

Government of India
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade

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To,
All Licensing Authorities

Subject: Methodology for distinguishing Artistic Work for grant of benefit under VKGUY Scheme (for export of identified 'Artistic Wooden Furniture' items as in Appendix - 37A).

- Attention is invited to FTP (RE-2007) announced on 19.04.2007, wherein under VKGUY scheme benefits has been extended to export of identified 'Artistic Wooden Furniture' items as in Appendix - 37A (Table 12 therein). It was stated in Appendix 37A that methodology of distinguishing artistic work shall be specified. In view of this, consultations were done with Export Promotion Council for Handicraft (EPCH).

2. Based on recommendation of EPCH, it has been decided to adopt existing practice for certification of Handicraft / Artware by EPCH etc. if referred by Customs, for distinguishing Artistic work/nature of Artistic Wooden Furniture items listed for benefits under the scheme. In view of this, for the purpose of grant of benefits under VKGUY scheme, exporters shall be required to get the invoices duly certified/authenticated by EPCH / AIHBs (All India Handicraft Boards) / State Handicraft Boards / Handloom & Handicraft Export Corporation / State Emporiums (of State Governments).

3. Regional authorities (RA) shall call for invoices duly certified/authenticated as above, in addition to export documents prescribed in ANF3C.

4. Further, RA shall grant benefits to identified Wooden Furniture items covered under Appendix-37A, where description of export product given in Customs passed shipping bills contains the words "artistic" and export product is classified by Customs in particular ITC HS codes mentioned in Appendix 37A.

5. This issues with the approval of Director General of Foreign Trade.

Encls; Table 12 of Appendix-37A

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