



Statement of Boards, Councils, Committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advice, and as to whether meetings of those Boards, Councils, Committees and other bodies are open to the public or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public.

The Approval Committee has been constituted under SEZ Act, 2005 comprising of the following members:-

a	the Development Commissioner	Chairperson, ex officio
b	two officers of the Central Government to be nominated by the Central Government	Members, ex officio;
c	two officers of the Central Government to represent the Ministry or Department dealing with revenue	Members, ex officio
d	one officer of the Central Government to be nominated by that Government to represent the Ministry or Department dealing with the economic affairs (financial services)	Members, ex officio
e	two officers of the State Government concerned to be nominated by that Stated Government	Member, ex officio;
f	a representative of the Developer concerned	Special invitee

For the purpose of exercising its powers and performing its functions, the Approval Committee may invite to its meetings, such persons as the Committee deems fit, whose assistance or advice it may consider necessary.

Powers and functions of the Approval Committee (AC):

- (1) Every Approval Committee may discharge the functions and exercise the powers in respect of the following matters, namely:-
 - (a) approve the import or procurement of goods from the Domestic Tariff Area, in the Special Economic Zone for carrying on the authorized operations by a Developer;
 - (b) approve the providing of services by a service provider, from outside India, or from the Domestic Tariff Area, for carrying on the authorized operations by the Developer, in the Special Economic Zone;

- (c) monitor the utilisation of goods or services or warehousing or trading in the Special Economic Zone;
- (d) approve, modify or reject proposals for setting up Units for manufacturing or rendering services or warehousing or trading in the Special Economic Zone [other than the grant of licence under clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 9] in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 15 of SEZ Act;

Provided that where the Approval Committee is unable to decide whether a particular process constitutes manufacture or not, it shall refer the same to the Board of Approval for a decision.

- (e) allow, on receipt of approval under clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 9 of SEZ Act, foreign collaborations and foreign direct investments (including investments by a person outside India) for setting up a Unit;
 - (f) monitor and supervise compliance of conditions subject to which the letter of approval or permission, if any, has been granted to the Developer or entrepreneur; and
 - (g) perform such other functions as may be entrusted to it by the Central Government or the State Government concerned, as the case may be.
- (2) The Approval Committee shall not discharge such functions and exercise such powers in relation to a Developer, being the Central Government, as may be specified by notification by the Central Government.

Provided that till such time, the Approval Committee is constituted, the concerned Development Commissioner shall discharge all functions and exercise all powers of the Approval Committee.

The Unit Approval Committee for EOUs has been constituted comprising of the following members:-

- (1) Development Commissioner : Chairperson
- (2) Officers of the Central Government nominated by it not exceeding two (from amongst the officer posted in the Zone) : Members
- (3) Officers of the State Government nominated by it not exceeding two (from amongst the officers posted in the Zone) : Members
- (4) The nominee of the Developer : Members

The Development Commissioner may co-opt nominees of any Department, agency, and interested group as special invitees as he deems fit.

Approval requests of 100% EOUs

Proposals for setting up units under EOU scheme under automatic route shall be considered by the Unit Approval Committee taking into account the following: -

- (i) Residence proof in respect of individual/partnership firms of all Directors/Partners. (Passport/ration card/driving licence/voter identity card or any other proof to the satisfaction of Development Commissioner);
- (ii) Income Tax return of all the promoters for the last three years;
- (iii) Experience of the promoters;
- (iv) Marketing tie-ups
- (v) Inspection of the project site by an Officer
- (vi) A report from other DCs as to whether any case under EOU/SEZ Scheme in regard to diversion of goods etc. is pending.

Wherever necessary, the above may be verified through personal interview with the promoters of the project. In the event of the promoters being a well-established entity, the procedure of personal interview may be dispensed with.

The Unit Approval Committee shall meet on Monday, every week. In case of the absence of Development Commissioner, the meeting will be held by the next senior officer in the Zone. The unit shall intimate the problems being faced by them in advance. In the meetings, apart from the promoters, the other concerned agency with which difficulties are being faced by the unit may also be called.

Recycling of ferrous and non-ferrous metal proposals will be considered only if the unit has Ingots making facility and proposes to achieve value addition.