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Shri Anil Agrawal
Joint Secretary
Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

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

Respected Sir,

This bears reference to our interaction with Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Secretary, DPIIT and Shri Ravinder, Joint Secretary, DPIIT at a CII event dated 04th March'2020. During this brief interaction, we had brought to their notice a long pending issue related to one of our industry members, Siemens where some of their specific products which they manufacture in India and supply to the world are not covered under the Customs Notification No.60/2018.

Shri Ravinder informed us that earlier he was handling this vertical, however, recently he has been transferred and thus advised us to write directly to you in this regard. Hence, we are re-submitting this representation to you for your kind consideration which speaks in detail of the issue-in-hand and our request.

To summarize the issue, Customs Notification No. 60/2018 allows to reimport for an increased period of 7 to 10 years for the products specified under this notification. Unfortunately, somehow this notification has missed out on listing some specific products where this increased period is essential.

The items description 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

Since, Siemens manufactures in India and then supplies out of India thus the product items are required to be re-imported for offering warranties which are typically used for 10 years and the current law only allows re-import for 5 years which is grossly inadequate. To this effect, Siemens had submitted its representation to Member Customs (Tax Policy) on 24th September 2019 (copy enclosed).

Customs Department needs a recommendation from the line Ministry. In the past, we had approached MeitY with this recommendation but were informed that since the listed products are electrical items, thus the line of Ministry will be DPIIT not MeitY. Hence, we had submitted a representation to Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra (Ref.No. MAIT/PY/1873 dated November 5, 2019) requesting DPIIT to recommend the extension of reimport timelines for the above-mentioned products to the Customs Department.

While following up on this representation, we got the information that currently this file is with Shri Binod Kumar, Under Secretary, DPIIT for several months but no action has been taken as of now.

We look forward to your kind support in this regard and a recommendation from you to the Customs Department which will greatly help us and our member, Siemens in getting a positive resolution for more than eight months of long-pending matter.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Paul', written over a light grey rectangular stamp.

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra, Secretary, DPIIT
CC: Shri Ravinder, Jt. Secretary, DPIIT
CC: Shri Binod Kumar, Under Secretary, DPIIT