Government of India Ministry of Commerce & Industry Directorate General of Foreign Trade

To, All RAs of DGFT, FIEO, All EPCs,

30.05.2018, New Delhi

Madam/Sir,

Sub: Providing wide publicity to "Special drive Refund Fortnight" being undertaken by CBIC from 31.05.2018 to 14.06.2018-regarding

Reference is invited to the Press release of Ministry of Finance announcing "Special Refund Fortnight" from 31.05.2018 to 14.06.2018, in which Customs, Central and State GST officers will strive to clear all GST refund applications received on or before 30.04.2018. This will include refunds of IGST paid on exports, refunds of unutilized ITC and all other GST refunds submitted in Form GST RFD-01A.

- 2. All the Regional Authorities of DGFT, FIEO and the Export Promotion Councils are requested to inform all their exporter-members on email/ SMS and provide wide publicity to the event so that exporters are encouraged to approach their jurisdictional tax offices during the special refund fortnight for refund of their refund claims submitted on or before 30.4.2018, which are still pending. It may also be noted that in case the jurisdiction (Centre or State) has not been defined for a particular claimant, he/she can approach either of the jurisdictional tax authorities. All IGST refund claimants may also be encouraged to register on ICEGATE website, if not already done to check their refund status. Wide publicity may also be provided to the circular no 12 dated 29.05.2018 regarding CBIC's solution to exporters mistakenly declaring their export supplies as domestic supplies and circular no 45/19/2018-GST dated 30.05.2018 which has clarified several issues related to refund claims of exporters.
- 3. Trade and Industry may also be made aware that just online submission of the refund application in FORM GST RFD-01A will not be enough and the cases will not be processed unless a copy of the application is submitted to the jurisdictional tax office, along with supporting documents.

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Enclosures:

- 1. Press Release dated 30.5.2018
- 2. circular no 12 dated 29.05.2018
- 3. circular no 45/19/2018-GST dated 30.05.2018

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