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<u>Sub: Discontinuation of issuance of Physical copy of Restricted Import</u> <u>Authorisation w.e.f. 19.10.2023</u>

Dear Member,

O/o DGFT has issued Trade Notice No.31/2023-24 dated 19.10.2023 (<u>copy_enclosed</u>) informing about discontinuation to issue physical copy of Authorisation for Restricted Imports w.e.f. 19.10.2023 to further improve ease of doing business.

In this regard, please make a note of the following points -

(1) Electronic data will be Issued for EDI Ports:

-- All Authorisations for Restricted Imports issued <u>on or after 19.10.2023 for EDI</u> <u>Ports will be issued electronically only.</u>

-- No hard copy of the said Authorisation shall be provided.

-- Instead, the Authorisation data will be transmitted electronically to the Customs Port of Registration.

(2) Hard copy will be issued for Non-EDI Ports:

-- For non-EDI ports, Authorisations for Restricted Imports will continue to be issued on paper.

(3) Amendment or revalidation of any Authorisations for Restricted Imports:

-- Amendment or revalidation of Authorisations for Restricted Imports that were issued before 19.10.2023 will be processed in the existing manner.

-- This includes the issuance of paper copies of the Amendment Letter, with the Amendment Letter Number endorsed on the original authorisation.

(4) Endorsement in EPCG Authorisations:

-- As per Para 5.01(f) of HBP 2023, in cases of importing Restricted Items under the EPCG Scheme, the Authorisation for Restricted Import Number and Date must be

duly endorsed in the condition sheet of the EPCG authorization.

(5) Downloading Soft Copies of the Authorisation:

-- Authorisation holders will have the option to download a soft copy of the authorization by logging onto the DGFT website (<u>https://dgft.gov.in</u>).

Members may please make a note of the above.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director

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