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Sub : Issuance of EODC for AA and EPCG process from DGFT portal

Dear Member,

Kindly refer to DGFT Trade Notice No.24/2022-23 dated 12.1.2023 where the online functionality to Advance Authorisation (AA) / Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) authorisation holders to update the closure / redemption status on the DGFT Website of manually issued EODC if incorrectly reflected on the DGFT portal.

In continuation to instructions given in DGFT Trade Notice No.24/2022-23 dated 12.1.2023, DGFT has now informed through Trade Notice No.1/2023-24 dated 6.4.2023 (<u>enclosed</u>) the following –

(I) For Advance Authorisation (AA):

(i) <u>Online application for redemption/closure of licence</u> may be submitted by navigating to DGFT website >>> Services >>> AA >>> Closure of AA.

(ii) AA closure application may be submitted with or without data validations

(a) <u>With Validation Route</u>- Given that the complete dataset such as shipping bills/Bills of Entry/eBRC/GST invoices/Bills of Exports/Tax Receipts etc. is available in online system.

(b) <u>Without Validation Route</u>- Application may be submitted even with data (such as shipping bills / Bills of Entry / eBRC etc.) exceptions.

(II) For Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG):

(i) Online application for redemption/closure of licence may be submitted by navigating to DGFT website >>> Services >>> EPCG >>> Closure of EPCG.

(ii) EPCG closure applications may also be submitted online without validation.

In cases where physical files are submitted for redemption to RA, EODC status update applications may be submitted to them for processing.

Please take a note of the following steps -

i. RA may suo-moto update licence status by navigating to License Room, select relevant License number >>> Click on "EODC Status Update" button and generate the EODC letter online.

ii. Authorisation holders may submit EODC status update applications on DGFT website >>> Services >>> AA / EPCG >>> EODC Status update.

Other important points to be followed:

· If certain documents require physical submission, the Authorization holder would still apply for redemption on DGFT portal (without validation).

 \cdot RA will examine the case accordingly and correspondence with the applicant shall be undertaken online using the DGFT portal.

 \cdot Any such EODC issued online is electronically transmitted to Customs ICEGATE System in near real-time, to facilitate discharge of Customs bond and other related activities at the Customs port.

Further, also please note that the above-mentioned online options cover online applications with validation as well as online application without validation involving physical submission. No Export Obligation Discharge Certificates (EODC) are to be issued manually or through any legacy IT system (LEMIS System) with immediate effect.

It is also notified that all MIS reports are to be generated by the RA based on the data updated online.

Members may kindly make a note of the above instructions and do the needful as advised by DGFT.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director

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