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Apparel Export Promotion Council

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Circular to the Trade

A number of garment exporters have informed that many Custom House Agents of exporters have inadvertently ticked "N" in the reward item box, while filing the shipping bills with Customs. Even though in many cases the item of export is eligible for MEIS, as "N" has been ticked, such shipping bills have not been transmitted to the DGFT system and exporters are therefore unable to obtain / find these shipping bills on the system for submitting claims under MEIS.

2. As per para 3.14 of Hand Book of Procedure to FTP (2015-20), all exporters while filling export shipments under all categories of the shipping bills are required to declare the following intent to claim benefit under MEIS:

"We intend to claim rewards under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)".

Declaration of intent is mandatory with effect from June 1, 2015. CBEC has also issued a circular no. 14/2015 dated April 20, 2015, which requires mandatory declaration of intent from 1.6.2015 onwards. In EDI generated shipping bills, exporters are required to tick mark "Y" in case they intend to claim benefits under MEIS and "N" in case they do not intend to claim benefit under MEIS.

3. DGFT vide Public Notice No 40 / 2015-2020 (copy enclosed) has given relief in light of these circumstances and to address the matter, in exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 1.03 of the Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) read with reference to para 3.14 of Handbook of Procedures of FTP 2015-20, the Director General of Foreign Trade has allowed the following procedure to be followed, where exports have been made between 1.4.2015 to 31.5.2015, and where the exporter has inadvertently marked "N" in the "reward item box" and wishes to seek MEIS benefits:

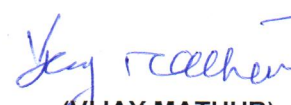
"Exporters shall submit physical copies of free shipping bills after electronic filing of application to RA at the time of submission of application for MEIS rewards in these cases. RA shall grant MEIS rewards after examination of such shipping bills in accordance with other provisions of FTP/HBP."

4. From 01.06.2015, only those shipping bills, which are transmitted by Custom Authorities to DGFT, shall be considered under MEIS.

5. For the purpose of clarity two sample documents are uploaded on the AEPC website. Under Document 1 **"We intend to claim reward under merchandise Exports from India"** has been shown. Under Reward Details (Document 2), 'Y' option has to be exercised compulsorily. Both have been shown by Arrow (→)

Exporters may please also see the official website of DGFT/Customs for the desired information. A copy of the DGFT's Pubic Notice No. 40 / 2015-2020 and the screen shorts are also enclosed for your kind information.

You are requested to be guided accordingly.


(VIJAY MATHUR)

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL

Encl: As above.

Update of Master

Job No.	1003	Doc Date	07/Oct/2015
Cha Licence Number	141-2000000000	Name	ALDRG02
File Reference No.	EEGC/9242/R		
IECC Code	EASTMAN 3292014743		
BIS No	6	Exporter	ALDRG02
AD Code	0004201		
Exporter Type	[P] - Private		
Merchant /Manufacturer	[F] - Manufacturer	Consignee	BANANA REPUBLIC, LLC
Port Of Loading	[CD, TUTICORIN/INTL		
Country of Discharge	[UNITED STATES-US		
Port of Discharge	SAVANNAH/USSAV	NFEI (Y/N)	No
Country of Final Destination	[UNITED STATES-US		
Port of Final Destination	SAVANNAH/USSAV		
State of Export	TAMIL NADU		
Mark's & Nos	"WE INTEND TO CLAIM REWARDS UNDER MERCHANDISE EXPORTS FROM INDIA"		

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Document-1

Item

Job No. 21353 Invoice Sl. No. 1 Item No. Invoice value 20153
 Product Value 41019

Scheme Code 19-DRAW/BACK (DBK) Actual Invoice Number 1902762127918

RITC Code 51071100 . Of cotton

Description 95% COTTON 4% ELASTANE KNITTED MENS BOXER BRIEF (WITH HANGERS)

Accessories

Qty	Unit	NDS	Rate	Total Value	Third Party No	STR Details	STR No
1579			2.67	4217.13		Yes	61
1						STR Details	

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DOCUMENT-2.

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**Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi**

**Public Notice 40 /2015-2020
Dated the 9 th October , 2015**

Subject: Declaration of intent under MEIS Scheme -reg.

DGFT has received various representations from exporters and trade & Industry that many Custom House Agents of exporters have inadvertently ticked "N" in the reward item box while filing the shipping bills with Customs. Even though in many cases the item of export is eligible for MEIS, as "N" has been ticked, such shipping bills have not been transmitted to the DGFT system and exporters are therefore unable to obtain / find these shipping bills on the system for submitting claims under MEIS. It is also noted that the system of marking "Y" or "N" is not new and is in operation since 2012. Since para 3.01 (g) of Hand Book of Procedure to FTP (2015-20) does not allow manual feeding of EDI shipping bill details, filling of such claims is not possible manually.

2. As per para 3.14 of Hand Book of Procedure to FTP (2015-20), all exporters while filling export shipments under all categories of the shipping bills are required to declare the following intent to claim benefit under MEIS:

"We intend to claim rewards under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)".

Declaration of intent is mandatory with effect from June 1, 2015. CBEC has also issued a circular no. 14/2015 dated April 20, 2015, which requires mandatory declaration of intent from 1.6.2015 onwards. In EDI generated shipping bills, exporters are required to tick mark "Y" in case they intend to claim benefits under MEIS and "N" in case they do not intend to claim benefit under MEIS.

3. In light of these circumstances and to address the matter, in exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 1.03 of the Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) read with reference to para 3.14 of Handbook of Procedures of FTP 2015-20, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby allows the following procedure to be followed where exports have been made between 1.4.2015 to 31.5.2015, and where the exporter has inadvertently marked "N" in the "reward item box" and wishes to seek MEIS benefits:

Exporters shall submit physical copies of free shipping bills after electronic filing of application to RA at the time of submission of application for MEIS rewards in these cases. RA shall grant MEIS rewards after examination of such shipping bills in accordance with other provisions of FTP/HBP.

4. From 01.06.2015, only those shipping bills, which are transmitted by Custom Authorities to DGFT, shall be considered under MEIS.

Effect of this Public Notice:

Shipping bills, where declaration of intent 'Y' has not been marked and 'N' has been ticked inadvertently in the 'reward item box' while filing shipping bill in Customs for exports made between 1.4.2015 to 31.5.2015, shall be transmitted by CBEC to DGFT.

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