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<u>Sub: DGFT amends Para 4.06 and Para 4.14 of Handbook of Procedures 2023 for Trade Facilitation and Ease of Doing Business</u>

Dear Member,

DGFT has issued Public Notice No.51/2023 dated 14th March, 2024 (enclosed) by adding following new sub-paras in Para 4.06 (Fixation of Norms) and Para 4.14 (Application and On-line Inter-Ministerial Consultations for fixation of norms / adhoc norms) of HBoP 2023.

- (A) A new sub-para (iii) is added under Para 4.14 of HBP 2023.
- -- Ad-hoc Input Output Norms may also be decided in a rule-based IT environment without reference to the Norms Committee.
- -- Certain cases flagged by the Risk Management System (RMS) may be referred to the Norms Committee for validation/review.
- (B) A new sub para 4.06 (vii) of HBP 2023 has been inserted.
- -- In cases where ad-hoc norms have been arrived at by Norms Committee, the Norms Committee may recommend Notification of Standard Input-Output Norms (SION) on a case-to-case basis.

These amendments aim to enhance the efficiency of the process for fixing norms and notifying new Standard Input-Output Norms (SIONs) under Advance Authorisation (AA) Scheme, thereby promoting ease of doing business and facilitating trade.

You may kindly make a note of the above amendments.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director

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