



## **The Indian Silk Export Promotion Council**

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To: All Members of the Council;

**Subject: Retrospective Issuance of Certificates of Origin under India's Trade Agreements**

Dear member,

Kindly refer to Council's Circular of 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 referring to DGFT Trade Notice No.59/2019-2020 dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 on the above subject.

Now in continuance to the above Trade Notice, DGFT has issued another Trade Notice No.62/2019-20 dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 on queries raised on the application of Trade Notice No.59 with regard to applications on the digital platform.

In view of above, **DGFT now has informed that:**

- ⇒ All such applications would be processed by the authorized agencies of India and the digitally signed copies transmitted to the applicants;
- ⇒ The physical copies of the certificate signed by the agencies authorized to issue these certificates of origin could be issued subsequently once the offices of these agencies open;
- ⇒ The Indian agencies authorized to issue the certificate of origin are hereby instructed to levy the prescribed uniform fee of Rs 600 for all preferential certificates, irrespective of whether they are retrospective or not;
- ⇒ In the context of the certificates issued on a digital platform, a request is made to the concerned trading partners to accept the digitally signed certificates in the interim period until the exceptional circumstances on account of the COVID 19 pandemic is over;
- ⇒ On submission of these digitally signed certificates or physical certificate of origin unsigned by the competent authority, the importing countries are requested to clear these consignments provisionally at preferential duty subject to any other conditions like an undertaking or a bond;
- ⇒ India also stands ready to honour its preferential trade agreement and would clear consignments provisionally with digitally signed certificates or physical certificates unsigned by the competent authority;
- ⇒ These consignments would be cleared provisionally at preferential duty with other conditions of submission such as a bond or undertaking and appropriate security where required by Customs;

Thanks n regards,

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