Guidelines

FACILITATE EXPORTERS / POTENTIAL EXPORTERS TO OBTAIN FAIR TRADE CERTIFICATION

1.0 The Scheme

EDB proposes to facilitate exporters / potential exporters to differentiate their products in the niche export market by obtaining the Fair Trade Certification.

1.1 For whom

Companies who have obtained / propose to obtain Fair Trade certification for their products from 1^{st} January 2015 – 31^{st} December 2016.

1.2 Eligibility Criteria

Have a local ownership of 51% or more (documentary evidence to be produced)

1.3 Form of assistance

The assistance scheme will be on reimbursement basis and operated on cost sharing basis. EDB will reimburse 60% of the total cost of obtaining the Fair Trade certification through a recognized Fair Trade Authority up to a maximum of Rs 200,000 /= per company. The scheme to be extended for both provisional and full memberships of Fair Trade certification within the maximum amount specified per company.

1.4 Period of assistance

The financial scheme will be in operation for a period of three years with effect from 1st January 2015.

1.5 Disbursement of Funds

Disbursement of funds will be on reimbursement basis upon the submission of the certificates, relevant bills/invoices and on recommendation of the panel appointed by the EDB.

2.0 Application Procedure

Duly completed applications to be submitted to the Export Development Board along with following documents on or before 12th August 2016.

- Certified copy of Fair Trade certification (Original to be produced on request)
- Original invoice & payment receipt/s
- Copy of the Business Registration
- Copy of the EDB registration
- Copy of the Self Assessment Report submitted to the Fair Trade Authority (For full membership)