Dear All

Promotion of export is one of the top priorities of Govt. of India. SEZs contribute significantly in our total exports basket. Last year exports from SEZ was approximately US $ 90 billion. Hence exports from SEZ has to be assigned a top priority and all efforts have to be made for increasing exports from SEZs.

Keeping in mind the priority assigned to export from SEZs, now Ministry of Commerce & Industry has decided to monitor export from SEZs on weekly basis. I request all of you to make all out efforts in increasing export from the SEZs. This year because of efforts of all of you, exports from SEZs in the period 1st of April 2018 to 24th of Sept., 2018 has increased by 29.76% in Rupee terms and 22.14% in US $ terms. We need to push it further and take the SEZ exports to greater heights.

As I had informed earlier that there was a huge difference in data being reported in respect of service exports. To address this issue, Ministry of Commerce & Industry has introduced Service Export Reporting Form (SERF) w.e.f. 1st of August, 2018. Large number of units have filed their data on SERF this month and this has been very helpful in getting data on time. However, since this was first month of reporting, we had requested NSDL to provide some relaxation in filing SERF beyond 10th of August this month. However, from next month all service unit must ensure that SERF is filed before 10th of every month so that no inconvenience is caused to your operations.

With Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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