

Sub:- Allocation of Agarbathi under the jurisdiction of Export Promotion Council For Handicrafts

Dear Members,

As you may be aware that DGFT vide Public Notice No.105/RE-2008/2004-09) dated 7.11.2008 had shifted the product of 'Agarbathi' to the CHEMEXCIL.

The above led to a lot of dissatisfaction among the Agarbathi member exporters of the Council since, as we all know, Agarbathi is a handicrafts products as it is fully handmade without the use of power and as a product has synergy with products like gifts, decoratives, houseware and handicrafts. The Council has long been promoting the exports of Agarbathi and many of the member exporters participate in Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair (IHGF) in India and in all other international fairs overseas.

In view of above, Council took up the matter with the Minister of Commerce & Industry along with other Sr. Government officials. The constant follow up and persuasion on the part of the Council have led to the following announcement **vide Public Notice No. 20/2009-2014 dated 23rd November, 2009:**

“The product “Agarbattis”, presently appearing under the jurisdiction of Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL) under Sr. No. 2 of Appendix-2 of HBP Vol. I is hereby removed from the jurisdiction of Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL) and allocated under the jurisdiction of Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) appearing under Sr. no. 10 of HBP Vol. I.”

We hope that the above announcement would encourage the Agarbathi member exporters to work towards increasing exports of Agarbathi and thereby increasing the overall exports of handicrafts.

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In exercise of power conferred under paragraph 2.4 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2009-2014, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby makes the following amendments in Appendix 2 of the Handbook of Procedures Vol.I:

“The product “Agarbattis”, presently appearing under the jurisdiction of Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL) under Sr. No. 2 of Appendix-2 of HBP Vol.I is hereby removed from the jurisdiction of Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL) and allocated under the jurisdiction of Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) appearing under Sr. no. 10 of HBP Vol. I.”

This issues in Public interest.

Sd/-
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