

THE COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL (Sponsored By Government of India)

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<u>Sub: Mandatory Additional Qualifiers in Import/Export Declarations in respect</u> of Certain Products

Dear Member,

This is with regard to Council's E-Serve No.239 dated 6.10.2023 (copy_enclosed) informing about CBIC Circular No.23/2023-Customs dated 30.9.2023 wherein it was decided to make Additional Qualifiers mandatory in Import Declarations for certain products, after consultation with Dept. of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of AYUSH and O/o DGFT.

This measure shall lead to avoidance of queries, enhancement of efficiency in assessment and facilitation, avoid making references to technical agencies and addressing basic causes for delays in clearance, apart from better aiding policymaking.

In this connection, JNCH has now issued Public Notice No.95/2023 dated 20.10.2023 (enclosed) on the above subject.

The system has enabled to capture an alpha numeric code identifier for commodities imported under Chapters 28,29,32, heading 3808 and Chapter 39 at the item level in the Bill of Entry filed in the EDI System w.e.f. 15.10.2023. Accordingly, for identifying the Chemical category, importers/Customs Brokers are mandatorily required to declare one of the chemical categories for those identified CTHs under the Single Window Table of the Bill of Entry at item level.

In case of non-availability of information for even one ingredient with the Importer for the reason that information is not shared by the supplier due to confidentiality, a self-undertaking is to be provided in the Bill of Entry by the importer under Statement Code PC002.

A Systems Advisory No. 22 dated 16.10.2023 issued by DG-Systems and Data Management is annexed to JNCH Public Notice No.95/2023 dated 20.10.2023.

In case of any difficulty, kindly contact the Additional Commissioner of Customs (Appraising Main-Import), JNCH at appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in or ICEGATE Helpdesk (icegatehepdesk@icegate.gov.in).

Members may kindly make a note of the above.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director

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