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Ministry of Commerce & Industry  
Department of Commerce  
Directorate General of Foreign Trade

**Notification No. 58/2015-2020**  
**New Delhi, Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

**Subject: Amendment of Importer-Exporter Code (IEC) related provisions under Chapter-1 and Chapter-2 of Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020**

**S.O.(E):** In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of FT (D&R) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends the IEC related provisions under Chapter-1 and Chapter-2 of Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020.

2. Following paragraphs of Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020 are amended as below:

| Existing Text  | Amended Text  |
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| <b>1.11</b> Issue of e-IEC (Electronic- Importer Exporter Code)  | <b>1.11</b> e-IEC (Electronic-Importer Exporter Code)   |
| (a) Importer Exporter Code (IEC) is a mandatory for export/import from/to India as detailed in paragraph 2.05 of this Policy. DGFT issues Importer Exporter Code in electronic form (e-IEC). For issuance of e-IEC an application can be made on DGFT ( <a href="http://dgft.gov.in">http://dgft.gov.in</a> ). Applicant can upload the documents and pay the requisite fee through Net banking. Applicant shall, however, submit the application duly signed digitally. | Importer Exporter Code (IEC) is mandatory for export/import from/to India as detailed in paragraph 2.05 of this Policy. DGFT issues Importer Exporter Code in electronic form (e-IEC). Application for issuance of e-IEC can be made directly on the DGFT web portal ( <a href="https://www.dgft.gov.in">https://www.dgft.gov.in</a> ). |
| <b>2.05</b> Importer-Exporter Code (IEC)   | <b>2.05</b> Importer-Exporter Code (IEC)/(e-IEC)  |
| (c) Application process for IEC is completely online and IEC can be generated by the applicant as per the procedure detailed in the Handbook of Procedure  | (c) Application process for IEC and <b>update in IEC</b> is completely online and IEC can be generated by the applicant as per the procedure detailed in the Handbook of Procedure  |

3. The following sub-paragraphs are inserted under para 2.05 of Chapter-2 of Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020 as under::

| FTP Paragraph no. | Text added (New) |
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| 2.05(d) | An IEC holder has to ensure that details in its IEC is updated electronically every year, during April-June period. In cases where there are no changes in IEC details same also needs to be confirmed online.  |
| 2.05(e) | An IEC shall be de-activated, if it is not updated within the prescribed time. An IEC so de-activated may be activated, on its successful updation. This would however be without prejudice to any other action taken for violation of any other provisions of the FTP. |
| 2.05(f) | An IEC may be also be flagged for scrutiny. IEC holder(s) are required to ensure that any risks flagged by the system is timely addressed; failing which the IEC shall be deactivated.  |

4. The sub paras 1.11(b), 1.11(c) and 1.11(d) of Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020 are deleted.

**Effect of this Notification:** IEC related provisions in Chapter-1 and Chapter-2 of Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020 are amended/deleted and new provisions inserted.

This issues with the approval of Minister of Commerce & Industry.

  
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