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Attention of Trade, stake holders and Public is invited to the Policy Circular No. 6 (RE-2013)/2009-214 dated 16.09.2013 issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry informing that some importers / exporters are effecting imports / exports by using Importer-Exporter Codes (IECs) issued to others which is a complete violation of Foreign Trade Policy.

As per the Section 7 of The Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, as amended in 2010 read along with Rule 12 of Foreign Trade (Regulation) Rules, 1993 every person should make import or export only with Importer-exporter Code Number allotted to him. This has been further amplified by Para 2.9.2 of Handbook of Procedures, Vol.1, 2009-14 which states that an IEC number allotted to an applicant is valid for all its branches / divisions / units / factories. Therefore, the IEC Number cannot be used by anyone other the IEC holder himself/herself.

In view of the above, use of IEC by the person other than IEC holder himself is a violation of the above provisions and would attract action under Section 8 and 11 of The Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, as amended in 2010, except in case importers or exporters are exempted from obtaining IEC and who use permanent (common) IEC Numbers under Para 2.8 of Handbook of Procedure, Vol.1, 2009-14.

Therefore, importers/exporters as well as all other stake holders are cautioned to comply with the provisions of FT (DR) Act and Rules made thereunder while using their IEC Number. Non-compliance/ violation of these provisions would attract action in the form of suspension/cancellation of IEC or imposition of penalty, as appropriate, under the relevant provisions of FT (DR) Act and Rules.

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