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Ministry of Commerce & Industry  
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Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024

To,

1. The Chairman/President, EPCs /FIEO
2. The DG/SG/ED/Secretary of EPCs /FIEO

**Subject: Adoption of Model/Uniform Articles of Association/Bye-laws by Export Promotion Council/FIEO – regarding**

Madam/Sir,

Reference is invited to the Department of Commerce, letter dated 22.12.2023 on the subject mentioned above.

2. Subsequently, several references were received from EPCs and FIEO seeking approval of the Government for adopting these Model AoA/Bye-laws with certain modifications / amendment for conducting the fresh elections. As the requests from EPCs/FIEO require detailed examination, a three-member committee has been constituted by the Department of Commerce to make suitable recommendations on such requests.

3. As some of the EPCs and FIEO are already in the process of conducting elections and are seeking immediate response of the Govt. to their queries, it is found necessary to give an interim clarification pending recommendation of the Committee constituted for this purpose.

4. In view of the above, it will not be mandatory for FIEO/EPC to adopt these Model AoA/Bye-laws and make them operational till 31.05.2024. In case any EPCs/FIEO are already in process of conducting election that is due and have not adopted/partially adopted these Model AoA/Bye-laws so far, may conduct the elections with the extant AoA/Bye-laws. However, those EPCs/FIEO who have already adopted these Model AoA/Bye-laws and have conducted the elections shall continue to function under the revised guidelines.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully



(Sanjeev Nanda)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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