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Dear Esteemed Members,

As we continue to confront COVID-19 and the changes in our day to day life, we at Asian Exporters' Chamber of commerce & Industry hope you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy.

I feel honoured to present you the combined Newsletter for last two quarter that we had put on hold due to the lockdown. Now we are back to work as per Government of India's guidelines. Even during the complete lockdown phase and following No-Physical-Contact and social distancing guidelines, we came up with innovative initiatives to facilitate your business. A unique system was developed during the lockdown for all our member exporters where we provided them with digital services to issue Certificate of origin (NP) and for which we received many appreciation from all. Same is being followed even today for our community members falling under containment zones.

Insisting on digital working, recently we have launched the Enrolment drive for the new companies who wish to join us. They can digitally submit their enrolment application and can enjoy the benefits of membership. Through our publications we are giving your business an opportunity to get highlighted. Please contact our COO team for further updates on this.

As a responsible organization, we are keeping a regular check on the impact of this pandemic on our member's business and trying to come up with all the measures and resources to minimize this. Our efforts to update you on all the recent policy changes are personally been looked after by the management.

Like previous years, this year also, the chamber will work to promote business in a way that balances prosperity with quality of life can be maintained. Though we wish situation to be improved at the soonest and anyhow we are here to support our members. During this difficult time, AECCI is committed to stay connected digitally. We wish tomorrow to be a better day for us, our nation and the whole world..

Thank you for supporting the chamber and if you are not a member yet, consider joining and take advantage of all the opportunities we have to offer. With us various professional services are available under single roof so "COME AND GROW WITH US".

Stay safe, connected and healthy.

Jaheer J. Bukhari
Board Chairman-AECCI

Industry News

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21.09.2020: On 21st September, First ever Cargo Ferry Service between India and the Maldives was jointly launched on Monday under Indian Ocean Connectivity initiatives. In a virtual ceremony both Sh. Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State for Shipping and Sh. Aishath Nahula, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of the Maldives were present. The ferry service will run twice a month. It will be operated by Shipping Corporation of India on a vessel with a capacity of 380 TEUs, sources added.

Hon. PM Narendra Modi In his address during his State Visit to the Maldives in June 2019 announced India's commitment to start a ferry service connecting India and the Maldives.

20.09.2020: On imports of Open cell for televisions, India will impose a 5% customs duty w.e.f. October 1, 2020, this is in line with government's view to increase local manufacturing and value addition.

Government officials said that price increase due to this duty will not be more than Rs 250 per TV, dismissing claims of substantive price hikes being put forth by the industry. The customs duty exemption given to open cell for a period of one year will end on September 30.

18.09.2020: W.e.f. 21.09.2020, Importers will have to do their due diligence to ensure that imported goods meet the prescribed 'rules of origin' provisions for availing concessional rate of customs under free trade agreements (FTAs), the finance ministry said. The Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020 (CAROTAR, 2020), notified on August 21, 2020, shall come into force from September 21, 2020, the ministry said in a statement. "Also, an importer would now have to enter certain origin related information in the Bill of Entry, as available in the Certificate of Origin," it added.

18.09.2020: Import duty on masoor dal has been reduced by 20 per cent till October-end, a move by Government of India to increase the availability in the domestic market. A notification of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has amended a June 2017 notification "so as to reduce" the basic customs duty on lentil (masoor dal) for the period from September 18, 2020 to October 31, 2020".

11.09.2020: Bangladesh, the neighboring country has given special permission to its traders for the export of 1450 tonnes of hilsa fish. Bangladesh had banned exports of hilsa fish in 2012 and now it issues special permission to export the fish.

25.08.2020: The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) announced the deferred duty payment scheme, adding that it had centralized intimation of entitlement to the scheme to all customs ports, thereby removing another hurdle for compliance.

Central and state level public sector undertakings (PSUs) can now pay customs duty 15 days after clearance of imported goods through customs, a move that is set to ensure speedier clearance and ease compliance for companies. "This measure is expected to result in speedier clearance of the goods imported by the PSUs, thereby helping them in their activities," the Board said in a statement.

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(NEWS SOURCE: KNN and Various Newspapers)



21.08.2020: India imposed anti-dumping duty on phosphoric acid from Korea for five years with a view to guard domestic manufacturers from cheap imports.

21.08.2020: China is extending an anti-dumping tariff on a fibre optic product made in India, the Ministry of Commerce said on Thursday.

The punitive tariff on single-mode optical fibre takes effect from Aug. 14 and lasts for five years, with tariffs ranging between 7.4% and 30.6% depending on the specific Indian manufacturers, the ministry said.

11.08.2020: India has tightened the import norms for certain chemicals and plastics mandating their importers to submit the bill of entry to the ministry of environment, forests and climate change for some items and prohibited the imports of those which contain HCFC, an ozone-depleting chemical. These chemicals are used in cleaning agents, fire extinguishers and refrigerants and China is the largest exporter of these goods to India.

11.08.2020: The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) amended the export policy of Rice and deferred the requirement of a certificate of inspection by export inspection agencies for exporting rice to European countries to January 1, 2021.

“Export to remaining European countries (except Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) will require Certificate of Inspection by Export Inspection Council / Export Inspection Agency for export from January 1, 2021,” DGFT said in the notification.

22.07.2020: In an effort to boost trade with neighbouring country and in response to the request of the Royal Government of Bhutan, India has opened up an additional trade route under Jaigaon Land Customs Station (LCS). This was opened up at Ahllay, Pasakha on July 15. While helping in boosting bilateral trade & commerce, it will help in the decongestion of vehicular traffic along the Jaigaon – Phuentsholing route,” a source confirmed to Financial Express Online.

13.07.2020: The government of India lifted the prohibition on export of all non-woven fabric used for production of masks and coveralls other than those in the 25-70 GSM (grams per square metre) and melt-blown categories. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) vide a notification said that export of non-woven fabric for 25-70 GSM and melt-blown fabric continues to be in the prohibited category.

“All other non-woven fabrics with GSM other than 25-70 GSM are freely allowed for exports,” DGFT said.

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(NEWS SOURCE: KNN and Various Newspapers)



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23.06.2020: With a view to guard domestic manufacturers from cheap India has imposed anti-dumping duty on imports of certain type of steel products from China, Vietnam and Korea for five years. The duty imposed is in the range of USD 13.07 per tonne to USD 173.1 per tonne on imports of 'Flat rolled product of steel, plated or coated with alloy of Aluminium and Zinc'.

"The anti-dumping duty imposed under this notification shall be effective for a period of five years (unless revoked, amended or superseded earlier) from the date of imposition of the provisional anti-dumping duty, that is, October 15, 2019," the department of revenue said in a notification.

11.06.2020: India has lifted an export ban on hydroxychloroquine, the anti-malarial drug touted by U.S. President Donald Trump as a potential "game changer" in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, a minister said late on Wednesday.

"Department of Pharmaceuticals has approved the lifting of ban on Export of Hydroxychloroquine API as well as formulations," India's minister for chemicals and fertilizers, Sadananda Gowda, said. Manufacturers, except export-oriented units and those in special economic zones, would still have to supply 20% of their production to the domestic market, Gowda said.

06.06.2020: India has imposed anti-dumping duty on imports of electronic calculators from Malaysia for five years with a view to guard domestic players from cheap imports from that country. After conducting a probe, the commerce ministry's investigation arm Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) had recommended anti-dumping duty on electronic calculators from Malaysia. "The anti-dumping duty imposed (USD 0.92 per piece) shall be effective for a period of five years (unless revoked, amended or superseded earlier)," the department of revenue has said in a notification.

04.06.2020: Under the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) to the US, the government of India has permitted additional export of 3,569 tonnes of raw and refined sugar. "Additional quantity of 3,569 tonnes of raw cane sugar and refined sugar for export to the US, under TRQ up to September 30, 2020, has been notified," Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a public notice.

It added that with this quantity, total sugar export to the US under TRQ during US fiscal year 2020 would be 12,738 tonnes.

Industry News

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27.05.2020: The probe into alleged dumping of polyester yarn was launched following a complaint by eight domestic manufacturers (polyester yarn, used in the garment industry, from China, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam). In their application to the commerce ministry's investigation arm Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), these these companies alleged that dumping of the yarn from these countries is impacting the domestic industry and the government should impose anti-dumping duty on the imports.

The DGTR, vide a notification said that on the basis of the prima facie evidence submitted by the domestic firms, the authority, hereby, initiates an investigation to determine the existence, degree and effect of any alleged dumping" of the product from these nations. The directorate would probe whether the dumping of the product is impacting domestic players and if this is established, DGTR will recommend imposition of anti-dumping duty. The revenue department will take the final decision on duty imposition.

07.04.2020: DGFT has issued a notification allowing the export of a dozen active pharmaceutical ingredients (API), including antibiotics, vitamins and hormones as well as their formulations, which were placed under restriction in March 2020 to avoid a domestic shortage due to the Covid-19 outbreak. These APIs include Tinidazole, Metronidazole, Acyclovir, Vitamin B1, B6, B12, Progesterone, Chloramphenicol, Erythromycin salts, Neomycin, Clindamycin salts and Ornidazole.

01.04.2020: The government of India through a notification extended the existing foreign trade policy for one year till March 2021. Decision was taken amid the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown.

“The existing foreign trade policy 2015-20 which is valid up to March 31 this year is extended up to March 31, 2021,” the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification.

As per the notification, the validity of various import-linked export schemes such as Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) has been extended by one year.

NOTIFICATIONS (DGFT/CUSTOMS)



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DGFT NOTIFICATIONS (APRIL 2020 - SEPTEMBER 2020)		
Date	Notification No	Title
30-07-2020	Trade Notice No. 23/2020-2021	<u>Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin for India's exports to Thailand under ASEAN-India FTA</u>
30-06-2020	PUBLIC NOTICE No. 11/2015-2020	<u>Extension of validity of Recognition of Pre-shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs)</u>
29-06-2020	Trade Notice No. 17/2020-2021	<u>Procedure and Criteria for submission and approval of applications for export of PPE Medical Coveralls for COVID-19</u>
25-06-2020	Trade Notice No. 16/2020-2021	<u>Launch of new DGFT platform and Digital delivery of IEC related services -reg</u>
21-06-2020	Trade Notice No. 15/2020-2021	<u>Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin for India's exports to Vietnam under ASEAN-India FTA</u>
08/06/2020	Public Notice No. 10/2015-20	<u>Amendment in Para 2.20(b) of Handbook of Procedures (HBP) of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 regarding revalidation of Export Authorization/Licences for Non-SCOMET and SCOMET items</u>
01/06/2020	Public Notice No. 09/2015-2020	<u>Amendments in the Appendix 3B, Table 2 of the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)</u>
01/06/2020	Trade Notice No. 13/2020-21	<u>Implementation of MoU between India and Mozambique for import of pigeon peas and other pulses grown in Mozambique during 2020-21</u>
22-05-2020	TRADE NOTICE NO. 12/2020-2021	<u>Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin for India's exports to Thailand and Vietnam under ASEAN-India FTA</u>
14-05-2020	TRADE NOTICE NO. 11/2020-2021	<u>Extension of Interest Equalisation Scheme (IES) for Pre and Post shipment Rupee Export Credit for one more year i.e. upto 31.03.2021 with same scope and coverage</u>
12-05-2020	PUBLIC NOTICE No. 05/2015-2020	<u>Procedure for availing Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) on Specified Agriculture Products-claims to be made on per Kilogram basis for the shipments by air regarding.</u>
21-04-2020	Trade Notice No. 05/2020-21	<u>Restriction on import of Pulses</u>
21-04-2020	TRADE NOTICE NO. 06/2020-2021	<u>Laying down of modalities for import of Peas and Pulses for the fiscal year 2020-21.</u>
15-04-2020	Trade Notice: 03/2020-21	<u>Manner of Continuation of Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) for shipments on or after 01.04.2020 and Introduction of the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme</u>
13-04-2020	PUBLIC NOTICE No. 02/2015-2020	<u>Procedure for availing Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) on Specified Agriculture Products - relaxation of time for submission of physical copy of application.</u>
07-04-2020	Public Notice No. 01/2015-20	<u>One time condonation under the EPCG Scheme-Extension till 31.03.2021 -reg</u>
07-04-2020	Trade Notice No. 01/2020-2021	<u>Electronic filling and Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin for India's Exports under AIFTA, IJCEPA, SAPTA, SAFTA, APTA, ISLFTA w.e.f. 07th April 2020</u>
06-04-2020	TRADE NOTICE NO 62/2019-2020	<u>Retrospective Issuance of Certificates of Origin under India's Trade Agreements</u>

BILATERAL TALKS:

23.09.2020- India in the process of finalizing FTA with Mauritius: Mr. Piyush Goyal

India is in the process of finalizing the proposed free trade agreement with Mauritius which is aimed at further strengthening economic ties between the countries, said, Commerce and Industry Minister.

The proposed India-Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) seeks to mutually benefit both the countries in the area of trade in goods and services, he was quoted as saying in a statement.

"At present, we have a number of different comprehensive partnership arrangements with countries around the world and we are in the process of finalizing a CECPA with Mauritius," Goyal said at the CII-EXIM Bank Digital Conclave on India Africa project partnership.

18.09.2020: India engaging with ASEAN to review free trade agreement: Piyush Goyal.

India is engaging with the 10-member ASEAN to review the free trade agreement. In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said in the India-ASEAN Economic Ministers Consultations held on August 29, both sides instructed the senior officials to engage to determine the scope of the review. The ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement was signed on August 13, 2009. It came into force on January 1, 2010. FTAs essentially involve mutual concessions between the parties. "Provisions are envisaged to periodically address any gaps, shortcomings and imbalance. India proposes to suitably use these provisions," he said. In a free trade agreement, two trading partners either significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on maximum number of goods traded between them. "Government of India is engaging with ASEAN to review the FTA in accordance with related provisions of the agreement," he said.

16 September 2020 - India and UK to negotiate an FTA shortly: Mr. Piyush Goyal

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways Sh. Piyush Goyal, said that India and United Kingdom will begin the process of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) shortly.

According to Minister, it has been agreed that India and the UK would look at an early harvest agreement to begin with. The early harvest agreement could take the form of a Preferential Trade Agreement with about 40-50 items of trade interest between the two countries.

13.09.2020-Govt finalises draft of PTA with Bhutan

Government of India has finalised a draft of a preferential trade agreement (PTA) to be signed between Bangladesh and Bhutan within the next month. Commerce ministry will place the final draft of the proposed PTA at the cabinet meeting. If the deal goes through, it would be the first formal PTA for Bangladesh with any country.



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AECCI Briefing DGFT Provisions

Ceiling on incentives under Merchandise Export from India Scheme.

India's export subsidy scheme was being disputed at the World Trade Organization. US had challenged the India's export subsidy programs at the WTO citing that it had hurt American business.

The Director General of Foreign trade announced the ceiling on incentives under Merchandise Export from India Scheme. Vide [Notification No. 30/2015-20/01.09.2020](#) DGFT imposed the ceiling /cap of claim on MEIS incentive for the exports made from 01.09.2020 to 31.12.2020. (The above ceiling may be subject to downward revision to ensure that total claim under the scheme for the period 01.09.2020 to 31.12.2020 is not exceeding prescribed government allocation of Rs. 5,000 Cr.).

Key points from the notifications are as below:

- The Total reward under MEIS will not exceed Rs. 2 Crore per IEC for exports made during the period 01.09.2020 to 31.12.2020
- New IEC Obtained on or after 01.09.2020 will not be eligible for MEIS exports made with effect from 01.09.2020
- IEC holders who have not done any exports for a period of one year preceding 01.09.2020 will not be eligible for claiming under MEIS.
- MEIS scheme will not be available for exports made with effect from 01.01.2021

Under MEIS, the government provides duty benefits, depending on the product and the destination country. Rewards under the scheme are payable as a percentage of the realised free-on-board value (of 2%, 3% and 5%) and the MEIS duty credit scrips can be transferred or used to pay duties including basic customs duty.

AECCI Briefing DGFT Provisions

Rules to verify origin of goods imported under FTA to take effect on September 21

The Finance Ministry of India communicated on September 15, 2020 that the new customs rules that were introduced during the Budget session in February this year will come into force from September 21, 2020.

Taking in to consideration the regular representations received from domestic industry regarding misuse of FTA route to escape customs duty on imports, the government had decided on reviewing the existing FTAs and to take suitable action to put a brake on their misuse

Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman had introduced a new provision in the Customs Act to ensure strict verification of rules of origin of imports under FTAs. Accordingly the new notified set of Customs Rules for Administration of Rules of Origin under FTA will finally come into effect on September 21.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) had found a large-scale fraud in the imports under DTA, Under this areca nut from a third non-FTA country was being imported into India from an FTA partner country, duly covered by Certificates of Origin and which were later found to be incorrect. Most of the FTAs had been misused to export goods to India without adhering to the Rules of Origin requirement. In 2019,. This FTA misuse was also found in black pepper and cocoa powder imports from non-FTA countries and labeled as originating from FTA partner country.

In order to put an end to such malpractices, 21st September onwards, the Customs would be closely monitoring the FTA imports of items such as mobile phones, white goods, set-top boxes, incense sticks, cameras and other electronic goods.

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Upcoming Events:

- Diplomatic Associations are on the table and to be signed in the coming months.
- Annual Magazine-Volume-III is ready for publishing. It shall be available to read by October last week.
- AECCI Marketing Assistance Centers are ready to be operational by January 2021.
- List of Workshops and seminars is scheduled for upcoming months. Details are to be shared shortly over mail.



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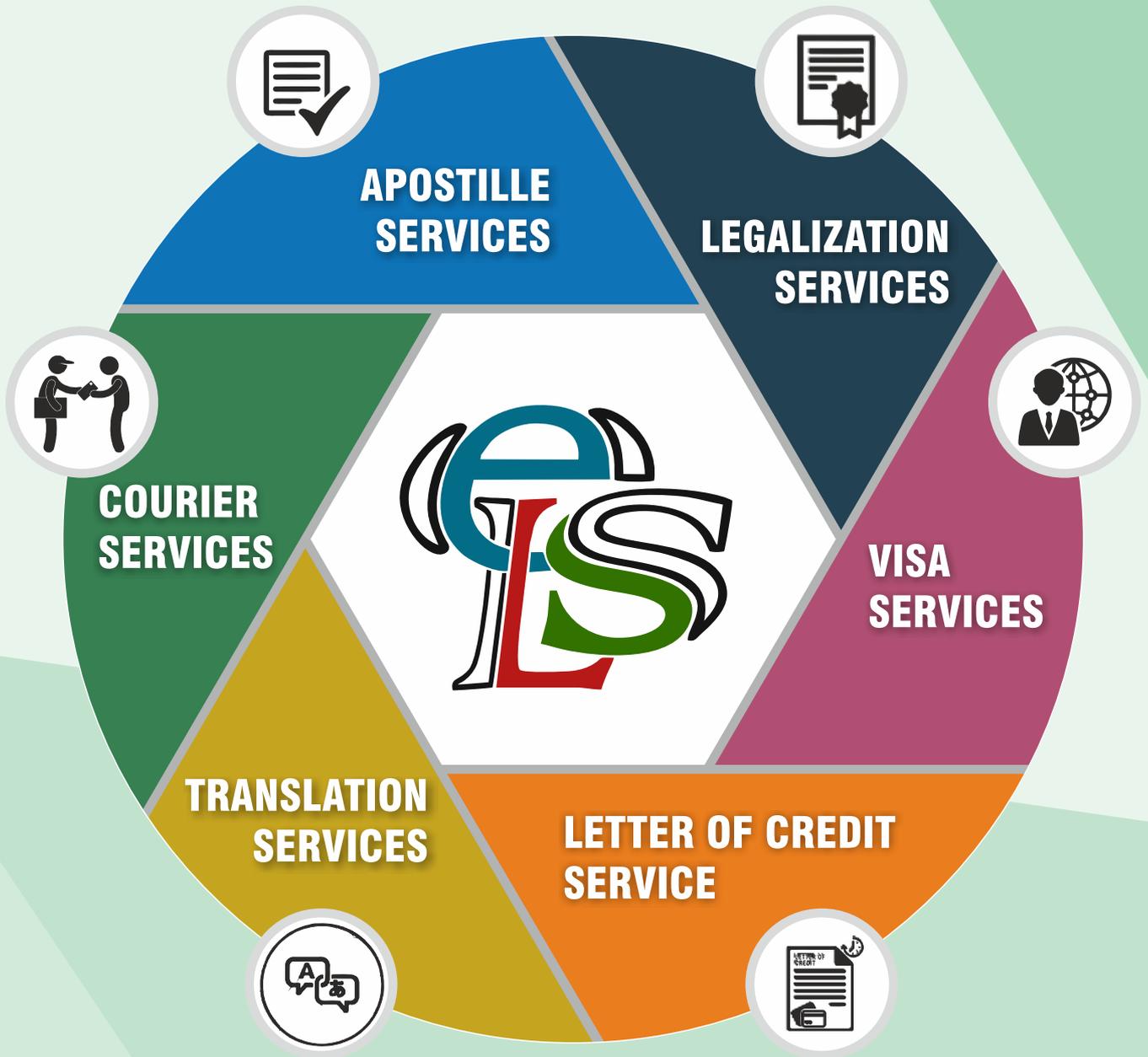
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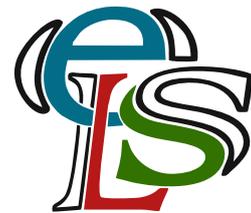
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