Public Notice No. 16/2019

Subject:- Exemption of Equipment Type Approval (ETA) & Import for certain categories of Wireless Equipment operating in license exempt bands for testing/Prototype sample units by self-declaration-Reg.

Kind attention of all Importers, Customs Brokers, Members of Trade, Industry Association and other stake holders are invited towards OM No. ETA-WPC/Policy/2018-19 dated 26/02/2019 of Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications.

2. In order to implement the above said OM of Department of Telecommunications, it is hereby informed to all the above said stake holders that ETA requirement is hereby exempted for test/prototype/sample/pre-launch devices in the categories of mobiles, laptops, electronic notepads, smart watches, Short Range Devices (including accessories), microphones, speakers, headphones, earphones, printers, scanners, cameras etc. and Test & Measurement equipment operating in license exempt bands as permitted in India. A self declaration from importer/authorized Indian representative may be treated as sufficient evidence to process such clearances by the Customs and Central Excise Authorities permitting number of units to the tune of 1000(one thousand) per modal (self declaration format is enclosed). The list of wireless equipments exempted from licensing as provided in National Frequency Allocation Plan -2018 is attached as Annexure-I for information.

3. Department of Telecommunication vide its letter No. R-11018/05/2019-PP dated 29/03/2019 has issued following clarifications which are as follows:-
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<th>based on self-declaration is applicable only to the products that are exempted from import licensing requirement by EXIM policy of DGFT or will it be applicable to all the products operating in license exempt bands.</th>
<th>the products that are exempted from import licensing requirement by EXIM policy of DGFT not to all the products operating in license exempt band(s) as explained at S.No. 1 above.</th>
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<td>Whether import of wireless modules(not finished products) is permitted under self-declaration approach.</td>
<td>Yes, if it is exempted from licensing requirements in EXIM policy of DGFT.</td>
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<td>To which CCA/PAO account fee of ETA through self declaration be made.</td>
<td>Fee of Rs.10,000/- under ETA through self declaration may be made to PAO, New Delhi.</td>
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| 8 | Requirement of ETA produced in India. | (i) For each product(s) manufactured in India, ETA shall be required.  
(ii) IN the cases where RF module(s) is separate, ETA shall be applicable only to RF module(s)  
(iii) The products falling under “Free” Category as per EXIM policy(viz speaker, TV, mobile phone etc.) if manufactured in India, ETA may be obtained through self declaration as per the category mentioned at S.No.(1) above.  
(iv) For rest of the products e.g. RPAs/Drone, Point to Point/Multi Point Radio etc., not falling under above “Free” category as per EXIM policy, ETA may be obtained through routine procedure as per the Category mentioned at S.No. (2) above. |
| 9 | Whether one ETA shall applicable to Series Model additions | While importing ETA is required for each product/model. |
8. Notice Board.

Assistant Commissioner (Tech.)
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