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A notification has been released on clarification regarding Chip Import Monitoring System (CHIMS) by the Director-General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

The Policy circular No. 40/2015-2020, dated 27th June 2022 states that items that fall under the ITC)HS) codes 85423100, 85423200, 85423300, 85423900 and 85429000 falling in Chapter-85 of ITC (HS) from 'Free' to 'Free subject to compulsory registration under Chip Import Monitoring System (CHIMS). The Directorate General of foreign trade has received multiple requests for clarification on these topics from various stakeholders.

The circular by the DGFT addressed the issues referred to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. And based on the queries, the ministry gave out clarifications.

The first question was whether multiple consignments could be clubbed together under a single CHIMS registration and imported if the validity period of CHIMS has not expired. In response, the government said importers could import numerous products under a single registration number. However, for each shipment, a separate registration number is required.

The second question was related to whether air/sea shipments are exempted from the CHIMS regulation? DGFT clarified that CHIMS should apply to all air/sea shipments. The importer can also make the CHIMs registration on the same day of arrival of import.

Lastly, Whether the CHIMS will apply to ITC (HS) code 84733010 for microprocessors and ITC (HS) code 84733099 for memory modules. The ministry clarified that the Microprocessors 84733010 and memory modules under ITC (HS) code 84733099 are exempted from CHIMS.

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