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**Sub: DGFT amends Para 2.88 and Para 2.91 of HBP 2023**

**Dear Member,**

DGFT vide Public Notice No.29/2025-26 dated 28.10.2025 (**enclosed**) has amended Paras 2.88 and 2.91 of HBP 2023 to facilitate exporters in obtaining Certificates of Origin (CoO) under the India-European Free Trade Association Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (India-EFTA TEPA). This is expected to improve ease of doing business and strengthen trade with EFTA member countries.

**Members may kindly make a note of the following amendments:**

1) A new entry has been added to the list of existing FTAs under Para 2.88(a) of HBP 2023 [(relating to Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) / Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs)]:

**xiv. India-European Free Trade Association Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (India-EFTA TEPA).**

2) A new sub-para (e) has been introduced under Para 2.91 of HBP 2023 [relating to Rules of Origin (Preferential)]:

**2.91 (e): In case of India-EFTA TEPA, Certificates of Origin may also be obtained on the basis of self-declaration by the exporter concerned, in addition to issuance of Certificate of Origin by an authorised agency.**

**Regards,**

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**Executive Director**

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