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PHARMACEUTICALS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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Dear Sir,

Sub: Export Obligation Period for Drugs (with a specific export Order and pre-import condition)

Ref: Our letter dated 14.5.2009


I am directed to refer to our above cited letter wherein we have brought to your kind notice regarding requests from some of our members requesting for extension of Export Obligation Period (EOP) at par with other items, for Advance authorizations where imported material is Pen G and its salts. (Copy enclosed)

Further to the above, we have received representations from our members requesting for reinstating the present EOP for Advance authorizations where the input items are "Drugs (with a specific export order and pre-import condition), which was curtailed to six months, as against six months with two extensions of six months each, vide Public Notice No. 135.

Our members contend that in present global economic slow down, they are facing many problems in their exports front like cancellation of orders, price reductions by existing and prospective buyers etc., which are putting them into lot of financial crisis. The latest monthly pharma export performance report for January 09, which indicates slowdown in pharma sector, is enclosed. In addition to the Global crisis, our members are also required to conduct special tests on batch samples manufactured from Drugs imported from unregistered sources. If a new molecule is introduced then it takes more time for conducting stability studies.

In view of the above, we request that for the exporters availing advance authorizations with input "Drugs (with a specific export order and pre-import condition), the facility of two extensions of E.O.P. for six months each may be reinstated. (as provided under Para 7 of Policy Circular No.15 (RE-2003)/2002-2007 dated 17.09.2003).

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,


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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Copy to: Sri Rajeev Kher, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce
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