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TO:ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Sub: Highlights of New Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020

Dear All,

This is to inform you all that Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (I/C) for Commerce & Industry announced and released the new Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) on 1st April, 2015 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

The following measures have been announced for gem & jewellery sector:

- Quoted in the Foreign Trade Policy Statement 2015:
 - “Special Notified Zones for consignment import and export of rough diamonds which will have in place, the regulatory framework and taxation regime necessary to encourage international mining companies to sell their rough diamonds directly in India, have also been proposed. This will give the Indian diamond industry a strong competitive advantage over other diamond trading centres of the world and will also ensure a steady supply of rough diamonds in India.
 - As stated earlier, a large segment of India ‘s exporting community belongs to the MSME sector, which is often constrained for financial resources. In foreign trade transactions, often there is a long period before export value realisation. Export credit plays a significant role in facilitating exports. A programme for providing interest subvention on identified sectors for a period of 3 years has been worked out and budget allocation in 2015-16 has been made available.
- GJEPC has been made the Nodal Authority for scrutinizing the applications for enlistment of laboratories for export of cut and polished diamonds for certification/grading and re-import.
- Inclusion of Indian Diamond Institute, Surat and International Institute of Diamond Grading & Research India Pvt Ltd , Surat under the list of agencies allowed to import diamonds for certification /grading of diamonds without any import duty and re-export of the same
- Maximum wastage or manufacturing loss on gold/silver/ platinum jewellery and articles thereof is as follows:

Sl No	Items of Export	Percentage of wastage by weight with
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		reference to Gold/ Platinum / Silver content in export item	
		Gold/Platinum	Silver
a)	Plain jewellery, articles, and ornaments like Mangalsutra containing gold and black beads /imitation stones, cubic zirconia diamonds, precious, semi-precious stones	2.5%	3.2%
b)	Studded jewellery and articles thereof	5%	5%
c)	Mountings and findings manufactured (by non-mechanized process) indigenously	2.5%	3.2%
d)	Any jewellery /articles manufactured by a fully mechanised process and unstudded	0.9%	0.9%
e)	Mountings, whether imported or indigenously procured/manufactured, used in studded jewellery	1.8%	1.8%
f)	Gold/silver/platinum medallions and coins (excluding coins of nature of legal tender)	0.2%	0.2%
g)	Findings and mountings manufactured by mechanized process	0.9%	0.9%

- Minimum value addition shall be:

Sl.No	Item of Export	Minimum Value Addition
a)	Plain gold jewellery, Articles, and ornaments like Mangalsutra containing gold and black beads / imitation	3.5%

	stones, except in studded form of jewellery.	
b)	All types of Studded gold	6.0% (for those studded with coloured Gem stones) and 7.0% (for those studded with diamonds).
c)	Any jewellery / articles manufactured by fully mechanised process	2.0%
d)	Gold medallions & coins (excluding coins of nature of legal tender)	1.5%
e)	Gold / silver / platinum findings / mountings manufactured by mechanised process	2.5%

- Calicut Airport, Kerala and Arakonam ICD, Tamil Nadu have been notified as registered ports for import and export
- Exclusion of Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council from the list of Nominated Agency

Thanking you,

With best regards,

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