



Expression of Interest

Commissioning of a Study to examine existing schemes of zero rated imports for export sectors

Existing schemes of zero rated imports for export sector like, DTRE and temporary importation schemes (SRO1065) etc have excessive documentation and complicated procedures, hence, the usage of these schemes is very low. Making manufacturing for exports easy, requires simplification of Customs procedures for import of raw materials, plant and machinery, semi finished products and manufactured components, as well.

2. To achieve this objective, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan is conducting a study by an independent consultancy firm/ consultant, of repute to examine existing procedures and documentation required in existing schemes. The study will also examine as to how these procedures /business processes are actually practiced and how these can be simplified.

Expressions of Interest are invited from Trade Consultancy firms/ individual consultants

Core expertise required.

- a. Knowledge of supply/ value chain of Pakistan's major existing and future potential sectors
- b. Import requirements of these identified sectors
- c. Customs Act 1969
- d. Overall Customs procedures for imports, mainly relating to valuation, rules of origin, goods examination and clearance thereof.
- e. Customs export procedures
- f. Knowledge of operational working of SRO1065, DTRE, bonded warehouse, manufacturing bond, EOU scheme for SME and EPZ laws
- g. Knowledge of working of IOCO and duty draw back regime.
- h. Knowledge of similar schemes in countries like India, Thailand, Malaysia, China, Vietnam etc
- i. Trade Facilitation work done by WTO, UNCTAD/ITC, OECD, WCO, UN/ECE, ICC etc
- j. Strong linkages with major exporters associations and trade bodies/Chambers

Terms of Reference

- i. To examine existing schemes of importation for exports.
- ii. To enlist various procedures at each stage of imports /exports along with timeline for each business process.
- iii. To enlist documents required at each stage
- iv. To identify Critical stages in the processes
- v. To find out problems faced by exporters at each stage.
- vi. To calculate costs incurred by exporting in their use
- vii. To determine how far Customs officials are well versed with all the processes and facilities offered for exporters , in these schemes
- viii. To examine as to how these procedures /business processes are actually practiced, by different categories of exporters and in various sectors, and different Customs environment i.e Care, Karachi and dry ports.
- ix. To ascertain how far exporters and service providers such as Clearing agents, Banks etc are aware of the knitty gritty of these schemes.
- x. To determine quantum of usage of these schemes in total imports for export sectors i.e percentage of exporters/export volumes , availing these schemes in comparison with those opting Duty drawback regime
- xi. To conduct Benchmarking of such schemes in other countries like India, Thailand, Malaysia, China , Vietnam etc
- xii. To suggest improvements in all schemes through simplification of documents and reducing timeline, hassle and actual costs incurred by exporters.
- xiii. To devise new schemes customized for different sectors/ categories of exports (Small, Medium, Large, MNC's etc), and for different Customs environment
- xiv. To devise business processes for the new scheme announced in Trade Policy 08-9, whereby a notified percentage of inputs may be allowed to be imported at zero duties against FOB value of exports with flexibility to import any product among the notified list in any quantity within the overall entitlement of the exporter.

3. This study is required to be completed in 60 days.

4. The interested Trade Consultancy firms/individual consultants are encouraged to send their Expression of interest along with Technical and Financial proposals in separate sealed cover, to the undersigned, latest by 4th June, 2009.

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