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**Subject : DGFT Public Notice No. 47 clarification on Declaration of intent under
Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)**

EPCES has received various representations from its members informing that there is no provision under MEIS Scheme, in case any exporter had inadvertently marked "N" in the "reward item box" and wished to seek MEIS benefits. Members have requested that such procedure should also be made applicable to exports made beyond 31.5.2015. Accordingly, EPCES has taken up this issue with DGFT.

To address this issue, DGFT, vide its Public Notice No. 47 dated 8th December, 2015 (copy enclosed) has allowed the following procedure to be followed where exports have been made between 1.6.2015 to 30.9.2015 through EDI generated shipping bills and where the exporter has inadvertently marked "N" in the "reward item box" but has declared his intention in the affirmative on the shipping bill.

The concerned RA will consider such applications for issue of scrip subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) Item level details for shipping bills related to exports from 01.6.2015 to 30.9.2015 that were not transmitted to DGFT (due to declaring "N" at item level and thus showing negative intent for the Reward Scheme) shall be identified and transmitted by Director General (Systems) to Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). This would enable exporters to file reward applications electronically with DGFT. This would enable exporters to file reward applications electronically with DGFT in such cases. Physical Export Promotion (EP) copy of each shipping bill will be submitted by the exporters to concerned Regional Authority (RA) (in all cases of "N" declaration) to verify that the declaration of intent was made by exporter as provided in Para 3.14 of Handbook of Procedure (HBP) 2015-20 before allowing reward, subject to other provisions of FTP/HBP.
- (b) Where Shipping Bills for exports from 01.06.2015 to 30.9.2015 have been otherwise transmitted to DGFT {being Advance Authorisation (AA) / Export Promotion Capital (EPCG)/ Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) Scheme Shipping Bills } but "N" has been declared in the "Reward item" field, the exporter shall submit EP copy of shipping bills and reward may be issued by concerned RA after confirming declaration of intent on physical EP copy of the shipping bills as provided in Para 3.14 of HBP 2015-20.

Hence, it is clear from the above that shipping bills, where declaration of intent "Y" has not been marked and "N" has been ticked inadvertently in the "reward item box" while filing shipping bills in Customs for exports made between 01.6.2015 to 30.9.2015, shall be transmitted by CBEC to DGFT.

This is for kind information of the members.

Public Notice No. 47/2015-20
Dated 8th December, 2015

Declaration of intent under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) – reg

DGFT by Public Notice No. 40 dated 09th October 2015, had prescribed a procedure to be followed for claiming rewards under MEIS where exports had been made through EDI generated shipping bills between 01.04.2015 to 31.05.2015 and the exporter had inadvertently marked “N” in the “reward item box” and wished to seek MEIS benefit.

2. Subsequently, representation have been received from exporters and trade & industry that such procedure should also be made applicable to exports made beyond 31.05.2015.

3. To suitably address the matter, in exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 1.03 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) (2015-2020) read with para 3.14 of the Handbook of Procedures of [FTP 2015-20](#), the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby allows the following procedure to be followed where exports have been made between 1.6.2015 to 30.9.2015 through EDI generated shipping bills, and where the exporter has inadvertently marked “N” in the “reward item box” but has declared his intention in the affirmative on the shipping bill.

The concerned RA will consider such applications for issue of scrip subject to the following conditions:-

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- (b) Where Shipping Bills for exports from 01.06.2015 to 30.9.2015 have been otherwise transmitted to DGFT {being Advance Authorisation (AA) / Export Promotion Capital (EPCG)/ Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) Scheme Shipping Bills } but “N” has been declared in the “Reward item” field, the exporter shall submit EP copy of shipping bills and reward may be issued by concerned RA after confirming declaration of intent on physical EP copy of the shipping bills as provided in Para 3.14 of HBP 2015-20.

Effect of the Public Notice :

Shipping bills, where declaration of intent “Y” has not been marked and “N” has been ticked inadvertently in the “reward item box” while filing shipping bills in Customs for exports made between 01.6.2015 to 30.9.2015, shall be transmitted by CBEC to DGFT.

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