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### EPCH HAILS MOF DECISION TO OPEN CUSTOM CLEARANCE ON 24x7 BASIS

New Delhi – July 05, 2013 – In order to facilitate exports, beginning 1st July, 2013, Customs clearance of all export goods will take place on 24x7 basis from four major Air Cargo Complexes/airports i.e., Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai. Thus, all exports including those made under export incentives scheme as well as duty drawback scheme will now be able to be move out of the country on 24x7 basis, the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) has welcomed the decision of Ministry of Finance.

The expansion of the 24x7 facility at the four major Air Cargo Complexes/Airports follows closely on the heels of similar customs clearance facility for exports made under Free Shipping Bills i.e. without claiming export incentives with effect from (w.e.f.) 1st June, 2013 from all thirteen (13) EDI connected Air Cargo Complexes/Airports in the country. These 13 Air Cargo Complexes/Airports are Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Cochin, Calicut, Coimbatore, Goa, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Kolkata, Nashik, Vishakhapatnam and Thiruvananthapuram.

EPCH and other EPCs had raised this issue in a meeting held with Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2013. Subsequently, the same has been agreed.

Mr.Lekhraj Maheshwari, Chairman- EPCH hails the decision and said that the facility will not only enable exporters to meet their export obligations but also earn the much needed foreign exchange for the Country.

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