Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade

Notification No. 32 /2015-2020

New Delhi, Dated: 8 November, 2019

Subject: Amendment in Policy Condition No. 3 of Chapter 88 and incorporation of Policy Condition No. 3 in Chapter 95 of ITC (HS) 2017, Schedule- I (Import Policy) -regd.

S.O. (E): In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of FT (D&R) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government, hereby amends Policy Condition 3 of Chapter 88 and also incorporate it as Policy Condition No. 3 in Chapter 95 of ITC (HS) 2017, Schedule- I (Import Policy), as under:

Existing Policy Condition No.3

Import of Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)/ Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAVs)/ Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs)/ drones is 'Restricted' requiring prior clearance of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and import license from DGFT.

Revised Policy Condition No.3

Import of Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)/Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAVs)/Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs)/drones is 'Restricted' requiring prior clearance of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and import license from DGFT.

Further, import of Civil Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) is governed as per the Guidelines issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation vide F.No.05-13/2014-AED Vol. IV dated 27th August, 2018.

However, Nano category (less than or equal to 250 grams) and operating below 50ft/ 15 meters above ground level **requires** Equipment Type Approval (ETA) from WPC Wing, Department of Telecommunications for operating in de – licensed frequency band(s) and does not require import clearance of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) or import license from DGFT.

2. Effect of this Notification: Policy Condition for Nano Category of Civil Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs) is laid down in sync with the Guidelines issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation vide F.No.05-13/2014-AED Vol.IV dated 27th August, 2018 and O.M. No.R-11017/05/2017-PP dated 27/09/2019 of WPC wing of Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communication.

This issues with the approval of Minister of Commerce & Industry.

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Note1.: The principal notification No. 36/2015-2020, dated the 17th January, 2017 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number S.O. 172 (E), dated the 17th January, 2017.