



# **EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL FOR HANDICRAFTS**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **HANDICRAFTS SECTOR GREATLY BENEFITTED-EPCH**

**New Delhi- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019** – The list of items under duty free imports of embellishment, trimmings, tools and commodities has been enhanced by the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance. The 44 additional items which can be imported duty free under this provision includes Cane handles, Adhesives, Waxes, labels, tags, CFL, Glass pearls, Velvet Papers, Laminating films, Art brushes, Decorative moulding for furniture, Magnet buttons etc. The detailed list is enclosed. The last custom notification to this effect was issued in 2011 and the request for additional items demanded by the handicrafts sector was pending for more than last five years. Under this provision, the handicrafts exporters can import duty free embellishments to the tune of 5% of their handicrafts exports of the preceding financial year.

EPCH has sought an intervention of Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles for getting the enhancement in the list of items. The Hon'ble Minister's prompt action has helped the sector in realizing this long pending demand of the handicrafts sector.

Shri O. P. Prahladka, Chairman EPCH hailing the decision said that "With this initiative new and novelty items will be produced as per the demands of overseas buyers on a regular basis".

Shri Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director EPCH said "it has been a long overdue demand of the Handicrafts Sector which has now been addressed by the Ministry of Finance and it would go a long way in enhancing the quality of Handicrafts items and also the overall look of the products thereby leading to new product development as per international demand".

He further, said that, this notification would benefit about 11000 handicrafts exporters who are marketing the products of about 7 million craftsperson's from the country. It is estimated that this enhancement would provide a quantum jump in exports of handicrafts in this year and thereafter.

The exports of handicrafts during the latest period April- June 2018-19 have registered a growth of 3.52% in Rupee terms and stands at Rs. 5797 crores. However, in dollar terms there is a marginal decline (-) 0.39% with exports of US \$ 865 million.

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## हस्तशिल्प क्षेत्र लाभान्वित – ईपीसीएच

**नई दिल्ली- 19 जुलाई 2019** - राजस्व विभाग, वित्त मंत्रालय द्वारा सजावट, टर्मिगि, औजार और वस्तुओं का शुल्क मुक्त आयात प्रावधान के तहत वस्तुओं की सूची बढ़ा दी गई है। इस प्रावधान के तहत 44 अतिरिक्त वस्तुओं को आयात शुल्क मुक्त किया गया है जिसमें कैन हैंडल, गोंध, वैक्स, लेबल, टैग, सीएफएल, ग्लास मोती, लैमिनेटिंग फिलिम, आर्ट ब्रश, फर्नीचर के लिए सजावटी मोल्डिंग, मैग्नेट बटन इत्यादी शामिल हैं। वस्तुतः सूची संलग्न है। इस से पूर्व संशोधन 2011 में सरकार द्वारा किया गया था तथा गत 5 सालों से वस्तुओं की सूची बढ़ाने की मांग लम्बित थी। इस प्रावधान के अंतर्गत, हस्तशिल्प निर्यातक अपने गत वर्ष के हस्तशिल्प निर्यात का 5% तक इन वस्तुओं को शुल्क मुक्त आयात कर सकते हैं।

ईपीसीएच ने वस्तुओं की सूची बढ़ाने के लिए माननीय केंद्रीय वस्त्र मंत्री श्रीमती स्मृति जुबनि ईरानी के हस्तक्षेप की मांग की थी। माननीय मंत्री की तत्काल कार्रवाई से हस्तशिल्प क्षेत्र की इस लंबित मांग को पूरा करने में मदद हुई है।

ईपीएच के अध्यक्ष श्री ओ पी प्रहलादका ने कहा कि "इस पहल के साथ नियमित रूप से वदेशी खरीदारों की मांगों के अनुसार नई और नवीनतम वस्तुओं का उत्पादन किया जाएगा"।

श्री राकेश कुमार, कार्यकारी निदेशक ईपीसीएच ने कहा, "हस्तशिल्प क्षेत्र की लंबी मांग थी, जिसे अब वित्त मंत्रालय द्वारा पूरी की गई है और इससे हस्तशिल्प वस्तुओं की गुणवत्ता और समग्र रूप में सुधार आयेगा। इससे नए उत्पादों का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मांग के अनुसार विकास होगा"।

अप्रैल-जून 2018-19 की नवीनतम अवधि के दौरान हस्तशिल्प के निर्यात के मामले में 3.52% की वृद्धि दर्ज की है जो रु 5797 करोड़ होती है हालांकि, डॉलर के मामले में 865 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर के निर्यात के साथ मामूली गिरावट (-) 0.3 9% है।

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**ADDITIONAL LIST OF ITEMS UNDER DUTY FREE IMPORT OF ESSENTIAL EMBELLISHMENTS,  
TRIMMINGS, TOOLS AND CONSUMABLES**

- “(zb) Cane / cane handles for bags; (zc)  
Adhesive / glue;
- (zd) Waxes, paper boards, foils, Biaxially Oriented Polypropylene (BOPP) films, holographic paper;
- (ze) Jigat;
- (zf) Bye products of sandalwood namely white chip powder, spent wood dust, balloon dust; (zg)  
Natural essential oils/ aromatic chemicals;
- (zh) Wine tools;
- (zi) Printed boxes with logo of buyer;
- (zj) Tungsten carbide tipped tips, circular saw, drill bits, milling and profile cutters, fret saw/band  
saw blades;
- (zk) Diamond wheels/ drills;
- (zl) Abrasive emery paper / belts/ circular disk;
- (zm) Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL) and bulbs of 120 volts;
- (zn) Polyurethane coated fabric, synthetic leather fabric, raffia fabric, rayon raffia fabric, paper raffia fabric;
- (zo) Inlay cards, labels, tags, sensors, stickers, printed bags, plastic clear sheets and bags, nylon /  
polyester / Poly Vinyl Ether (PVE) mesh and fabrics, reflective tapes, fashion tapes, masking tapes, double  
side tapes, self- adhesive pads, poly bags, alarm tags, alarm chips, security chips; (zp) Zipper, zipper  
head, fastener, puller and slider, eyelets, hooks, eyes, rivets, studs, buttons, magnet buttons, buckles,  
tape, elastic tape, adhesive tape, re-enforcement tape, velcro tape, hook tape, loop tape, elastic cloth,  
elastic band, quilted wadding materials accessories, polywadding materials, fusible embroidery motifs and  
prints, embroidery thread, sewing thread, stones (other than precious and semi-precious), sequin, cord  
and cord stopper, stamping foil, lining, interlining and re-forcement materials, metal chain, dog hook, „D”  
ring, „O” ring, bridge fitting, metal frame  
/ bag frame, metal letters /interior plate/logo;
- (zq) Beads and glass pearls for embroidery and fashion jewellery, beading materials-synthetic/  
leather/fabric/cotton, chatons/ crystals as decorative items;
- (zr) Printing inks;
- (zs) Decorative veneers;
- (zt) Metal sounding bells and sounding bars, carbon fibre parts, decorative celluloid sheets; (zu)  
Ceramic fittings and wares;
- (zv) Velvet fabric / velvet paper;
- (zw) Gas lighters, cigar cutters and cigar humidor box as smoking accessories; (zx)  
Parts of writing instrument of wood;
- (zy) Resins;
- (zz) Acrylic sheet for photo frames;
- (zza) Mount board/foam board/paper board/Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) sheets/hard board/backing  
boards for photo frames;
- (zzb) Conservation/archival tapes, self-adhesive sealing tapes, archival material for picture frames;
- (zzc) Jewellery findings, attachments and components (made of metals other than gold, silver and  
platinum and not containing precious/semi-precious stones);
- (zzd) Laminating films; (zze)  
Elastic gel;

(zzf) Cords of leather / cotton / satin, ribbons and plastic seal;

(zzg) Faucet / lotion pump for dispensers of plastic/stainless steel/metal; (zzh)  
Soldering water and acid water;

(zzi) Amino resins and polyurethanes in combination for use as adhesive; (zzj)  
Film of high density polymers of ethylene, vinyl paper;

(zzk) Chemicals for treatment of wood and wood worms/wood insects; (zzl)  
Glass melting pots with ring made of clay refractory materials; (zzm) Selenium  
and borax;

(zzn) Cutting wheels for glass;

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(zzo) Art brushes and brushes for special handicraft applications; (zzp) Decorative mouldings for furniture  
and art framing;

(zzq) Magnets, magnet buttons;

(zzr) Anti-reflective glass of 1.5 mm to 10 mm thickness; (zzs)  
Canvas stretcher bar.”.

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(Anand Kumar Jha) Under  
Secretary to the Government of India

Note: The principal notification No.50/2017-Customs, was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 785(E), dated the 30th June, 2017 and last amended vide notification No. 49/2018-Customs, dated the 20th June, 2018, published vide number G.S.R. 578 (E), dated the 20th June, 2018.