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To

All Members of Plexconcil / COA Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Applicability of Quality Control Orders (QCOs)/BIS requirements on imports by Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Units and Developers- Amendment in Para 2.03(A)(iii) of FTP, 2023

Ref: DGFT Notification No. 16 /2026-27 dated 01.06.2026

We wish to inform the above notification is issued regarding the amendment in Para 2.03A(iii) of FTP, 2023 to align the provisions relating to exemption from applicability of Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for imports by SEZ Units and Developers with the provisions of the SEZ Act, 2005 and SEZ Rules, 2006, and to bring clarity regarding the applicability of QCOs.

The following amendments relating to SEZ imports with immediate effect, as under:

Existing Para 2.03A(iii)	Revised Para 2.03A(iii)
<p>Exemption from applicability of mandatory QCOs issued under the BIS Act, 2016, shall be provided to SEZ on import of inputs which are required for export production. No DTA clearance of such inputs or goods manufactured made out of such inputs, are allowed.</p> <p>An undertaking to that effect will be submitted to the concerned Development Commissioner of the SEZ by the SEZ Unit at the time of importation. The exemption from QCO will be available for physical exports only. This exemption is further subject to para 2.03 (c) of FTP.</p>	<p>Exemption from applicability of Quality Control Orders (QCOs) issued under the BIS Act, 2016, shall be provided to SEZ Units or SEZ Developers for import of all permissible goods, including raw materials, components, consumables, spares, and capital goods, required for authorised operations within Special Economic Zones (SEZs), in accordance with the provisions of the SEZ Act, 2005 and Rule 27 of the SEZ Rules, 2006 made thereunder.</p> <p>Such exemption shall apply only for the use of the imported goods within the SEZ for authorised operations. However, any removal, transfer or clearance of such goods, or goods manufactured or processed therefrom, from the SEZ into the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) shall be subject to compliance with the applicable Quality Control Orders (QCOs), Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) requirements and any other applicable laws, rules or regulations in force at the time of such clearance.</p> <p>An undertaking to the above effect shall be submitted to the concerned Development Commissioner of the SEZ by the SEZ Unit or SEZ Developer at the time of importation.</p>

With this notification, SEZ Units and Developers will be exempt from BIS Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for imports of permissible goods required for authorised operations within SEZs. The exemption is limited to use within the SEZ. Any subsequent clearance of such goods, or products made from them, into the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) must comply with applicable QCOs, BIS requirements, and other laws. An undertaking to this effect must be submitted to the concerned SEZ Development Commissioner at the time of import.

Members are requested to refer the official notification here:

https://membership.plasticsepc.org/mails_images/20260602124103.pdf

This is for your information.

With regards,

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