



Chairman's word...



Dear Members,

February 2101 was an eventful month for the Council and its members. We took large delegations to participate in three major export promotion activities in Europe and America.

SGEPC marked a louder presence at Ispo this time, with its well charted promotion & publicity measures. Big wall panels and banners on India's participation at the show, were put up at the venue - Messe Munchen's major entrance as well as west & east sides.

This year, the toys industry presented new products and acquired very enthusiastic business at Spielwarenmesse International Toy fair.

This year the Council took its toys contingent to USA, participating in the largest toy show there - American International Toy Fair, New York. There was a lot of curiosity amongst the visiting buyers & retailers towards Indian toys.

These events have also been a good learning ground for our toys exporters, who are preparing to strategize their next participation in this fair along with Warehousing in USA for Indian Toys.

The export promotion activities for the coming year have been finalized and sent to the Govt. for approval. The Activity Calendar for the year 2010-11 would be shared with the members shortly, so that they may plan the year ahead for export promotion efforts.

Your Sincerely,

A.G. Mukim
(A.G. Mukim)

SGEPC participates in international sectoral shows



*ISPO Winter 2010
7-10 February 2010
Munich, Germany*

*Spielwarenmesse
International Toy Fair
4-9 February 2010
Nurnberg, Germany*



*American
International
Toy fair 2010
14-17 February 2010
New York City, USA*

Strong presence & publicity at ISPO Winter 2010

During its 70th edition from 7-10 February, 2010, and its 40th year, ISPO once again expanded its position as an internationally leading sports business network. ISPO closed its doors with excellent numbers. Top international industry, sports, media, commerce and government representatives came together in Munich, and experienced an event which far exceeded expectations.

More than 64,000 international visitors from 117 countries came to preview new trends and innovations, marking a new visitor record with an increase of close to 7% over the past show. 68% of visitors came from abroad, an increase of about 2% over last year. The strongest overseas visitor contingents came from Italy, Switzerland, Austria, France, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Spain, the Netherlands, the Korean Republic, the Czech Republic, and Sweden. 2,045 exhibitors from 45 countries registered for ISPO, an increase of 5% over the last. ISPO also experienced growth in terms of exposition space-an increase by close to 2% to 89,000 square meters, and covered 15 halls at the New Munich Trade Fair.

SGEPC's participation

ISPO being a regular international contact point for India, SGEPC marked yet another presence with a delegation of 28 manufacturers. Their products comprising T.T. equipments, inflatable balls, hockey equipments, boxing equipments, track & field equipments, protective equipments, cricket equipments, training accessories, sports bags, sports wear, sports shoes, sports water bottles, etc. were displayed under a beautifully designed Indian Pavilion in 810 sqm.



March 2010



As per feedback, about 1607 visitors came to the Indian stands (including 465 from Germany alone) and exhibitors generated around 712 trade enquiries. Total business anticipated is to the tune of US\$ 42,06,24,000 out of which US\$ 16,66,12,000 can be attributed to Germany.

Among publicity measures, SGEPC had appointed M/s Prexma Consulting, Dusseldorf to undertake local promotion through personal contact, e-mails, faxes, etc. Additionally, Prexma also created a microsite for participants on Indien Aktuell.

Among other measures, SGEPC had a well planned visibility through advertisements and marketing initiatives like :

- Big wall panel at West entrance of the Messe
- Wall banner at the east entrance of Messe,
- Advertisement next to Hall plan in ISPO official Planner
- Advertisement in fair catalogue on two separate pages
- Advertisement in SCN preview
- Online advertising at the website of ISPO
- Carry bags with printed message in English & German

Dates for the next edition: 6th to 9th February 2011



Varied products & ideas at Spielwarenmesse Intl. Toy Fair

The recently concluded chapter of Spielwarenmesse International Toy Fair, Nürnberg, was organised from 4-9 February, 2010. It brought together 76,600 trade visitors from 115 countries, including wholesalers, retailers, store owners and many others, to source the next season's merchandise for their toy stores. This edition noted an increase of 2% in its visitor traffic. The 2,625 exhibitors also observed a renewed optimism and willingness to order among the visiting traders and buyers.

This time, there were more visitors from France, Great Britain, Poland, Russia and the USA. The six days of the fair showed a definite mood of a new beginning and the many adaptations to the contents of the fair were rated very positively.

23.2% of the exhibitors said that their customers showed more interest in purchasing and ordering than the year before. The share of decision-makers among the visitors rose to 86.2% (2009: 84.8%), with 52% of all buyers and traders coming from abroad (2009: 51%). The International Toy Fair expanded its product portfolio with baby articles this time.

SGEPC's participation

SGEPC marked India's presence at this fair with a total of 12 member exporters with a varied product profile, well spread-out in the India Pavilion set up over area of 215 sq. mts. The participants displayed various products like, educational games, puzzles, board games, building blocks, tin toys, rubber foam toys, soft & stuffed toys and kids room furnishings.

As per feedback, the Indian participants have acquired a fairly good business through their presence here. About 575 visitors came to the Indian stands (including 155 from Germany alone) and exhibitors generated around 297 trade



enquiries. Total business anticipated is to the tune of US\$ 125,775,000 out of which US\$ 32,040,000 can be attributed to Germany alone.



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Among other measures, SGEPC had a well planned visibility through advertisements and marketing initiatives like :

- Global Banner on the Fair's official website
- The Council's Logo in the Fair's Hall Map
- Indoor Advertising in the Fair Grounds (Standees - 4)
- Outdoor Advertising in the Fair Grounds (Standees -4)
- Advertisement in Play it! Magazine in German and English Version
- Two SGEPC cubes booked in Innovation centre

India Evening

During the course of the fair, a high profile India Evening was organised and was well received by the leading international buyers and opinion makers of industry. The entire exercise proved to be immensely successful in promoting the image of the Indian Toy Industry, in this European market.



SGEPC takes Indian contingent to largest toy trade show in USA



Over 1,100 exhibitors from around the world gathered to showcase an estimated 100,000 new toys and youth entertainment products across more than 345,500 net square feet of exhibition space during the 107th American International Toy Fair® held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City from 14-17 February, 2010.

This largest toy trade show in the Western Hemisphere attracted 10,600-plus buyers from 85 countries to scout for trends and place orders for the latest products to wow and engage kids of all ages. The total number of buyers in attendance increased 3% over the previous year. The American International Toy Fair is hosted annually by the Toy Industry Association (TIA).

The total number of retail outlets represented at Toy Fair 2010 increased 2% over 2009, with 5,744 distinct organisations in attendance. The diversity of retailers

spanned traditional toy sellers ranging in size from specialty toy stores to big box and warehouse retailers to drugstores, supermarkets and hypermarkets, as well as alternative toy and game distribution channels such as book and clothing stores, pet shops and travel-themed retailers.

SGEPC's participation

For the first time, SGEPC organised Indian participation in this toy fair and took along a total of 8 toy manufacturers. They displayed products like soft & plush toys, rubber foam toys, balloon balls, kids room furnishings, indoor sports equipments, magic games, board games, tin toys, etc., in an exhibition area of 1000 sq. ft. As per feedback, the Indian participants have

reported fairly good business. About 423 visitors came to the Indian stands (including 363 from USA alone) and exhibitors generated around 162 trade enquiries. Total

business anticipated is to the tune of US\$ 24,52,50,00 out of which US\$ 20,25,00,00 can be attributed to USA.

Among publicity and awareness spreading measures, the following activities were under taken by the Council, under Market Access Initiative Scheme of Ministry of Commerce & Industry :

- Advertisement in Creative Play Retailer Magazine.
- Advertisement in LCD Screens at two level entrances of the Fair Ground.
- Pocket folder at two level entrances for brochures and directories of the Council.

Dates for the next edition: 13th Feb to 16th Feb. 2011



Walmart Stores issues notice on heavy metals

In a notice distributed to its merchants and suppliers of children's products, adult costume jewelry and adult costume jewelry-making craft kits, Walmart Stores has published two new Product Safety and Regulatory Notices addressing its analysis of the impact of heavy metal restrictions in the referenced categories. The notices outline new product and audit requirements that will go into effect for products submitted for testing on or after April 9, 2010. Walmart and other retailers have been working with toy industry stakeholders as part of a TIA Task Group to draft a recommended revision for ASTM F963 to address heavy metals in substrate material of toys, in alignment with the requirements in EN71 and ISO 8124 Part 3 for heavy metals. Currently, ASTM F963 addresses heavy metals in the surface coatings of toys. The Task Group is expected to recommend a proposed revision to ASTM F963 for consideration and balloting soon.



Tchoukball

another indoor team sport gaining momentum

Tchoukball (pronounced chukeball) is an indoor team sport developed in the 1970s by Swiss biologist Hermann Brandt, who believed that "the

objective of all physical activities is not to make champions, but make a contribution to building a harmonious society". His aim was to develop a team sport which did not involve the horrific injuries which he viewed as plaguing other sports.

The sport is played on an indoor court measuring forty metres by twenty metres (130 feet x 65 feet). At each end there is a 'frame' (a device similar to a trampoline off which the ball bounces) which measures one square metre and a semi-circular 'D' measuring three metres (10 feet) out from the frame in all directions. Each team can score on both ends on the field, and comprises twelve players, of which nine may be on the court at any one time. In order to score a point, the ball must be thrown by an attacking player, hit the frame and bounce outside the 'D' without being caught by the defending team. Physical contact is prohibited, and defenders may not attempt to intercept the attacking team's passes. Players may take three steps with the ball, hold the ball for a maximum of three seconds, and teams may not pass the ball more than three times before shooting at the frame.

Tchoukball has come to be an international sport, played in Taiwan, Great Britain, Switzerland, India, Japan, Canada, the United States, Italy, the Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Macau

and Singapore. It is governed by the Fédération Internationale de Tchoukball (FITB, founded in 1971).

The FITB is based in Geneva and comprises 13 member associations and 22 affiliated associations (that means it has relations with 35 countries). In spite of limited financial and human resources, it is developing numerous contacts throughout the world. It supports and advises national associations and individuals willing to implant tchoukball in new areas. For instance, tchoukball was recently integrated in the school program of some regions of Senegal.

Equipment for the game

To play Tchoukball, you only need 3 things: tchoukball frames, knee/elbow pads and tchoukballs. Tchoukball frames are the main investment you will need to make, the equivalent of goals for football or nets for basketball. Due to the extreme demands placed on knees and elbows, it is vital that impact injury is avoided by the use of knee pads and elbow pads. Finally, tchoukballs are required to actually play the game.

Tchoukball Frames: A

Tchoukball frame is essentially a 1 metre square 'trampette' with toughened strings around the centre, tensioned with shock or 'bungee' cord.



Tchoukball frames are very strong, sturdy and hard-wearing, designed to withstand the impact of a ball being thrown at speeds of up to 70 miles per hour from close range!

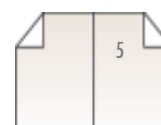
Knee and elbow pads: Protection for the knees and elbows is extremely important for tchoukball players. Defence of a point requires players to be

knelt on the surface that is used for play. Cushioning for the knees is vital to help prevent injury over time.



Elbow pads for the more committed players are also extremely important; players frequently dive to retrieve the ball mid-air and the chances of injury can be drastically lessened by wearing the proper protection.

Tchoukballs: Tchoukballs are made of a special 'grippy' material designed for accurate throwing and catching. ■



Holland Gateway

offers business assistance

Holland Gateway is a foundation that helps foreign companies to settle in Netherlands. Their help ranges from assisting with setting up business, choosing a legal form, assistance with finding network partners and solving IND related questions. They also provide assistance with finding network partners (buyers) for foreign exporters who wish to sell their products in Netherlands.

Their services are free of charge and a valuable point of contact for members. To know more about Holland Gateway log on to www.hollandgateway.nl.



at ISPO Winter 2010

7-10 February 2010; Munich, Germany



Mr. Anup Kumar Mudgal, Consul General, Munich, visiting the Indian Stands



India Stands at ISPO Winter 2010



Publicity Spots taken by SGEPC



India at Spielwarenmesse International Toy Fair

4-9 February 2010; Nurnberg, Germany



India Stands
 at Spielwarenmesse International Toy Fair

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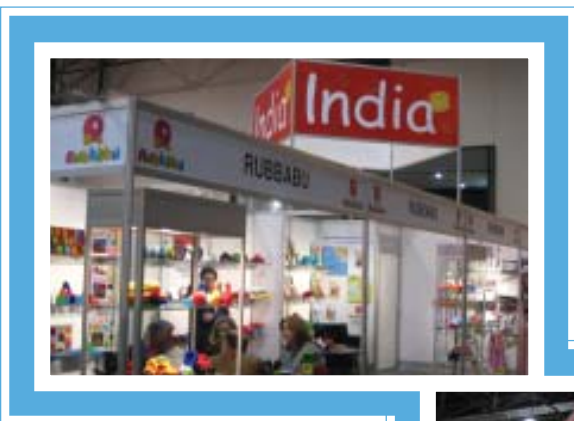


India Evening at the Toy Fair



India at American International Toy fair 2010

14-17 February 2010; New York, USA



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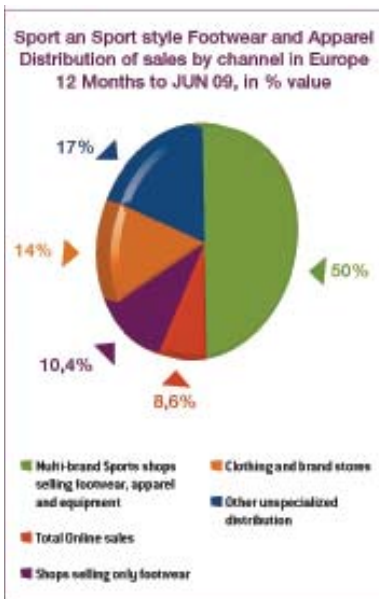
Online Sales

sporting goods industry sells more on the web

A review of the sport distribution evolution in the big 5 European countries –Great Britain, France Germany, Spain and Italy.

The European Sport market, combining footwear and apparel went down by -5% in the 12 months ending June 09. In this tough context, it is interesting to have a look at the distribution channels and how they have performed compared to last year.

Multi-brand sport shops is a stable channel in share. In recession times, sales related to sport use are stable and work as an airbag for this channel while sales related to lifestyle products suffered more.



in Europe while apparel sales decreased. For the same reason, share went down for clothing and brand stores as they are usually stronger on sport lifestyle products and apparel.



The story of unspecialized distribution is different.

Unspecialized distribution has decreased over the last 2 years but this is just the continuation of a trend observed since years. The Consumer is increasingly attracted by sharp retail concepts specializing in people active in sports or simply by age groups teenagers- to mention the most popular concepts.

Finally, only Online sales as a channel is booming

+32% over the 12 months end of June 09. So selling on the web is full of opportunities for sport brands, especially at a time where major retailers are pushing their own labels. The sport E-tailers landscape is still very fragmented today so there will be some concentration there soon. ■ Source: NPD

Fitness levels in Canada see declining levels since 1981

Fitness levels of Canadian children and youth, as well as those of adults, declined significantly between 1981 and 2009, according to a new Statistics Canada survey. The survey found decreases in fitness levels to be most pronounced among adults between the ages of 20 and 39. According to the data, the percentage of adults in this age group with a waist circumference that put them at high risk for health problems more than quadrupled, from 5% to 21% among men and from six per cent to 31 per cent among women.

In the 60 to 69 age group, 65% of women and 52% of men were considered to be at high risk for health problems based on their waist circumference. The data for youth was just as alarming. The proportion of both teenaged boys and girls who are at risk for health problems based on their waist circumference more than tripled between 1981 and 2009. The number of teen boys aged 15 to 19 classified as overweight or obese rose from 14% to 31% between 1981 and 2009, while the number of overweight or obese teenaged girls rose from 14% to 25%. ■

Athletic Footwear Market shows signs of shifting momentum

According to The NPD Group, Inc., a leading market research company, the athletic footwear market is starting to show signs of shifting momentum. Overall the athletic footwear market declined less in 2009 than it did in 2008. In 2009 athletic footwear sales posted a 1.4% decline and in 2008 sales were down 3.2%.

Looking at the gender breakouts the women's market finished in positive territory up 0.6% while the men's market posted a 3% decline.

Observes Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst, The NPD Group, Inc., "much of the success in women's can be attributed to toning and shaping footwear. In the men's market that is not so. The challenge is for brands to get men to pick up on this trend. Not the toning and shaping trend necessarily but they may just jump on the comfort and wellness bandwagon."

Fourth quarter results in the athletic footwear market, showed growth. The consumer's focus is on footwear for holiday and for the third consecutive year. The number one reason people don't participate in a sport is motivation, or lack thereof. The brands that understand and play the motivation card in two ways and can ultimately win this race. ■

Source: NPD



New Partnership in Sports/Recreation Industry announces research findings

Seven of the major governing bodies and trade associations in the sports, fitness, outdoor, and leisure industry of USA, have formed a research partnership -- The Physical Activity Council (PAC). The goal of the partnership is to identify key trends in sports, fitness, and recreation participation in the USA. These trends would appear in the SGMA's Sports, Fitness, and Recreation Participation Overview (2010 edition).

The partners in PAC are IHRSA; National Golf Foundation (NGF); Snowsports Industries America (SIA); Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA); Tennis Industry Association (TIA); and The Outdoor Foundation; United States Tennis Association (USTA).

The purpose of this unique partnership is to create a single set of data which accurately measures national interest in fitness activities, competitive team sports, individual pursuits, and general recreation.

The 'Big Picture' story from the Overview is that just over 104 million Americans are frequently involved in a high or medium-calorie burning activity. That's a plus. On the other hand, far too many Americans are not as active as they could and should be. Right now, more than 92 million Americans are infrequent participants in some form of fitness, sports, or recreation. And nearly 65 million Americans are not taking part in any form of exercise or activity at all. That's a negative.

The decision to participate in many activities is largely motivated by consumers who want more 'value' from the time they spend working out, playing sports, and engaging in recreational experiences. As a result, participation gains were steady for activities that are relatively affordable and can be enjoyed by groups such as fishing, camping, hiking, bicycling, and running. Also, group exercise classes -- such as high-impact aerobics, low-impact aerobics, and step aerobics -- had solid participation gains in 2009.

Another one of the findings of this report is the relationship between a physically active lifestyle and exposure to physical education classes while attending school. There's a positive connection between participating in Physical Education and having an active lifestyle.

Also, within this sports participation study, there is a report on consumer spending in the sporting goods industry. While the economy in 2009 had a major impact on spending in those areas, there are positive signs for the future as significant numbers of active participants are set to increase spending in 2010. ■ Source: SGMA



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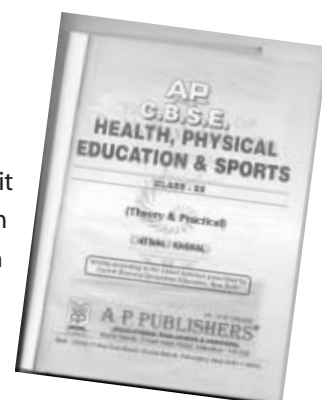
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SGFI activities get CBSE recognition

The SGFI (Sporting Goods Foundation India) has been selected by the Ministry of HRD to be included as a chapter in the 12th class curriculum of CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) in their official text book of Health, Physical education & sports nationwide.

This has been included and published already, it will be taught from this new session in 2010. Now hundreds of thousands of students will read about SGFI & follow its working pattern.



The philosophy behind all that SGFI is doing is "if you can't hold all the children in your arms, hold them in your heart". Guided by this thought now, SGFI have monitoring team which monitors 3300 stitching units and 15000 workers, education team looks after about 400 students in schools and about 950 students in tuition centres, self help group team is looking after 53 self help groups wherein 900 families, 5000 people take advantage. ■ *Source: SGFI*

Major Fitness Manufacturers join AFIRM

AFIRM, the new Association of Fitness Industry Retailers & Manufacturers has received a substantial bolt of credibility since its launch last month with the membership commitment of a strong group of fitness industry manufacturers. Among the first companies to join AFIRM are Technogym, IronGrip, Cybex, Star Trac, Johnson HealthTech/ Matrix, Icon/FreeMotion Fitness, TAG Fitness, Sportsmith, SportsArt, Madd Dogg Athletics, Versa Climber, World Sales Alliance, Dynastream, Lifeline International and Polar. The new association will address fitness industry issues, help raise revenue and reduce expenses on behalf of its members, lobby Congress for profitness legislation, and develop research. Recognizing that fitness equipment manufacturers had no association specific to their needs, the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA) created AFIRM to assist those manufacturers by providing them a unified voice in the industry. One of AFIRM's primary focuses will be on securing efficiencies along the chain of commerce in the fitness industry. ■ *Source: AFIRM*



Verification Mechanism and monitoring of export obligation under duty exemption / reward Schemes - reg.

Copy of Circular No. 5 /2010-Cus., dated 16th March, 2010

I am directed to invite your attention to the above-mentioned subject and to say that, several references have been received, requesting the Board to put in place a verification mechanism in respect of the duty credit scrips issued under Chapter 3 schemes of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) and in respect of the Export Promotion Schemes viz. Advance Authorization / Duty Free Import Authorization (DFIA) / Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) schemes.

2. The matter has been examined by the Board in the light of the conditions specified in the notifications regarding monitoring of export obligation in respect of Advance Authorization / DFIA / EPCG schemes. Board has also considered the reports received from the field formations, which indicated discrepancies found having revenue implications during the verification of the duty credit scrips, issued under Chapter 3 schemes of FTP. Accordingly, it has been decided to put in place the following procedures:-

a) In case of EPCG scheme, the Jurisdictional Customs Authorities at the Port of Import shall ensure that the installation certificates are submitted within 6 months of completion of imports as stipulated in the corresponding customs notifications. The correctness of the installation certificates, which are issued by the Chartered Engineers, shall be verified on a random basis through Central Excise divisions. Further, the EPCG notifications stipulate fulfilment of atleast 50% of export obligation within the first block. This shall be verified in detail. In case the same is found satisfactory, the Export Obligation Discharge Certificate issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) at the end of 2nd block may be accepted without further verification unless there is a specific intelligence suggesting need for detailed verification.

b) In case of Advance Authorization scheme, the Export Obligation Discharge Certificate should normally be accepted unless there is an intelligence suggesting misuse.

c) The Jurisdictional Commissioner of Customs may cause random verification for some of the authorizations issued under EPCG / DFIA / Advance Authorization schemes registered at their port to check the correctness of the address shown on the Authorization. This is important, as the EPCG notification requires installation of the capital goods and the Advance Authorisation scheme (and DFIA scheme in some cases) contemplates actual usage of the imported goods. Such verification may be carried out during the validity of the Authorisation and preferably through the Central Excise divisions.

d) Action to safeguard customs revenue should be initiated in case the authorization holder does not submit the Export Obligation Discharge Certificate within the time period stipulated in the relevant Customs notifications.

e) As regards the duty credit scrips issued under Chapter 3 of FTP, the verification of genuineness of scrips in terms of Para 3.11.3 of the HBP v.1 shall be done before allowing registration of such scrips. Further, the Commissioner may cause random verification of the shipping bills based on which the said duty credit scrip has been issued to ascertain the genuineness of such shipping bills. A quarterly report on the outcome of the said verification may be forwarded to the Board, which should include inter alia the details of the discrepancies noticed during the verification and the measures taken to redress such discrepancies. This procedure will be reviewed once online transmission of the duty credit scrips issued under Chapter 3 of FTP is operationalized.

f) Wherever the Export Obligation Discharge Certificates issued by DGFT bear the requirement that the Customs department should carry out verification, then such verification should be done. In all cases - EPCG, Advance Authorization, DFIA and Reward Schemes, the Department would retain the right to carry out a complete verification wherever there is specific intelligence available suggesting misuse.

3. The notifications issued under EPCG / Advance Authorization / DFIA schemes provide that the exporter should discharge the export obligation within the specified time period or within such extended period as may be permitted. Further, the notifications issued under EPCG scheme stipulates that in case of non-fulfillment of block-wise export obligation, the importer should pay the proportional duty of unfulfilled portion of export obligation along with specified interest from the date of clearance of the goods and such payment should be made within 3 months from the expiry of said block. Monitoring of export obligation is an integral part of verification mechanism. This would facilitate faster redemption of Bonds / Bank Guarantee executed under the above schemes. In view of above, the Jurisdictional Commissioners of Customs are directed to put suitable systems in place to initiate timely action in all cases of default.



- The guidelines issued in the past on the subject shall be modified to the above extent.
- These instructions may be brought to the notice of the trade / exporters by issuing suitable Trade / Public Notices. Suitable Standing orders/instructions may be issued for the guidance of the assessing officers. Difficulties faced, if any, in implementation of the Circular may please be brought to the notice of the Board at an early date.

Receipt of this Circular may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

(F.No.605/16/2007-DBK (Pt.))

Sd/-
(P.V.K.Rajasekhar)
OSD (Drawback)

Amendment in Foreign Trade Policy

Copy of Notification No.32/2009-14, dated 26 February, 2010

S.O (E) - In exercise of powers conferred by Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 (No.22 of 1992) read with Para 1.3 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2009-14, the Central Government hereby makes the following amendment in Foreign Trade Policy:

- The first sentence of Para 3.17.11 of FTP 2009-14 is replaced as under:

"Duty Credit Scrips can also be used / debited towards payment of Customs Duties in case of EO defaults under Authorizations issued under Chapters 4 and 5 of the Policy".

This issues in Public Interest.

(F.No.01/91/180/1563/AM10/PC3)

DGFT & Ex-Officio Special Secretary to the Government of India

Sd/-
(R.S. Gujral)

Renewal of Membership of the Council for the year 2010-11

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL with this Council for the year 2010-11 falls due w.e.f 1st April 2010. You are, therefore, requested to please arrange to send this office your MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTION for Rs.8000/- through DEMAND DRAFT, (or multicity cheque payable at par) for the year 2010-11 latest by 30th APRIL 2010.

I may also add that it is obligatory on the part of all the member-firms in pursuant to Membership Rules No.7 (a) and 8(ii & iv) and as per decision of C.O.A to submit your export progress return/s of the preceding year by 30th June, 2010 along with trade contribution thereon. Export Certificate duly authenticated by a Chartered Accountant on his letter head with his signature, seal and Registration Number allotted to them substantiating the total F.O.B value of export of sports goods/Toys affected by you during the year 2009-10 including that for NIL exports should also be enclosed with trade contribution.

The final dates for sending Membership Subscription and export returns with trade contribution are again given below:-

Membership Subscription for the year 2010-11.	30.04.2010
Export Progress returns for the year 2009-10 along with Trade contribution and C.A.Certificate.	30.06.2010

If any member firm fails to submit the above information to the Council on the dates mentioned against each, they would not be eligible for the services rendered by the Council i.e.. Participation through the Council in Fairs & Exhibitions in India and abroad, M.D.A/MAI. grants, Visa recommendations, circulars and Export Awards etc.

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