

PRESS RELEASE

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Awareness Webinar - Process for Implementation of RoDTEP Scheme

Today the 8th January, 2021 CEPC organized an awareness Webinar on Process for Implementation of RoDTEP Scheme. O/o. the Principal Commissioner of Customs vide Public Notice No. 01/2021 dated 1st January, 2021 announced implementation of RoDTEP Scheme with effect from 1st January, 2021, RoDTEP Rates are yet to be announced. Members are anxious about the modalities of the Scheme and want to understand the same.

Shri Siddh Nath Singh, Chairman, CEPC advised to organize an Awareness Webinar on process for implementation of RoDTEP Scheme.

Shri Siddh Nath Singh, Chairman, CEPC, Shri Umer Hameed, 2nd Vice-Chairman, CEPC, Shri Abdul Rub, Shri Rajendra Prasad Mishra, Shri Husain Jafar Husaini, Shri Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Shri Shree Ram Maurya, Members, COA, CEPC, Shri Lalit Goel, President, Panipat Exporters Association, Shri Sanjay Kumar, Executive Director, CEPC attended the Webinar.

Chairman presented the virtual bouquets to Shri Gagandeep Singh, ITS who is going to join as Dy. DGFT in Varanasi on Monday and to Shri Hassan Ahmad, IRS, OSD, Drawback Division which is also looking after the RoDTEP Scheme.

Shri Siddh Nath Singh, Chairman, CEPC in his welcome address conveyed thanks to Shri Gagandeep Singh and Shri Hassan Ahmad for sparing their valuable time for the Carpet industry and mentioned that today's Webinar is very important for our industry as Govt. has discontinued the MEIS Scheme and announced new RoDTEP Scheme from 1st January, 2021 for which rates are yet to be announced. Members want to understand the scheme.

Shri Siddh Nath Singh also thanked Shri N.K. Chopra and Shri Pankush Arora of M/s ICCH Global Consulting (P) Ltd., New Delhi and informed that Council is working for the scheme for the last one and half year and Council hired them and they prepared all the required data for submission to the Govt.

Shri Siddh Nath Singh further informed that Shri G.K. Pillai, Chairman, RoDTEP Committee in the last Webinar on RoDTEP mentioned that "Carpet Industry is very near to our heart", they assured their full support to Carpet Industry. Shri Siddh Nath Singh expressed hope that Carpet Industry will get better rates in the RoDTEP Scheme.

Shri Gagandeep Singh, Dy. DGFT, Varanasi will make a Power Point presentation on process for implementation of RoDTEP Scheme and informed the principal of RoDTEP which is basically Rebate of Central, State and local Duties/ taxed/ levies which are not refunded under any other duty remission scheme to make our products competitive in international market. There are many embedded taxes which are not reimbursed to the

exporters. Shri Gagandeep informed the process of availing the benefit of RoDTEP Scheme and requested to give clear instructions to their shipping agent for availing the benefit of RoDTEP Scheme and after announcement of the rates the same will be credited in the exporters account automatically.

Shri Hassan Ahmad, OSD, Drawback Department informed that rates are still not announced and exporters are required to mention their willingness to avail the benefit of the same. CEPC has already submitted very extensive data and the same is under consideration of the RoDTEP Committee and hope for announcement of the rates very soon. He replied to the various queries of the Members in the webinar.

Shri Sanjay Kumar, Executive Director, CEPC informed the Members that Council is all set for the organization of 41st India Carpet Expo – Virtual Exhibition from 27th to 31st January, 2021 and requested Members to send their bookings, if not sent earlier. Shri Sanjay Kumar also informed the Members that he **had a discussion with officials of the U.P Export Promotion Bureau and they agreed to Reimburse 60 % of the Participation Fee paid for this Virtual Fair and Chairman, CEPC in a meeting with Chief Secretary, U.P. request for 90% reimbursement which they agreed in principal and official notification is awaited. Shri Sanjay Kumar further informed that he had discussions with Director Handicrafts in Govt. of J&K and they are providing 100% reimbursement for the participation of J&K based Members. Council is further taking up with the Govt. of Rajasthan and Haryana for the similar reimbursement.**

Shri Umer Hameed, 2nd Vice-Chairman, CEPC conveyed formal vote of thanks of behalf of the Council. Shri Umer Hameed conveyed thanks to Shri Gagandeep Singh, Shri Hasan Ahmad for sparing their valuable time to educate Member Exporters on the RoDTEP Scheme. Shri Umer Hameed also conveyed thanks to Shri Siddh Nath Singh, Chairman, CEPC and Shri Sanjay Kumar, Executive Director, CEPC for organizing awareness webinar. Shri Umer Hameed also conveyed thanks to all the Members for attending the Webinar. Shri Umer Hameed mentioned that today's webinar is very informative and expressed hope that Members will definitely take the benefit.