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**Circular**

In view of the covid-19 pandemic and the consequent lockdowns imposed, the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India vide Letter No.K.43013(12)/1/2021-SEZ dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 had instructed the Development Commissioners to consider and approve requests from the SEZ Units for extension of Work from Home (WFH) facility, in a liberal manner, till such time the National Disaster Management Authority or the State Governments continue to issue orders governing the covid-19 pandemic management.

In order to obviate the need for each of such SEZ Units applying for such extension of WFH facility, and as a measure of Ease of Doing Business, it was decided to grant extension of the WFH facility up to 31.12.2021, under proviso to Rule 43 of SEZ Rules 2006, to all such SEZ Units under MEPZ SEZ which prefer to avail the facility of WFH. It was then extended up to 31.03.2022. Considering the requests of various Unit Managements and as a continuing measure of Ease of Doing Business, it was further extended up to 30.06.2022.

With a view to facilitate the transition for the SEZ Units, the WFH facility is further extended up to 31.12.2022 or as per the directive from the Dept. of Commerce, whichever is earlier. The Units are advised to gradually increase the physical presence of the employees in the SEZ premises.

(Dr. M.K. Shanmuga Sundaram)  
Development Commissioner

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**Joint Development Commissioner / Deputy Development Commissioners / Deputy Commissioner (Customs) / Specified Officers / Asst. Development Commissioners.**

**Developers of All SEZs under the jurisdiction of MEPZ SEZ, Chennai.  
All Authorised Officers to communicate to the respective Units.**

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