

EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL FOR EOUs AND SEZs

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Sub: Inputs regarding the working of EOU scheme to be submitted to Dept. of Commerce (DoC) for consideration and incorporation in the new Foreign Trade Policy.

Dear Exporter/Member,

Happy New Year!!

We, at Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZs (EPCES) are glad to address your export promotional needs in an effective and efficient manner. EPCES has always been a forerunner to support the manufacturing/services unit(s) operating under EOU Scheme as well as for SEZ units. EOU scheme is described in Chapter 6 of the Foreign Trade Policy available at <https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=ft-policy> and Chapter 6 of the Handbook of Procedure available at <https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=ft-procedures>

EPCES is conducting a survey seeking feedback from its EOU members about the working of the EOU scheme. The EOU Scheme was introduced in 1980. EOUs, unlike SEZs, provide freedom of location at a place of choice, subject to long term commitment to exports under the Customs Bond. As per information available from the Department of Commerce, there are about 1600 operational EOUs in the country contributing exports worth US\$ 17.7 Billion (Rs 1.32 lakh crore). Of late, post GST, and because of Manufacturing and Other Operations in Warehouses Regulations, 2020(MOOWR) under section Section 65/58A of the Customs Act, 1962, there have been some apprehensions about the EOU Scheme.

In view of the above, **EPCES has decided to conduct a survey seeking feedback from its EOU members about the working of the EOU scheme.** Please click on the below given link and submit your feedback/suggestions: -

<https://forms.gle/DtEb7CWfRYQLpdok9>

You are requested to submit your feedback by **20th January 2022** so that the same can be compiled and submitted to the Ministry of Commerce for their consideration and incorporation in the new Foreign Trade Policy.

With warm regards,

Team, EPCES