To all Non Member exporters of HEPC(unrenewed members, other council members, direct exporters in web,etc)

Dear sir,

As you aware, Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC) is a nodal agency constituted under "The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India" to promote the exports of all handloom products like fabrics, home furnishings, carpets, floor coverings, fashion accessories, etc. However, we are glad to inform you that as per revised Articles of Association of Council, any manufacturer / merchant selling Home Textiles articles made up of Handloom, Powerloom, Autoloom, Mill made, non-woven,knitted,Handmade,etc. using any kind of Natural or Manmade fibre can be a RTE/Member of this Council. HEPC was constituted in the year 1965 with 65 members and its present membership is around 1500 spread all over the country. The textile industry mainly exports bed linen, table linen, toilet and kitchen linen, towels, curtains, cushions and pads, tapestries and upholstery's, carpets and floor coverings, fashion accessories like scarves, stoles, fabrics, dress materials like Sarees, Kurties, Lungies, etc. The basic objective of HEPC is to provide all support and guidance to the Indian Handloom exporters and non-handloom exporters and International buyers for trade promotion and International marketing. HEPC has its head office at Chennai and regional office at New Delhi.

HEPC organizes around 20-25 international fairs across the globe and in India. The major fairs in which Council is organizing participation are Heimtextil-Germany, Domotex-Germany, Whos Next – Paris (September & January edition), Sourcing at Magic- USA, International Sourcing Fair – Australia, India Home Furnishings Fair – Japan, etc.

Benefits of becoming member of HEPC

Marketing support under MAI / NHDP scheme:

- Participation in international fairs (Virtual /Physical fair) Subsidized fair participation and travel grant under various schemes of Ministry of Textiles & Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Participation in Reverse Buyer Seller Meet in India
- Participation in Trade delegations
- Exclusive International events for India Handloom Brand (IHB) holders
- Linking between Manufacturers and Exporters

Drawback:

Drawback assistance is provided to exporters as a reimbursement of the incidence of central levies - excise, customs duty and service tax on the raw materials used for the production of the products that are exported.

Rebate of State and Central Taxes & Levies (RoSCTL):

Government has extended the benefit of the Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes & Levies (RoSCTL) to export garments & made-ups with effect from 1st January 2021 to 31st March 2024.

Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP)

RoDTEP scheme has been introduced to replace MEIS. Ministry of Commerce and Industry has issued the scheme <u>Guidelines</u> and <u>Appendix 4R</u> (eligible RODTEP export items, rates, and per unit value caps) for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP)

Interest Equalization Scheme:

Government of India has approved the extension of Interest Equalization Scheme for Pre and Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit ('Scheme') up to March 31, 2024.Revised interest equalisation rates under the Scheme will now be 3 per cent for MSME manufacturer exporters exporting under any HS lines, and 2 per cent for manufacturer exporters and merchant exporters exporting under 410 HS lines. For more information please refer the https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?ld=12252&Mode=0

Trade Policy Support:

- Dissemination of buyer enquiries
- Awareness seminars
- Representing the trade issues with the Ministry / Embassies
- Providing support for any issues related to pending GST refund, export incentives, trade dispute, etc.
- Policies and programmes of Govt. of India as well as State Government Trade Notifications etc. are shared to member exporters through mass circulars.

You may enrol as a RTE of Handloom Export Promotion Council and avail the above benefits. Please apply for new membership for two firms via online through DGFT link http://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/. Necessary steps involved in it are enclosed for your reference.

If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact us

Thanking you,

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