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<u>Sub : Processing of MEIS/SEIS applications pending at RAs under Para-3.06 of</u> <u>HBP</u>

Dear Member,

The DGFT has issued Policy Circular No.46/2015-20 dated 20.02.2023 (<u>copy</u> <u>enclosed</u>) with regards to processing of MEIS/SEIS applications pending at Regional Authorities (RAs) under Para-3.06 of HBP.

Members of the Trade and Industry are informed that DGFT has received representations from MEIS/SEIS applicants and also from RAs, in which it has been informed that these applications are pending at RAs as these applications are deficient on the basis of Para 3.06 of the HBP (2015-2020) i.e. application filed at wrong jurisdiction and had requested to get it expeditiously disposed at the RAs where it is pending since long.

The matter has been examined by DGFT and it may be noted that –

-- MEIS and SEIS scheme have now been discontinued w.e.f. 01.01.2021 and 01.04.2020 respectively;

-- These Scheme are on the verge of final closure;

-- Therefore, transfer/migration of files at this moment from one RA to another, might not be feasible, as it will lead to fresh examination of the case and will take time.

In view of above, it has been decided by DGFT that -

-- All such MEIS/SEIS applications, which have been kept pending and are deficient at the RAs under provisions given in Para 3.06 of the HBP 2015-20 may be reopened by the RAs and examined again on merits/ additional documents submitted by the firm as per extant policy and procedural conditions.

-- RAs are advised to provide an opportunity of personal hearing to the applicants, before rejecting a case.

-- All such requests of transfer of application presently pending at the DGFT HQs, hereby stand remanded back to the RAs for necessary action as above.

Members may please take a note of the above and do the needful as advised.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal **Executive Director**

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