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Sub: Regarding non-availability of MEIS or ROSCTL for FIBC exports as under HS Code 63053200

Respected Sir,

Greetings!

This is further to our communication dated 30.09.2019 wherein we have informed that FIBC (Chapter 63) has been deprived of getting ROSCTL / MEIS since August 2019. This matter has already been discussed with your good self during your meeting with the industry stake holders on dated 27.09.2019 in Mumbai. We have received one more representation from The Indian Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container Association (IFBCA) in the said matter. As desired by them we are sending their representation to your good-self for kind consideration.

With respectful regards,

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30th October 2019

Sub: - SUBJECT : Urgent Representation for un blocking of MEIS application process on DGFT website for FIBC Industry.

Dear Mr. Dasmohapatra,

Greetings! With reference to my earlier letter dated 15th October 2019 on the FIBC related to Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Product (RoDTEP) scheme.

Indian FIBC Association would like to draw your attention that FIBC or Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers under (Chapter 63053200 of the Harmonized System) Exporters are not able to avail the benefits of the MEIS scheme which is currently blocked on the DGFT website for Chapter 63 products.

This is most likely due to a technical error or oversight in the system. As an important export product, FIBC is suffering for no fault of ours due to this disruption since 1st August 2019 on the DGFT website. We seek immediate and swift action for redressal of this problem and removal of blockage in application process for exporters to claim MEIS on the DGFT website.

In the first 5 months of 2019 from the data below we can see a reduction of India's export of flexible intermediate bulk containers of man-made textile materials (HS 63053200) as compared to earlier years as sourced from Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India. This is very concerning and shows a down trend for exports in the FIBC industry because of the following reasons:

Year	USD Million
2013-14	450.83
2014-15	537.22
2015-16	460.31
2016-17	460.39
2017-18	602.75
2018-19	734.94
2019-20 (5 months)	292.16

- A decline in international plastic raw material prices which have resulted in lower value realization in foreign exchange for the period April to September 2019.
- Another important factor is without the MEIS advantage, the exports business will go down, as FIBC is a competitive made to order customized product.
- The year on year growth advantage gained in the last 5 years will be lost if no immediate and swift action is taken to rectify the problems being faced by the FIBC exporters.

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- The Indian FIBC Industry has to compete with international pricing and needs to be on a level playing field with international manufacturers.

In conclusion I refer to our ongoing problem of Export Incentives being blocked on the DGFT website for the MEIS scheme. The immediate removal of blockage is a first step that will help remove part of the disabilities for exporters.

It is important to reiterate that nothing should change in the existing MEIS Scheme till the new RoDTEP scheme is in place and fully functional or else the consequences in exports would be nothing short of disaster, which we are currently facing. The trends of exports of FIBC going down will be clearer in the Oct-Dec 2019 Quarter figures once published by the Government of India.

We request your immediate intervention in the matter and request that you take up the matter with Ministry of Commerce on a war footing for urgent consideration.

Please acknowledge receipt and let me us know if any additional information is required.

Best Regards

Umesh Anandani
Secretary General