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PRESS RELEASE

After the grand successes of the last two Exports Refund Fortnights during March 2018 and June 2018, the third Special Refund Fortnight is being held from 16th July 2018 to 31st July 2018.

Micro Small and Medium Exporters had their IGST refund held up due to various reasons and they were unable to approach to Customs Port of Exports due to factors like distance, lack of information/ knowledge etc. As a part of ongoing refund Fortnight it has been decided to set up a Help Desk at the office of FIEO and AEPC for expeditious resolution for IGST refund related issue. Information regarding exports through all Ports will be available and documents will be accepted and forwarded to the Customs Formations/Nodal Officer of the respective Ports from this HELP DESK.

In this connection a Help Desk facility for Cochin has been set up at the building of Office of the Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO), Marine building, 1st Floor, Malabar Road, North End, Willingdon Island, Kochi-682009. The help desk facilities would be available from **20th July 2018 to 1st August 2018** between the time 4pm and 6pm.

Three outreach programs are being conducted as a part of the Special Fortnight at various parts of Kerala to sensitize the exporters on Authorised Economic Operators program and the errors in filing GST returns and Shipping bills.


27.7.2018 – 10 AM to 1.30 PM- Alleppey (associated with FIEO and Federation of Indian Coir Exporters Association).

30.07.2018 - 10 AM to 1.30 PM – KANNUR (associated with FIEO and Kerala Textile Export Organisation).

31.07.2018 - 10 AM to 1.30 PM - CALICUT (associated with North Malabar Chamber of Commerce).

Despite wide publicity and outreach programmes to make exporters aware about the need to have identical details in invoices given in shipping Bills and GST returns, it has been observed that a few exporters continue to commit such errors. Therefore, in view of the ongoing Refund Fortnight, giving high priority to the interests of exporters, errors like Invoice mismatch on export documents and GST return, declaration of wrong GSTN ID in Shipping Bill, etc will be cleared by Customs Officials on production of sufficient documents for the Shipping Bills filed upto 30.06.2018. However, at the same time, exporters are advised to henceforth ensure due diligence and discipline to avoid such mismatch errors as **such extensions are not likely to be considered in future.**

A Special Refund Fortnight will be organized from 16.07.2018 to 31.07.2018 in which Central and State GST Officers will strive to clear all the Refund applications/claims through Shipping Bills filed on or before 30.6.2018. All exporters in the state are requested to cooperate to make this Special Fortnight a grand success by clearing errors in their IGST returns. For any kind of assistance in this regard, exporters can contact Shri M S Suresh, Assistant Commissioner of Customs at 0484-2668040 during office hours


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