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**Subject: Amendment in Para 2.84 of Chapter 2 of HBP 2015-2020**

In exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020, Director General of Foreign Trade hereby makes the following amendment in the Handbook of Procedures (HBP) 2015-20 with immediate effect:

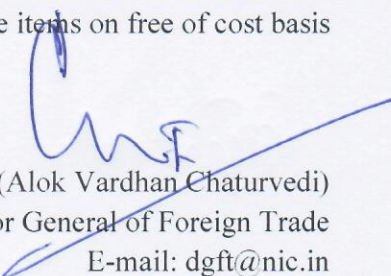
**Existing Para 2.84 of Chapter 2 of HBP 2015-2020:**

“Status holders shall be entitled to export freely exportable items on free of cost basis for export promotion subject to an annual limit of Rs. 10 lakh or 2% of average annual export realisation during preceding three licensing years, whichever is lower”

**Amended Para 2.84 of Chapter-2 of HBP 2015-2020:**

“Status holders shall be entitled to export freely exportable items (excluding Gems and Jewellery, Articles of Gold and precious metals) on free of cost basis for export promotion subject to an annual limit of Rupees One Crore or 2% of average annual export realization during preceding three licensing years, whichever is lower. For export of pharma products by pharmaceutical companies, the annual limit would be 2% of the average annual export realisation during preceding three licensing years. In case of supplies of pharmaceutical products, vaccines and lifesaving drugs to health programmes of international agencies such as UN, WHO-PAHO and Government health programmes, the annual limit shall be upto 8% of the average annual export realisation during preceding three licensing years. Such free of cost supplies shall not be entitled to Duty Drawback or any other export incentive under any export promotion scheme.”

**Effect of this Notification:** Entitlement to export freely exportable items on free of cost basis by Status Holders has been revised.

  
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