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**NOTIFICATION**

**Subject: Amendment of Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS) Guidelines issued vide File No.W-18/30/2019-IPHW dated 01.06.2020**

*Reference:*

- i. *SPECS Gazette Notification dated 01.04.2020*
- ii. *SPECS Guidelines issued vide File No. W-18/30/2019-IPHW dated 01.06.2020*
- iii. *SPECS scheme notification dated 30.09.2021*
- iv. *SPECS scheme notification dated 03.03.2022*
- v. *SPECS scheme notification dated 30.03.2022*
- vi. *SPECS scheme notification dated 05.04.2023*

In pursuance of the revised notification under SPECS dated 05.04.2023 cited as reference (vi) above, following amendments are issued as an addendum to the guidelines cited as reference (ii) above. The guidelines dated 01.06.2020 would be applicable mutatis mutandis.

**1. Amendment in Annexure-1 of SPECS guidelines:**

**B. List of goods with Minimum Investment Threshold Limit of INR 15 crore**

| S.No. | Description of Goods  |
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| 3.    | Display Assembly, Touch Panel/Cover Glass Assembly and <i>Cover Glass finishing</i> |



2. Revised formulation of Annexure-1A with minimum investment threshold of INR 2 crore in the SPECS guidelines:

| S. No. | Description of E-waste recycling facility   |
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| 1.     | <i>Recycling facility for extraction of any or few or all of the strategic minerals (rare earth elements, lithium, niobium, palladium, cobalt, tantalum, indium, antimony, beryllium, ruthenium etc.); any or few or all of the precious metals (gold, platinum, palladium, silver etc.); and any or few or all of the base metals (copper, aluminum, nickel, tin, zinc, iron, cobalt, tantalum etc.) or their compounds from e-waste components, including PCBs (both populated and bare), li-ion batteries, spent magnets, solar PV panels, catalytic converters and any other components from e-waste, and also from intermediary products (like black mass, black copper etc.) extracted from e-waste”.</i> |

3. Modification in the SPECS guidelines for effective functioning of the scheme attached as Annexure.
4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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| Reference clause in SPECS Guidelines | Existing clause of SPECS Guidelines   | Modified Guidelines   |
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| Clause 2.8                           | The term “commercial production” means the production is undertaken for the sale of manufactured goods by the approved Project/ Unit as defined in relevant accounting standards issued by ICAI. In case of expansion / modernization / diversification projects, the date of commencement of commercial production shall be the later of (i) the date of actual commencement of commercial production for the project and (ii) the date by which the entire investment to be claimed under SPECS has been made and capitalized in the books of account of the Applicant. | The term “commercial production” means the production is undertaken for the sale of manufactured goods by the approved Project/ Unit as defined in relevant accounting standards issued by ICAI. In case of expansion / modernization / diversification projects, the date of commencement of commercial production shall be the later of (i) the date of actual commencement of commercial production for the project and <b>(ii) the date by which the threshold investment under SPECS has been made and capitalized in the books of account of the Applicant.</b> |
| Clause 4.1.6                         | The capital expenditure, based on which eligible capital expenditure is being determined, shall be capitalized in the books of accounts of the applicants. The applicant shall provide a statutory auditor certificate in respect of expenditure related to the entire claimed capital expenditure.   | The capital expenditure, based on which eligible capital expenditure is being determined, shall be capitalized in the books of accounts of the applicants. <b>The applicant shall provide a certificate from Chartered Accountant in respect of expenditure related to the entire claimed capital expenditure. An additional certificate from Statutory Auditor is required for the claim pertaining to the un-audited period.</b>  |



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| <p>Clause 5.4</p>                               | <p>‘In case land has not been purchased or taken on rent / lease at the time of application, applicant shall provide definite location / plot details and a suitable document which confirms availability of the land at the time of application. However, the applicant shall provide the final registered document such as sale deed and / or registered rent / lease agreement on the land before the submission of Appraisal report by PMA for consideration of Executive Committee (EC).’</p> | <p>Addendum to the existing clause :</p> <p><b>In case where State Government / State Government Authorities specify that final lease deed / sale deed / rent agreement will be executed after completion of certain milestone, the said documents may be submitted by the applicant before disbursement of incentives. Further, a suitable condition shall be included in the approval letter viz.</b></p> <p><b>“Disbursement of incentives will happen only after the applicant submits sale deed and / or registered rent / lease agreement duly signed by the respective State Government authorities and the applicant”.</b></p> |
| <p>Point 8 (i) of Annexure 8 (Claim form)</p>   | <p>Documents / certificates required from Concerned Government Department</p> <p>i. ‘Non-encumbrance certificate’</p>  | <p>i(a). <b>Encumbrance Certificate’.</b></p> <p>OR</p> <p>i(b). <b>Title Search Report (TSR) and extract of Registrar of Companies (RoC) Search Report.</b></p>   |
| <p>Point 8 (iii) of Annexure 8 (Claim form)</p> | <p>Documents / certificates required from Concerned Government Department</p> <p>iii. ‘Building Completion Certificate’</p>  | <p>iii. Building Completion Certificate either from</p> <p>a) Government Department</p> <p>OR</p> <p>b) <b>Chartered Engineer subject to availability of ‘Consent to Operate’ certificate from government department or other similar document(s).</b></p>   |

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| Clause 12.2 | Claim for incentive may be submitted by the applicant on a six-monthly basis.  | Claim for incentive may be submitted by the applicant on a <b>quarterly</b> basis.   |
| Clause 15.5 | “Any deviation with respect to approved eligible capital expenditure, after approval of the project, shall be intimated by PMA to EC for its consideration and recommendation. Based on EC’s recommendation, PMA shall communicate approval for such change of approved eligible capital expenditure”.   | “Any deviation with respect to approved eligible capital expenditure, after approval of the project, shall be intimated by PMA to EC for its consideration and recommendation. Based on EC’s recommendation, PMA shall communicate approval for such change of approved eligible capital expenditure <b>subject to the availability of funds in the scheme.</b> ”  |
| Clause 5.9  | In cases, where on the above-mentioned examination, an application is found to be incomplete, the PMA shall inform the applicant accordingly within 15 working days of receipt of the application, An applicant must complete an incomplete application within 15 working days of such communication from the PMA, failing which, the application shall be closed under intimation to the applicant. | In cases, where on the above-mentioned examination, an application is found to be incomplete, the PMA shall inform the applicant accordingly within 15 working days of receipt of the application. <b>An applicant must file an application complete in all respects within 45 working days of such communication from the PMA, failing which, the application shall be put up by PMA to MeitY / EC for closure of such application. Based on the approval of MeitY / EC, the closure letter shall be issued by PMA to such applicant.</b> |
| Clause 5.10 | For an application which prima facie meets the criteria as prescribed in Annexure-3 of these Guidelines, the PMA shall issue an acknowledgement of receipt of the application within 15  | For an application which prima facie meets the criteria as prescribed in Annexure-3 of these Guidelines, the PMA shall issue an acknowledgement of receipt of the application within 15 working days of receipt of application.  |

working days of receipt of application. This acknowledgement shall not be construed as approval under the Scheme. In cases, where on examination it is found that an original or a revised application does not prima facie meet the criteria as prescribed, the PMA shall inform the applicant accordingly within 15 working days post completion of examination and the application shall be closed.

This acknowledgement shall not be construed as approval under the Scheme. **Post acknowledgement**, in cases, where on examination it is found that an original or a revised application does not prima facie meet the criteria as prescribed, the PMA shall inform the applicant accordingly within 15 working days post completion of examination. *However, the closure letter shall be issued by PMA to such applicant based on the approval of MeitY/EC.*

