



THE COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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Sub : Trade Notice / Public Notice / Notification issued by DGFT and CBIC on India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA) w.e.f. 29.12.2022

Dear Member,

We are glad to inform you that DGFT has issued Trade Notice No. 23/2022-23 dated 22.12.2022 ([click here](#)) notifying the facility for issuance of Electronic filing of Preferential Certificate of Origin (CoO) under India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA) w.e.f. 29.12.2022. In this connection, DGFT has also issued Public Notice No.44/2015-20 dated 22.12.2022 ([click here](#)) by amending Appendix 2 B and notifying the List of 17 Authorised Agencies to issue CoO (Preferential) under the India-Australia ECTA.

Important guidelines to be followed for the online submission procedure under the Trade Agreement-

- Applicant has to submit and take approval of the application online
- Later, the e-CoO system shall generate one copy i.e., electronic copy.
- The electronic copy shall bear the image signature of the issuing officer and stamp of the issuing agency
- The authenticity of any eCoO may be verified by scanning the QR code on the certificate, or by keying in the certificate number under the 'Verify Certificate' link on <https://coo.dgft.gov.in>;

Members may please take note of the following points regarding the eCoO application process -

- Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) would be required for the purpose of electronic submission. The digital signature would be the same as used in other DGFT applications.
- The digital signature may be Class III and should have the IEC of the firm embedded in the DSC.

• Any new applicant exporter would be required to initially register at the portal (<https://coo.dgft.gov.in>).

- The password would be sent on the email and mobile number of the IEC holder.
- In case the IEC holder desires to update their email on which communication is to be sent, the same may be done by using the 'IEC Profile Management' service on the DGFT website <https://dgft.gov.in>
- Once registration is completed, the IEC branch details would be auto-populated as per the DGFT-IEC database.
- Applicant is required to ensure that updated IEC details are available in the DGFT system. Necessary steps may be taken to modify the IEC details, when required.

Out of the 17 Authorised Agencies, for issuing the CoO (Preferential) (*as mentioned in Public Notice No.44/2015-20 dated 22.12.2022*), 3 Main Agencies are allowed to issue the Certificate of Origin (Preferential) of FTP 2015-2020 for Textiles under the India-Australia ECTA are given below –

- 1) Export Inspection Council & Export Inspection Agencies – All products
- 2) Textile Committee & Regional Offices – Textiles and Clothing
- 3) Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and Regional Offices – All products

In case you face any difficulty and need any guidance on registration and application submission, you may please refer the Help manual & FAQs which can be accessed on the landing page at <https://coo.dgft.gov.in>.

For any further assistance you may use any of the following channels —

- Raise a service request/suggestion ticket through the DGFT Helpdesk service
- Call the toll-free DGFT Helpdesk numbers
- Send an email to DGFT CoO Helpdesk at [coo-dgft@gov.in](mailto:coo-dgft@gov.in)

With regard to the India-Australia (ECTA), CBIC has also issued Notification No. 112/2022-Customs (NT) dated 22.12.2022 ([click here](#)) notifying the Customs Tariff (Determination of Origin of Goods under the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement) Rules, 2022.

The (ECTA) is a welcome move for the exporting community which will further strengthen the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Members may please take a note of the above and do the needful as instructed by DGFT & CBIC.

Regards,

**Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal**  
Executive Director

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