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Shri Amit Yadav
Director General
Directorate General of Foreign Trade

Subject: - Increase in Reimport Timelines for Indian origin goods exported out of India up to seven years for specified items

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

This bears reference to an issue faced by our industry member Siemens where they require to re-import for offering warranties to their customers. Their products that fall under the below categories are not included in the increased time period of 7 to 10 years as per notification 60/2018 dated 11th September 2018 issued by the Customs Department. The items which are required to be included are as follows: -

HS Code	Item Description
8536	Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits or for making connections to or in electrical circuits (for example switches, relays, fuses, surge suppressors, plugs, sockets, lamp holders and other connectors, junction boxes), for a voltage not exceeding 1000 v
85364900	Relays
85365010	Control and Switch Gears
8538	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the apparatus in heading in 8535,8536,8537
85381010	Printed Circuit Board Assembly- Board Panels, consoles, desks, and other bases for the goods of heading 8537 and not equipped with their apparatus
90303200	Multimeters with recording devices

India is the only global manufacturing centre for this class of electrical power transmission control equipment of Siemens. These equipment are typically used for 10 years. Therefore, these items are necessary to be allowed for re-imports in order to provide warranty (which is 5 years currently). To that effect, Siemens had submitted its representation to Member Customs (Tax Policy) on 24th September 2019 (copy enclosed).

The issue was also raised at the Roundtable CEOs meeting organized by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Minister for Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on September 16, 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, where Shri Sanjay Rakesh, IAS, Joint Secretary, MeitY had assured that a circular extending re-imports to 7 years has been released and the same extended to these products also. On subsequent follow up, we were informed by MeitY that since

the above items are mostly electrical items, the same needs to be recommended by DPIIT not MeitY.

Subsequently, we had written to Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra, Secretary, DPIIT for necessary recommendation for extension of reimport timelines for the above-mentioned products to the Customs Department (copy also attached for reference).

We look forward to your kind support in this regard.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Paul". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'G' and a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer