

Removal of Requirement of PQ Certification for import of sand by Govt.

The import of sand for foundry operations required Plant Quarantine (PQ) certification. This involved lot of documentation & delay in import of sand.

The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF) had represented to Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion on various issues related to "**Ease of Doing Business**", which also highlighted the above issue as sand needs to be imported increasingly for foundry operations.

The abolition of requirement of PQ certification for import of sand was proposed by IIF to DIPP for "**Ease of Doing Business**" vide IIF letter reference no. IIF/FIC/DIPP/2016-17/06/01 dt. 16-5-2016 (Point No 2).

This has been favourably considered by the Govt.

The import duty on sand was already reduced from 5% to 2.5% as was proposed in the pre-budget memorandum submitted by IIF.

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