Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India



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Special Secretary Logistics, Ministry of Commerce, UdyogBhawan, New Delhi 110107

Dear Sir,

Sub: Registration Code of MSME for Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Separately

The undersigned thank you for the courtesy extended today to discuss the above referred subject.

Why we require specific NIC code under UdyogAadhar separately:

Custom Brokers:

Custom Brokers are licensed under Section 146 of the Customs Act 1962 by the Commissioner of Customs, under Ministry of Finance. Only Authorised Custom Brokers who are registered under the Directorate of Systems, Ministry of Finance would be able to handle the Exim Trade. The Exim Trade Authorises the Custom Brokers in writing to handle the shipment. We are the eyes and ears of the Customs who also have knowledge of various laws of land including the Exim Trade policies & procedures, GST, Cross Border movements, various Dangerous Goods Regulations etc etc.this activity is a specialized activity and we undertake and facilitate more than 98% of the International Cargo Exim Trade in India.

Freight Forwarders:

Freight Forwarder is the one who arranges International Freight, Domestic Freight, Packing Labeling & Marking, warehousing, consolidation, movement of goods by Air, Sea and Land all across the territorial borders of the world, third country movements, issuance of Transport Documents Negotiable as well as Non Negotiable, insurance, Liability of the cargo where ever applicable, negotiating best options based on the Inco Terms, etc.

On perusal of the both the activities you would kindly agree with us that these are very specialized activities which requires separate NIC CODE UNDER UDYOG AADHAR.

Our members are predominantly MSME who recovers cost plus profit after the job is accomplished. There are several occasions we need to have protection from bad debts. We also need separate registration to participate in Government Tenders who give preference to the registrants.

In view of the above may we request your good offices to help in getting this issue resolved.

Yours faithfully,

For FEDERATION OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS ASSOCIATIONS IN INDIA

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Immediate Past Chairman



