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Subject: Amendment of Para 2.43.2 of the Handbook of Procedures, Vol. I, 2009-2014, regarding Transfer of Imported Firearms.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Paragraph 2.4 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2009-14, Para 2.43.2 of the Handbook of Procedures, Vol. I, 2009-2014 is replaced as under:

"2.43.2

- (i) Prior Permission of RA shall not be required for transfer or disposal of imported goods after a period of two years from the date of import.
- (ii) Transfer of Imported Firearms will not require permission from DGFT (a) after 10 years of import or (b) on attaining the age of 60 years by such importer.
- (iii) Prior Permission of DGFT shall also not be required for transfer of imported weapons (firearms) by the Renowned Shooters* after 5 years from date of import. In respect of those shooters categorised as Renowned Shooter for at least 3 consecutive years, no permission would be required from DGFT after 3 years from date of import.

*Renowned Shooter is defined in Import Licensing Note (3) of Chapter 93, ITC (HS) Classifications of Export and Import Items, Schedule I – Import Policy."

Effect of Public Notice

Procedure for sale or transfer of imported firearms is simplified and prior permission from DGFT is dispensed with in respect of some categories.

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