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Impex # 1

Enlistment of Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIA)

DGFT has enlisted total of Nine (09) new agencies under the Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs) which will cater to various countries like China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Papua New Guinea, Brazil, UAE, Thailand, Australia, Canada, USA etc.

Apart from the above, Six (06) existing agencies have been given addition areas of operation like Puerto Rico, Italy, Botswana, Ireland, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Netherlands etc. respectively based on their additional instruments.

These amendments have been carried out in the Appendix 2G with immediate effect. Copy reproduced below:

Copy of Public Notice No.36/2024-25 - DGFT | Dated: 27th December, 2024

Subject - Enlistment of PSIAs and Addition of area of operation of PSIAs in terms of Para 2.52 © of HBP 2023 in Appendix-2G - reg

S. No.	File Number	Name of the PSI A	Head Office	Count of Approved Survey Meters	Area of Operation
1	HQRPSIAA PPLY00000 001AM25	MATSFAREAST PTELT D	BLK 262, No .02-561, Boo N Lay Drive, Singapore 640262	8	China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, U.A.E.
2	HQRPSIAA PPLY00000 428AM24	Mitra S.K. Private Limited	5th Floor, 74B, Shrach i Centre, Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Ro ad, Park Street, Kolkata 700 016	1	Brazil
3	HQRPSIAA PPLY00000 410AM24	SILVERDRAGO NRESOURCES SIBGAPOREPT ELTD.	21 WOODLA NDS PRIMZ BIZHUB, SIN GAPORE, 737854	9	Philippines
4	HQRPSIAA PPLY00000 002AM25	Global Quality Technology Group Pty Ltd.	Suite12/6Th e Crescent, kings grove NS W2208Austr alia, Sydney, Australia	1	Australia
5	HQRPSIAA PPLY00000 003AM25	HAMILTON STEEL LOGISTICSI NC	42 Keefer Ct Unit2-101, hamilton, CANA DA, L8E4V4	1	Canada
6	HQRPSIAA PPLY00000 392AM24	CAYLEY AEROSPACE INC	18830,38th AveW, Lynn wood, Washingt on, 98037, USA	2	UK, USA

7	HQRPSIAA PPLY00000 406AM24	HUMBER INSPECTION INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	Prince Henry Drive, Queens Road, Imming ham, United Kingdom	7	UK
8	HQRPSIAA PPLY00000 006AM25	APGM ENGINEERING SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	NEWNO.12, OLD NO.157, ALWARPET STREET MAL WARPET, CH ENNAI60001 8.	1	USA
9	HQRPSIAA PPLY00000 424AM24	Ruswal Global LLC	Prospekt Eliza rova38A, office 325A,St.Peter sburg, Russian Federation	1	Russia

In exercise of powers conferred under the paragraph 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, as amended from time to time, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby includes the following agencies in Appendix 2G of Appendices and Aayat Niryat Forms of Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2023 in terms of Para 2.52 (c) of Handbook of Procedure (HBP), 2023 with immediate effect:-

S. No.	Name of PSIA	File No.	Validity of PSIA	Count of Approved Survey Meters	Added Area of Operation
1	SOLITARY CONSULTANT PVT. LTD.	HQRPSIAAMEND 00000015AM25	11.06.2027	5	Puerto Rico, UK (United Kingdom), USA(United States of America)
2	SVIA CONSULTANT SERVICES LLP	HQRPSIAAMEND 00000029AM25	04.01.2026	1	Singapore
3	NMCI INSPECTIONS & SURVEY COMPANY PVT. LTD.	HQRPSIAAMEND 00000040AM25	11.06.2027	5	Algeria, Canada, French Polynesia, Italy, USA (United States of America)
		HQRPSIAAPPLY 00000045AM25		3	Australia, Ireland, Sri Lanka
4	NMCI INSPECTIONS AND SURVEY (MTIUS) LTD.	HQRPSIAAMEND 00000043AM25	11.06.2027	4	Botswana, Mayotte, Reunion, Vietnam
		HQRPSIAAPPLY 00000046AM25		3	Madagascar, South Africa, UAE (United Arab Emirates)
5	CERINS Co., Ltd.	HQRPSIAAMEND 00000047AM25	13.02.2026	2	South Korea
6	Marine Inspection and Logistics International Rotterdam	HQRPSIAAMEND 00000028AM25	11.06.2027	3	Netherlands, USA

3 in accordance with the provisions of Para 2.52 (c) of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023, the agencies listed at Serial Nos. 1 to 9 at Para 1 above are hereby recognized for the issuance of Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificates(PSIC), with effect from the date of publication of this Public Notice.

However, the aforementioned agencies shall ensure the fulfillment of the following conditions, wherever applicable and pending, without fail in next 45 days for suitable enablement against respective application on DGFT Portal for issuance of PSIC:

- i. Submission of an updated calibration certificate, valid for a minimum period of six (6) months, pending if any;
- ii. Provision of a valid Bank Guarantee;
- iii. Submission of additional documents as prescribed by the 26th Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) substantiating the credentials ;and
- iv. Update mapping of equipment vis-à-vis their areas of operation, on the DGFT Portal as notified.

It is further reiterated that all Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs) are required to maintain their calibration certificates in a valid and updated condition at all times.

The validity of the PSIA approval granted under this Public Notice shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years, or until such time as may be notified by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), whichever is earlier.

4. In compliance with the directives of the 24th Committee Meeting and subsequent deliberations by the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) for Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs), all existing and newly added PSIAs have been duly mapped, as per the choice exercised by PSIAs, to their respective areas of operation/countries in relation to their equipment, specifically the hand-held radiation survey meter.

The details of the mapping of equipment vis-à-vis the operational areas of the 15 PSIAs are annexed to this Public Notice. For all other existing PSIAs, the mapping information, based on the choices exercised by the respective PSIAs, shall be made available on the DGFT portal.

Effects of this public notice: Nine (09) agencies have been designated as Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs). Additionally, the instruments and areas of operation for six (06) existing PSIAs have been duly notified. The mapping of equipment vis-à-vis the respective areas of operation/countries have been extended to all PSIAs.

Impex # 2

Clarification of Applicability of Amendment to Para 5.10 (c) HBP under EPCG Scheme

DGFT vide its Policy Circular had clarified on the amendment of para 5.10(c) of HBP(2015-20) in relation to consideration of value for counting towards fulfilment of export obligation under EPCG when the export is done by third party. The circular had clarified that only the amount received via the normal banking channel from the third party to the EPCG authorisation holder will be considered for the same. It had also clarified that the said para-amendment will be applicable for exports made on or after 05.12.2017.

The Hon'ble High Court of Ahmedabad had in an application set aside the Policy Circular. The matter was brought to the Apex Court vide a SLP which was dismissed on 02.08.2024.

Thus DGFT clarified that the applicable amendment which is prospective in nature will be applicable to the third party exports made under EPCG issued on or after 05.12.2017 only. (Copy reproduced below)

Copy of DGFT Policy Circular No. 10/2024-25 Dated: 13th December, 2024

Subject: EPCG Scheme - Applicability of amendment to Para 5.10(c) of Hand Book of Procedures 2015-20 (Mid-Term Review)

Reference is invited to the judgement dated 21.12.2023 of the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Ahmedabad in the SCA No. 16316/2021 (South Gujarat Warp Knitters Association & Another) setting aside the Policy Circular No. 22/2015-20 dated 29.03.2019 (copy enclosed) issued by DGFT on the above subject.

2. Subsequently, SLP(Civil) Diary No(s). 29793/2024 filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court by the Union of India has been dismissed on 02.08.2024. Advertisement Ads by: Play Skip backward 5 seconds Skip forward 5 seconds Mute Loaded: 35.55% Remaining Time -10:56 Fullscreen

3. In pursuance of the above, it is informed that the amendment to the para 5.10(c) of HBP, 2015-20 (Mid-term review) is prospective in nature and would be applicable to the third party exports made against EPCG Authorisation(s) issued on or after 05.12.2017 only.

Impex # 3

Launch of Revamped Preferential Certificate of Origin (eCOO) 2.0 Portal

DGFT has already been issuing the Preferential Certificate of Origin (COO) online for few years now. Now with the Non - Preferential COO already migrated to the New eCOO System 2.0, DGFT has decided to migrate the Preferential COO also to the new eCOO 2.0 Platform.

The new eCOO platform will be accessible the web-domain - <https://trade.gov.in>

The date of migration from old legacy eCOO 1.0 system to new system was announced to be 21.12.2024.

However, in view of certain challenges, this date has been subsequently extended to 17.01.2025 vide a new DGFT Trade Notice.

The New Trade Notice also made it mandatory of all Non - Preferential Certificate of Origin (COO) to be issued only via online platform of eCOO 2.0 (<https://trade.gov.in>) from 01.01.2025. (copy reproduced below)

Copy of DGFT Trade Notice No. 24/2024-25 - DGFT | Dated: 20th December 2024

Subject: Rescheduling of Launch Date for Preferential eCoO 2.0 System - reg.

Reference is made to Trade Notice No. 23/2024-25 dated 6th December 2024, which announced the scheduled launch of the enhanced Preferential Certificate of Origin (eCoO) system, eCoO 2.0, on 21st December 2024. It is now notified that the launch date for the revamped eCoO 2.0 system has been extended to 17th January 2025.

2. Additionally, reiterating Trade Notice No. 36/2023-2024 dated 26th December 2023, it is informed that the electronic filing of Non-Preferential Certificates of Origin (CoO) on the eCoO 2.0 Platform (<https://www.trade.gov.in>) shall be mandatory from 1st January 2025. Non-Preferential CoO Issuing Agencies, as listed under Appendix-2E of the FTP and the exporters concerned are requested to ensure compliance please.

Detailed circular: DGFT Trade Notice No. 23/2024-25 Dt. 06.12.2024

DGFT Trade Notice No. 24/2024-25 Dt. 20.12.2024

Impex # 4

Customs Notifies the reduction in duty tariff under India Australia ECTA

In line with the commitment of tariff concessions under the India Australia ECTA Free Trade Agreement the customs notified the fourth tranche of the tariff concessions for goods are imported from Australia under the said FTA.

These concessions will be applicable and effective from 01.01.2025

Link for detailed circular: <https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1010246/ENG/Notifications>