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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DGQA/Tech Coord (16TC)

CLARIFICATION ON ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA : REGISTRATION OF TPI FIRMS BY DGQA

1.   As per the TPI Scheme launched by MoD/DDP vide letter No. 01847/QA/DGQA/Tech Coord (16TC)/D (QA)/18 dated 30 May 2018 ,the eligibility criteria for registration of TPI firm are as under:-

(a)   Agency should have been accredited by QCI for Certification/ Conformity Assessment pertaining to Quality Management System (QMS) of Manufacturers (ISO 9001:2015).

(b)   Agency should have been accredited for Certification of "Conformity Assessment Requirements for the Various Types of Bodies Performing Inspection as per IS/ISO/IEC 17020: 2012".

(c)   Agency should have been accredited by QCI for ZED Maturity Assessment Model initially provisionally approved and later formally accredited by NABCB & approved by DCMSME (for MSMEs) (in cases involving Capacity Assessment & Certification Task outsourced to TPI).

2.   TPI firms are representing that for providing Inspection services the requirement of ISO/IEC 17021 certificate should not be insisted upon, as ISO/IEC17020:2012 certificate is the requisite certification. The issue was also raised by NABCB, of QCI which provides accreditation certificate to TPI Firms for providing inspection services.

3.   An interaction meeting was held on 27 Jul 2020, between DGQA Officers and NABCB Officers, to clarify the procedure and requirement for registration of TPI Firms by DGQA. It was clarified by NABCB that to provide inspection services ISO/IEC17021 certification is not required.

4.   It has been decided that while assessing the TPI Firms for DGQA registration, ISO/IEC-17021 accreditation certificate by QCI will not be insisted upon. The mandatory requirements will be availability of ISO 9001:2015 Certification from QCI accredited body and ISO/IEC − 17020:2012 certificate for providing inspection services.

5.   It is requested that same may be disseminated to all concerned.

6.   This has approval of DG, DGQA.

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