

Brief Report

Workshop on IGST/ Un-utilized ITC refund on exports And AEO (Certification And Documentation) at Radisson Hotel, Bangalore on 12/07/2018

A Sensitization Workshop on IGST/Un-utilized Refunds and Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) was organized on July 12, 2018 at Bangalore. Shri. Satish Wagh, Chairman, Chemexcil, welcomed the participants and two senior customs officials Mrs Priya Patil, Deputy Commissioner, AP & ACC and Mr Shafeeq, Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore East GST Commissionerate

To guide the exporters regarding the procedure and process of the IGST/ ITC refund, sensitize them to avoid hassles while applying for the refund and take appropriate measures to rectify the errors, the council had organized a "Workshop on Refund of IGST/Un-utilised ITC for Exporters" on 12th June 2018 at Hotel Radisson Hotel, Bangalore. The Council had invited Mrs Priya Patil, Deputy Commissioner and Mr Shafeeq, Assistant Commissioner. From the council side Shri Satish Wagh- Chairman, Shri S.G Bharadi-ED and other Officers/ staff of Chemexcil attended the Workshop. Highlights of the workshop Shri Wagh welcomed the esteemed participants and opined that the timing of the workshop was apt since Government has organized refund drive fortnight. He urged the members to make best use of this opportunity to clear their pending refunds. Smt Priya Patil, Assistant Commissioner and Shri Shafeeq, Assistant Commissioner, briefed regarding exporters who have mentioned IGST in 3.1(a) of GSTR-3B, She informed that in such cases the details are being sent to GSTN who will subsequently transmit to Customs EDI for processing. Exporters will have to later on submit a certificate from Chartered Accountant before 31st October, 2018 to the DC(IGST), at the port of export to the effect that there is no discrepancy between the IGST amount refunded on exports and the actual IGST amount paid on exports of goods for the period July 2017 to March 2018. Further, Smt Priya Patil added that in cases where there is a short payment of IGST proof of payment shall be submitted to Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs in charge of IGST at Customs. Later on they will submit a certificate from Chartered Accountant before 31st October, 2018 to the DC(IGST), Customs. She also informed that other errors like SB003, SB005 & SB006 are also being handled now during the drive. Replying to queries on short payment, supplementary claims and merchant exporter Notification, Smt Priya Patil advised that these are new queries and will have to be taken up with CBIC for final resolution. She also advised the council to send such representations with details for examination. Shri Shafeeq explained the entire procedure and process in detail and covered topics like Categories of Supply under GST, Zero rated supply, Pre-requisites for refunds, Returns and Refund Applications, Refund of un-utilised ITC, Refund of IGST Paid on Exports, Refund under 0.1% merchant exporter supply etc..

Calling AEO a safety programme, Mrs Priya Patil exhorted all those engaged in international business to get AEO certified to endure in the competitive global trade environment. Almost 70- 80 countries have already joined AEO. She cautioned while expressing concerns over very few AEOs in the country in comparison with China and European Union. Mrs Priya Patil explained in detail the following benefits of AEO: Inclusion of Direct Port Delivery (DPD) of imports to ensure just-in-time inventory management by manufacturer clearance from wharf to warehouse; Inclusion of Direct Port Entry (DPE) for factory stuffed container meant for export by AEOs; Provision of deferred payment of duties – delinking duty payment and customs clearance; Mutual Recognition Agreements with other Customs Administration; Faster disbursement of drawback amount; Fast tracking of refunds and adjudications; Acceptance of self-certified copies of FTA/PTA origin related or any other certificates required for clearance; Paperless declarations with no supporting documents and Recognition by Participating Government Agencies (PGAs) and other stakeholders in Government of India has introduced Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) scheme as part of its obligation to World Customs Organization under the framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate global trade (SAFE). The scheme envisages various benefits to different categories of economic operators. The intention is to give AEO certified operators preferential treatment in terms of lesser customs examination, relaxed procedural requirements etc. Authorized Economic Operators include inter alia manufacturers, importers, exporters, brokers, carriers, consolidators, intermediaries, ports, airports, terminal operators, integrated operators, warehouses and distributors. Any economic operator such as manufacturer, importer, exporter, logistics provider and CHA can apply for authorization, provided they fulfill and comply with certain provisions.

The Workshop got excellent response with more than 38 Member Exporters attending the workshop. The participants asked several queries during the Workshop which were answered satisfactorily by the eminent panelists

Glimpses of the Workshop



1. Shri Satish Wagh, Chairman, Chemexcil welcoming Smt Priya Patil, Deputy Commissioner, AP & ACC



2. Shri S.G Bharadi, ED, Chemexcil, welcoming Shri Shafeeq, Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore East GST Commissionerate



3. Shri Satish Wagh, Chairman, Chemexcil, welcoming Shri. VG Nair, CEO, M/s. Sami Labs



4. Shri Satish Wagh-Chairman welcoming participants during the workshop



5. Smt Priya Patil, Deputy Commissioner, making presentation on IGST Refunds And AEO during the Workshop



6. Shri Shafeeq, Assistant Commissioner, making presentation on the procedure and process of Un-utilised ITC refunds



