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To,

All Members of Plexconcil /

COA

Dear Sir / Madam,

Subject: Clarification on Para 2.12 of Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023

Ref.: DGFT Policy Circular No. 02 /2025-26, 22nd July 2025

We wish to inform you about a recent change in Para 2.12 of <u>FTP 2023</u>. Previously, this provision allowed goods that had already been imported, shipped, or arrived (but not yet cleared by Customs) to be cleared against an authorisation (e.g., Advance Authorisation) issued at a later date. Typically, such goods were warehoused first and then cleared.

However, as per the above-mentioned Policy Circular, the Directorate has clarified that warehousing is **not mandatory** if:

• The authorisation is obtained before customs clearance, even if the goods were shipped before the authorisation was issued.

This clarification aims to reduce unnecessary costs and procedural delays for importers. Please note that this relaxation **does not apply** to 'Restricted' items or items traded through State Trading Enterprises (STEs), unless specifically approved by the DGFT.

For more details, please refer to the attached policy circular.

This is for your information.

Best regards

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