CIRCULAR

Subject: Outbreak of Coronavirus leading to Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) – “Work from Home” by employees of SEZ units – regarding.

In view of the possible threat posed by the outbreak of Coronavirus leading to Coronavirus disease (Covid-19), some of the IT/ITES units under the jurisdiction of the Office of Development Commissioner, Cochin SEZ have requested for permission to allow their employees to work from home and for removal of Laptops/Desktops for this purpose.

Proviso to Rule 43 of SEZ Rules, 2006 read with instruction No. 85 issued by the Department of Commerce enables work from home by employees of SEZ Units subject to the conditions specified therein. Therefore, in line with the Government’s policy of Ease of doing business, it has been decided that SEZ Units under the jurisdiction of Cochin SEZ who would like to exercise the option of work from home for their employees may do so under intimation to the Development Commissioner, Cochin SEZ. Such Units shall submit to the Specified/Authorised Officer of the respective Zone a list of Laptop/Desktops which are proposed to be removed from the concerned SEZ to enable their employees to work from home through secured network connectivity. When the goods are brought back to the SEZ later, the same shall be accounted for by the Specified/Authorised Officer with the list already submitted. Other conditions prescribed under Proviso to Rule 43 of SEZ Rules, 2006 shall also be strictly complied with.

To

1. All SEZ Developers and units of IT/ITES SEZs under the jurisdiction of Development Commissioner, Cochin SEZ
2. JDC, CSEZ Sub Office, Bangalore
3. Specified Officer/Authorised Officers of Kerala and Karnataka
4. ADCs concerned
5. Computer Cell