Sub : Regarding Online filling and Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin under SAFTA & SAPTA for India’s Exports to Nepal w.e.f. 18th December 2019

This has reference to our earlier circular ref. no. Plexh/cir/570 dated 23.09.2019 regarding Online filing & Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin through the Common Digital Platform & Issue of CoO for India- Chile PTA will be started from 25th September 2019.

In this regard we further wish to inform you that similarly, for exports to Nepal under South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) and SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA), the Preferential Certificate of Origin shall be applied and issued only from this platform with effect from 18th December 2019. All agencies are required to issue preferential CoO for exports to Nepal under SAFTA and SAPTA through the platform URL: https://coo.dgft.gov.in

In light of the given cut-off date of 18th December 2019, exporters to Nepal intending to take benefits under SAFTA and SAPTA are requested to register on the new platform immediately.

Following points may be taken note of by exporters in regard to the CoO portal/application process:

a. Digital Signature would be required for the purpose of electronic verification. The digital signature would be the same as used in other DGFT applications;

b. The digital signature to be used may be Class II or Class III and should have the IEC number of the firm embedded in the DSC;

c. On registration at the portal, a password would be sent on the email link to the IEC holder. In case the IEC holder desires to update email on which communication is to be done with the portal, the same may be done by using the ‘Online IEC application’ module on the DGFT website.

d. Once registration is done, all directors’/partners’ details and branch details would be auto-populated in the certificate of origin as available in the DGFT-IEC database. Please ensure that latest updated IEC details are available in the DGFTIEC database and necessary steps taken to modify the IEC details online, whenever required;

e. For further guidance, registration and application help manual & FAQs may be seen on the main page of the CoO platform (you may refer our earlier circular annexed below with this circular).

f. For any assistance you may utilize any of the following channels —

I) Raise a complaint/suggestion ticket through Contact@DGFT service available on the DGFT website.
Members are requested to take note of this important ease of doing business measure and do the needful accordingly. For DGFT T. No. 41 dated 12/12/2019 please click on below link –
http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%2041.pdf

This is for your information and necessary action

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,
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(Sr. Executive)

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