars in June, up 144.9%. Exports to the Old East Bloc Countries, the second largest market in the sector, increased by 37.2% in June to 87 million dollars. In the context of the January-June period of 2020, Turkish textile exports to this market decreased by 10.9% to 431 million dollars. In June, textile exports to the Middle East countries increased by 8.1% to 56 million dollars. On the basis of the first half of the year, our exports to this market decreased by 21.2% to 383 million dollars. In June, an increase of 43.4% was achieved in the textile exports to the Turkic Republics. The markets, which declined in June, are listed as African countries 7.8%, Asian and Oceania countries %9%. Textile exports to Germany increased by 65.8%. As the most important export country of the Turkish textile industry, Germany has been maintaining its place for years. In June, exports to Germany increased by 65.8% to 85 million dollars. Exports in the first 6 months of the year decreased by 2.9% to 397 million dollars. The second important export country of the sector was Italy. Exports to Italy in June decreased by 4.1% to 60 million dollars, while the value in January-June decreased by 25.8% to 320

million dollars. Exports to the USA, the third largest market of the textile industry, increased by 37.1% in June to 45 million dollars. Exports to this country fell 8.4% to 245 million dollars in the January-June period. In this period, exports to the UK fell by 21.5% to 181 million dollars; while exports only increased by 29.4% to 40 million dollars, based on June. Among the top ten countries, Bulgaria was the 5 country in which exports decreased the most. Exports to Bulgaria in the January-June period fell by 31.5% to 154 million dollars. In the January-June 2020 period, the most important export product of the Turkish textile industry was 'technical textiles included in the textile industry'. This product group, which constitutes 27.2% of total textile exports; increased by 43.9% compared to the same period of the previous year and reached 1.1 billion dollars. The export of technical textiles products in June was calculated as 318 million dollars with an increase of 202%. The second most important product group in exports was woven fabrics with a 20% share. Exports of woven fabrics, which decreased by 30.7% to 823 million dollars in the first 6 months of the year, reached 151 million dollars in June, up 4.5%. The yarn product group ranked third in exports with a 16% share. The yarn product group; which was able to achieve a value of 661 million dollars by decreasing 28.8% in the January-June 2020 period; recorded a performance of 102 million dollars in June with a 13% decrease. The fiber exports of the sector decreased by 16.5% in the first 6 months of the year and reached 178 million dollars; and in June it decreased by 0.8% and reached the value of 40 million dollars.

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

Pakistan

Exports of textile and clothing register negative growth during 2019-20

Pakistan's textile and clothing exports posted a negative growth of over six per cent year-on-year to US\$12.526 billion in the fiscal year 2019-20 compared to US\$13.327bn in the corresponding period last year.

The pace of fall in textile exports slowed down in the last two months owing to a recovery in the international orders. Compared to 36.5% decline in May, exports in June declined by 5.43% over the last year.

The easing of lockdown in the North American and European countries — top export destinations for Pakistani textile goods are expected to help revive the sinking exports. The Covid-19 has collapsed the demand for the country's exports during the last five months.

Piled up containers at ports since March 22 were mostly cleared in the month of June. Moreover, the government also reopened exports through the land route to Iran and Afghanistan in June.



It is reported that cargo handling at Karachi ports posted a growth of 7.23% in June as 49,953 export containers were shipped this year as against 46,583 of last year. It clearly shows that exports picked up in the month of June from a year ago.

It was only in February when the textile and clothing exports jumped nearly 17% on a year-on-year basis — growth witnessed after a long time as the past few years had been marred by single-digit increases.

Details showed ready-made garments exports dipped 3.81% in value and drifted much lower in quantity by 10.07% during July-June FY20, while those of knitwear dropped 3.64% in value and 10.11% in quantity, bed wear posted negative growth of 4.91% in value and 2.31% in quantity. Towel exports fell 6.52% in value and 6.39% in quantity.

Exports are however, expected to revive in July as exporters have resumed production to honor their international orders.

Among primary commodities, cotton yarn exports dipped by 12.49% while yarn other than cotton by 23.81%, made-up articles — excluding towels — by 13.16%, and raw cotton 16.64%. Exports of tents, canvas and tarpaulin increased by a massive 5.95% during the months under review.

On a monthly basis, exports of textile and clothing posted a negative growth of 5.43% to US\$959.130 million in June as against US\$1.014bn over the corresponding month of last year.

Exporters are already receiving inquiries about personal protective equipment from foreign buyers as the government allowed exports of disposable gowns, disposable gloves, face shields, biohazard bags, goggles, shoe covers and hand sanitisers with immediate effect. Previously, the government allowed exports of textile masks as well.

Source : The Dawn

Attention : Members

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

Kindly refer to Council's Circular No: Sec/Mem/1728 dated 31st March, 2020 along with the Subscription Memo and subsequent reminders, requesting members to renew membership of the Council for the year 2020-2021.

As already informed, non-payment of Membership Subscription will lead to discontinuation of Membership as well as cancellation of the Registration-Cum-Membership Certificate (RCMC) issued to you. Members will also not be in a position to take advantage of the various services of the Council including participation in our various promotional programmes namely "Source India 2020", SRTEPC's flagship Global Reverse Buyers Sellers Meet during September 7-9, 2020. As informed earlier the Council has already completed the task of uploading the RCMC of our renewed members on DGFT Website which is mandatory now so that these members shall be eligible to claim the incentives granted to them by the Government. Members are therefore kindly requested to renew their membership in time so as to enable us to upload their RCMC too on the DGFT Website so as to help avail various benefits like MEIS, DFIA, RoSCTL, EPCG, Status Holder, Advance Authorisation (AA) etc., granted by the DGFT.

Moreover, we would also like to inform you that only those members who renew their membership for the year 2020-2021 shall be considered eligible to vote and stand for election at the next Annual General Meeting of the Council to be held in the last week of September, 2020.

The Annual Membership Fee is as follows :

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

For SSI Units : Rs. 8201/-

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

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

<http://membership.srtepc.org>

Government focusing on 12-13 sectors with export potential

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal recently said they are focusing on 12-13 sectors such as textiles where India has a competitive edge to boost exports. He said that exports grow when there is both comparative and competitive edge on different sectors.

According to Shri Goyal the country is now focusing our energies on about 12 or 13 sectors, where we believe India has a competitive edge, to be able to export more. Citing an example of man-made textiles, he said the government is putting attention as over the years, India has always focused on cotton textiles, whereas the world has moved on to man-made textiles.

“We have now brought our attention to see how we can have an orderly growth of the man-made textiles industry,” he said. Shri Goyal said he has told the textiles sector people that it has the potential to increase exports to US\$ 100 billion in the next 10 years from the current level of about US\$ 37 billion. He said that the country is working in a very focused manner, adding that the services sector exports are recording healthy growth rates.

India's exports dropped by 1.8% to US\$ 27.36 billion in December 2019, the fifth straight month of contraction, on account of a significant fall in shipments of plastic, gems and jewellery, leather products and chemicals.

During April-December 2019-20, exports were down 1.96% at US\$ 239.29 billion while imports contracted by 8.9% to US\$ 357.39 billion.

Source : The Financial Express

Exporters facing GST refund issues as invoice matching compulsory for input tax credit

Many exporters are facing a working capital crunch as they have run into refund problems after a recent government circular said exporters would not be eligible for input tax credit refunds in cases where they are unable to match invoices from the vendors.

This situation is a result of the government waiving off late fees for companies and suppliers to upload certain forms under the goods and service tax, tax experts said. That led to several cases where these forms were not uploaded, and exporters were unable to take input tax credit running into crores.

As per the GST framework, tax credit cannot be availed until and unless a corresponding invoice is reflected on the government portal. Now, exporters are having to deal with queries from tax officials while seeking refunds.

The government circular specifically mentioned that input tax credit refunds should not be granted on invoices that are not reflected in GSTR-2A—a form that reflects outward supply invoices uploaded by suppliers.

Now, GSTR 2A is auto-created information based on GSTR 1—a monthly statement of outward supplies of goods or services filed by a company.

The government has waived late fee for filing forms such as GSTR-1 due to Covid-19 situation. It is learnt that while this was a step in the right direction, due to this the corresponding invoices—which exporters submit to claim refunds—are not reflected in GSTR-2A. Hence, exporters are unable to avail tax credits.

Source : The Economic Times

Exports down 36.71% during April-June 2020

During April-June 2020, exports fell by 36.71% to US\$ 51.32 billion, while imports shrank by 52.43% to US\$ 60.44 billion.

Contracting for the fourth straight month, India's exports declined by 12.41% to US\$ 21.91 billion in June mainly due to drop in shipments of petroleum, textiles, engineering goods, and gems and jewellery items.

Imports too plunged 47.59% to US\$ 21.11 billion in June, leaving a trade surplus of US\$ 0.79 billion, compared to a deficit of US\$ 15.28 billion in the same month of the last year.

During April-June 2020, exports fell by 36.71% to US\$ 51.32 billion, while imports shrank by 52.43% to US\$ 60.44 billion. The trade deficit stood at US\$ 9.12 billion during the two months of the current fiscal.

Source : The Financial Express

India's exports to Latin America highest in the last five years

India's exports reached US\$ 13182 million in 2019-20 (April-March) from US\$ 10 billion in 2015-16, according to the figures just released by the Ministry of Commerce, India.

Brazil topped the list as the # 1 destination of India's exports to the region, with US\$ 3.97 billion, overtaking Mexico.

The other major destinations were Mexico US\$ 3.62 billion; Colombia US\$1.04 billion; Chile US\$ 793 million; Peru US\$ 764 million; Argentina US\$ 763 million.

Surprisingly, exports to Venezuela doubled to US\$ 340 million doubling from US\$ 165 million in 2018-19. Exports to Mercosur was US\$ 5005 million, Pacific Alliance US\$ 6223 million, CAFTA (Central America + DR) US\$ 1200 million and others US\$ 754 million.

Textiles (US\$1058 million) was among the major items of export.

There is potential for India to increase its exports to about US\$ 20 billion in the next five years if the Indian exporters and government intensify their export promotion seriously and systematically.

Although the region's imports will decrease by over 10% due to the 9.1% GDP contraction forecast for 2020, India can certainly increase its share in the region's imports.

Source : The Financial Express

US ranks top as India's trading partner

The US remained India's top trading partner for the second consecutive fiscal in 2019-20, which shows increasing economic ties between the two countries.

According to the data of the commerce ministry, in 2019-20, the bilateral trade between the US and India stood at US\$88.75 billion as against US\$87.96 billion in 2018-19.

The US is one of the few countries with which India has a trade surplus. The trade gap between the countries has increased to US\$17.42 billion in 2019-20 from US\$16.86 billion in 2018-19, the data showed.

In 2018-19, the US first surpassed China to become India's top trading partner.

The bilateral trade between India and China has dipped to US\$81.87 billion in 2019-20 from US\$87.08 billion in 2018-19. Trade deficit between the two neighbours have declined to US\$48.66 billion in 2019-20 from US\$53.57 billion in the previous fiscal.

The data also showed that China was India's top trading partner since 2013-14 till 2017-18. Before China, UAE was the country's largest trading nation.

India is also considering certain steps like framing technical regulations and quality control orders for host of items with a view to cut import dependence on China and boost domestic manufacturing.

Trade experts believe that the trend of widening trade ties between New Delhi and Washington will continue in the coming years also as both the sides are engaged in further deepening the economic ties.

India and the US are negotiating a limited trade pact with a view to iron out differences at trade front and boost commercial ties.

Source : Business Standard

MOU signed between direct and indirect tax boards to exchange data with each other

A memorandum of understanding has been signed between the direct and indirect tax boards to exchange data with each other.

The MoU between the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) replaces the one signed between the former and erstwhile Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC).

The CBIC came into existence after the introduction of the goods and services tax (GST) on July 1st, 2017.

The finance ministry said important developments such as the incorporation of GST Network and advancement of technology have duly been incorporated in the MoU.

The MoU will facilitate the exchange of information between the two boards on an automatic and regular basis, besides any other information on request.

Source : Business Standard

Exporters seek more flexible fixation of refund rates under the RoDTEP Scheme

In a bid to ensure that certain sectors are not worse off after the switch to the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme, exporters have asked the government to allow more flexible fixation of refund rates under the scheme, that is scheduled to replace the popular Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) at the end of December 2020. Many exporters have proposed to the government to allow classification of items more broadly at the four-digit HS level, instead of eight digits, for fixing the rates for refund of taxes on inputs under the scheme, said a report.

It is learnt that the option for fixing a slightly higher refund rate through a broad classification of product groups is needed as several products could be at a disadvantage once the popular MEIS scheme is withdrawn and replaced with RoDTEP.

Source : <http://www.eximin.net/>

Anti subsidy probe on Chinese export of select yarn

The Commerce and Industry Ministry recently initiated a probe into alleged low-cost imports of a certain type of yarn from China, which is impacting the domestic industry.

The Commerce Ministry's investigation arm Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has started the probe to assess if the subsidy programme of China for exports of 'Viscose Rayon Filament Yarn above 60 deniers' is impacting the Indian industry adversely.

The Association of Man-Made Fibre Industry of India (AMFII) has filed an application before the DGTR, on behalf of domestic industry, for anti-subsidy investigation on the imports of this yarn from China.

The applicant has alleged that material injury to the domestic industry is being caused due to subsidised imports from China and has requested for imposition of countervailing duty on these imports.

The product resembles silk, cotton and wool in its feel and texture. It is used in making woven fabrics, home furnishings, knitting and

others. It is a popular choice for making fabrics such as georgettes, crepes and chiffons.

The DGTR in its notification said that on the basis of the duly substantiated written application by or on behalf of the domestic industry, and having satisfied itself, on the basis of the prima facie evidence submitted by the domestic industry, substantiating subsidisation” of the yarn originating in or exported from China, “the authority hereby initiates an investigation to determine the existence, degree and effect of alleged subsidies...and to recommend the amount of countervailing duty, which, if levied, would be adequate to remove the injury to the domestic industry,”

If it is established that subsidies by China are impacting domestic industry, the DGTR would recommend the amount of countervailing duty, which if levied, would be adequate to remove the injury to the domestic industry.

The period for investigation is from April 2019 to March 2020. However, it will cover the data of 2016-19.

Under the World Trade Organization (WTO) rules, a member country is allowed to impose anti-subsidy or countervailing duty if a product is subsidised by the government of its trading partner.

These duties are trade remedies to protect domestic industry. Subsidy on a product makes it competitive in price terms in other markets. Countries provide subsidies to boost their exports.

Source : The Business Line

GST committee relaxes compulsory e-invoicing of GST for up to Rs.500 crore turnover

In a major relief to businesses with up to Rs 500 crore turnover, the GST implementation committee has excluded them from compulsory e-invoicing of GST. Earlier the relaxation was for firms with up to Rs 100 crore turnover. However, the threshold will be raised five times higher with effect from 1 October 2020. The e-invoicing process was brought in to record sales details, reduce errors, automate data entry, and improve compliance and trust between tax officials and companies. The new feature of e-invoicing was also aimed to help auto-populate certain forms, which may reduce the efforts of businesses. However, the latest announcement on raising the threshold of e-invoicing compliance is expected to give smaller companies more time to adopt the new system.

While the GST Intelligence has spotted many incidents of tax evasion in the recent past, the government is stepping up efforts to omit the possibilities of such crimes.

Source : The Financial Express

DGFT to revamp its services through new digital platform

The Directorate-General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) is set to revamp its services through a new digital platform. The move is aimed at eventually providing exporters the option of a single online registration for all benefits significantly cutting down paperwork and transaction time.

In the first phase of the launch, scheduled on July 13, the Web site will cater to services related to IEC (import-export code) issuance, modification and amendment processes. There will also be a chatbot catering to queries of users.

It is learnt that in the subsequent phases, other services linked to popular schemes such as Advance Authorisation and Export Promotion Capital Goods and the export obligation discharge of importers, will be rolled out.

There are also plans to link registrations on the Web site with Aadhaar which would significantly bring down the incidence of frauds and ensure that the deserving get the benefits.

The DGFT move is in line with the government’s overall effort to improve India’s ranking in the World Bank’s Trading Across Borders parameter of its Doing Business Report. Last month, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) launched a secure QR coded Shipping Bill that would be electronically sent to exporters after the Customs allows export. The move is aimed to do away with the requirement of the exporters having to approach the Customs officers for proof of export. India’s ranking in the Trading Across Borders category of World Bank’s Ease of Doing Business index improved to 68th last year, from 80th out of a total of 190 countries.

Access to the services under the DGFT digital platform (which remains the existing DGFT Website) would be through a username and password-based system. Users will have to link their login IDs to their specific IECs. The process of linking would be available post login through digital signature or Aadhaar based e-sign.

Source : The Business Line

FAQs on Digital Signatures and eSign with Aadhaar

A digital signature is a mathematical scheme for verifying the authenticity of digital messages or documents. A valid digital signature, where the prerequisites are satisfied, gives a recipient very strong reason to believe that the message was created by a known sender (authentication), and that the message was not altered in transit (integrity).

Aadhaar eSign is a government prescribed method of digitally signing a document and has legal and evidentiary value equivalent to that of wet (hand-written) signatures. In fact, digital signatures including Aadhaar eSigns can have more evidentiary weight than wet signatures.

Frequently Asked Questions on Digital Signatures



Q1. Why Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) is required for getting Importer Exporter Code (IEC) issued from DGFT?

- To strengthen the IEC issuance process and prevent frauds.

Q2. What type of Tokens are allowed and what are the validations?

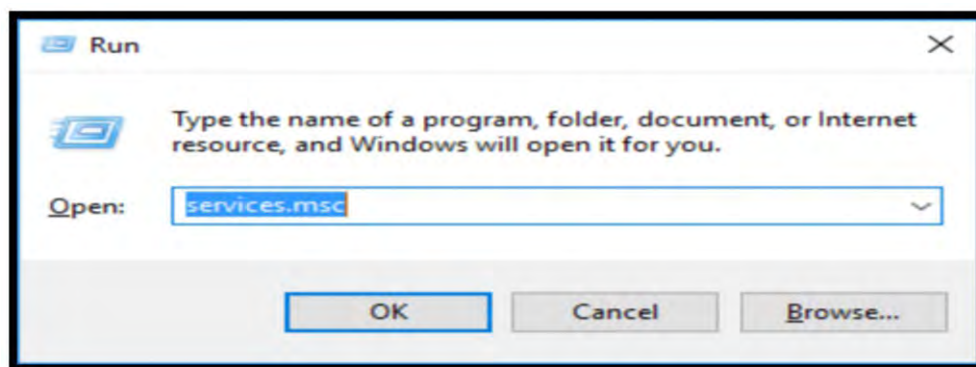
- Refer to the table below for the validations and allowed tokens

Type of Entity	Validation	Allowed Tokens
Individual, Hindu Undivided Family (HUF)	Name in token matches the entity name, Karta name in IEC profile.	Class 2 & 3 Individual and Organisation based tokens.
Other than Individual, Hindu Undivided Family (HUF)	a) Name in token matches the director, partner, managing director etc. name in the IEC profile b) Organisation name is same as the entity name in IEC	Class 2 & 3 Organisation based tokens
IEC based tokens	Based on IEC embedded in the Digital Token	All IEC based tokens

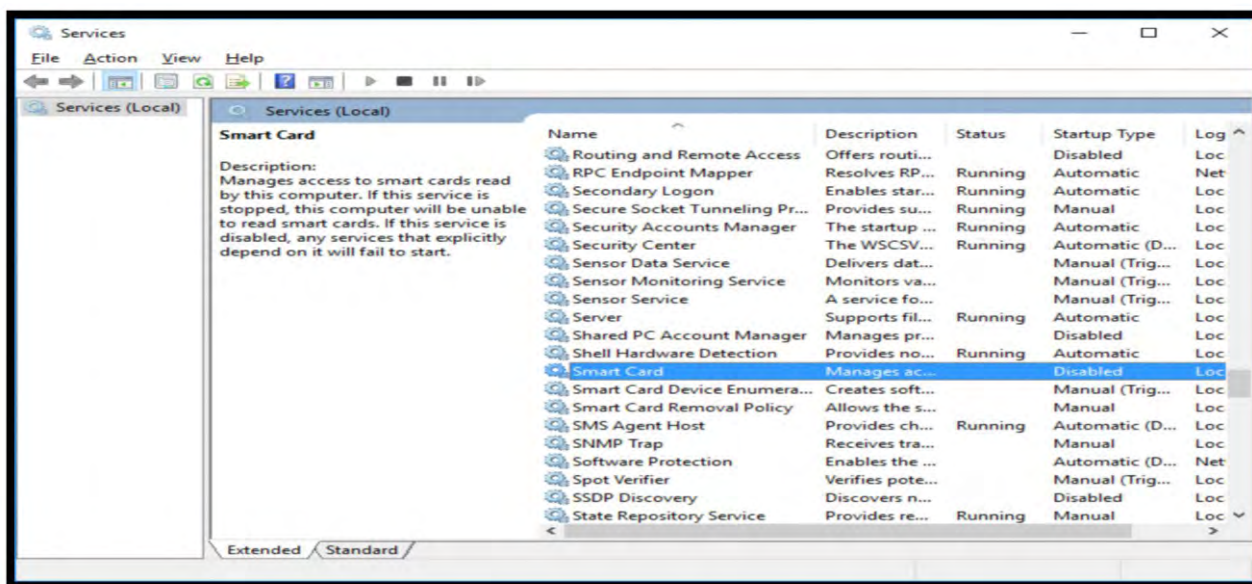
Q3. How to Use Digital Signatures to Link IEC or to sign for New Application of IEC?

- Make sure the Drivers for Digital Signature are installed in the system, so that your machine can read the token.
- Install Digital Signature Utility – Download and install the emudhra utility embridge.emudhra.com on your local machine.
- Please make sure the emudhra utility is having Service Status as “Running”, while Linking the IEC.

Note : To check the services in windows machine use “Win+R” (Windows Button + R) command and invoke “services.msc”.



Screen 1: Run Window - Microsoft Windows



Screen 2: Smart Card Service in Services Window - Enable / Running Service

Q4. What should we do if system is throwing an error “DSC Token is not connected with System, please connect token”?

- Please Re-Insert the Digital Signature Token.
- Check if emBridge is installed and running in the system.
- Check if the correct Dongle/ Crypto token are connected with a system.
- Check if the right drivers are installed with respective Dongle / Crypto tokens in the system.

Q5. What should we do if the emudhra is showing Service Status as “Not Found”?

- Please click on Refresh the status will change to “Running”.
- If the same problem persists, it is recommended to delete the shortcut created and reinstall the emudhra application.

Q6. What are the pre requisites of DSC Token?

- DSC should be of Class II or III only issued by Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) approved certifying agencies in India. Please refer <http://www.cca.gov.in> for the list of licensed DSC providers.
- User must have a valid DSC, i.e. the validity period of DSC should not be expired.

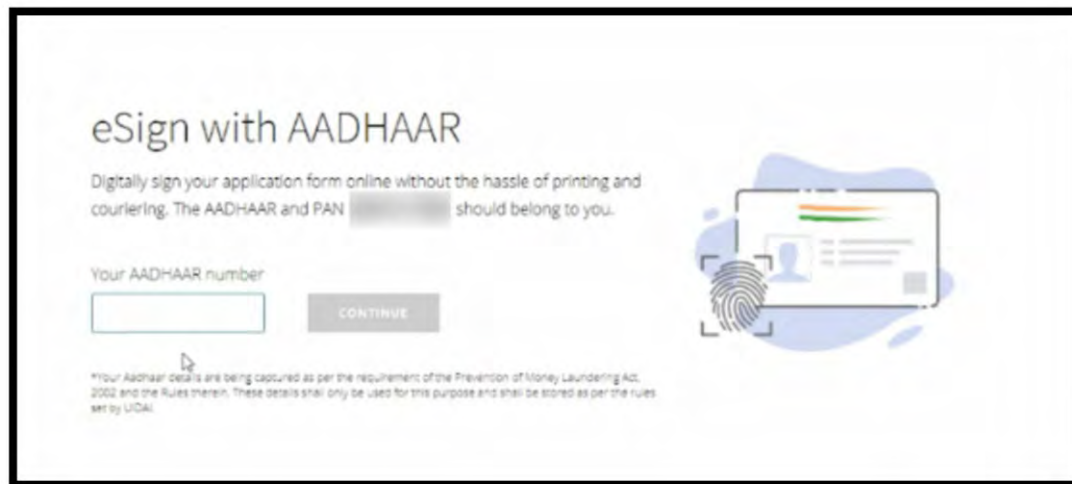
Q7. How I can Register my DSC on portal?

- Visit the DGFT website and login to the DGFT Portal.
- After linking to IEC or Application of IEC proceed with Register Digital signature details through navigating to **My Dashboard >>>View and Register Digital Signature Token**.
- Read the information and install all pre-requisites for Digital signature and then click on “**Register New DSC**”.
- Select your Digital Signature details and process with your digital signature details.
 - ✓ Once Pre-requisites for Digital signature is done then user will be able to see list of ePass token on click of **Provider List**, Select the e-Pass token from the list.
 - ✓ Select Certificate for signing from Certificate list, Individual based DSC is only allowed for proprietorship type firms.
 - ✓ Enter your e-Pass Token inside the enter **Password field**.
- After Successful signing, **Success message** is displayed.
- Once user successfully register the Digital signature details then you can view the digital signature details under **current digital signature** details and you can perform any action on IEC with the active Digital Signature.

Q8. What should we do if we still face issue in Digital Signature with eMudhra Utility?

- Please refer the Troubleshooting guide on <https://embridge.emudhra.com/>.

Frequently Asked Questions on eSign with Aadhaar



Q1. Who all can use eSign using Aadhaar's Virtual ID?

- Refer to the table below :

Type of Entity	e-Sign Validation
Proprietorship	Validate the Name and Year as per PAN of Proprietor with Name and Year of Birth as per Aadhaar.
Other than Proprietorship	Validate the Name and Year as per PAN of Karta / Partner / Director / Trustees with Name and Year of Birth as per Aadhaar*

Q2. What if the system is throwing an error "Name and Date of Birth do not match with the IEC data in the system. Kindly update the IEC Profile using DSC to start using Aadhaar e-sign."?

- The above message gets reflected when Aadhaar Validation fails if the Entity Details captured as per PAN in IEC doesn't match with the Aadhar Details.
- In this case, the user shall not be able to proceed with the transaction.

Source:

- <https://dgft.gov.in/CP/>
- <https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/DGFT%20-%20Digital%20Signature%20and%20e-Sign%20Using%20Aadhaar%20FAQs%20v1.0.pdf>

Attention : Members
CATEGORISATION OF MEMBERSHIP FOR ELECTION

The Council would like to inform members that the next Annual General Meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held in the month of September 2020. There will also be Elections held to fill up the vacant seats in the Committee of Administration of the Council on the same day itself. In this regard, only those registered members of the Council who have renewed their membership for the year 2020-21 and have also submitted export figures of Man-Made Fibre textile items falling under the purview of this Council are entitled to vote. In order to offer you as a candidate at the Elections to various positions in the Council, one has to follow the clauses laid down as per the AoA.

Keeping in view the forthcoming elections to the Committee of Administration of the Council in September, 2020; we are in the process of finalising the eligibility of members for the Election process.

Members are, therefore, requested to send at the earliest, the Proforma (download from Council's website) duly filled in and signed by you clearly stating the exports of Man-Made Fibre Textile items during the preceding three financial years i.e. for 2017-18, 2018-2019 & 2019-2020.

Please do note that members who do not furnish the above information will not be eligible to vote or stand for the forthcoming elections to be held in the month of September, 2020.



UDYAM REGISTRATION - A Saptrangi Beginning



The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has launched a new portal www.udyamregistration.gov.in for Udyam Registration. This portal guides the entrepreneur step by step as to what they should know, what they should do. The new process has become operational w.e.f. 1st July, 2020.

UDYAM REGISTRATION PORTAL

A person intending to set up a MSME may file an Udyam Registration online on the Udyam Registration Portal. It is based on self-declaration. There is no requirement to upload documents, papers, certificates or proof. On registration, an enterprise is assigned a permanent identity number known as an Udyam Registration Number. On completion of the registration process, an Udyam Registration Certificate is issued.

Except this portal of Government of India and Government's Single Window Systems, no other private online or offline system, service, agency or person is authorized or entitled to do MSME Registration or undertake any of the activity related with the process.

According to the Ministry, the Udyam and its Registration Process is extremely simple, seamless entrepreneur-friendly. It will set an example in Ease of Doing Business, not only in India but internationally. It will reduce transaction time and costs. Entrepreneurs and Enterprises can focus on their real work and become globally competitive.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

An enterprise shall be classified as a Micro, Small or Medium enterprise on the basis of the following criteria, namely: –

- 1) a Micro enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs. 1 crore and turnover does not exceed Rs. 5 crores;
- 2) a Small enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs.10 crore and turnover does not exceed Rs. 50 crores and
- 3) a Medium enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs. 50 crore and turnover does not exceed Rs. 250 crores.

Category	Old Capital	Old Turnover	New Capital	New Turnover
Micro	25 Lakhs	10 Lakhs	1 Crore	5 Crore
Small	5 Crore	2 Crore	10 Crores	50 Crores
Medium	10 Crores	5 Crore	50 Crores	250 Crores



MUST KNOW

The Government has organised a full system of Facilitation for Registration Process-

- An enterprise for the purpose of this process will be known as Udyam and its Registration Process will be known as 'Udyam Registration'.
- A permanent registration number will be given after registration.
- A certificate will be issued online after completion of the process of registration.
- This certificate will have a dynamic QR Code from which the web page on our Portal and details about the enterprise can be accessed.
- No need for renewal of Registration.
- Single window systems at Champions Control Rooms and at DICs will help you in the process.
- Registration Process is totally free. No Costs or Fees are to be paid to anyone.

MUST FOLLOW

- MSME registration process is fully online, paperless and based on self-declaration.
- No documents or proof are required to be uploaded for registering an MSME.
- Only Aadhaar Number will be enough for registration.
- PAN & GST linked details on investment and turnover of enterprises will be taken automatically from Government data bases.
- Online system will be fully integrated with Income Tax and GSTIN systems.
- Having PAN & GST number is mandatory from 1st April, 2021 onwards.
- Those who have EM-II or UAM registration or any other registration issued by any authority under the Ministry of MSME, will have to re-register themselves.
- No enterprise shall file more than one Udyam Registration. However, any number of activities including manufacturing or service or both may be specified or added in one Registration.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MSME/ UDYAM REGISTRATION PORTAL

- This portal opens with the URL: <https://udyamregistration.gov.in>. Other domains as below will also be diverted to the above:
 - <https://msmeregistration.gov.in>
 - <https://udyam.gov.in>
 - [Udyamregistration.co.in](https://udyamregistration.co.in)
 - [Udyamregistration.biz](https://udyamregistration.biz)
 - [Udyamregistration.com](https://udyamregistration.com)
 - [Udyamregistration.in](https://udyamregistration.in)
 - [Udyamregistration.org](https://udyamregistration.org)
 - [Udyamregistration.info](https://udyamregistration.info)



- The entire registration process is online and without any paper, proof or document. Full integration with government data bases has been done.
- It has options where-
 - a) Udyam Registration will happen with Aadhaar and PAN validation on real time basis.
 - b) Old Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum can be upgraded to Udyam Registration by verifying/ seeding the PAN here online.
- This portal will have integration with GeM (Government eMarket Place) and CPPP (Central Public Procurement Portal) and various other State Government portals to give MSMEs the access to their Market Place, e-Tender process and other benefits and services.
- It will also help in dealing with delayed MSME payments because of its integration with TReDS and our SAMADHAAN Portal.
- Each Udyam Registration Certificate will have a dynamic and different QR Code through which the exact web page of the concerned MSME can be accessed on our portal. This will bring ease of doing business.
- Various other schemes and benefits of Ministry of MSME can be accessed through Udyam Registration Number itself.

Source:

- 1) <https://udyamregistration.gov.in/Default.aspx>
- 2) <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1635373>

Attention : Members

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

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

- Fabrics
- Yarns
- Made-ups
- Fibre

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



CHAIRMAN ATTENDS WEBINAR ON REIMAGINING & REBUILDING INDIA'S TEXTILE & APPAREL INDUSTRY



SRTEPC Chairman, Shri Ronak Rughani attended a webinar on "Reimagining & rebuilding India's Textile & Apparel Industry" on 24th July 2020. The webinar was organized by Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) with an objective to find solutions to the problems faced by the textile and clothing industry in the current COVID situation.

At the outset Shri Rughani thanked the Chairman of CITI, Shri T. Rajkumar for organizing this webinar session. He further stated that although cotton fibres were much in demand, man-made fibres have dominated the global arena since the mid-1990s and has since then grown consistently than all other types of fibres. He said that the synthetic fibres are dominated by polyester which accounts for 90% of the world filament production and 70% of world synthetic staple production. He further mentioned that the synthetic fibres which are gaining importance abroad are recycled polyester, nylon, tensile/lyocell, viscose, etc. He pointed out that Technical textiles is at present the sunrise sector and gaining popularity in the overseas market and so is sectors like home textiles and active textiles.

Shri Rughani informed that the COVID situation is transforming the global textile market in a number of ways. He observed that while the demand for conventional textiles have been continuously waning the demand for functional textiles such as non-woven based textile/fabrics is consistently rising due to the growing demand for personal protective equipment products (PPE) such as disposable masks, wipes, etc. The protective textiles has been playing an important role in the present scenario of containing/protecting from the COVID pandemic. He emphasized that over 90% of the protective textiles are made from man-made fibres such as polyester, nylon, etc. Further he said that the market for such products are growing. The SRTEPC Chairman sought the Government's support in encouraging the production of such fabrics by giving special incentives to producers of these fabrics. He also urged that more research centres be set up for focussing on innovations as he felt that Indian companies at present are partnering with foreign research centres for manufacturing these products.

He requested for the following benefits for the MMF textile industry :

- Inclusion of MMF textile value chain under the RoDTEP Scheme by rebating all the taxes paid like VAT, electricity, fuel tax, coal cess around 7% at every stage.
- Rectification of the prevailing Inverted Duty Structure under the GST regime by ways of applying a single rate of GST @5% on the entire MMF textile value chain in line with cotton.
- Allowing GST refund on capital goods import/domestic procurement needs to encourage more investment in plant and machinery in the Indian textile industry.

He also appealed for strengthening the "Make in India" initiative.

The SRTEPC Chairman urged that the Government extend a helping hand by ways of favourable policy initiatives and salvage the textile industry including the MMF textile segment from further damage. He also called for prioritising FTAs with major regions such as EU, USA, CIS, etc.



MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

DGFT

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Notification No. 21/2015-20	28.7.2020	Amendment in Export Policy of Personal Protection Equipment/Masks	DGFT has made amendments in Notification No. 20 dated 21.7.2020 read with Notification No. 16 dated 29.6.2020 amending Schedule 2 of ITC (HS) Export Policy 2018 related to the export of Personal Protection Equipments / masks, incorporating earlier amendments.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/e576fbb1-b0f9-4276-913e-cab13010b16b/Noti%2021%20Eng.pdf
2)	Notification No. 20/2015-20	21.7.2020	Amendment in Export Policy of Personal Protection Equipment/ Masks	DGFT has made amendments in Notification No. 14 dated 22.6.2020 by amending Schedule 2 of ITC (HS) Export Policy 2018 related to the export of Personal Protection Equipments / masks.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/cb346dfa-ea49-41e5-a36c-9dc614cfe8b8/Notification%2020.pdf
3)	Notification No. 18/2015-20	13.7.2020	Amendment in Export Policy of textile raw material for masks and coveralls	DGFT has made amendments in Notification No. 52 dated 19.03.2020 amending the Schedule 2 of ITC HS Export policy related to export of textile raw material for masks and coveralls as per the product description.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/Noti%2018%20Eng_0.pdf
4)	Notification No. 16/2015-20	29.6.2020	Amendment in Export Policy of Personal Protection Equipment	DGFT has made amendment in Notification No.14 dated 22nd June, 2020 amending the Schedule 2 of ITC (HS) Export policy related to the export of Personal Protection Equipments.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/78ceceb3-0638-4a28-9a29-d0627a147a90/Noti%2016%20Eng_0.pdf
5)	Public Notice No.12/2015-20	10.7.2020	Harmonization of Appendix 3B (Table-2) for exports made w.e.f. 01.01.2020 with ITC HS 2017, as amended from 01.01.2020	DGFT has made additions / amendments in Appendix 3B (Table-2) as notified vide Public Notice No. 61 dated 7th March, 2017 and as amended from time to time, accordingly.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/PN-12%20dt-10-07-2020(E).pdf
6)	Public Notice No.11/2015-20	30.6.2020	Extension of validity of Recognition of Pre-shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs)	DGFT extended the validity of PSIAs as listed in the Appendix 2G of Appendices and Aayat Niryat Forms (A&ANF) of FTP 2015-20 to 30.9.2020.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/PN%2011.pdf
7)	Trade Notice No.19/ 2020-21	21.7.2020	Procedures for export of samples of PPE Medical Coveralls for COVID-19	DGFT has issued procedures for issuance of export licenses for sending samples of PPE Medical Coveralls for COVID-19.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/70d81e8d-90f6-41db-ba76-e011853ee6f7/TN19%202020.pdf
8)	Trade Notice No.18/ 2020-21	20.7.2020	Revised Procedures and Criteria for submission and approval of applications for export of PPE Medical Coveralls for COVID-19	DGFT has revised the application procedures and criteria for export of PPE Medical Coveralls for COVID-19.	https://content.dgft.gov.in/dgftprod/ba2b50c0-5f5e-49aa-8a47-226475b48c2c/Trade%20Notice%2018.pdf
9)	Trade Notice No.17/ 2020-21	29.6.2020	Procedure and Criteria for submission and approval of applications for export of PPE Medical Coveralls for COVID-19	DGFT has outlined procedures & criteria for submission of applications & issuance of export licenses under export quota for PPE medical coveralls for COVID-19.	https://dgft.gov.in/CP/Upload?flag=iframe&AttachView&locl=1&mpgId=MT15NTUy



S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
10)	Trade Notice No. 16/ 2020-21	25.6.2020	Launch of new DGFT platform and Digital delivery of IEC related services	DGFT has launched a new digital platform on 13th July, 2020. The platform will become accessible through the existing website:	https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/Trade%20Notice%2016%20-%20Stage%201A%20Go-live.pdf

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

CBIC - CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Notification No. 30/2020-Cus (T)	10.7.2020	Seeks to amend notification No. 09/2012-Customs dated 09.03.2012, providing for extension of last date of re-import by three months, for those cases where the last date of such re-import falls between 01.2.2020 and 31.7.2020 due to pandemic.	In cases where the last date of re-import falls between 1st February, 2020 and 31st July, 2020, the last date stands extended by three months;".	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-tarr2020/cs30-2020.pdf
2)	Notification No. 59/2020- Cus (NT)	16.7.2020	Exchange Rates Notification	Notifies Rate of Exchange of Foreign Currencies w.e.f. 17.7.2020.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt59-2020.pdf
3)	Notification No. 55/2020- Cus (NT)	2.7.2020	Exchange Rates Notification	Notifies Rate of Exchange of Foreign Currencies w.e.f. 3.7.2020.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt55-2020.pdf
4)	Circular No. 32/2020	6.7.2020	Circular No.32/2020-Customs dt 6th July 2020 on Turant Customs – Turant Suvidha Kendra and Other Initiatives for Contactless Customs	CBIC has informed about Turant Customs– Turant Suvidha Kendra and other initiatives for Contactless Customs.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2020/Circular-No-32-2020.pdf
5)	Circular No. 31/2020	30.6.2020	Extension of validity of AEO certification for ease of renewal process (Modification in Circular No. 27/2020 dated 02.06.2020) [Circular No. 31/2020 - Customs dtd. 30.06.2020].	The validity of AEO certificate shall be three years for AEO-T1 and AEO-T2, and five years for AEO-T3 and AEO-LO.	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2020/Circular-No-31-2020.pdf
6)	Instruction No. 14/2020-Customs	21.7.2020	Crowd sourcing of suggestions for review of existing Customs duty exemption notifications/ Customs laws and procedures	CBIC has informed about an initiative that has been taken to institute a facility at the MyGov Innovate Portal https://innovate.mygov.in/suggestions-for-review-of-existing-customs-for-all-the-stakeholders/public-at-large-to-provide-their-suggestions-online .	https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-instructions/cs-instructions-2020/cs-ins-14-2020.pdf

MUMBAI CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No.41/2020	10.7.2020	Paperless Customs – Electronic Communication of PDF Based Copies of Shipping Bill & e-Gatepass to Custom Brokers/Exporters	The salient features of the secure electronic communication of the Final LEO copy of the Shipping Bill and the Gatepass copy of Shipping Bill are prescribed in the Public Notice.	http://www.mumbaicus.tomszone1.gov.in/write-readdata/images/public-notice/Public_Notice_No_41_of_2020.pdf



S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
2)	Public Notice No.40/2020	7.7.2020	Streamlining of processes in System related to Bonds and First Check BEs	Following changes have been introduced to streamline this process and make it electronic: 1) Auto Debiting of Bond & 2) Streamlining of workflow in case of First Check BEs.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/PN-40-2020.pdf
3)	Public Notice No.39/2020	7.7.2020	Initiative for Contactless Customs	Certain functionalities have been enabled in ICEGATE which would reduce the need for physical interaction between Customs and trade & speed up Customs clearance process.	http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/PN-39-2020.pdf

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOMS HOUSE

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No. 82/2020	14.7.2020	Setting up of the Turant Suvidha Kendra(TSK) for faceless assessment	TSK will be functioning from the EDI Service Centre, JNCH with the following complement of Officers: a) Assistant / Deputy Commissioner, (b) Appraiser/Superintendent, (c) Examining Officer & (d) Tax Assistant	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-82-2020.pdf
2)	Public Notice No. 80/2020	8.7.2020	Setting up Turant Suvidha Kendra (TSK) by 15.07.2020 - Amendment of P.N. No. 91/2018 dtd. 30.05.2018 relating to jurisdiction of Commissionerates in JNCH	Customs has setup Turant Suvidha Kendra (TSK) by 15th July, 2020.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-80-2020.pdf
3)	Public Notice No. 79/2020	8.7.2020	Operationalization of Certain Functionalities in ICEGATE	Customs has operationalized certain functionalities in ICEGATE.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-79-2020.pdf
4)	Public Notice No. 78/2020	4.7.2020	Streamlining of processes in System related to Bonds and First Check BEs	To further facilitating trade and streamlining procedures, particularly to overcome the scourge of Covid-19, initiatives are being implemented in System w.e.f 6th July, 2020.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-78-2020.pdf
5)	Public Notice No. 77/2020	2.7.2020	Extension of validity of AEO certification for ease of renewal process	The validity of AEO certificate shall be three years for AEO-T1 and AEO-T2, and five years for AEO-T3 and AEO-LO.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2020/PN-77-2020.pdf
6)	Standing Order No.18/2020	14.7.2020	Setting up of TSK for faceless assessment	Turant Suvidha Kendra (TSK) is being set up in JNCH with effect from 15.07.2020.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-18-2020.pdf
7)	Standing Order No.17/2020	6.7.2020	Standard Operating Procedures for the Cancellation of Bond furnished for the Special Valuation Branch Investigation purpose	To expedite the process, a Standard Operating Procedures are prescribed for the speedy cancellation of SVB bond.	http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2020/SO-17-2020.pdf

SAHAR AIR CARGO CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No.99/2020	14.7.2020	Turant Customs- Setting up of Turant Suvidha kendra (TSK) at Air Cargo Complex-Mumbai	TSK will be operational w.e.f. 15.7.2020 at ACC, Mumbai & it will be headed by DC/EDI (Import) and manned by the following officers: 1) Appraising Officer/ Superintendent of Customs & 2) Examining Officer/ Preventive Officer.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/Publicnotice_99_2020.pdf



S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
2)	Public Notice No.98/2020	13.7.2020	Request for Amendment and/or waiver of late fee charges in bill of Entry, Clearance of pending consignment, refund claims - Amendment of PN.60/2020	To minimize physical contact, it is decided that request for a) amendment and/or waiver of late fee in Bill of Entry, b) including any request/submission for clearance of pending consignments, & c) refund claims,	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/pn98.pdf
3)	Public Notice No.97/2020	13.7.2020	Operationalization of certain functionalities in ICEGATE	Customs has informed about operationalization of certain functionalities in ICEGATE.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/pn97.pdf
4)	Public Notice No.95/2020	6.7.2020	Streamlining of processes in System related to Bonds and First Check Bes	With the objective of further facilitating trade and streamlining procedures, initiatives are being implemented in System w.e.f 6th July, 2020.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/PN%2095.docx
5)	Public Notice No.94/2020	1.7.2020	Extension of time limits under Customs Act,1962 and Rules and Regulations issued there under – Amendment of PN.73/2020	Customs has extended time limits under the Customs Act,1962 and Rules and Regulations issued thereunder.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/PUBLIC%20NOTICE%20.94.2020%20-%20Amend.Ordinance.doc
6)	Public Notice No.93/2020	1.7.2020	Extension of validity of AEO certification for ease of renewal process – Amendment of PN.91/2020	The validity of AEO certificate shall be three years for AEO-T1 and AEO-T2, and five years for AEO-T3 and AEO-LO.	http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2020/PUBLIC%20NOTICE%20%20.93.2020.AEO%20-%20.docx

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE REMEDIES

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	F. No. 6/10/2020-DGTR	24.7.2020	Further extension of time for filing questionnaire response in Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Polyester Yarn (Polyester Spun Yarn)" from China PR, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam.	It has been decided to grant further extension of time up to 12.8.2020 for filing questionnaire response.	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/psy.pdf
2)	-	24.7.2020	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
3)	-	23.7.2020	List of registered interested parties in SSR ADD Nylon Tyre Cord Fabric from China PR*	List of registered interested parties in SSR ADD Nylon Tyre Cord Fabric from China PR is given by the government.	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Nylon%20Tyre%20Cord%20revised.pdf
4)	F. No. 6/25/2019-DGTR	7.7.2020	2nd Oral Hearing in Anti-Dumping investigation concerning imports of "Acrylic Fibre" originating in or exported from Belarus, Ukraine, European Union and Peru	The 2nd Oral hearing was held on 16th July, 2020 at 3:00 PM through video conferencing.	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2nd%20Oral%20Hearing%2016th%20July%202020%20-%20OI.pdf



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5)	F. No. 7/18/2019-DGTR	7.7.2020	2nd Oral Hearing in Anti-Dumping investigation concerning imports of "Acrylic Fibre" from Thailand	The Oral hearing was held on 16th July, 2020 at 4:00 PM through video conferencing.	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2nd%20Oral%20Hearing%2016th%20July%2020%20-%20SSR.pdf
6)	F. No. 14/23/2015- DGTR	1.7.2020	Oral Hearing in Anti-Dumping investigation concerning imports of "Non-woven Fabrics" originating in or exported from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Saudi Arabia and China	The Oral hearing was held on 17th July, 2020 at 3:00 PM.	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/OH%2017-07-2020%20Non%20woven%20fabric.pdf
7)	F. No. 6/10/2020-DGTR	1.7.2020	Extension of time for filing questionnaire response in anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Polyester Yarn (Polyester Spun Yarn)" from China PR, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam	It has been decided to grant extension of time up to 28th July, 2020 for filing questionnaire response.	http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Extension%20of%20time%20PSY.pdf

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	RBI/2020-2021/10	2.7.2020	Credit flow to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Sector	The Government has notified new criteria for classifying the enterprises as Micro, Small and Medium enterprises. The new criteria will come into effect from 1st July, 2020.	https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11934&Mode=0
2)	RBI/2019-20/251	4.6.2020	Extension of timeline for compliance with various payment system requirements	Keeping in view the present situation of pandemic it has been decided to extend the timeline for compliance in respect of a few areas.	https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11910&Mode=0

GST RELATED NOTIFICATIONS

CENTRAL TAX NOTIFICATIONS

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

Notification No./ Date	Subject
59/2020-Central Tax dated 13.07.2020	Seeks to extend the due date for filing FORM GSTR-4 for financial year 2019-2020
58/2020-Central Tax dated 01.07.2020	Seeks to make eighth amendment (2020) to CGST Rules
57/2020-Central Tax dated 30.06.2020	Seeks to amend notification no. 52/2020-Central Tax in order to provide conditional waiver of late fees for the period from July, 2017 to July, 2020.
56/2020-Central Tax dated 27.06.2020	Seeks to amend notification no. 46/2020-Central Tax in order to further extend period to pass order under Section 54(7) of CGST Act till 31.08.2020 or in some cases upto fifteen days thereafter.
55/2020-Central Tax dated 27.06.2020	Seeks to amend notification no. 35/2020-Central Tax in order to extend due date of compliance which falls during the period from "20.03.2020 to 30.08.2020" till 31.08.2020.

INTEGRATED TAX NOTIFICATIONS

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

Notification No./ Date	Subject
05/2020-Integrated Tax, dt. 24-06-2020	Seeks to provide relief by lowering of interest rate for a prescribed time for tax periods from February, 2020 to July, 2020.
04/2020-Integrated Tax, dt. 24-06-2020	Seeks to bring into force Section 134 of Finance Act, 2020 in order to bring amendment to Section 25 of IGST Act w.e.f. 30.06.2020.

UNION TERRITORY TAX NOTIFICATIONS

(<https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/union-territory-tax-notfns-2017>)

Notification No./ Date	Subject
02/2020-Union Territory Tax, dt. 24-06-2020	Seeks to provide relief by lowering of interest rate for a prescribed time for tax periods from February, 2020 to July, 2020.

CIRCULARS/ ORDERS

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

Circular No.	Date	Subject
Order No. 01/2020-Central Tax	25.6.2020	Seeks to extend the time limit for filing an application for revocation of cancellation of registration for specified taxpayers.

PRESS RELEASES

Name of Ministry	Date	Subject
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	27.7.2020	Single window system to be set up soon for industrial clearances and approvals;
Ministry of Finance	27.7.2020	Centre Released Rs. 1,65,302 Crore as GST Compensation to States/UTs for the FY 2019-20 against cess collection of Rs. 95,444 crores
Ministry of Shipping	24.7.2020	Ministry of Shipping waives waterways usage charges to promote Inland water transport
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	23.7.2020	Shri Piyush Goyal calls for all nations to enhance transparency in their trade and build trust;
Ministry of Finance	21.7.2020	CBIC & CBDT sign MoU to facilitate smoother bilateral exchange of data
Ministry of Finance	20.7.2020	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CBDT and MoMSME signed
Ministry of Finance	18.7.2020	CBDT to start e-campaign on Voluntary Compliance of Income Tax for FY 2018-19 from 20th July, 2020
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	15.7.2020	India's Foreign Trade-: June 2020
Ministry of Shipping	15.7.2020	Shri Mandaviya reviews the development of India's first trans-shipment hub - Vallarpadam Terminal of Cochin Port,Kerala
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	13.7.2020	For strong, resilient and "Aatma Nirabhar Bharat", trade bodies have an important role to play: Shri Piyush Goyal
Ministry of Finance	12.7.2020	Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package – Progress So Far
Ministry of Home Affairs	8.7.2020	Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah hailed the key decisions taken by Union Cabinet today, expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
Ministry of Finance	7.7.2020	Enhancement of CRCL and Contactless Customs
Ministry of Finance	6.7.2020	News report of Merger of two Boards of Revenue factually incorrect
Ministry of Finance	6.7.2020	World Bank and Government of India sign \$750 million Agreement for Emergency Response Programme for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises

Name of Ministry	Date	Subject
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	3.7.2020	Shri Piyush Goyal lauds the efforts of Exporters as the country makes fast recovery in Exports
Ministry of Finance	1.7.2020	Finance Minister: Strive to make GST Tax Administration simple ensuring Ease of Doing Business
Ministry of Finance	1.7.2020	GST Revenue collection for June, 2020
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	1.7.2020	Udyam Registration Portal for MSMEs Becomes Operational
Ministry of Finance	30.6.2020	Implementation of Amendments in the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 and Rules made from 1st July, 2020 for Rationalized Collection Mechanism of Stamp Duty across India with respect to Securities Market Instruments
Ministry of Finance	30.6.2020	Loans worth more than Rs 1 lakh crore sanctioned under ECLGS
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	30.6.2020	New Process of MSME Registration takes off in the name of Udyam Registration from 1st July, 2020 as planned earlier
Ministry of Home Affairs	29.6.2020	Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issues new Guidelines for Unlock 2
Ministry of Shipping	29.6.2020	Shri Mandaviya sets the vision for boosting Ship Repairing Facilities in India under 'AatamNirbhar Bharat' by increasing Indian Flagged Ships in the maritime industry
Ministry of Finance	27.6.2020	Government to roll out facility to file NIL Form GSTR-1 through SMS from first week of July
Ministry of Finance	27.6.2020	President Promulgates Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	26.6.2020	Ministry of MSME shows the way to make MSMEs break their Barriers and become Champions

Attention : Members

Change of Authorised Representative for participation in the Election

Kindly refer to Council's Circular No. ED/MEM/1729 dtd. 23rd July, 2020 informing members about the Annual General Meeting of the Council to be held in September 2020. In this regard, the Council would like to reiterate that only the authorised representatives of the Ordinary Members whose names have been registered in the Council are eligible to vote and stand for election.

In view of the above, members are requested to kindly intimate the name of your Authorised Representative and also send a copy of his Pan Card so as to enable us to update our records.

Please note that in case the name of the Authorized Representative is not sent, your existing representative name as per our record will be recognised and accepted for the purpose of election.

Also kindly note that as per the Articles of Association of the Council, the rules regarding the representative are as follows:

- A sole proprietary firm or Hindu undivided family shall be represented by its proprietor or Karta, as the case may be.
- A partnership firm shall be represented by any one of the partners authorised by the firm.
- Any Body, Corporate, Company or Co-operative Society or other Corporation which is a member of this Council shall, by a resolution of its Board of Directors or other Governing body, authorize any of its Director or any person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Council or of the Committee.

Members may please send the above-mentioned documents at the earliest.

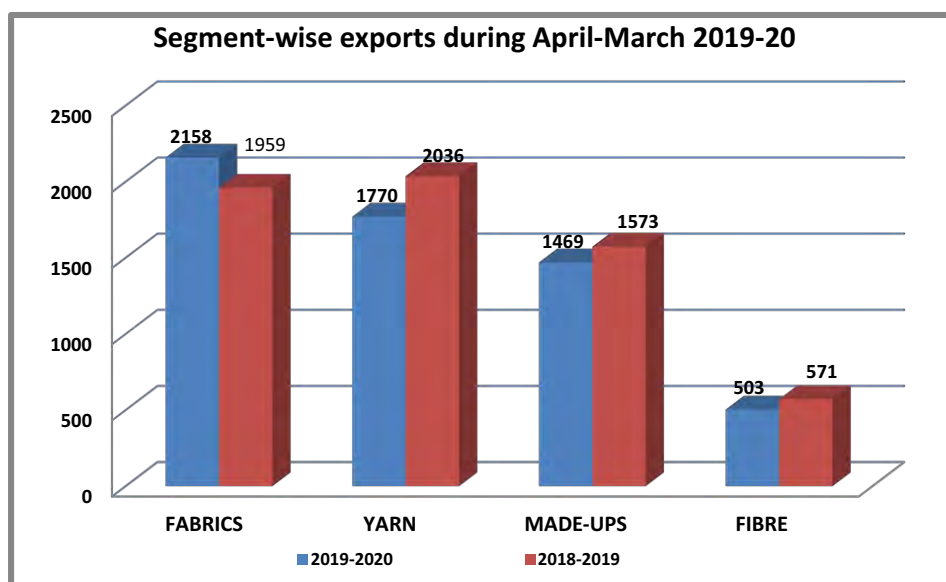
If you need any further information or clarification, kindly contact Shri S. Balaraju, Executive Director.

EXPORT PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN MANMADE FIBRE TEXTILES (MMF) DURING APRIL – MARCH 2019-2020

Exports of Indian Manmade Fibre (MMF) textiles during April-March 2019-2020 were US\$ 5900.01 million against US\$ 6138.89 million achieved during April-March 2018-2019, witnessing a decline of 4.05%. The detailed product-wise break-up given below:

Segment	Unit	Quantity in Thousand		Value in US\$ Million		% Growth
		Apr - Mar 2018 - 19	Apr - Mar 2019 - 20	Apr - Mar 2018 - 19	Apr - Mar 2019 - 20	
FIBRE	Kgs.	370172.58	390795.95	570.80	503.02	-13.47
YARN	Kgs.	982715.07	972456.50	2035.89	1769.85	-15.03
FABRICS	Kgs.	86739.75	81949.33	1959.41	2157.84	9.20
MADE-UPS	Sqm	1825840.32	2029940.40			
	Kgs.	358104.59	369729.55	1572.79	1469.30	-7.04
	Nos.	94930.29	80709.82			
	Sqm	311.30	153.30			
TOTAL				6138.89	5900.01	-4.05

SOURCE: MoC



HIGHLIGHTS

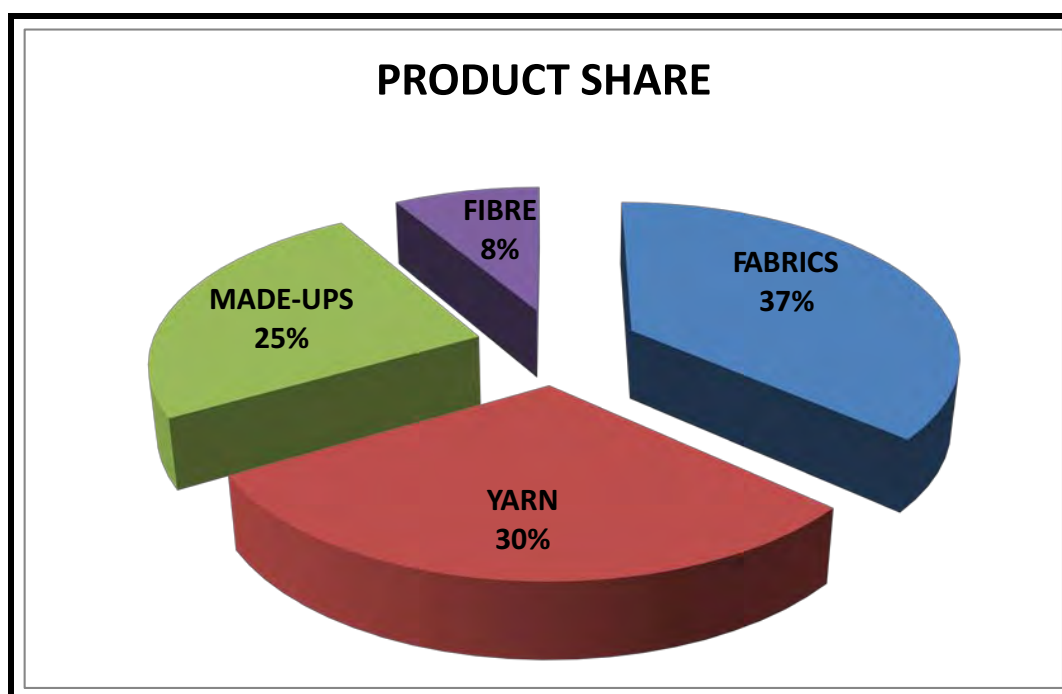
- Overall exports during April-March 2019-20 declined by 4.05% as compared to the previous year.
- Exports of Manmade fibres witnessed a decline of 13.47% during the year as compared to the previous year.
- Exports of MMF yarns have witnessed a decline of 15.03% during the year.
- Exports of MMF Made-ups have also witnessed a decline of 7.04% during the period as compared to the same period of the previous year.
- Only MMF Fabrics exports have shown a positive growth of 9.20% during the year.
- Exports of Fabrics dominated with 37% share followed by Yarn 30%, Made-ups 25% and Fibre 10%.
- Share of the value-added segments like fabrics and Made-ups was 61% in total exports.



- In the fabrics segment, Synthetic Filament Fabrics (US\$ 845.57 Mn) the top exported product in India's MMF textile exports followed by Polyester Filament Fabrics (US\$ 417.78 Mn) during April-March 2019-2020.
- Nylon Filament Fabrics exports were excellent with nearly 23.27% growth.
- In case of MMF yarn exports, Polyester Filament Yarn was the leading item with exports worth of US\$ 1051.83 Mn. followed by Polyester Cotton Yarn US\$ 161.41 Mn., Polyester Spun Yarn US\$ 114.69 Mn.
- In Made-ups, export of Bulk Containers was the leading item with exports worth US\$ 672.62 Mn followed by motifs US\$ 101.55 Mn, shawls/scarves and muffler worth US\$ 86.01 Mn and US\$ 82.77 Mn respectively.
- Polyester Staple Fibre (US\$ 289.03 Mn) was the leading item in the MMF category followed by Viscose Staple Fibre (US\$ 148.18 Mn) and Acrylic Staple Fibre (US\$ 38.00 Mn).
- USA and Turkey were the leading markets for Indian MMF textiles during April-March 2019-20 with 10% and 8% share respectively in total exports.
- Leading markets with positive growth are Saudi Arab (15.43%), UAE (7.41%) and Sri Lanka (7.38%).
- UAE and Sri Lanka were the leading markets for Indian MMF Fabrics and USA was also the leading market for Indian MMF Made-ups and fibre during the period.
- Yarn Exports to important markets like Turkey, Brazil and Egypt have declined significantly by 3.32%, 31.21% and 2.65% respectively.
- Yarn Exports to UAE have increased by 39.02%.
- Made-ups exports to Saudi Arab, UAE and Egypt showed an impressive growth rate by 9.12%, 3.63% and 0.55% respectively.

PRODUCT SHARE

During April-March 2019-2020 exports of Fabrics dominated in the total exports with 37% share, followed by Yarn 30%, Made-ups 25% and Fibre 8%.



FABRICS

In the Fabric Segment, there was a growth of 9.20% during 2019-2020 as compared to the previous year. Exports of Synthetic Filament Fabrics dominated with a share of 39%. The major items of exports in this segment were Saree, Shirtings, Suiting, Narrow woven Fabrics, Tyre cord fabrics, Parachute Fabrics and Umbrella Cloth. It is heartening to note that exports of fabrics like Nylon Filament Fabrics and Synthetic Filament Fabrics and Polyester Spun Fabrics have registered significant growth of 23.27%, 21.48% and 18.36% respectively.

Value in US\$ Mn.

FABRICS (Woven + Non-woven + Knitted)	2018-19	2019-20	Net Change	% Growth
Synthetic Filament	663.91	845.57	181.66	21.48
Polyester Filament	382.15	417.78	35.63	8.53
Polyester Viscose	300.6	277.15	-23.45	-8.46
Polyester Blended	89.42	89.27	-0.15	-0.17
Nylon Filament	34.58	45.07	10.49	23.27
Polyester Cotton	42.95	33.33	-9.62	-28.86
Polyester Wool	39.3	31.26	-8.04	-25.72
Viscose Spun	29.67	25.66	-4.01	-15.63
Viscose Blended	25.55	25.61	0.06	0.23
Viscose Filament	26.78	20.8	-5.98	-28.75
Polyester Spun	14.05	17.21	3.16	18.36
Synthetic Blended	15.87	16.22	0.35	2.16
Viscose Cotton	12.02	8.85	-3.17	-35.82
Other Fabrics	282.56	304.06	21.50	7.07
TOTAL FABRICS	1959.41	2157.84	198.43	9.20

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

YARN

Export of Polyester Filament yarn continues to be the main export items with exports of USD 1051.83 Mn. followed by Polyester Cotton Yarn at USD 161.41 Mn, Polyester Spun yarn USD 114.69 Mn. Exports of Viscose Spun yarn had witnessed significant growth of nearly 19%.

Value in US\$ Mn.

YARN	2018-19	2019-20	Net Change	% Growth
Polyester Filament	1197.49	1051.83	-145.66	-13.85
Polyester Cotton	192.24	161.41	-30.83	-19.10
Polyester Spun	158.11	114.69	-43.42	-37.86
Polyester Viscose	128.22	105.35	-22.87	-21.71
Viscose Spun	70.10	84.15	14.05	16.70
Synthetic Spun	47.79	39.56	-8.23	-20.80
Acrylic Spun	44.60	37.52	-7.08	-18.87
Viscose Filament	48.64	36.20	-12.44	-34.36
Nylon Filament	27.52	33.90	6.38	18.82
Polyester Wool	19.58	16.54	-3.04	-18.38
Acrylic Cotton	15.00	10.33	-4.67	-45.21
Artificial Spun	9.06	9.80	0.74	7.55
Viscose Cotton	10.77	6.81	-3.96	-58.15
Other Yarn	66.77	61.49	-5.28	-8.59
TOTAL YARN	2035.89	1769.58	-266.31	-15.05

MADE-UPS

Export of Indian MMF Made-ups declined by nearly 7.04% during 2019-2020 as compared to the previous year. In Made-ups, exports of Bulk Containers were the leading item with exports worth US\$ 672.62 Mn followed by Motifs US\$ 101.55 Mn, Muffler and Shawls/Scarves worth US\$ 86.01 Mn and US\$ 82.77 Mn respectively. USA was the leading market for Indian MMF Made-up during 2019-2020.

Value in US\$ Mn.

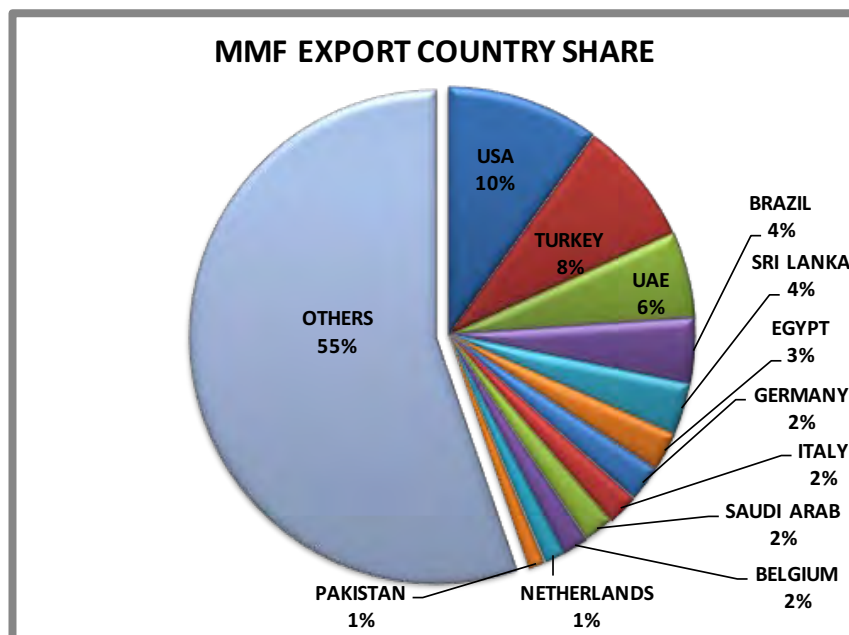
MADE-UPS	2018-19	2019-20	Net Change	% Growth
Bulk Containers	734.94	672.62	-62.32	-9.27
Motifs	78.07	101.55	23.48	23.12
Shawls/Scarves	123.77	86.01	-37.76	-43.90
Muffler	64.70	82.77	18.07	21.83
Fishing Net	63.81	64.02	0.21	0.33
Blanket	29.18	27.57	-1.61	-5.84
Rope	28.31	25.11	-3.20	-12.74
Sacks and Bags	21.60	24.77	3.17	12.80
Lace	7.97	23.87	15.90	66.61
Furnishing Articles	17.17	19.60	2.43	12.40
Tulles	14.90	18.79	3.89	20.70
Bedsheet	34.83	18.69	-16.14	-86.36
Other Made-ups	353.54	303.93	-49.61	-16.32
TOTAL MADE-UPS	1572.79	1469.30	-103.49	-7.04

FIBRE

Exports of Indian Manmade Fibre witnessed a decline of 13.47% during 2019-2020 as compared to the previous year. Polyester Staple Fibre (US\$ 289.03 Mn) was the main fibre in total exports followed by Viscose Staple fibre (US\$ 148.18Mn) and Acrylic Staple fibre (US\$ 38.00 Mn).

Value in US\$ Mn.

FIBRE	2018-19	2019-20	Net Change	% Growth
Polyester Staple	321.56	289.03	-32.53	-11.25
Viscose Staple	172.16	148.18	-23.98	-16.18
Acrylic Staple	42.09	38.00	-4.09	-10.76
Other Staple	34.99	27.81	-7.18	-25.82
TOTAL FIBRE	570.8	503.02	-67.78	-13.47

LEADING MARKETS


Value in US\$ Million

SI No.	Country	April - March 2018 - 19	April - March 2019 - 20	Net Change	% Grw/Decline
1	USA	649.76	592.92	-56.84	-9.59
2	TURKEY	491.66	483.04	-8.62	-1.78
3	UAE	311.54	336.47	24.93	7.41
4	BRAZIL	322.62	250.77	-71.85	-28.65
5	SRI LANKA	188.12	203.12	15.00	7.38
6	EGYPT	160.55	150.80	-9.75	-6.47
7	GERMANY	155.40	137.88	-17.52	-12.71
8	ITALY	159.52	121.07	-38.45	-31.76
9	SAUDI ARAB	96.38	113.96	17.58	15.43
10	BELGIUM	115.97	102.91	-13.06	-12.69

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF FABRICS

Value in US\$ Million

SI No.	Country	April - March 2018 - 19	April - March 2019 - 20	Net Change	% Grw/Decline
1	UAE	172.67	184.89	12.22	6.61
2	SRI LANKA	155.09	172.51	17.42	10.10
3	USA	169.75	166.30	-3.45	-2.07
4	SAUDI ARAB	47.28	60.60	13.32	21.98
5	PAKISTAN	56.87	41.48	-15.39	-37.10
6	EGYPT	41.66	33.91	-7.75	-22.85
7	ITALY	27.44	21.62	-5.82	-26.92
8	BELGIUM	20.00	21.39	1.39	6.50
9	TURKEY	13.45	13.62	0.17	1.25
10	BRAZIL	7.07	9.45	2.38	25.19

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF YARN

Value in US\$ Million

SI No.	Country	April - March 2018 - 19	April - March 2019 - 20	Net Change	% Grw/Decline
1	TURKEY	433.91	419.97	-13.94	-3.32
2	BRAZIL	295.57	225.26	-70.31	-31.21
3	EGYPT	99.62	97.05	-2.57	-2.65
4	USA	87.65	70.55	-17.10	-24.24
5	BELGIUM	38.93	38.08	-0.85	-2.23
6	UAE	15.61	25.60	9.99	39.02
7	SRI LANKA	23.61	23.73	0.12	0.51
8	ITALY	28.10	20.15	-7.95	-39.45
9	PAKISTAN	41.94	17.50	-24.44	-139.66
10	GERMANY	25.66	15.33	-10.33	-67.38

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF MADE-UPS

Value in US\$ Million

SI No.	Country	April - March 2018 - 19	April - March 2019 - 20	Net Change	% Grw/Decline
1	USA	317.96	304.48	-13.48	-4.43
2	UAE	119.55	124.05	4.50	3.63
3	GERMANY	103.17	94.39	-8.78	-9.30
4	ITALY	91.07	70.89	-20.18	-28.47
5	NETHERLANDS	69.27	67.55	-1.72	-2.55
6	SAUDI ARAB	41.04	45.16	4.12	9.12
7	BELGIUM	32.94	24.71	-8.23	-33.31
8	SRI LANKA	9.29	6.86	-2.43	-35.42
9	TURKEY	6.66	6.18	-0.48	-7.77
10	EGYPT	5.43	5.46	0.03	0.55

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF FIBRE

Value in US\$ Million

SI No.	Country	April - March 2018 - 19	April - March 2019 - 20	Net Change	% Grw/Decline
1	USA	74.4	51.59	-22.81	-44.21
2	TURKEY	37.64	43.27	5.63	13.01
3	BELGIUM	24.1	18.73	-5.37	-28.67
4	GERMANY	13.97	15.56	1.59	10.22
5	EGYPT	13.84	14.38	0.54	3.76
6	BRAZIL	15.43	11.32	-4.11	-36.31
7	ITALY	12.91	8.41	-4.50	-53.51
8	NETHERLANDS	3.32	2.97	-0.35	-11.78
9	PAKISTAN	9.55	2.78	-6.77	-243.53
10	SAUDI ARAB	2.06	2.18	0.12	5.50
11	UAE	3.71	1.93	-1.78	-92.23

GLIMPSES OF THE EXHIBITIONS/FAIRS HELD IN 2019-20



Shri Ronak Rughani, Chairman, SRTEPC at Intertextile Shanghai, China



H.E. Shri. Sanjiv Ranjan, Ambassador of India to Colombia and Shri. Ronak Rughani, chairman of SRTEPC jointly lighting the ceremonial lamp at the inauguration of the 'India Pavilion' at COLOMBIATEX 2020



Shri Ronak Rughani, Chairman, SRTEPC (second from left) presenting a bouquet to H.E. Mr. Manpreet Vohra, Ambassador of India (extreme left). Also seen in picture extreme Shri Dinesh Modi, member of Committee of Administration of the Council and second from right Shri Srijib Roy, Director of SRTEPC.



Ms. Kalavathi Rao, Executive, SRTEPC addressing the Presentation Meeting held prior to the B2B Meetings at the Exhibition



Shri Nishith Goradia, Deputy Director, SRTEPC (extreme left) with H. E. Shri. Purnojyoti Mukherjee, Commercial Representative & HOC, Consulate of India, Istanbul (second from right) & his wife; and Shri Mahipal Singh Yadav, Second Secretary Embassy Of India, Ankara (second from left) at the Council's booth



Mr. Mohamed Amine Bekkouche, Managing , CG Com (extreme left), Mr. Dinesh Modi, member of the Committee of Administration, SRTEPC (second from left), H. E. Mr. Satbir Singh, Ambassador, Embassy of India, Algeria (third from left) and Ms. Barbara Mendes, Sr. Executive, SRTEPC seen at the Inauguration of the 'India Pavilion' at Texstyles Expo

SRTEPC'S Services to Indian Exporters



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

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