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Sub: DGFT amends Paras 2.91 & 2.93 of HBP to implement the eCoO system

Dear Member,

DGFT has issued Public Notice No. 43/2024-25 dated 27.01.2025 (<u>enclosed</u>) amending Paras 2.91 and 2.93 of HBP 2023 to implement the eCertificate of Origin (eCoO) system and streamline Non-Preferential CoO issuance.

Key amendments include:

- 1. Para 2.91 (d): Deleted.
- 2. Para 2.93 (c): Added the following:
- -- Exporters may apply online at https://trade.gov.in and select 'TEXPROCIL' from the dropdown menu as the Issuing Agency for Non-Preferential CoO. Contact details given below:

Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL),

Engineering Centre, 5th Floor, 9, Mathew Road, Mumbai-400004

Telephone: (022) 49444000 / 2363 2910 to 12 Email: info@texprocil.org; rukshana@texprocil.org

Website: www.texprocil.org

- 3. Para 2.93 (d): Added the following:
- -- Agencies will verify Indian origin of goods before issuing an eCoO.</br
- -- Certificates follow the Annexure-II format in Appendix 2E (enclosed).
- -- Corrections can be requested online as an in-lieu CoO application.
- 4. Para 2.93 (f): Added for Back-to-Back Certificates of Origin (Non-Preferential):
- -- These certificates cater to goods of foreign origin for re-export, transshipment or merchanting trade.
- -- Issued based on foreign-origin evidence

- -- Back-to-Back CoOs ensure transparency by detailing the origin and supporting documents.
- -- This initiative simplifies certification and speeds up processing, benefiting global supply chains involving India.

In this connection, DGFT has launched enhanced eCoO 2.0 System with Back-to-Back Certificates of Origin (refer Press Release dated 27.01.2025 [enclosed]).

Key features include:

- Multi-user access under a single IEC.
- Aadhaar-based e-signing and digital signature tokens.
- · Integrated dashboard for eCoO services, FTA information, trade events and resources.

From 01.01.2025, electronic filing of Non-Preferential Certificates of Origin is mandatory on the eCoO 2.0 platform at https://trade.gov.in under the "Get Certificate of Origin" section marking a significant improvement in Ease of Doing Business.

Members may kindly make a note of the above.

In case of any difficulty in the Online Application Filing process, you may kindly contact the Council.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal **Executive Director**

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