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Subject: Amendment in ANF 2A of Appendices and Aayat Niryat Forms (2015-2020).

In exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 2.4 of the Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020), the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby amends the ANF 2A [Application Form for Issue / Modification in Importer Exporter Code Number (IEC)] and further notifies that:

- i. Effective from the date of this Public Notice, online applications for IEC will require only 2 documents to be uploaded electronically. ie. (i) PAN (ii) Cancelled cheque bearing entity's pre-printed name or Bank certificate, besides the Digital Photograph of the signatory applicant.
- ii. The manual mode of submitting applications for Importer-Exporter Code (IEC) as per the existing format will be withdrawn w.e.f. 1.4.2016.
- iii. Application for new IEC will be accepted in online mode only w.e.f. 01.04.2016
- iv. Thus, only online application for IEC /modification in IEC can be made by applicants through digital signature (Class-II or Class-III) w.e.f 01.04.2016. Applicants are advised to visit <http://dgft.gov.in/exim/2000/digsig.htm> for details regarding obtaining digital signature.
- v. The revised online format for IEC applications (ANF 2A) and Bank Certificate [ANF-2A (i)], as attached, is notified.
- vi. After receipt of applications complete in all respects, decision regarding grant or refusal of IEC will be taken and communicated by the concerned Regional Authorities (RA) of DGFT within two working days, after processing the application on the basis of the check list, attached herewith.
- vii. The facility of filing online application for IEC will also be available through e-biz portal of DIPP, after its integration with DGFT's system.
- viii. Persons seeking any benefit from any authority, by claiming status as manufacturer exporter, have to prove its credence for the same independently to that authority.

2. Effect of Public Notice:

Applicants can, with immediate effect, submit online application for IEC by uploading only 2 documents, besides their digital photograph. The manual mode of applications for IEC will cease to exist w.e.f. 1.4.2016 and only online applications for IEC /modification in IEC would be accepted with digital signatures w.e.f. 1.4.2016.

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GUIDELINES ON THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM FOR ISSUE/MODIFICATION IN IMPORTER EXPORTER

CODE (IEC) NUMBER

- Applicants are advised to read the instructions carefully before applying.
Note: The IEC application form can only be viewed in Internet Explorer. 11 or above, Chrome 6.3.2 or above with javascript enabled.
- Effective from 1.4.2016 only online mode of application for IEC /modification in IEC will be available.
- Applications for IEC /modification in IEC can be made online only by applicants with digital signature (class-II or class-III) w.e.f 1.4.2016.
- Applicants are advised to visit <http://dgft.gov.in/exim/2000/digsig.htm> for details regarding obtaining digital signature from (n) Code Solutions CA; e-Mudhra; and Safescrypt [Sifycomm /Sify Communication Limited (Formerly SafeScript Limited)]
- Online applications require only 2 documents i.e. (i) PAN; and (ii) Cancelled Cheque bearing entity's pre-printed name or Bank Certificate, to be uploaded.
- Signatory applicants seeking IEC are required to upload their Digital Photograph (3x3cm).
- Online application form(ANF-2A) for new IEC/modification in IEC is attached
- Format of Bank Certificate is as per attached ANF-2A(i)
- Ensure that the documents are legible before uploading.
- The documents should be uploaded in digital format–GIF, JPEG size not exceeding 5MB.
- Ensure that details filled in the application match with details as in the uploaded documents, i.e (i) PAN; and (ii) Cancelled Cheque or Bank Certificate.
- Information furnished in the application form will be cross-checked with the uploaded documents and verified with details available at <http://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in> and <http://www.mca.gov.in> as per the check list attached (Annexure-I).
- Applicants must ensure that their details as uploaded, and as available in the aforesaid websites, matches with the details as filled in the application form. Any mismatch in corresponding details will lead to rejection of application.
- Applicants must also read through the General instructions as at the end of the application, before submission of the application, to ensure that the form has been filled correctly.
- Applicants can also cross-check their application details as per the check sheet attached to ensure correct submission of information.
- Online IEC applications once rejected will not be processed any further. Applicant's desirous of seeking IEC will have to apply afresh, by paying the processing fees of Rs 500/-
- Instruction for modification in IEC is detailed in Part G of ANF-2A.

ANF-2A

Login for IEC Online

*Digital
Photograph
of the
Applicant
(3x3cm)*

Mode of Operation (Choose one of these options)	1. Create new application or open already created application 2. Create new e-IEC application where e-IEC was rejected. 3. Migrate/Modify old IEC to e-IEC, OR 4. Modify e-IEC.
Enter the following details in the fields provided i.e. Pan Number, Mobile Number and Email-ID and click on Generate Token.	
PAN	<input type="text"/>
**Mobile Number	<input type="text"/>
**e-mail id	<input type="text"/>
<div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin: 10px auto; width: 200px;">Generate Token</div> <p>Two different 5 digits token number with the same serial number will be sent to your Mobile number as well as to your Email Id. These two token numbers may be filled in the following columns to login to the IEC Master screen.</p>	
Mobile Token	<input type="text"/>
Email Token	<input type="text"/>

Submit

** Remember the PAN, Mobile number and the E-mail id.
It will be required every time an applicant opens already created application; or the applicant desires to create new e-IEC application where e-IEC was rejected; or while modifying e-IEC.

Note: At every stage you can preview the application for correctness. An application can be modified any number of times till it is submitted for processing.

Part A

Applicant Details	
i. Name of entity in whose name IEC is required	
ii. Address: <i>(Registered Office Address is required in case of Companies/ Head Office Address is required for all other categories)</i>	Flat/Plot/Block No.: <input type="text"/>
	Street/Area/Locality: <input type="text"/>
	State: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="v"/> District: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
	City: <input type="text"/> PIN Code: <input type="text"/>
iii Landline telephone no., if any (with area code) <input type="text"/>	
iv Mobile No.	Primary Mobile No. <input type="text"/>
	Other Mobile No, if any <input type="text"/>
v Email ID / Website Address:	Primary Email ID <input type="text"/> <i>(for correspondence with DGFT):</i>
	Alternate Email ID, if any: <input type="text"/>
	Website (if any): <input type="text"/> FAX No.(if any, with area code) <input type="text"/>
vi Nature of concern / entity (Please select relevant category):	01-Proprietorship
	02-Partnership
	03-Limited Liability Partnership
	04-Private limited
	05-Public Limited
	06-Govt. undertaking
	07-Section 25 Company
	08-Registered Society
	09-Trust
	10-HUF

vii: Preferred Activities : (Please select the relevant category)	01-Merchant Exporter	05-Merchant cum service provider
	02-Manufacturer Exporter	06-Manufacturer cum service provider
	03-Merchant cum manufacturer exporter	07-Merchant cum Manufacturer cum service provider
	04-Service Provider	08- Others (please specify)

viii Bank Account Details of the Applicant's entity:

1. Name of the account holder

2. Account Number:

3. Name of the Bank:

4. Branch address of the Bank:

5. IFS Code :

Part B : Branch Details

i Branch ID:

iiAddress of Branches, Divisions, Units, Factories located in India and abroad	Flat/Plot/Block No.:	
	Address line	
	Address Line	
	Street/Area/Locality:	
	City:	State: <input type="text"/>
	District: <input type="text"/>	PIN Code: <input type="text"/>

(Similarly fill in details of each branch)

Part C : Please fill in the following details:

Part C 1 In case the entity is a Proprietor firm :

1.PAN details of the entity	Name of the Proprietor as in PAN	
	Father's Name	
	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	

b) Residential Address	Flat/Plot/Block No.:	
	Street/Area/Locality:	
	City:	District: <input type="text"/>
	State <input type="text"/>	PIN Code: <input type="text"/>

c) Aadhaar Card Number, if available:	
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Part C 2: In case the entity is Partnership firm

1.PAN details of the entity	Name as in PAN	
	Date of Incorporation (DD/MM/YYYY)	
	PAN	

2. Fill in the following details for each partner:

a. Name as in PAN	
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b Father's name	
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c. Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
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d. Residential Address of the Partner:	Flat/Plot/Block No.:	
	Street/Area/ Locality:	
	City:	District: <input type="text"/>
	State: <input type="text"/>	PIN Code: <input type="text"/>

e. Mobile No.	
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Reference No	
Date	
Mode	
Bank	
Amount	
Transaction No	

*For payment of fee the applicant can use the Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT from the bank account of the applicant) or pay through his credit /debit card.

2. Upload Digital Photograph; PAN card; and cancelled cheque or Bank certificate [as per ANF-2A(i)]
3. Preview Application to verify that all details have been filled in relevant columns like:
 1. IEC Master
 2. Branch
 3. Director
 4. Fees paid through credit /debit card or any designated bank online
 5. Digital Photograph; PAN card; cancelled cheque bearing entity's pre-printed name or Bank certificate have been attached
4. Sign the application digitally (Application has to be signed by Proprietor/ Managing Partner/ Designated Partner /Director/ Secretary or Chief Executive of the Society/ Managing Trustee / Karta as the case may be) and attach a scanned copy of the signed application online under the category "DCLDOC" .
5. Upload the application to concerned Regional Authority of DGFT online. Applications submitted to one Regional Authority cannot be transferred to another Regional Authority.
6. If an application is signed digitally by the applicant, it need not be sent in physical form to RA, DGFT. Otherwise manually signed copy of the application needs to be sent to RA, DGFT. Print out of the application form duly signed may be submitted through post or handed over physically in the office of the concerned Jurisdictional RA's office.
7. On submission of the form, a confirmatory message/sms of receipt would be sent on the registered email/ mobile number. After processing of documents/details an e-IEC will be generated and sent through e-mail.
8. In cases of rejected applications , applicants can submit fresh application by re-login onto the "Online IEC application" on DGFT website and filling the form afresh by paying processing fee of Rs 500/-.
9. An e-IEC holder shall update his profile immediately after issuance of e-IEC. ANF-1 of the Handbook of Procedure (2015-20) contains the profile of the importer/exporter. IEC Holder shall be responsible for updating the same as and when a change takes place immediately or in any case at least once in a year as per para 2.15 of Handbook of Procedure (2015-20).

Part F: Precautions to be taken while filing the application form:

- Applicant must ensure that all details are correct and match with documents
- DGFT, RA is selected as per its jurisdiction
- Requisite fee is deposited
- Checklist as in preview is complied with
- Please note you can use (`) instead of (') and { } or [] instead of ()

For any doubts refer to FAQ's at <http://dgft.gov.in/exim/2000/iechelpfaqhtm/IecFAQ.htm>

Part G: MODIFICATION IN IMPORT EXPORT CODE (IEC) NUMBER*

(* Modifications in e-IEC needs to be corroborated with corresponding documents. Before seeking modification in e-IEC, kindly carry out necessary modifications in other requisite/supporting documents, and these documents are required to be uploaded as requisite proof of changes made.)

- For modification:**

1. Choose either of the two: Migrate/Modify old IEC to e-IEC, OR Modify e-IEC										
2. Enter the following details in the fields provided i.e. Pan Number, Mobile Number and Email-ID and click on Generate Token.										
IEC Number										
PAN										
**Mobile Number										
**e-mail id										
<div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">Generate Token</div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Two different 5 digits token number with the same serial number will be sent to your Mobile number as well as to your Email Id. These two token numbers may be filled in the following columns to login to the IEC Master screen. 										
Mobile Token										
Email Token										
<div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;">Submit</div>										

- Applicant will then be able to view the existing details. He/she may modify the desired details and upload documentary evidence for the same.
- Procedure for modification/change in Branch Office/Head Office/Registered Office Address in IEC involving a change in jurisdictional RA has been laid down, vide DGFT’s Public notice no.53 dated 5.1.2016.
- Preview Application to verify that all requisite details have been filled in relevant columns: IEC Master; Branch details; Director Details etc.
- Processing Fees of Rs 200/- be paid through credit /debit card or any designated bank online through net banking.
- Select the Jurisdictional RA to submit the form.
- Sign the application digitally (Application has to be signed by Proprietor/ Managing Partner/ Designated Partner /Director/ Secretary or Chief Executive of the Society/ Managing Trustee / Karta as the case may be).
- Upload the application to DGFT, RA (Regional Authority of DGFT) online.
- If an application is signed digitally by the applicant, it need not be sent in physical form to RA, DGFT. Otherwise manually signed copy of the application needs to be sent to RA, DGFT. Print out of the application form duly signed may be submitted through post or handed over physically in the office of the concerned Jurisdictional RA’s office

ANF-2A(i)

FORMAT OF BANK CERTIFICATE FOR ISSUANCE OF IEC

(To be issued on the official letter head of the Bank)
(Name of the bank/branch address detail)

Ref No.

To

Office of the Regional Authority of DGFT

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(please fill in the address of the concerned jurisdiction Regional Authority)

Sir/ Madam

It is certified that M/s. (Name of the account holder)*.....
..... whose address as per the bank records is
.....

.....
is/ are maintaining a Savings Bank Account / Current Account (tick whichever is applicable) No.
..... with us, since

Affix
Passport
Size
Photograph of
the authorised
account
holder*

Note: The photograph as affixed and attested is of the account holder**. [This does not apply in cases where the account holder is an institute/ company (LLP/ Private/ Public/Govt. Undertaking / Section 25 Company)]

(Signature of the issuing authority)
(Not below the rank of Manager)

Name.....
Designation
IFS Code of the issuing bank:
Email id of the bank:

Date:
Place:

(Banks'
Stamp)

* Name and Address of the account holder is as per the records maintained by the bank.

**Account holder is the signatory applicant in the application form for Importer Exporter Code (IEC)



IEC application check-list

(RA's office would process IEC applications, as per the following check list):

Sl.No	Nature of check	Details of the check	YES	NO	
1.	<u>Applicant entity's details</u> ↘	<u>Proprietorship Firm</u>			
	(i) Check applicant entity's details	Whether the <i>details of Proprietor (name), as filled in the application form, match with the name as in the copy of PAN uploaded</i> ?			
	(ii) Verify the uploaded PAN details	Whether the <i>details, as in the uploaded copy of PAN, match with the information available on the website of Income Tax Deptt</i> ?*			
	<u>Applicant entity's details</u> ↘	<u>Partnership firm</u>			
	(i) Check applicant entity's details	Whether the following <i>details, as filled in the application form, match with the details mentioned in the uploaded copy of PAN?</i>			
		a) <u>Name of the entity</u>			
		b) <u>Date of Incorporation</u>			
		c) <u>PAN</u>			
	(ii) Verify the uploaded PAN details	Whether the <i>details, as in the uploaded copy of PAN, match with the information available on the website of Income Tax Deptt</i> ?*			
	(iii) Cross-check Partners' PAN details	Whether the <i>Partner details, as filled in the application form, match with the details available on the website of Income Tax Deptt</i> ? *			
	<u>Applicant entity's details</u> ↘	<u>LLP/ Private/ Public/Govt. Undertaking / Section 25 Company</u>			
	(A) (i) Check applicant entity's details	Whether the following <i>details, as filled in the application form, match with the uploaded copy of PAN?</i>			
		a) <u>Applicant Entity's name</u>			
		b) <u>Date of Incorporation</u>			
		c) <u>Permanent Account Number</u>			
	(ii) Verify the uploaded PAN details	Whether the <i>details, as in the uploaded copy of PAN, match with the information available on the website of Income Tax Deptt</i> ? *			
	(B) (i) Verify DIN of Partner/ Director	Whether the <i>Partner/Director's details, as filled in the application form, match with the DIN on the Ministry of Corporate Affairs's website</i> ?**			
	(ii) Cross check PAN details of Partner/ Director	Whether the <i>Partner/Director's PAN details, as filled in the application form, match with details available on the website of Income Tax Deptt?</i> *			
	(C) Verify Company details with LLPIN/CIN	Whether the <i>Registration Number, Date of Incorporation and Company Name, matches information on the website of Min. of Corporate Affairs?</i> ***			
<u>Applicant entity's details</u> ↘	<u>Registered Society/Trust</u>				
(i) Check applicant entity's details	Whether the following <i>details, as filled in the application form, match with the uploaded copy of PAN ?</i>				
	a) <u>Applicant Entity's name</u>				
	b) <u>Date of Incorporation</u>				

		c) <u>Permanent Account Number</u>		
	(ii) Verify the uploaded PAN details	Whether the <i>details, as in the uploaded copy of PAN, match with the information available on the website of Income Tax Deptt ?*</i>		
	(iii) Cross-check PAN details of the applicant	Whether <i>applicant's name and PAN, as filled in the application form, matches the name and PAN available on the website of Income Tax Deptt?*</i>		
	<u>Applicant entity's details</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>HUF Firm</u>		
	(i) Check applicant entity's detail	Whether the following <i>details filled in the application, match with details available on the website of Income Tax Deptt ?*</i>		
		a) <u>Applicant/ Entity's name</u>		
		b) <u>Date of Birth/Incorporation</u>		
		c) <u>Permanent Account Number</u>		
	ii) Verify the uploaded PAN details	Whether the <i>details, as in the uploaded copy of PAN, match with the information available on the website of Income Tax Deptt ?*:</i>		
	iii) Cross-check name of the applicant	Whether <i>Managing Trustee's/ Karta's name and PAN, as filled in the application form, matches name and PAN available on the website of Income Tax Deptt?*</i>		
2.	Check Bank details of the applicant entity	Whether the following <i>details, as filled by the applicant entity, match with the uploaded cancelled cheque bearing entity's pre-printed name?</i>		
		<u>Name of the Account Holder</u>		
		<u>Account number</u>		
		<u>Bank's name</u>		
		<u>Bank Branch</u>		
		<u>IFS code of the Bank</u>		
3.	Other Remarks, if any			

* PAN details of the applicant/entity /partner should be verified from the website of Income Tax Department by clicking on “Know your PAN” by filling in Date of Birth/Date of Incorporation and name of the applicant/entity /partner (<https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in/e-Filing/Services/KnowYourPanLink.html>)

**Partner/Director details, should be verified from Ministry of Corporate Affairs website by clicking on “View Company Master Data” and accessing the “Verify DIN-Pan Details of the Director” by entering DIN as indicated in the application. (http://www.mca.gov.in/MCA21/Master_data.html)

*** CIN; Company Name; Registration Number/Date of Incorporation should be verified from Ministry of Corporate Affairs Website by clicking on “View Company Master Data” and entering LLPIN/CIN as indicated in the application (http://www.mca.gov.in/MCA21/Master_data.html)

i) Application forms with all “Yes” ticked would lead to an e-IEC being generated and emailed to the applicant. Applicant would also be informed of successful generation of IEC on his account through system-generated sms.

ii) Applicant cant print his e-IEC.

iii) Application forms with one or more “No” ticked would lead to rejection of the application and a rejection letter (with reasons) would be emailed to the applicant.
