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Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways, OM No. P-41/2/2025-IEM DATA dated 09.02.2026 of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, reg. self-declaratory nature of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEM) is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
(IEM Section)

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 09th February 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification regarding self-declaratory nature of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEM) - regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEM) Acknowledgements being issued by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to industrial undertakings in the delicensed sector.

2. It has been observed that over a period of time, IEM acknowledgements are often being mandated by the Ministries/Departments, State/UT Governments and their agencies as a compliance requirement or verification mechanism for purposes such as grant of incentives, subsidies, electricity connections, land allotment, or other statutory clearances, which is not in accordance with the self-declaratory framework of IEM as per Para IV of the Gazette Notification dated 25th July 1991 issued under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 and Press Notes Nos.09(1991), 22(1991) and 17(1997) issued thereafter in this regard.

3. Under para 6, Press Note 9 (1991 Series) dated 2nd August, 1991, it is stated that *"In respect of new projects for manufacture of articles not covered by compulsory licensing or their substantial expansions, the only requirement would be that the industrial undertaking shall file a memorandum in prescribed form to the Secretariat for Industrial approvals (SIA) in the Ministry of Industry..... The receipt will be acknowledged by the SIA and a reference number will be given."* Further it is stated that *"The industrial undertakings shall also file another memorandum in prescribed form with the SIA at the time of commencement of commercial production."*

4. Further, Press Note Nos. 22(1991) & 17(1998) clarifies that *"the requirement of the entrepreneurs having to file a memorandum is intended **purely for statistical purposes** and to conduct a limited post-facto check to see whether the proposed manufacturing activity requires an industrial license or not. The procedure is not in the nature of any registration involving scrutiny of the memorandum. Acknowledgement of IEM is given on the spot on prima facie evidence of not attracting the provisions of licensing, cannot, therefore, be construed as a clearance or approval to carry on an industrial activity contemplated*

in the IEM....."

6. In view of the above, the concerned State and Central Authorities should not make IEM acknowledgements mandatory for availing any incentive or service or seeking any other statutory clearance from the authority. It is also observed that the information available through the IEM is either already sought as part of other information required for availing incentive or service/ clearance, or it can be easily available from the original source such as the MCA21 portal for company details through API linkage. It is, therefore, requested that the concerned State and Central authorities should modify their guidelines or rules accordingly to remove such requirements and confirm to DPIIT.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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