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To

**All Regional Authorities of DGFT  
All Customs Authorities**

Subsequent to the issuance of DGFT Notification No.61/2015-2020 dated 31.03.2021 amending the import policy of items of copper (Annexure-I to DGFT Notification No.61/2015-2020) falling in Chapter-74 of ITC (HS) and items of Aluminum (Annexure-II to DGFT Notification No.61/2015-2020) falling in Chapter-76 of ITC (HS) from 'Free' to 'Free subject to compulsory registration under Non-Ferrous Metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS)', DGFT has received various representations from members of Trade & Industry seeking clarification on NFMIMS.

2. The issues were referred to M/o Mines and based upon the clarification received, responses thereto are given below:

**A. Whether imports through air mode are exempted from registration under NFMIMS?**

Response: NFMIMS will not be applicable on air-freighted goods as this mode is used for emergency/small volume high value goods required at short notice.

**B. Whether multiple consignments against a NFMIMS registration can be imported within the validity period of NFMIMS Registration?**

Response: Any number of consignments can be imported by a single NFMIMS registration within the validity of the registration.

**C. Whether it is compulsory to provide the proper Quality Control Order (QCO) description in NFMIMS or not?**

Response: The information relating to proper QCO description can be treated as optional category in the description filed by importer under NFMIMS.

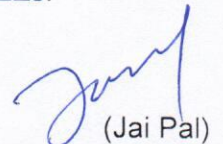
**D. Whether the Custom officers at the border are mandated to check QCO description in NFMIMS certificate while clearing the Bill of Entries or not?**

Response: Since the QCO information is optional information therefore, it is not mandatory for the Custom officer to check QCO description under NFMIMS. However, custom officer has to consider the provisions/rules under the other laws of the land at the time of clearing the Bill of Entries.

**E. Whether NFMIMS is applicable to shipments under Advance Authorization, DFIA and SEZs?**

Response: NFMIMS is applicable to imports through Advance Authorization, DFIA and import to SEZs.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
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