

**APPAREL EXPORT PROMTOIN COUNCIL**

**Circular from Central Board of Central Excise and Customs**

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**Sub: Clearance of goods from Custom Bonded warehouses utilizing duty credit scrips of SFIS, VKGUY, FMS, FPS, SHIS**

1 An issue was raised before Central Board of Central Excise and Customs as to whether duty credit scrips issued under the Chapter 3 schemes of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) viz Served from India Scheme (SFIS), Vishesh Krishi Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY), Focus Market Scheme (FMS), Focus Product Scheme (FPS) and Status Holder Incentive Scheme (SHIS) can be utilized for clearance of goods from Custom Bonded warehouses.

2 The matter has been examined. Clearance of goods from Custom Bonded warehouses is allowable by utilizing DEPB credit scrips as per procedure mentioned in Circular No. 68/2000 dated 18.8.2000 and Circular No. 72/2003-Cus dated 11.8.2003. However, since the schemes such as SFIS, VKGUY, FMS, FPS, SHIS have come into being only after issuance of these circulars, these schemes do not find specific mention in the said circulars.

3 All the schemes viz SFIS, VKGUY, FMS, FPS, SHIS provide for duty credit scrips which can be utilized for import of goods subject to conditions and limitations detailed in the Foreign Trade Policy (2009-14).

It is clarified by the Board that duty credit scrips of these schemes are allowed for clearance of goods from Custom Bonded warehouses under the same procedure as prescribed for DEPB scrips under Circular 68/2000 dated 18.8.2000 and 72/2003-Cus dated 11.8.2003 and subject to the conditions and limitations mentioned in Foreign Trade Policy(2009-14).