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ORDER

In pursuance of powers vested in the Central Government under Section 7 (I) of the Export (Quality Control & Inspection) Act, 1963, the Export Inspection Council (EIC) is hereby declared as the 'Designating Authority' for designating Conformity Assessment Bodies to perform testing and certification of regulated products to Singapore's requirements. Functions of the EIC as a Designating Authority will be to designate, monitor, suspend or withdraw designation of Conformity Assessment Bodies to conduct conformity assessment activities within its jurisdiction in accordance with mandatory requirements as per Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) Partner.

Further, in pursuance of powers vested in the Central Government under Section 3 (2) of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) is hereby declared as the 'Designating Authority' for registering Conformity Assessment Bodies to perform testing and certification of regulated products as per India's requirements. The functions of DGFT will be to register, suspend or lift suspension of registration, or terminate registration of Conformity Assessment Bodies located in the territory of the MRA partner to perform testing and certification of regulated products as per India's requirements in accordance with the proposals or notifications by the Designating Authority of the MRA partner and will also include the right to challenge a registered Conformity Assessment Body's technical competence and to verify compliance with the relevant stipulated requirements under India Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement.

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry will act as a Coordinating Designating Authority. All regulatory powers in this matter will also rest with Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

This order will come into force with immediate effect.

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Director