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Sub : Amendment to SEZ Rule 22(1) regarding exemptions, drawback and concessions – obtaining of Membership Certificate from EPCES

Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry has issued Notification dated 5/8/2016 (copy enclosed) informing as under:-

“In the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 (herein after referred to as the principal rules), in rule 2, in sub rule (1) after clause (zf), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(zg) Registration-cum-Membership Certificate” means the membership certificate issued by Export Promotion Council for Export Oriented Units and Special Economic Zones.”

In the principal rules, in rule 22, in sub-rule (1), after clause (iv), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(v) The unit or the developer including co-developer shall obtain a Registration-cum-Membership Certificate for availing exemptions, drawback and concessions.”

Hence, all the SEZ units, SEZ Developers and Co-developer are hereby informed that for availing any exemption, drawback and concessions, a Unit, SEZ developer and Co-developer has to obtain membership of Export Promotion Council for EOUs & SEZs (EPCES). In other words, the membership of the Council is mandatory.

This is for kind information of the members.

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Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(Department of Commerce)

Notification

New Delhi, the 5th August, 2016

G.S.R. No. 771(E) In exercise of the powers conferred by section 55 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 (28 of 2005), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement, -

(1) These rules may be called the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Rule, 2016.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 (herein after referred to as the principal rules), in rule 2, in sub rule (1) after clause (zf), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(zg) Registration-cum-Membership Certificate” means the membership certificate issued by Export Promotion Council for Export Oriented Units and Special Economic Zones.”

3. In the principal rules, in rule 22, in sub-rule (1), after clause (iv), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(v) The unit or the developer including co-developer shall obtain a Registration-cum-Membership Certificate for availing exemptions, drawback and concessions.”

[F.No. C.2/2/2016-SEZ]

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Note : - The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R. 54(E), dated the 10th February, 2006 and last amended vide G.S.R.627(E), dated the 6th August, 2015.