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Shri BVR Subrahmanyam, IAS
Secretary
Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Sub: Request Urgent Meeting to Highlight Industry Distress due to DGFT Notification No.54/2015-2020 dated 09th February 2022

Ref: DGFT Notification No.54/2015-2020 dated 09th February 2022.

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

We are writing to seek an urgent meeting with you to highlight Industry distress caused by the sudden and unforeseen changes occasioned by Ministry of Commerce & Industry Notification referred above dated 9th February 2022. In the referred notification, policy on various import items has undergone revision. Most importantly, many items that the IT Industry has been importing freely since years have now been positioned under “Restricted” Category. This means that these are now importable against ‘Authorization’ (**Refer Annexure A for details**). MAIT delegation had met Shri Hardeep Singh, ADGFT in this regard on 17th February 2022 and has petitioned MeitY on the issue as well. While there have been verbal assurances that the matter is already being examined and will be resolved quickly, no redressal has been given.

These changes have been implemented without prior industry consultation and participation. They also come at a time when supply chains are already under stress due to COVID. The changes are directly impacting manufacturers and importers alike and are adversely affecting ICT business.

We would humbly request for an urgent meeting of a MAIT delegation, comprising the undersigned and the Industry Leaders to meet you personally to highlight the adverse impact in detail and has the potential to impact the industry adversely.

Looking forward to an early confirmation.

With regards,

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer