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Sub: Amendments to Para 2.62 of Foreign Trade Policy 2023 – Issuance of Certificates of Origin

Dear Madam / Sir,

DGFT has issued Notification No. 05/2026-27 dated 07 April 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) amending Para 2.62 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023.

Key Highlights of the Amendment:

>> Certificates of Origin (CoO):

-- CoOs for exports from India can only be issued by agencies authorised by DGFT.

-- Exporters are required to use identical invoice numbers in both Certificates of Origin and Shipping Bills to enable automated verification.

>> Approved Exporter Scheme (Self-Certification):

-- Manufacturers who are also Status Holders remain eligible for the Approved Exporter Scheme.

-- Approved Exporters may self-certify their manufactured goods as originating from India, for preferential treatment under PTAs/FTAs/CECAs/CEPAs in operation.

-- Self-certification is permitted only for goods manufactured under valid IEM/IL/LOI.

-- Recognition as Approved Exporters will be based on infrastructure, capacity, and trained manpower, as detailed in Para 2.94 of the Handbook of Procedures and Appendix 2F.

-- The scheme, along with penalty provisions, will take effect only when India incorporates it into a specific agreement with partner countries and DGFT issues appropriate notification.

>> Implications of the Notification

-- Exporters must strictly comply with the requirement of using identical invoice numbers in CoOs and Shipping Bills.

-- Only DGFT-authorized agencies can issue CoOs.

-- Self-certification under the Approved Exporter Scheme will be subject to bilateral incorporation into trade agreements and DGFT notification.

You are advised to take note of these changes and align your export documentation practices accordingly.

Regards,

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Executive Director

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