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Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

Industrial Licensing Section

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In continuation to the Office Memorandum No. 1(1)/2013-LC dated 13.03.2013 issued by the Department, it is reiterated that the following agencies are competent to issue Industrial Licenses for Defence purposes under the I(D&R) Act 1951:

a. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) for manufacturers located outside Special Economic Zones (SEZs)
b. Department of Commerce (DoC) for manufacturers located within Special Economic Zones (SEZs) as well as for Export Oriented Units (EOUs).

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

13/11/2026.

(Gurneet Tej)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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