



Fiberweb (India) Limited

Manufacturers of : Spunbond Nonwoven Fabrics

Sub: 100% EOU – DGFT blanket ban on export of technical textile not used for mask or PPE manufacturing.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are a 100% EOU, producing PP Spunbound and Meltblown fabrics with our manufacturing facility located in the Union Territory of Daman. We are the pioneers in this field and were the first company in India to set up a plant for producing non-woven fabric way back in 1996. Our products are exported all over the world and we have a presence in all geographical and end-use segments. The non-woven fabric manufactured by us find use in array of applications such as hygiene (baby diapers, sanitary napkins), agriculture (crop/climate protection cover), hospital, lawn and garden fabrics, industrial and general textile applications, etc.

Due to our undiluted commitment to quality, timely delivery and focus on customer satisfaction we have a well-deserved reputation as reliable and quality supplier of PP Spunbound and Meltblown.

Bulk of our exports go to the USA, Europe, Australia and New Zealand with some supplies going to the Middle-East and Africa. Needless to say as a 100% EOU, we are earning foreign exchange for the country.

Unfortunately by the DGFT circular no 52/2015-2020 dated **19th March 2020**, DGFT has **banned all exports under HSN code 5603, irrespective of end-use of the non-woven sought to be exported** i.e., whether the fabrics are meant to be used in other applications which are completely unconnected with face masks and PPE or any other Covid19 related applications.

In fact we have had a similar situation on the day DGFT issued the circular where in a container which was loaded and sealed for one of our US customer was been emptied and sent back to Mumbai. This particular container was carrying non woven fabrics which had **absolutely nothing to do with any applications against Covid19 like face masks or PPE** but still could not be exported since all non-woven fabrics irrespective of end-use stood ban because of the DGFT's circular. Also there are more than 8-10 container loads lying in our plant waiting for DGFT ban to be suitably modified or revoked so that these can be exported, because of this ban our customers are loosing patience and there is an imminent possibility of our company being blacklisted by them thus reducing our mutual trust and blemish free reputation built over the last 24 years. Once this happens it will be virtually impossible for us to get back into the good books of our customers, thus calling into question our viability and indeed, our very own existence as a 100% EOU. Moreover, we are also unable to accept orders from our overseas customers since we are not in position to commit to any ship dates in view of the in discriminate ban on exports of all non-woven imposed by DGFT.

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Product is manufactured in the plant, where the Management system is certified for ISO 9001:2015, 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001:2007

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We are prepared to give an **undertaking that the non-woven fabrics exported by us are not meant for use in facemasks or PPE. Our customers are also ready to give a declaration to this effect. Thereby, We earnestly request to kindly look into the matter and issue necessary guidance so that DGFT can suitably modify the circular under reference or special permission may be given to us for export under HSN CODE 5603. It will help in earning foreign exchange for our Country.**

Your immediate action is requested.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For **Fiberweb (India) Limited**



Pravin V. Sheth
Chairman

