

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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Sub: Testing of equipment, components and imported for use in the power supply system and network in the country to check for any kind of embedded malware/Trojans/cyber threat and for adherence to Indian Standards - Reg.

The guidelines issued by Ministry of Power w.r.t import of capital goods involving power supply vide orders dated 02-07-2020, 11-08-2020 and 18-11-2020 are as follows for information and compliance.

Vide orders dated 02-07-2020, it is mentioned that the vulnerabilities in the Power Supply Systems & Network mainly arise out of the possibilities of cyber attacks through malware/Trojans etc., embedded in imported equipment. Hence, to protect the security, integrity and reliability of the strategically important and critical Power Supply System & Network in the country, the following directions are hereby issued:

- 1) All equipment, components and parts imported for use in the Power Supply System and Network shall be tested in the country to check for any kind of embedded malware/Trojans/cyber threat and for adherence to Indian Standards.
- 2) All such testings shall be done in certified laboratories that will be designated by the Ministry of Power(MoP).
- 3) Any import of equipment/components/parts from "prior reference" countries as specified or by persons owned by controlled by or subject to the jurisdiction or the directions of these "prior reference" countries will require prior permission of the Government of India.
- 4) Where the equipment/ components/parts are imported from "prior reference" countries with special permission, the protocol for testing in certified and designated laboratories shall be approved by the Ministry of Power (MoP).

Vide orders 11-08-2020, it is clarified that for the purpose of above mentioned stipulation, "Prior reference" country means a country which shares a land border with India. The restrictions related to "prior reference countries will not apply in the following cases:

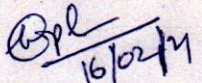
- i. The bidders/imports from those countries(even if sharing a land border with India) to which the Government of India has extended lines of credit or in which the Government of India is engaged in development of projects. Updated lists of countries to which lines of credit have been extended or in which development projects are undertaken are given in the website of Ministry of External Affairs.
- ii. Bona fide procurements made through GeM without knowing the country of bidder till the date fixed by GeM for the purpose:
- iii. Bona fide small procurements, made without knowing the country of bidder: and
- iv. In projects which receive international funding with the approval of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, the procurement guidelines applicable to the project shall normally be followed.

Vide orders 18-11-2020, it is clarified regarding point No.3 of above, it is decided that in such cases, where work order have been placed on or before the date of issue of MoP order(i.e 02.07.2020), equipment/components/parts from "prior reference" countries may be imported subject to following conditions:

- a) The imported equipment must be examined by CPRI or appropriate testing laboratory on arrival.
- b) It should also be ensured that imported equipment will not have any adverse impact (both on account of cyber security as well as quality point of view) on transmission Grid.

This order shall apply to any item imported for end use or to be used as a component or as a part in manufacturing, assembling of any equipment or to be used in power supply system or any activity directly or indirectly related to power supply system.

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 For **TRAFFIC MANAGER**

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- C/- P.A to TM for information of Traffic Manager.
- C/- DC / CME/ CE i/c for information.
- C/- President Steam ship Agents Association for wide publicity among trade.
- C/- President Stevedores Association with a request for wide publicity among Stevedores.
- C/- President C&F agents Association for information.
- C/- Jt. Director (R&P) for information and copy placed in Swatch Bharat with a request to place in Port Website.
- C/- AQF (Shp), TMO for information and to e-mail to All Trade.