

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA Foreign Exchange Department Central Office Mumbai - 400 001

RBI/2013-14/423 A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No.82

December 31, 2013

To

All Scheduled Commercial Banks which are Authorized Dealers (ADs) in Foreign Exchange/ All Agencies nominated for import of gold

Madam / Sir,

Import of Gold by Nominated Banks /Agencies/Entities

Attention of Authorized Persons is drawn to the Reserve Bank's <u>A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 25 dated August 14, 2013</u> and <u>A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 73 dated November 11, 2013</u> on the captioned subject.

- 2. Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India have been receiving representations related to import of gold dore. Taking into account these representations and in consultation with the Government of India, it has been decided to issue the following clarifications which shall come into force with immediate effect:
 - a) Refineries are allowed to import dore up to 15% of their gross average viable quantity based on their license entitlement in the first two months for making this available to the exporters on First in First out (FIFO) basis. Subsequent to this, the quantum of gold dore to be imported should be determined lot-wise on the basis of export performance.
 - b) Before the next import, not more than 80% shall be allowed to be sold domestically.
 - c) The dore so imported shall be refined and shall be released based on FIFO basis following 20:80 principle. This would be monitored by CBEC as earlier.
 - d) The imports, thereafter, shall be allowed only up to 5 times the quantum for which proof of export has been submitted. This shall be on accrual basis.
- 3. Authorized Dealers may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents and customers concerned.

4. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under Section 10(4) and Section 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999 (42 of 1999), and are without prejudice to permissions / approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

(C. D. Srinivasan) Chief General Manager