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**CIRCULAR**

**Subject: Procedure for issuance of exemption for Highly Specialized Equipment (HSE) under the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Gazette Notification S.O. 1246(E) dated 10 March 2026 issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, whereby amendments have been made to the "*Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021*".

2. As per the said notification, Highly Specialized Equipment's (HSE), meeting the specified criteria, may be granted exemption from the application of the Order based on specific exemption issued by the Ministry, subject to the condition that such equipment are manufactured or imported in less than 100 units per model per year and satisfy the defined technical requirements.
3. In order to facilitate implementation of the above provision and to ensure uniformity in processing such cases, the procedure for submission and processing of requests for exemption for Highly Specialized Equipment (HSE) is enclosed as Annexure-I to this circular.
4. The aforesaid provision shall come into force w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2026. Customs authorities shall allow import of HSE only on the basis of exemption letters issued by MeitY through the ICEGATE portal, subject to compliance with other applicable laws, rules and regulations. All stakeholders seeking exemption under the above provision are requested to follow the procedure outlined in the Annexure-I while submitting applications to the Ministry through the ICEGATE portal.
5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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To,

1. Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011 (Email: [dgft@nic.in](mailto:dgft@nic.in)) – for information and dissemination w.r.t. para 2.31 of FTP.
2. Directorate General of Systems & Data Management (ICEGATE), 1st Floor, CR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi – 110095 (Email: [dg.sys@icegate.gov.in](mailto:dg.sys@icegate.gov.in)) with a request for modification in web portal for exemption.
3. Joint Secretary (Customs), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, North Block New Delhi – 110001 (Email: [jscustoms-cbic@gov.in](mailto:jscustoms-cbic@gov.in)) for dissemination of information to field formations.
4. Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Manak Bhawan, 9 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110002 (Email: [dg@bis.gov.in](mailto:dg@bis.gov.in)) .
5. Industry Associations in Electronic Sector and all concerned stakeholders for further dissemination of information.
6. Website Administrator of MeitY - with request to upload the circular on the MeitY website.
7. O/o Secretary, MeitY- for information.

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**Procedure for issuing Exemption for HSE**

1. A new section will be created at online exemption portal at ICEGATE for HSE. (<https://foservices.icegate.gov.in/#/login>). Applications shall be filed at online exemption portal at ICEGATE.
2. The Exemption letter shall be issued to the applicants based on the authorization letter from Brand owner/ Authorized Signatories.
3. The applicants are required to upload the authorization letter issued by authorized signatories (in PDF format with digital signature) of Brand for import under HSE criteria with regulatory model number and quantity. The applicants shall provide the proforma Invoice or Custom Packing List & technical datasheet or product specification justifying the fulfillment of HSE criteria and safety test certificate/report for the product. In case safety test certificate/report is not available, the manufacturer may submit the declaration on OEM letterhead confirming adherence to international safety Standards for the same.
4. The Brand owner/ Authorized Signatories shall maintain the list of regulatory model numbers and quantity authorized under HSE criteria. MeitY may verify the authorization letters from Brand owners/ Authorized Signatories, if required.
5. For HSE exemption, the Regulatory model number from all locations will be counted in the authorized quantity.
6. The exemption letter shall be valid till the end of the calendar year.
7. Once the exemption quantity reaches 100, MeitY will cease to issue further exemption for the calendar year. Thereafter, the manufacturer will have to seek Registration from BIS for import of further quantity.
8. MeitY will issue the HSE exemption letter through the portal within 5 working days of filing the application.

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