Attention of the Exporters, Custom Brokers and all concerned is invited to the Public Notice No. 9/2015-2020 dated 14.05.2018 issued by Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) regarding amendments in Para 4.07, 4.27, 4.45(a)(iv) and Ayat Niryat Forms (ANF) 4F & 4G of Handbook of Procedures 2015-2020 (HBP).

2. Vide the said Public Notice dated 14.05.2018, the DGFT has amended Para 4.07(i) of HBP to read as under:

"(i) Regional Authority may also issue Advance Authorisation where there is no SION/valid Ad hoc Norms for an export product or where SION / Ad hoc norms have been notified / published but exporter intends to use additional inputs in the manufacturing process, based on self declaration by applicant. Wastage so claimed shall be subject to wastage norms as decided by Norms Committee. The applicant shall submit an undertaking to abide by decision of Norms Committee. The provisions in this regard are given in paragraph 4.03 and 4.11 of FTP."

3. Para 4.27 of Handbook of Procedures has been amended to read as under:

"4.27 Exports/Deemed Export supplies in anticipation or subsequent to issue of an Authorisation.

(a) Exports / Deemed Export supplies made from the date of EDI generated file number for an Advance Authorisation, may be accepted towards discharge of EO. Shipping Bills / Tax Invoices should be endorsed with File Number or Authorisation Number to establish co-relation of exports / Deemed Export supplies with Authorisation issued. Export/Deemed Export supply document(s) should also contain details of exempted materials/inputs consumed and technical characteristics of export and import items, as the case may be.

(b) If application is approved, authorisation shall be issued based on input / output norms in force on the date of receipt of application by Regional Authority. If in the intervening period (i.e. from date of filing of application and date of issue of authorisation) the norms get changed, the authorization will be issued in proportion to provisional exports / Deemed Export supplies already made till any amendment in norms is notified. For remaining exports, Policy / Procedures in force on date of issue of authorisation shall be applicable.

(c) The export of SCOMET items shall not be permitted against an Authorisation until and unless the requisite SCOMET Authorisation is obtained by the applicant.

(d) Inputs with pre-import condition shall not be considered for replenishment against Exports/Deemed Export supplies made before import of such inputs."

4. Para 4.45(a)(iv) of Handbook of Procedures has been amended to read as under:

"(iv) Authorisation for Annual Requirement shall be issued only where SIONs or valid Ad hoc norms exists on the date of issue of Authorisation. However, no
Authorisation for Annual Requirement shall be issued where input is listed in Appendix-4J."

5. Amendments have been made to ANF-4F and ANF-4J and in the Guidelines for Applicants it is mentioned that: 
"EP copy of the shipping bill(s) containing details of shipment effected or bill of export in case of export to SEZ. However no hard copy of Shipping Bill(s) shall be required to be filed for EO discharge for shipments from EDI Ports. Wherever printouts of EP Copy of shipping bill is not provided to exporters by Customs Authorities in terms of Circular No-55/2016-Customs dated 23.11.2016, applicant will have the option to submit self-attested copy of Exporter Copy of shipping bill till such time facility of online verification of shipping bills is made available to RAs."

6. In view of the aforesaid changes, Members from trade/exporters are advised to avail benefit of aforesaid provisions/relaxations.

7. Action to be taken in terms of decisions taken in this Public Notice should be considered as standing order for the purpose of officers and staff.

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