

WEEKLY TRADE UPDATE

Foreign Trade Update

A. Inclusion of Gopalpur Port, Odisha as Port of Registration

Paragraph 4.37 of the Handbook of Procedure specifies Ports of Registration for registration under various schemes provided for in the Foreign Trade Policy. Vide Public Notice 6/2015-2020 dated May 22, 2020, the Gopalpur Port, Odisha has been included in the aforementioned list of Sea Ports of Registration.

The Public Notice is available at:

<http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/PN%2006%20English%20Final.pdf>

B. Relaxations in the policy concerning MEIS and SEIS schemes

Vide Public Notice 8/2015-2020 dated June 1, 2020, the following relaxations have been provided concerning the MEIS and SEIS schemes:

1. MEIS applications that attracted a late cut as on March 1, 2020- The period between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 will not be counted and the last date for submission of various categories of applications attracting that late cut and the applicable cuts will be accordingly re-determined.
2. SIES applications that concern services rendered in FY 2016- 2017- The last date of application with 10% late cut would be June 30, 2020 after which the same would be time barred.
3. SIES applications that concern services rendered in FY 2017- 2018- 5% late cut as applicable on March 31, 2020, shall continue to be applicable for applications submitted till June 20, 2020 and thereafter, 10% late cut would be applicable for applications submitted till March 31, 2021.

The Public Notice is available at:

<http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/PN%2008%20English.pdf>

C. Issuance of physical Preferential Certificate of Origin to Thailand and Vietnam under India-ASEAN FTA

Vide Trade Notice 12/2015-2020 dated May 22, 2020, the procedure of issuing physical copy of Certificate of Origin (**CoO**) by the designated agencies for exports to Thailand and Vietnam under the ASEAN-India FTA is restored.

This is pursuant to the various representations by exporters expressing difficulties in obtaining preferential access in Thailand and Vietnam based on the digitally signed electronic Certificates of Origin.

Therefore, the CoO applications under ASEAN-India FTA for exports to Thailand and Vietnam should now be submitted manually by the exporters to the offices of the designated issuing agencies i.e. EIA, MPEDA and Textile Committee. The e-platform (coo.dgft.gov.in) will not accept CoO applications. However, the e-platform shall continue to accept and process CoO applications for export to other countries under ASEAN-India FTA. The CoO will now be issued in physical paper.

The Trade Notice is available at:

http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%202012%20CoO%20Thailand%20Viet%20Nam%20%281%29_0.pdf

Trade Remedy Measures Update

- It is relevant to note that the Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation of Certain Provision) Ordinance, 2020 has extended the time limits specified in, or prescribed under, the Customs Act, 1962, Customs Tariff Act, 1975 or Chapter V of the Finance Act, 1994.

This is to the effect that any of the following time limits that fall during the period between March 20, 2020 and June 29, 2020 (or such other date after June 29, 2020 as specified by the Government of India) shall stand extended to June 30, 2020 (or such other date after June 30, 2020 as specified by the Government of India).

The aforementioned extension applies to:

1. Completion of proceeding or issuance of order, notice, intimation, notification or sanction or approval, by any authority, commission, tribunal;
2. Filing any appeal, reply or application or furnishing of any report, document, return or statement.

The Notification can be accessed vide the following link:

<http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2020/218979.pdf>

The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (**DGTR**), Ministry of Commerce and Industry has recently undertaken the following measures concerning trade remedy investigations.

- **May 12, 2020**- Preliminary Findings issued in bilateral safeguard investigation concerning imports “Polybutadiene Rubber” into India from Korea RP under India-Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (Bilateral Safeguard Measures) Rules, 2017.

Notification link:

<http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Preliminary%20Findings.pdf>

- **May 15, 2020-** Final Findings issued in anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Digital Offset Printing Plates” originating in or exported from China PR, Japan, Korea RP, Taiwan, and Vietnam.
Notification link:
<http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Non-Confidential.pdf>
- **May 20, 2020-** Initiation Notification issued in sunset review investigation concerning imports of “Carbon Black used in rubber applications” originating in or exported from China PR and Russia.
Notification link:
<http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Scanned%20Eng%20initiation%20of%20SSR%20Carbon%20Black%20dt%202020.5.20.pdf>
- **May 21, 2020-** Initiation Notification issued in anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Phthalic Anhydride (PAN)” originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia, Korea RP, and Thailand.
Notification link:
<http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/6-16-20-DGTR%28E%29-PAN.pdf>
- **May 21, 2020-** Initiation Notification issued in anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Polyester Yarn (Polyester Spun Yarn)” from China PR, Indonesia, Nepal, and Vietnam.
Notification link:
<http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/6-10-20-DGTR%28E%29-PSY.pdf>
- **May 26, 2020-** Initiation Notification issued in anti- dumping investigation concerning imports of “Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber” originating in or exported from China PR, European Union, Japan, and Russia.
Notification link:
<http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/NBR%20Initiation%20Notification%20date%202026%20May%202020.pdf>
- **May 27, 2020-** Initiation Notification issued in anti- dumping investigation concerning imports of “Rubber Chemical PX-13” from China PR, Korea RP, and USA.
Notification link:
<http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Rubber%20Chemical%20PX13%20Initiation%20-English%20dated%2027th%20May%202020.pdf>

The Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance has recently undertaken the following measures.

- **May 19, 2020-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of “Sodium citrate” originating in or exported from China PR, has been extended for a period of 5 years.
Notification Link:
<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd08-2020.pdf>

- **May 27, 2020-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of “Electronic Calculators of all types [excluding calculators with attached printers, commonly referred to as printing calculators, calculators with ability to plot charts and graphs, commonly referred to as graphing calculators and programmable calculators]” originating in, or exported from China PR, has been extended for a period of 5 years.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd09-2020.pdf>

- **May 29, 2020-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of “Acrylic Fibre” originating in, or exported from Thailand, has been extended for a period of 6 months upto November 30, 2020.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd10-2020.pdf>

- **June 3, 2020-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of ‘Hot Rolled Flat Products of Stainless Steel of ASTM Grade 304 with all its variants as per the detailed description hereunder’ originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia and the Republic of Korea, has been extended for a period of 6 months upto December 4, 2020.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd11-2020.pdf>

- **June 3, 2020-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of “Electronic Calculators of all types [excluding calculators with attached printers, commonly referred to as printing calculators, calculators with ability to plot charts and graphs, commonly referred to as graphing calculators and programmable calculators]” originating in, or exported from Malaysia, has been extended for a period of 5 years.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd12-2020.pdf>

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