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In exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 1.03 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, the Director General of Foreign Trade, in order to facilitate transitional arrangements, hereby notifies the amendments to Handbook of Procedures of FTP 2015-20. These amendments shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 1st April, 2015.

1. Amendment in paragraph 1.05

Amended paragraph 1.05 shall read as under:-

1.05 Procedure

- (a) An exporter shall file his application online on DGFT website at <http://dgft.gov.in/>. Application will then be processed in accordance with prevalent rules and regulations. The processing of applications will be made online. DGFT shall issue deficiency letters, if any, in online mode or through use of e-mail. No communication shall be issued by DGFT in manual mode.
- (b) As a measure of transitional arrangement, exporters may file application manually, till EDI online module is ready or upto 30th September, 2015 whichever is earlier, for the following category of applications:-**
- (i) Application for Status Holder Certificate in ANF 3C under paragraph 3.19**
 - (ii) Application for bond waiver in ANF 4F under paragraph 4.47**
 - (iii) Application for Nominated Agency Certificate in ANF 4-I under paragraph 4.94.**

2. **Amendment in paragraph 3.19 (a)**

Amended paragraph 3.19 (a) shall read as under:-

“3.19 Application for grant of Status Certificate

- (a) Status Certificates issued under FTP 2009-14 to an IEC holder shall remain valid till **30th September, 2015** or till the issuance of status certificate to such IEC holder under FTP 2015-20, whichever is earlier.”

Effect of this Public Notice: Amendments to the Handbook of Procedures of FTP 2015-2020, have been notified, in order to facilitate transitional arrangements in respect of filing of applications and validity of Status Holder Certificate. These amendments shall be deemed to have come into effect from 1st April, 2015.

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