

In the

Reserve Bank of India
Foreign Exchange Department
Mumbai Regional Office
Main Building, 3rd floor
Shahid Bhagat Singh Marg, Fort
Mumbai 400 001

Present Shri J.K. Pandey Chief General Manager

September 11, 2019

CA No. MUM921/2019

In the matter of M/s Procter & Gamble Home Products Pvt Ltd

P& G Plaza , Cardinal Gracias Rd , Chakala , Andheri E Mumbai 400099

(Applicant)

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 15(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the Regulations/Rules/Notifications/Orders made thereunder, I pass the following

Order

- The applicant has filed the compounding application dated June 28, 2019, received at the Reserve Bank on July 05, 2019, for compounding of contravention/s of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (the FEMA) and the regulations issued thereunder. The contravention/s sought to be compounded are in respect of the following (Regulations/ paras under Schedule 1 to Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident outside India) Regulations 2000, notified vide Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000 and as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as FEMA 20):
 - Para 9 (1) (B) of FEMA 20: Delay in filing Form FC GPR to Reserve Bank after issue of shares to person resident outside India



2 Brief details of the applicant company are as follows:

Date of Incorporation	January 19, 1989					
	Manufacturing , trading and selling of branded packaged fast moving consumer goods in the fabric of home care , baby care , skin care and hair care business.					

3 The company allotted equity shares/compulsorily convertible preference shares/compulsorily convertible debentures and filed FC-GPRs as indicated below:

Delay in filing Form FCGPR								
(whereas, "Y" represents delay in number of years, "M" represents delay in number of months and "D" represents delay in								
number of days, LSF stands for: Late Submission Fees, IP stands for Issue Price and FV stands for Face Value (remittances received in FERA period and allotments made against them are not included in Compounding Order)								
Sr.	Date of	Number of	IP (FV+	Amount (IP*no	Date of	Para 9 (1)		
no/	allotment	shares	premium)	of shares)	reporting	(B) delay		
LSF	(DD-MM-YY)		(in INR)	(in INR)	(DD-MM-YY)			
1	23-12-10	3600000	750.00	2,70,00,00,000.00	21-01-11	0		
2	11-05-11	4600000	750.00	3,45,00,00,000.00	09-06-11	0		
3	13-10-11	4800000	750.00	3,60,00,00,000.00	09-11-11	0		
4	02-02-12	3866667	750.00	2,90,00,00,250.00	28-02-12	0		
5	26-09-12	5808830	770.00	4,47,27,99,100.00	22-10-12	0		
6	07-11-12	2178312	770.00	1,67,73,00,240.00	04-12-12	0		
7	06-12-12	3630519	770.00	2,79,54,99,630.00	02-01-13	0		
8	14-03-13	2805194	770.00	2,15,99,99,380.00	12-04-13	0		
9	10-06-13	3064935	770.00	2,35,99,99,950.00	28-06-13	0		
10	09-10-13	3681818	770.00	2,83,49,99,860.00	07-11-13	0		
11	31-03-14	3168832	770.00	2,44,00,00,640.00	30-04-14	0		
12	29-09-14	4500000	524.00	2,35,80,00,000.00	28-10-14	0		
13	21-06-16	45909	1198.00	5,49,98,982.00	30-05-18	1Y 10M 8D		
	TOTAL			33,80,35,98,032.00				

The applicant filed form FC-GPRs as indicated above, out of which 1 form FCGPR was reported with a delay of 1Y 10M 8D. Whereas, in terms of Para 9(1) (B) of FEMA 20, an Indian company issuing shares in accordance with these Regulations has to submit to RBI a report in Form FC-GPR along with documents prescribed therein within 30 days from the date of issue of shares to Non Resident.



- The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing, for further submission in person and/or for producing documents, if any, in support of the application vide email dated September 03, 2019. The applicant appeared for personal hearing on September 06, 2019, during which Ms Zeal Shah, Company Secretary of the company represented the applicant in the cabin of Shri J.K. Pandey, Chief General Manager, Mumbai Regional Office. The representative of the applicant admitted the contravention for which compounding has been sought. During the hearing it was submitted that delay was inadvertent and unintentional. The representative of the applicant requested that in view of the foregoing a lenient view may be taken in disposal of the application. The application for compounding is, therefore, being considered on the basis of the averments made in the application as well as other documents and submissions made in this context by the applicant during personal hearing and thereafter.
- I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submissions made by the applicant during the personal hearing and thereafter. Accordingly, I hold that the applicant has contravened the following FEMA provisions issued in terms of:
 - Para 9 (1) (B) of FEMA 20, due to the delay in submission of Form FC-GPR to the Reserve Bank after issue of shares to persons resident outside India and the contravention relates to total amount of Rs.5,49,98,982 (Rupees Five Crore Forty Nine Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Two and Zero Paise Only) with a delay of 1Y 10M 8D approximately.
- It has been declared in the compounding application dated June 28, 2019 that the particulars given by the applicant in the application are true and correct to the best of their/his/her knowledge and belief. It has also been declared in a declaration attached to the compounding application that the applicant was not under any enquiry/investigation/adjudication by any agency as on the date of the application and has, in this regard, not informed of initiation of any such enquiry/investigation/adjudication proceedings against it/him/her thereafter. It has further been declared that the applicant has not filed any appeal under section 17 or section 19 of FEMA, 1999. Accordingly, the above contraventions which are being compounded in this Order are subject to the veracity of the above declarations made by the applicant and this order is without prejudice to any other action which may be taken by any authority under the extant laws if the said declarations are subsequently discovered to be false and/or incorrect.
- In terms of Section 13 of the FEMA, any person contravening any provision of the Act shall be liable to a penalty up to thrice the sum involved in such contravention upon adjudication. However, taking into account the relevant facts and circumstances of the case as stated in the foregoing paragraphs, I am persuaded to take a lenient view on the amount for which the contraventions are to be compounded and I consider that an amount of Rs.1,05,833 (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three and Zero Paise Only) will meet the ends of justice.



- Accordingly, I compound the admitted contravention/s namely, the contravention/s of Para 9 (1) (B) of FEMA 20, by the applicant, on the facts discussed above in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 on payment of an amount of Rs. 1,05,833 (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three and Zero Paise Only) which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, Mumbai Regional Office, Main Building, 3rd floor, Shahid Bhagat Singh Marg, Fort, Mumbai-400001 by a demand draft drawn in favour of the "Reserve Bank of India" and payable at Mumbai within a period of 15 days from the date of this order. In case of failure to deposit the compounded amount within the above-mentioned period, Rule 10 of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 dated May 3, 2000 shall apply.
- The above order is passed only in respect of contraventions of Para 9 (1) (B) of FEMA 20 and does not restrict the right of any other authority to proceed against the Company for any other violations/contraventions noticed at any point of time.
- The application is disposed of accordingly. dated: September 11, 2019

Compounding Authority

(J.K. Pandey) Chief General Manager