Ref. no. Plexh/Cir/1796

All Members/All Members of the COA

Dear Sir(s),

**Sub : Rationalization of procedures in handling EODC request under Advance/EPCG authorization**

Ref. : Trade notice no. 41/2018-19 dated 04.01.2019

We wish to inform you that the O/o Directorate General of Foreign Trade, New Delhi has issued above Trade Notice regarding rationalization of procedures in handling EODC request under Advance/EPCG authorization

Please find below the details of the trade notice :-

- CBIC has intimated DGFT that as part of the rationalization of the procedures and for avoiding duplication of the work, the CBIC has vide various circulars/instructions provided that the EODCs received from the RAs of DGFT under Advance Authorization/EPCG scheme should normally be accepted without further verification, except in 5% cases where they should be verified in detail before acceptance. However, in terms of the CBIC’s Circular dated 20.04.2015 and the instruction dated 14.10.2016, it is mandatory to verify genuineness of all non-EDI Shipping Bills/Bills of Export on which an EODC is issued by the RAs as there have been instances of fabricated export documents (purported to be of Customs non-EDI ports).

- The CBIC has further intimated that in order to ascertain as to whether there is any non-EDI Shipping bill taken into account for the purpose of EODC, their field formations have reported that they are calling for ANF 5B from all the exporters and based on the same only, it can be ascertained as to whether any non-EDI Shipping bill is involved there or not. This exercise in all cases of redemption of authorizations defeats the purpose of simplification of procedure which aims to reduce verification of EODC to not more than 5% of cases.

- In order to eliminate dual checking of each and every case, DGFT HQ has issued a Public Notice No. 66/2015-20 dated 3rdJanuary, 2019 amending ANF-4F and ANF-5B by adding Sr. No. 11. under the Declaration/Undertaking in ANF-4F and Sr. No. 9. under the Declaration/Undertaking in ANF-5B to get the number of EDI/non-EDI Shipping Bills used by the applicant for redemption/EODC.

Further, it has been decided that in the Redemption/EODC requests, wherever non-EDI Shipping Bills have been declared to be used by the applicant, all RAs while issuing the Redemption Letter/EODC shall make the following remark in the covering letter/certificate itself:-

“**This Redemption involves non-EDI Shipping Bills.**”

The details of above Trade notice are available for reference using below link-

[http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%20No%2041.pdf](http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%20No%2041.pdf)

Members are requested to take note of the above procedure.

Best regards,

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