



WEEKLY TRADE UPDATE

Foreign Trade Update

A. Amendment in MEIS Schedule concerning revalidation of Export Authorisation

Vide Public Notice 12/2015-2020 dated July 10, 2020, additions and amendments have been made to Appendix 3B, Table 2 being the MEIS schedule to harmonize the same with the ITC (HS) 2017-Schedule 1 (Import Policy) updated vide Notification 38/2015-2020 dated January 1, 2020 and Finance (No.2) Act, 2019 dated August 1, 2019.

The Public Notice is available at:

<http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/PN-12%20dt-10-07-2020%28E%29.pdf>

B. Launch of new DGFT platform and Digital delivery of IEC related services

As part of Digital India programme and for Ease of Doing Business, DGFT has decided to revamp its services delivery mechanisms. As a step in that direction, the first phase of a new digital platform of DGFT is scheduled to Go-Live on July 13, 2020, by catering to services related to IEC issuance, modification, amendments etc., and processes along with a Chatbot (a virtual assistant) catering to queries of users. Other online modules relating to Advance Authorisation, EPCG, and Exports Obligation Discharge which are part of next phase will be rolled out subsequently after the first phase stabilizes.

For more details, the Trade Notice is available at:

<http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%2016%20-%20Stage%201A%20Go-live.pdf>

Trade Remedy Measures Update

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

- **June 19, 2020-** Initiation Notification issued in anti- circumvention investigation concerning alleged circumvention of (i) anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of “Polytetrafluoroethylene” (PTFE) originating in or exported from Russia by imports of “Polytetrafluoroethylene” (PTFE) exported from Korea RP and (ii) anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of “Polytetrafluoroethylene” products (PTFE products) originating in or exported from China PR.

Notification link:

<http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Notification%20%20PTFE%20%28AC%29.pdf>

- **June 20, 2020-** Initiation Notification issued in anti-dumping duty investigation concerning imports of “Aluminium Foil 80 micron and below” originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

Notification link:

http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Final-Initiation%20Notification_English_Aluminium%20Foil.pdf

- **June 30, 2020-** Initiation Notification issued in anti-subsidy investigation concerning imports of “Aluminium Wire /Wire Rods above 7 mm dia” originating in or exported from Malaysia.

Notification link:

http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/English%20Initiation%20Notification_0.pdf

- **July 9, 2020-** The temporary changes introduced in the trade remedy investigation process due to the COVID- 19 pandemic by Trade Notice 01/2020 dated April 10, 2020 that was valid till June 30, 2020, has been extended till September 30, 2020 since the restrictions imposed by different countries, including India, to tackle the pandemic is continuing.

Notification link:

http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/TN_032020.pdf

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

- **June 23, 2020-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty vide Notification No.16/2020-Customs (ADD) on imports of “Flat rolled product of steel, plated or coated with alloy of Aluminium and Zinc” originating in, or exported from China PR, Vietnam and Korea RP for a period of 5 years.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd16-2020.pdf>

- **July 8, 2020-** Imposition of anti-dumping duty vide Notification 17/2020-Customs (ADD) on imports of “Steel and Fibre Glass Measuring tapes and their parts and components” originating in or exported from China PR for a period of 5 years.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd17-2020.pdf>

- **July 9, 2020-** Extension of imposition of anti-dumping duty vide Notification 18/2020-Customs (ADD) on imports of “Phenol” originating in or exported from South Africa upto January 9, 2021 from July 10, 2020.

Notification Link:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd18-2020.pdf>

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