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Highlights



India Pavilion at Hannover Fair held on 21st April, 2008 in Hannover, Germany.

India Pavilion at Automechanika 2008, Frankfurt, Germany

EEPC is organising an India Pavilion in Automechanika 2008, Frankfurt, Germany to be held on September 16 - 21, 2008. Members may avail the opportunity by displaying their company catalogues.

Public Notice No. 10 (RE-2008)/2004-2009 dated 29th April, 2008 - Payment of interest on delayed refund of Duty Drawback (DBK)/Terminal Excise Duty (TED) on deemed exports/ Central Sales Tax (CST) on supplies to Export Oriented Units (EOU).

Circular No. 6/2008-Customs dated 28th April, 2008 - Procedure to be adopted for refund of 4% Additional Duty of Customs in pursuance of Notification No. 102/2007-Customs dated 14.9.2007 - regarding.

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Chairman's Pen



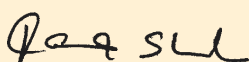
My dear fellow exporters,

On April 29, 2008, the Finance Minister Shri P. Chidambaram while replying to the debate on the Finance Bill in Lok Sabha announced a set of measures with a view to augment the domestic availability of steel products as well as soften prices. The Hon'ble Finance Minister mentioned that steel and steel products have contributed to about 21% of the current inflation in the country. The Government measures were two fold : it reduced the Customs Duty on pig iron and mild steel products, primary steel items, semi finished products etc as well as reducing the basic Customs Duty on three critical inputs for manufacture of steel, i.e., metallurgical coke, ferro alloys and zinc from 5% to nil. This was followed up by imposing an export duty of 15% on specified primary form and semi finished products, and hot rolled coils/sheets; 10% on specified rolled products including cold-rolled coils/sheets and pipes and tubes; and 5% on galvanized steel in coil/sheet form. For this purpose, a uniform statutory rate of 20% is being incorporated in the export Schedule and the aforesaid rates would operate through notification.

It may be mentioned that while notification for import duty has already come out, the Export Duty Notification is still to come out. This is because the Finance Minister's replies stated that while the changes in import duty rates will be effected from April 29, changes in export duty will come into effect on the day when the Finance Bill 2008 receives the assent of the President. While the statement of Finance Minister is rather clear, the Council has been receiving feedback from its members that the Customs Authorities are not allowing the export of a large number of steel based items on the ground that they do not have the notification with regard to export duty. This is, indeed, unfortunate, since the notification with regard to export duty is still to come out and will not come out until and unless the President of India gives her assent to the Finance Bill 2008.

The Council has also received feedback from certain members that steel pipes and tubes have also been included in the export duty when these are not raw material but value added products and there is no justification in putting an export duty on these items. Further as these items do not play any part in contributing to the inflationary situation in the country and also as there is no lack of supply of these products in the country, there is a need to rethink export duties on these items. The Council has taken up this issue with all the relevant ministries and we do hope that value added products will be excluded from the export duty notification once the President of India gives her assent to the Finance Bill 2008. It is believed that the Steel Ministry has already represented to the Finance Ministry in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



(RAKESH SHAH)

Council's Activities



**Catalogue Show at Automechanika
Frankfurt, Germany
(September 16 - 21, 2008)**

Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) is organizing an India Pavilion at **Automechanika 2008**, Frankfurt which would provide an excellent opportunity for establishing business relationships with customers from all over the world.

All booths booked.

May still have presence in the Exhibition

Display your company Catalogues through EEPC Information Booth.

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Overseas Market Information



Serbia

NIS to invest EUR 132.5 million in oil refineries, EUR 31 million in fuel stations in 2008. State oil company Naftna Industrija Srbije (NIS) would allocate EUR 62.5 million for the modernization of its oil refineries this year. A further EUR 35 million would be set aside for environmental protection projects and EUR 15 million for projects to improve the quality of fuels.

Engineer Energoprojekt to build part of Mondi paper plant in Russia in EUR 40 million deal. Energoprojekt Visokogradnja, part of Belgrade-based engineering company Energoprojekt Holding, has signed a EUR 40 million contract to build the first stage of a paper plant in Syktyvkar, Russia, for the local unit of South African paper and packaging maker Mondi. The deadline for the Serbian engineering company to complete construction is January 2010.

Car battery maker FAS to increase capacity to two million units in EUR 7 million investment. Car battery manufacturer Fabrika Akumulatora Sombor (FAS) would complete a EUR 7 million investment project in June, in what would improve the quality of its products and increase production capacities to two million car batteries a year. FAS, owned by Sabac-based concern Farmakom MB, churned out 600,000 batteries in 2007. It plans to boost output to 1.2 million batteries in 2008 and two million units in 2009.

Lohr Backa Topola launches EUR 2.5 million project to start making new car-carrier truck model. Lohr Backa Topola, the Serbian subsidiary of France's Lohr Industrie, has launched a EUR 2.5 million project that would allow it to start producing special car-carrier trucks for the Russian market. The new model is designed to carry four to six automobiles. The investment project, which includes the reconstruction of one of the company's production facilities and the construction of another facility, is targeted for completion in mid-2008. Lohr Backa Topola, which officially started operations in October 2007, plans to produce 1,000 semitrailers for passenger car shipping this year and export the entire output, worth EUR 60 million, to Russia.

India's investment interests

The following Serbian companies could be interesting for acquisition :

(a) "Majevica Holding"

1. Joint Stock Company, Backa Palanka, Severni Salas bb, Serbia. "MAJEVICA" Holding a.d. is the founder five of the share companies with 100% of share capital. "Majevica-Livnica" a.d., foundry: produces annually 3.000 tons of castings GG 180 – GG 300 and GGG-50 grade weight from 0.20 to 8000 kg. It produces the castings from tool to agricultural machines, sewer and commercial cast.
2. "Majevica-Masine alatke" a.d., manufacturer machine : Universal tool grinders for metal and wood working, CNC grinders for surface, profile & creep feed grinding, CNC machining centres, short-pace planing machines, slotting machines, roller bearing case.
3. "Majevica-Pumpe i cisterne" a.d., manufacturer: stationary fuel tank, petrol pump, mobile cisterns for liquid fuel, measuring vessels, mobile cisterns for water, cisterns for liquid fertilizer, cement mixers.
4. "Majevica-Poljooprema" a.d., manufacturer agricultural machines : machine for soil preparation, universal pneumatic precision seed drills, inter-row cultivators, plant wastes cutter, potato harvesters, corn on the cob harvester, sugar beet harvesters, trailers, manure spreaders, spreaders, pumps for irrigation, trenchers.



5. "Majevica – Lopare" a.d., produces ever-heating hot water boilers from 25 to 100 KW power, manufacturer : castings, machine tools, petrol pump, cisterns and agricultural machines.
- (b) Bids for truck maker Zastava Kamioni (Zastava trucks) to be invited by May, GM says. Bids for Kragujevac's truck manufacturer Zastava Kamioni would be invited by May 2008. The minimum price is reported to be EUR 3.9 million. Zastava Kamioni has reportedly drawn the attention of Austria's Magna Steyr, Slovenia's Viator & Vektor, Russia's AMS Group, and China's Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Company (BAIC), according to earlier reports. The first attempt to privatize the company, in 2006, failed for lack of bidders.
- (c) Minel Power Transformers Co. is one of the largest producers and repairers of power transformers in South East Europe. This joint – stock company is offered for sale by privatisation by the Republic of Serbia which is selling 70% of socially owned capital, representing 65.15% of the company's total share capital. The remaining 30% of socially owned capital (27.92% of total share capital) will be in equal portion distributed to the employees and former employees of the company and the Government managed Share fund. During privatisation or subsequent to it, may be possible to negotiate share purchase from all small shareholders and thus to acquire 86.04% of the total share capital of the company.

More details may be seen at the Privatization Agency's Website : <http://www.priv.yu/vesti/vesti.php?jezik=english#>

(Source : Embassy of India, Belgrade)



Slovakia

Tatravagonka to increase Production of Rail-freight Wagons

Rail-freight wagon maker Tatravagonka in Poprad (Presov region) said that it expects to increase production in 2008 by more than 80 percent with an investment of around Sk 500 million (\$ 20.2 million). This year should see around 2,400 freight wagons and 8,500 chassis rolling off the production lines, reflecting an annual increase of 1,100 and 1,300, respectively. Investment plans also include the modernisation of machines, workplace automation and building renovation. Tatravagonka is facing a shortage of skilled Slovak labour in recent times, namely welders and metal workers and is looking to recruit foreigners. Late last year, the company hired 40 Vietnamese, who will be gradually integrated into the workforce. Tatravagonka will hire more workers in order to bring its labour force up to between 2,100-2,300 this year.

(Source : Embassy of India, Bratislava)



Iran

Market Survey Report on Seamless and Welded Pipes and Tubes of Iron and Steel

1. Brief Economic Review

Iran's economy is heavily dependent on oil revenues. Petroleum constitutes the bulk of Iran's exports, valued at \$ 46.9 billion in 2006. Iran's non-oil exports stood at \$ 16.3 billion in the year ending March 20, 2007, a rise of 47.2 per cent from the previous period. The total volume of imports into Iran rose by 189% from \$ 13.7 billion in 2000 to an estimated \$ 39.7 billion in 2005.

The Fourth Five-Year Economic Development Plan (2005-10) sets the guidelines and points the direction in which the trade sector will be taking over the next five years. In it, the focus has been on expanding trade interaction with the global community and pursuing an active presence in international markets. To achieve this would require raising exports substantially. Another area of focus is to develop free trade zones and turning them into gateways to international markets.

Iran has had an observer status at the World Trade Organization (WTO) since 2005. The United States has consistently blocked Iran's bid to join the WTO since Tehran first asked for membership several years ago.

On the domestic front, the priority is improving social justice and the overall situation; i.e. regulating the domestic market on the one hand, and maintaining a well-functioning supply of basic commodities on the other. The latter would need improving the subsidy distribution system to relieve the Government of the huge financial burden on subsidy payments. Another obligation the plan places on the Government is to provide economic justification for the pricing of basic commodities and public services.

The Government is attempting to diversify away from oil by investing revenues in other areas of the economy, including car manufacturing, aerospace industries, consumer electronics, petrochemicals and nuclear technology. Also, Iran has a great potential for development in mining, tourism, information and communication technology (ICT).

2. Brief introduction of the Local Industry

The Iranian industrial sector mainly comprises of the following sectors : automotive and spare parts, machinery and equipment, steel mills, aluminium, copper, metal casting, cement, building materials, electric and electronics, petrochemicals, minerals, building materials-cement/gypsum/marble/granite stones/tiles, food processing, pharmaceutical, plastic & plastic products, chemical and cellulose, hygienic, textile, garments, sanitary, household/home appliances, kitchenware, leather, carpets, handicrafts etc. The Government has frequently provided tax, financial and forex incentives to promote industrial investment, modernization of existing units and exports, design, engineering, assembly units and industrial decentralization. Under Article-44 of Iran's constitution, the Government is also keen to privatize its subsidiary/affiliated companies by 2010. The manufacturing and mining sector activities witnessed growth during the year 2005-6. The growth rates of these two sectors were estimated at 7.1 and 10.5 per cent at constant 1997-98 prices. According to the figures released by Ministry of Industries and Mines in 2005-2006, out of the 68 selected manufacturing and mining products, production of 50 items increased and that of 20 items grew more than 10 per cent. The production of raw steel, automobile, aluminium bar and cement went up by 6.5, 6.3, 2.6 and 1.4 per cent as compared with the previous year, respectively. Production of petrochemicals grew by 4.5 per cent and reached 15.8 million tons. A 3,089 new manufacturing units with an investment of Rs. 29 trillion came on stream, showing 1.5 per cent increase in terms of number and 22.7 per cent decrease in terms of investment. Operation of mentioned plans created 66 thousand direct employments. A total of US\$ 1082.6 million LCs were opened out of the OSF (Oil Security Fund) for 127 manufacturing and mining projects.

3. Local Manufacturers

Given below is a list of selected manufacturers of Iron & Steel Pipes & Tubes including Seamless & Welded, in Iran :-

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No. 56, 10th St.
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0098-255-2228005

4. Global Imports

(a) Trend in last 3 years

Given below is a table showing total imports (Country wise) of Seamless & Welded Pipes & Tubes into Iran during 2003 to 2005 vis-à-vis India's share :

Seamless Pipes & Tubes

(Value in US\$ million)

Exporting Country	2003	2004	2005
Germany	16.89	22.44	132.85
Japan	21.87	25.92	24.22
France	7.27	14.11	13.48
India	1.02	1.02	25.85
Ukraine	4.01	2.61	1.3
China	2.13	14.08	20.53
Russia	17.75	13.44	27.11
Spain	7.89	16.47	26.91
Italy	36.56	47.4	24.29
Romania	8.16	5.1	18.44
Greece			
Korea Republic (South)	5.03	6.38	4.27
Mexico	2.66		16.42
Netherlands	3.44	7.74	12.06
Singapore	2.25	3.91	7.44
UK	6.36	5.06	4.1
Turkey	0.37	0.04	0.78
Taiwan (Taipei)			
Belgium	1.92	2.28	1.57
Sweden	1.45	3.09	1.75
Norway		0.02	1.4
Thailand			
Indonesia	1.28	0.94	0.74
Austria	0.9	0.93	0.17
Chile			
Canada			
Slovenia			0.11
Armenia			
Poland			0.1
Slovakia			0.08
Brazil	0.3		
Coatia		0.15	0.06
Georgia	0.02	0.03	0.03
Argentina	3.71		
Czech Republic	0.71	0.68	
Denmark		0.02	
Kazakhstan	0.03		
Macedonia			
Qatar	0.06		
South Africa			
Switzerland	0.06	0.02	
Grand Total	154.1	193.88	366.06
Share of India %	0.66	0.53	7.06

Welded Pipes and Tubes

(Value in US\$ million)

Exporting Country	2003	2004	2005
Germany	63.73	136.77	237.22
Japan	55.74	45.58	150.71
France	16.7	50.65	97.25
India	0.64	7.95	70.99
Ukraine		14.4	64.15
China	0.85	1.86	40.71
Russia	1.87	2.09	5.27
Spain	0.05	0.13	2.27
Italy	6.5	2.69	2.12
Romania			
Greece			17.01
Korea Republic (South)	10.21	28.65	12.55
Mexico			
Netherlands	6.26	12.39	2.3
Singapore	0.44		1.95
UK	1.91	3.71	0.35
Turkey	2.13	10.25	3.61
Taiwan (Taipei)	3.07	2.92	3.42
Belgium	0.76	1.91	0.91
Sweden	0.11	0.47	0.09
Norway			
Thailand	0.6	0.13	0.93
Indonesia	1.7		
Austria	0.02	0.5	0.41
Chile			0.51
Canada		0.4	0.15
Slovenia			
Armenia	0.23		0.1
Poland			
Slovakia			
Brazil	14.9	2.86	0.06
Croatia			
Georgia	0.02		
Argentina			
Czech Republic			
Denmark		0.25	
Kazakhstan	0.01		
Macedonia	0.09		
Qatar			
South Africa	0.07	0.05	
Switzerland			
Grand Total	188.61	326.61	715.04
Share of India %	0.34	2.43	9.93

(b) Major Sources

Following table shows major sources (Top 10 Countries) of imports of Seamless & Welded Pipes & Tubes of Iron & Steel into Iran during 2003 to 2005 showing % share of each country in the total imports.

(Value in US\$ million)

<i>Exporting Country</i>	<i>Import During 2003</i>	<i>Import During 2004</i>	<i>Import During 2005</i>	<i>% Share</i>
Germany	80.62	159.21	370.07	34.23
Japan	77.61	71.5	174.93	16.18
France	23.97	64.76	110.73	10.24
India	1.66	8.97	96.84	8.96
Ukraine	4.01	17.01	65.45	6.05
China	2.98	15.94	61.24	5.66
Russia	19.62	15.53	32.38	2.99
Spain	7.94	16.6	29.18	2.69
Italy	43.06	50.09	26.41	2.44
Romania	8.16	5.1	18.44	1.70

On and analysis of the above table we find that India's Export during 2004 was US\$ 8.97 million showing an increase of more than 500% over the performance of US\$ 1.66 million only during 2003, whereas our export during 2005 registered a growth of more than 1000% over the performance during 2004. It shows that there is very good potential for increasing export of Seamless & Welded Pipes & Tubes from India to Iran.

5. Import from India

(a) Trend in last 4 years

Following table shows the trend of exports of Seamless as well as Welded Pipes & Tubes of Iron & Steel from India to Iran :

Seamless Pipes & Tubes

(Value in US\$ million)

<i>Commodity Name</i>	<i>2002-2003</i>	<i>2003-2004</i>	<i>2004-2005</i>	<i>2005-2006</i>	<i>2006-2007 April to Jan</i>
Iron pipes for oil/gas pipelines	0.03		0.04		0.01
Other pipes for oil/gas pipelines		0.17	0.24	24.83	3.4
Blanks for tubes and pipes made of iron		0.11			
Blanks for tubes and pipes made of other	0.03	0.01	0.34	0.11	0.86
Drill pipes of iron		0.08	0.21		0.04
Casing, tubing of iron		0.13	0.07		
Other casing, tubing		0.12		0.04	0.38
Other made up to 114.3 mm outer diameter				0.49	0.44
Iron >114.3 mm & ≤219.1 mm outer dia				0.12	
Other made up to 114.3 mm outer diameter			0.01		
Other made above 219.1 mm outer diameter		0.01			0.04
Other tubes, pipe & holo profile of circular cross-section of stainless steel, cold drawn or cold rolled		0.42	0.01	0.09	
Other tube, pipe & holo profile of circular cross-section of other stainless steel	0		0.16	0.01	0.06
Other seamless tubes/pipes & holow profiles	0.06		0.03	0.07	0.55
Total	0.12	1.05	1.11	25.76	5.78



Welded Pipes & Tubes

(Value in UA\$ million)

<i>Commodity Name</i>	<i>2002-2003</i>	<i>2003-2004</i>	<i>2004-2005</i>	<i>2005-2006</i>	<i>2006-2007 April to Jan</i>
Galvanised pipe of iron for oil or gas longitudinally submerged arc welded	2.93	0.41	7.64	6.42	0
Galvanised pipe of other for oil or gas longitudinally submerged arc welded				7.11	1.65
Non-galvanised pipe of iron for oil or gas longitudinally submerged arc welded				5.93	
Non-galvanised pipe of other for oil or gas longitudinally submerged arc welded				46.84	33.33
Other longitudinally welded galvanised pipe of iron for oil or gas				0.12	
Other, welded, of circular cross-section, made up of iron steel tube/pipes			0.03		
Other, welded, of circular cross-section, made up of non-ally steel tube/pipes			0.02		
Other, welded, of circular cross-section, of stainless steel tubes/pipes	0.02	0.24	0.37	0.3	
Other, welded, of non-circular cross-section tubes or pipes of other made				4	
Total	2.95	0.65	8.06	70.72	34.98

6. Issues affecting imports from India

- (a) Problems in the LC process due to recent sanctions
- (b) Non-availability of regular shipping services direct from India to Iran and vice-versa
- (c) Iran's preference for high quality and standardized goods making it compulsory for inspection by International agencies and recognized standards.
- (d) Price competitiveness
- (e) Most of Indian products are going via Dubai to Iran

7. Measures taken by major competitors to promote exports

8. Measures to be taken to promote exports from India which includes Policy & Promotional Measures

- (a) Indian products should be price competitive and high in quality standards
- (b) Indian companies should be encouraged to regularly participate in the specialized exhibitions/fairs held throughout the year in Iran
- (c) Visits from the Chambers/Unions/Associations should be organized in specific product from both sides.



9. Local Importers

Given below list of importers of Seamless & Welded Pipes & Tubes of Iron & Steel in Iran :

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57100 Orumiyeh, Iran
Tel. : 0098-441-2621000-3
Fax : 0098-441-2621004
- (iii) Soltani Mfg. Workshop
Shahpour Jadid St. Babagoli Ave.
81969 Esfahan, Iran
Tel. : 0098-311-3860453
Fax : 0098-311-3860453
- (iv) Profile Yazad P. J. S.
Gerd-e-Faramarzieh
Darvazeh Quran, 89179 Yazd, Iran
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Fax : 0098-21-22664021
Website : www.irtp.com

(b) Ministry of Industry

Ministry of Industry & Mines of the Islamic Republic of Iran
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Shahid Kalantari Street, Tehran, Iran
Tel. : 0098-21-88907870/88900969
Fax : 0098-21-88909547/88807478
Website : www.mind.gov.ir

(c) Ministry of Foreign/External Affairs

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Website : www.mind.gov.ir

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In so far as local custom tariffs are concerned, the Iranian Ministry of Commerce publishes customs tariffs every year which are applicable to all imports.



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Tender No. : **ANESRIF/MAJ/ERF - N°09/2008**

For : Studies, supplies et electrification works in 25 kV/50 Hz of the lines and sideboards of the east – west railway.

Tender cost : Euro 500.00

Closing date: **15.07.2008**

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Tender No. : **TD/2815**

For : Procurement of relay test set and accessories.

Tender Cost: Non-refundable fee of MRs 500 plus VAT per set.

Closing date: **11.06.2008** [up to 13.30 Hrs. (Mauritian time)]

Tender No. : PROD/2812

For : Procurement for the design and supply of digital voltage regulation systems St Ferney power station.

Tender cost : Non-refundable fee of MRs 500 plus VAT per set.

Closing date: **11.06.2008** [up to 1.30 p.m. (Mauritian time)]

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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade
New Delhi

Public Notice No. 10 (RE-2008)/2004-2009

Dated 29th April, 2008

In exercise of powers conferred under Paragraph 2.4 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09, the Director General of Foreign Trade makes the following amendment in Handbook of Procedures Vol. I (updated as on 11th April, 2008) :

- (i) The following shall be added after para 8.5 of the Handbook of Procedure (Vol. I), 2004-09 updated on 11th April, 2008 and after para 2 (c) of *Appendix-14-I-I* of Handbook of Procedure (Vol. I) (*Appendices & Aayat Niryat Forms*) 2004-2009 updated as on 11th April, 2004-2009.

“The claim for interest may be filed before the concerned Regional Authority/Development Commissioner in *Aayat Niryat Form ANF - 8A*.”

- (ii) *Aayat Niryat Form ANF - 8A* shall be as given in Annexure to this Public Notice.

Sd/-

(R. S. GUJRAL)

Director General of Foreign Trade

(File No. Misc. 55/AM-06/DBK)

Annexure

ANF – 8A

Application for payment of interest on delayed refund of Duty Drawback (DBK)/Terminal Excise Duty (TED) on deemed exports/Central Sales Tax (CST) on supplies to Export Oriented Units (EOU)

1. IEC Details :
(i) IEC Number :
(ii) Date of Issue :
(iii) Issuing Authority :
2. Applicants' Details :
(i) Name :
(ii) Address (Registered Office in case of companies and Head Office in case of others) :
(iii) Telephone :

3. Application Submission Details :	
(i) Name of the concerned Regional Authority (RA)/ Development Commissioner (DC)	:
(ii) Date on which application for claim was filed	:
(iii) Amount of TED/DBK/CST claim sanctioned	:
(iv) File No. and date of the claim sanctioned	:
(v) Number and date of the cheque issued	:
4. Details of main claim :	
(i) Whether Duty Drawback	: Yes/No
(ii) Whether Terminal Excise Duty	: Yes/No
(iii) Whether Central Sales Tax	: Yes/No
(iv) File No. of the Regional Authority/ DC where main claim was filed and settled	:
(iv) Amount claimed as DBK/TED/CST	:
(v) Amount settled by Regional Authority/DC with Cheque No. and date	:
(vi) Date of approval of the claim as communicated to the applicant through standard letter by the Regional Authority/DC (attach a photo copy of the Approval Letter for ripe claims issued by Regional Authority/DC).	:
(vii) Amount of interest claimed @6% p.a. simple interest which should be calculated from the date of one month after the date of approval till the date of issuance of cheque in settlement of the claim (attach calculation sheet).	:

- Note :**
- (i) No interest is payable upto one month of its final approval by RA/DC.
 - (ii) If claim is not settled within one month of final approval of the claim due to any reasons, the RA/DC will calculate interest on approved claim up to the date of payment of the claim (date of cheque).

- Enclosures :**
- (i) Photo copy of approval letter for ripe claims.
 - (ii) Photocopy of forwarding letter of cheque along with photo copy of the cheque.
 - (iii) Calculation sheet for interest claimed.

Guidelines for Applicants

For payment of interest on delayed refund of duty drawback/terminal excise duty on deemed exports/CST on supplies to EOU.

1. Application has to be filed for claiming interest if Terminal Excise Duty (TED)/Duty Drawback/Central Sales Tax (CST) due to a claimant is not paid within a period of one month from the date of final approval of claim by the Regional Authority (RA)/Development Commissioner (DC), Special Economic Zone (SEZ).

2. Application in duplicate to be filed within 90 days of the date of cheque issued towards settlement of the claim.
3. Application has to be filed in ANF - 8A.
4. Application has to be filed with the same RA/DC, which has sanctioned and released the TED/Drawback/CST.
5. Each individual page of the application has to be signed by the applicant.
6. Application must be accompanied by documents as per details given below :
 - (i) Photocopy of approval letter for ripe claims.
 - (ii) Photocopy of forwarding letter of cheque alongwith photocopy of the cheque.
 - (iii) Calculation sheet for interest claimed.
 - (iv) Any additional document relevant for claiming interest on delayed payment.

Declaration/Undertaking

1. I/We hereby declare that the particulars and the statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed or held there from. If found incorrect or false, it will render me/us liable for any penal action or other consequences as may be prescribed in law or otherwise warranted.
2. I/We undertake to abide by the provisions of FT(D&R) Act, the Rules and Orders framed there under, the FTP, HBP v1, HBP v2 and the ITC(HS) Classification of Export & Import Items.
3. I/We hereby certify that none of the Proprietor/Partner(s)/Director(s)/Karta/Trustee of the firm/company, as the case may be, is/are a Proprietor/Partner(s)/Director(s)/Karta/Trustee in any other firm/Company which has come to the adverse notice of DGFT.
4. I/We hereby certify that the Proprietor/Partner(s)/Director(s)/Karta/Trustee, as the case may be, of the firm/company is/are not associated as Proprietor/Partner(s)/Director(s)/Karta/Trustee in any other firm/company which is in the caution list of RBI.
5. I/We further declare and undertake that I/we shall immediately refund the amount of interest obtained by us if it is found to be in excess of our entitlement upon post-issue scrutiny by Government/Audit/concerned authority.
6. I/We fully understand that any information furnished in the application if found incorrect or false will render me/ us liable for any penal action or other consequences as my be prescribed in law or otherwise warranted.
7. I hereby certify that I am authorised to verify and sign this declaration as per paragraph 9.9 of Foreign Trade Policy.

Signature of the Applicant : Place :
Name : Date :
Designation :
Official Address :
Telephone :
Residential Address :
Email Address :

**F. No. 401/104/2007-Cus.III
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Circular No. 6/2008-Customs

Dated 28th April, 2008

**Procedure to be adopted for refund of 4% Additional Duty of Customs in pursuance
of Notification No. 102/2007-Customs dated 14.9.2007 – regarding.**

I am directed to state that various representations from importers, exporters, trade and industry associations and references from some of the Customs field formations have been received in the Board seeking clarification regarding refund of 4% Additional Duty of Customs leviable under Sub-Section (5) of Section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 in pursuance of Notification No. 102/2007-Customs dated 14.9.2007.

2. The Board has examined this matter in consultation with the Customs field formations. The following procedure may be adopted by the field formations in order to settle expeditiously the refund claims arising out of the exemption provided vide Notification No. 102/2007-Customs dated 14.9.2007.

3. Manner of refund and its receipt :

Your attention is invited to the instructions communicated vide F. No. 354/129/2007-TRU dated 14.9.2007 at the time of issue of the Notification No. 102/2007-Customs dated 14.9.2007. It is reiterated that the scheme of refund of 4% Additional Duty of Customs has been notified through an exemption notification, and hence, the conditions as prescribed only in the said Notification will apply. All refund applications under the aforesaid notification shall be received by the concerned field formations in their Centralized Refund Section, and the applicants would be given proper acknowledgement. The status of these refund claims shall also be displayed in the online database of Customs Duty refunds maintained by the respective Commissionerates.

4. Time – Limit :

4.1. In the Notification No.102/2007-Customs dated 14.9.2007, no specific time limit has been prescribed for filing a refund application. Under the circumstances, a doubt has been expressed that whether the normal time-limit of six months prescribed in section 27 of the Customs Act, would apply. In the absence of specific provision of section 27 being made applicable in the said notification, the time limit prescribed in this section would not be automatically applicable to refunds under the notification. Further, it was also represented that the goods imported may have to be despatched for sale to different parts of the country and that the importer may find it difficult to dispose of the imported goods and complete the requisite documentation within the normal period of six months. Taking into account various factors, it has been decided to permit importers to file claims under the above exemption upto a period of one year from the date of payment of duty. Necessary change in the notification is being made so as to incorporate a specific provision prescribing maximum time limit of one year from the date of payment of duty, within which the refund could be filed by any person. It is also clarified that the importers would be entitled to refund of duties only in respect of quantities for which the prescribed documents are made available and the claims submitted within the maximum prescribed time of one year. Unsold stocks would not be eligible for refunds.

4.2. It is also clarified that only a single claim against a particular Bill of Entry should be permitted to be filed within the maximum time period of one year. Filing of refund claim for a part quantity in a bill of entry shall not be allowed except when this is necessary at the end of the one year period. Further, since the Sales Tax (ST)/Value Added Tax (VAT) is being paid on periodical or monthly basis, even in case of bills of entry where the entire quantity of

goods are sold within a month, all such cases shall be consolidated in a single refund claim and filed with the Customs authorities on a monthly basis. In other words, there would be a single refund claim in respect of one importer in a month irrespective of the number of Bills of Entry (B/Es) processed by the respective Commissionerate.

- 4.3. With the extension of time limit and the requirement to file claims on a monthly basis, Board feels that the number of refund claims should be manageable for disposal within the normal period of three months. Further, in the absence of specific provision for payment of interest being made applicable under the said notification, the payment of interest does not arise for these claims. However, Board directs that the field formations shall ensure disposal of all such refund claims under the said notification within the normal period not exceeding three months from the date of receipt.

5. Documents to be enclosed with refund claim :

- 5.1. Notification No.102/2007-Customs dated 14.9.2007 prescribes the documents that shall be enclosed along with the refund claim. In order to ensure sanction of refund properly, it is clarified that the document evidencing payment of ST/VAT (in original) duly issued by or acknowledged by the concerned ST/VAT authorities shall be submitted by the importer. A certificate from a Chartered Accountant or any other independent authority certifying payment of ST/VAT would not be acceptable in lieu of the original documents. However, a certificate from the statutory auditor/Chartered Accountant, who certifies the importer's annual financial accounts under the Companies Act or any statute, correlating the payment of ST/VAT on the imported goods (in respect of which refund is claimed) with the invoices of sale, would be required along with the original tax/duty payment documents as proof of payment of appropriate ST/VAT for the purpose of para 2(d) & (e) of the said Notification.
- 5.2. For the purpose of refund under this notification, it is reiterated that appropriate Sales Tax or VAT means Sales Tax or VAT in case of Intra-State sales and Central Sales Tax (CST) in case of Inter-State sales.
- 5.3. The exemption contained in the said notification envisages that the importer shall file a refund claim for 4% CVD ("said additional duty of Customs") paid on imported goods and shall pay on sale of the said goods "appropriate Sales Tax or VAT as the case may be". Hence, it is clear that there is no stipulation in the notification that the exemption is available only if the rate of ST/VAT is equal to or higher than the rate of additional duty of Customs; nor is there a condition that if the rate of ST/VAT happens to be lower than 4%, the refund would be restricted to the lower amount. As such, it is clarified that it will not be appropriate to reduce the refund amount in such a situation and the entire 4% CVD, if otherwise found eligible, shall be refunded.

6. Unjust enrichment :

- 6.1. The 4% CVD exemption under the said notification is operated through a refund mechanism, wherein the importer would have to first pay the said 4% CVD at the time of importation and, thereafter, can claim refund of 4% CVD on production of documents showing that the appropriate ST/VAT has been paid. Hence, the purpose of granting this exemption is to ensure that the importer pays either 4% CVD or the appropriate ST/VAT and not both. It is not the intention of the Government to allow the importer to recover the 4% CVD from the buyer as well as to claim refund of this amount from Customs. Hence, the principle of unjust enrichment needs to be examined in each case before sanction of refund under this notification. However, considering the voluminous transactions and the documents involved in the cycle, from import to sale, it was felt that it would be expedient to allow the importer to submit a certificate from the statutory auditor/Chartered Accountant who certifies the annual accounts of the importer, that the burden of 4% CVD has not been passed on by the importer to the buyer and to fulfill the requirement of unjust enrichment.
- 6.2. In view of the above, it is clarified that the doctrine of unjust enrichment will apply to 4% CVD refunds Scheme under the said exemption notification issued in terms of Section 25(1) of the Customs Act, 1962. However, importers may produce a certificate from the statutory auditor/Chartered Accountant who certifies the importer's annual financial accounts under the Companies Act or any statute, explaining how the burden of 4% CVD has not

been passed on by the importer and to fulfill the requirement of unjust enrichment. In addition to the aforesaid the importer shall also make a self-declaration along with the refund claim to the effect that he has not passed on the incidence of 4% CVD to any other person.

7. Other miscellaneous issues :

- 7.1. As regards the other doubt expressed by certain field formations on the effective date of the operation of refund scheme, it is stated that the said Notification No. 102/2007-Customs was issued on 14.9.2007. Accordingly, it is clarified that only those cases where 4% CVD was paid on or subsequent to 14.9.2007, will qualify for refunds under this scheme subject to fulfillment of prescribed conditions.
 - 7.2. In respect of the doubt that whether the stamping or hand-writing of declaration in the invoice would be acceptable for the purpose of fulfilling the condition as mentioned in para 2(b) of the said notification, it is clarified that a stamp on the invoice (to state that no CENVAT Credit is admissible) should suffice for the purpose of para 2 (b) of the said notification.
 - 7.3. On the issue that in case of 4% CVD having been paid through DEPB Scrip, whether refund could be paid by cash, it is clarified that instead of refunding the duty in cash, the amount eligible for refund should be re-credited on the relevant DEPB Scrip.
8. In view of the above clarifications, you are requested to kindly take further necessary action in the matter. The above instructions are being issued so that necessary administrative arrangements are made to deal with 4% CVD refund claims and the refund claims are sanctioned properly. Accordingly, all the concerned Commissioners of Customs/ Central Excise may kindly ensure for proper implementation of these instructions of the Board.
9. A suitable Public Notice and Standing Order may be issued for the guidance of the trade and staff. Difficulties faced, if any, in implementation of the Circular may be brought to the notice of the Board at an early date.

Sd/-
(ASEEM KUMAR)
Under Secretary (Customs)

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi

Notification No. 53/2008-Customs

Dated 23rd April, 2008

G.S.R.– In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts the goods specified in column (2) of the Table below when imported into India from Bangladesh through Dhaka-Darsana-Gede-Kolkata route, from whole of the duty of customs leviable thereon under the First Schedule to the Customs tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) and whole of the additional duty leviable under section 3 of the said Customs Tariff Act subject to the conditions specified in column (3) thereof, namely :-

Table

S. No.	Name of goods	Condition of exemptions
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Passenger train	Provided that –
2.	Spares and components	(a) The goods specified in column (2) are imported under the agreement between India and Bangladesh for running of passenger train service between India and Bangladesh. (b) A certificate from the Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah Division is produced to the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, in each case, that the spares and components are uncommon and intended for the maintenance of the coaches of the passenger train.

[F. No. 550/04/2008-LC]

Sd/-
(T. K. BANDYOPADHYAY)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 56/2008-Customs

Dated 29th April, 2008

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following further amendments in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 21/2002-Customs, dated the 1st March, 2002 which was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R.118 (E) of the same date, namely :

In the said Notification,-

(I) in the preamble, in the proviso, after clause (iae), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :-

“(iaf) the goods specified against serial No. 446 of the said Table on or before the 30th day of April, 2008.”;

(II) in the Table,-

- (i) against S. No. 3, for the entry in column (4), the entry “5%” shall be substituted;
- (ii) against S. No. 3AA, for the entry in column (3), the entry “Butter, ghee and butter oil” shall be substituted;
- (iii) against S. No. 71, for the entry in column (4), the entry “Nil” shall be substituted;
- (iv) against S. No. 154, for the entry in column (4), the entry “3%” shall be substituted;
- (v) against S. No. 184, for the entry in column (4), the entry “Nil” shall be substituted;
- (vi) against S. No. 190A, for the entry in column (4), the entry “Nil” shall be substituted;
- (vii) for S. No. 190B and the entries relating thereto, the following S. Nos. and entries shall be substituted, namely :

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
“190B.	7204	All goods other than seconds and defectives	5%	-	-
190C.	7203, 7205, 7206, 7207, 7208, 7209, 7210, 7211, 7212, 7213, 7214, 7215, 7216 or 7217	All goods other than seconds and defectives	Nil	-	“-”;

(viii) against S. No. 197, for the entry in column (4), the entry “Nil” shall be substituted;

(ix) for S. No. 198 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No. and entries shall be substituted, namely :-

S. No.	Chapter or heading or sub-heading or tariff item	Description of goods	Standard rate	Additional duty Rate	Condition No.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
“198.	7202	All goods	Nil	-	“-”;

(x) after S. No. 202 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No. and entries shall be inserted, namely :-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
"202A.	72	Thermo-mechanically treated (TMT) bars and structurals	-	Nil	-";

(xi) against S. No. 207, for the entries in column (3), the following shall be substituted, namely :-

"All goods other than the following :-

(i) goods mentioned against S. Nos. 190A, 190B, 190C, 197, 198, 200 or 202 above; and

(ii) seconds and defectives of goods falling under Chapter 72";

(xii) against S. No. 446, for the entry in column (2), the entry "1108 12 00" shall be substituted;

(xiii) against S. No. 561, for the entry in column (4), the entry "Nil" shall be substituted;

(xiv) after S. No. 579 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No. and entries shall be inserted, namely :-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
"579A.	7901 or 7902	All goods bars and structurals	Nil	-	-";

[F. No. B-1/1/2008-TRU]

Sd/-
(S. BAJAJ)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Note : The principal Notification No. 21/2002-Customs, dated the 1st March, 2002 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R. 118(E), dated the 1st March, 2002 and was last amended vide Notification No. 42/2008-Customs, dated the 1st April, 2008 published vide number G.S.R.259(E), dated the 1st April, 2008.

Member-exporters can avail the Notification No. 21/2002-Customs, dated the 1st March, 2002 and Notification No. 42/2008-Customs, dated the 1st April, 2008 from the following links :

<http://www.cbec.gov.in/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2k2/cs21-2k2.htm>

<http://www.cbec.gov.in/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2k8/cs42-2k8.htm>

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi

Notification No. 38/2008-Customs (N.T.)

Dated 24th April, 2008

G.S.R.(E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (aa) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 7 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Board of Excise and Customs hereby makes the following further amendment in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 12/1997-CUSTOMS (N.T.), G.S.R. 193 (E), dated the 2nd April, 1997, namely :-

In the said Notification, in the Table, against the serial number 5, in column (3), after item (v) and corresponding entry relating thereto in column (4), the following shall be inserted, namely :-

(3)	(4)
“(vi) Patli, Gurgaon	Unloading of imported goods and loading of export goods”.

[F. No. 434/11/2008-CUS.IV]

Sd/-
(ASEEM KUMAR)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Note : The principal Notification No. 12/1997-Customs (N.T.), dated the 2nd April, 1997 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section 3(i) vide number G.S.R. 193(E), dated the 2nd April, 1997 and was last amended by Notification No. 34/2008-Customs (N.T.), dated the 28th March, 2008, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section 3(i) vide number G.S.R. 239(E), dated the 28th March, 2008.

Member-exporters can avail the Notification No. 34/2008-Customs (N.T.), dated the 28th March, 2008 from the following links :

<http://www.cbec.gov.in/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2k8/csnt34-2k8.htm>

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi**

Notification No. 39/2008-Customs (N.T.)

Dated 28th April, 2008

S.O.(E). – In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), and in supersession of the Notifications of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No. 32/2008-Customs (N.T.), dated the 27th March, 2008 *vide* number S.O. 742(E), dated the 27th March, 2008 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Board of Excise and Customs hereby determines that the rate of exchange of conversion of each of the foreign currency specified in column (2) of each of Schedule I and Schedule II annexed hereto into Indian currency or *vice versa* shall, **with effect from 1st May, 2008** be the rate mentioned against it in the corresponding entry in column (3) thereof, for the purpose of the said Section, relating to **imported goods** and **export goods**.

SCHEDULE - I

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Foreign Currency</i>	<i>Rate of exchange of one unit of foreign currency equivalent to Indian Rupees</i>	
		<i>(3)</i>	
		<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>
		<i>(For Imported Goods)</i>	<i>(For Export Goods)</i>
1.	Australian Dollar	38.25	37.40
2.	Canadian Dollar	40.10	39.20
3.	Danish Kroner	8.55	8.35
4.	EURO	63.65	62.55
5.	Hong Kong Dollar	5.20	5.10
6.	Norwegian Kroner	8.00	7.80
7.	Pound Sterling	80.05	78.70
8.	Swedish Kroner	6.85	6.70
9.	Swiss Franc	39.20	38.45
10.	Singapore Dollar	29.85	29.30
11.	US Dollar	40.50	39.90

SCHEDULE - II

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Foreign Currency</i>	<i>Rate of exchange of 100 units of foreign currency equivalent to Indian Rupees</i>	
		<i>(3)</i>	
		<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>
		<i>(For Imported Goods)</i>	<i>(For Export Goods)</i>
1.	Japanese Yen	38.95	38.20

Sd/-

(ASEEM KUMAR)

(F. No. 468/8/2008-Cus. V)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
New Delhi

Notification No. 25/2008-Central Excise

Dated 29th April, 2008

G.S.R.(E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 5A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following further amendments in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 6/2006-Central Excise, dated the 1st March, 2006 which was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R. 96(E), of the same date, namely :-

In the said Notification, in the Table,-

- (i) against S. No. 8C for the entry in column (3), the entry, "Water filters functioning without electricity and pressurised tap water, and replaceable kits thereof" shall be substituted;
- (ii) after S. No. 14 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No. and entries shall be inserted, namely :-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
"14A.	8446	Shuttleless projectile looms	Nil	-";

- (iii) for S. No. 35 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No. and entries shall be substituted, namely :-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
"35.	87	Electrically operated vehicles, including two and three wheeled electric motor vehicles <i>Explanation.-</i> For the purposes of this exemption, "electrically operated vehicles" means vehicles which are run solely on electrical energy, derived from an external source or from one or more electrical batteries fitted to such vehicles	Nil	-";

- (iv) in the Annexure, in list 4, in item 21, for the words and figures, namely "power rating 50 KW and above", words and figures, "power rating 5 KW and above" shall be substituted.

[F. No. B-1/1/2008-TRU]

Sd/-
(G. G. PAI)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Note : The principal Notification No. 6/2006-Central Excise dated the 1st March, 2006, was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R. 96(E), dated the 1st March, 2006 and was last amended vide Notification No. 6/2008-Central Excise, dated the 1st March, 2008 which was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R. 134(E), dated the 1st March, 2008.

Member-exporters can avail the Notification No. 6/2006-Central Excise, dated the 1st March, 2006 from the following links :

<http://www.cbec.gov.in/excise/cx-act/notfns-2k6/cex0606.pdf>



Reserve Bank of India
Foreign Exchange Department
Central Office, Mumbai 400 001

RBI/2007-2008/300

A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 39

Dated 28th April, 2008

Bids in Foreign Currency for projects to be executed in India

Attention of all Authorised Dealer Category – I (AD Category – I) banks is invited to item No.5 of Annexure to our A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 54 dated November 25, 2002, relating to bids in foreign currency for projects to be executed in India. In terms of these instructions, person resident in India has been permitted to incur liability in foreign exchange and to make or receive payments in foreign exchange in respect of global bids where the Central Government has authorized such projects to be executed in India and the approval of the concerned Administrative Ministry has been obtained. In such cases, authorized dealers are permitted to sell foreign exchange to the resident Indian company which has been awarded the contract.

2. On a review, and as a measure for procedural simplification, it has been decided, in consultation with Government of India, that the prior permission of Administrative Ministry/Authorization from Central Government may not be necessary for International Competitive Bidding (ICB). Accordingly, persons resident in India are now permitted to incur liability in foreign exchange and to make or receive payments in foreign exchange in respect of global bids for projects to be executed in India without insisting on prior approval of the concerned Administrative Ministry for the International Competitive Bidding.

3. AD Category – I banks may bring the contents of this Circular to the notice of their constituents and customers concerned.

4. The directions contained in this Circular have been issued under Section 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and is without prejudice to permissions/approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Sd/-

(SALIM GANGADHARAN)

Chief General Manager-in-Charge

Steel Prices : Ex-Mandi Gobindgarh : on immediate payment basis

Mandi Gobindgarh

Open Market Rates of Rerollables (April 19, 2008)

(Inclusive of Excise Duty) (Trade Terms 1% Cash Discount)

(Rate Rs. per Tonne)

Ingots

Arc/Ind. Furnaces	
round quality (21x25)	36,000/-
structural quality (28x30)	35,900/-
Low carbon (12x16)	36,500/-
Semi-low carbon (16x20)	36,000/-
5x6 girder quality (28x30)	35,900/-
Runners/Risers	34,000/-
Bones/Clean	31,000/-

Billets & Squares

50x50x63x63x65x65 mm MS	–
75x75x80x80x90x90 mm MS	39,600/-
100x100 mm MS	39,900/-
125x125 mm MS	–
100x100 mm Concast-Billets	40,100/-
100x100 Concast-SAIL DSP	40,200/-
H.C. Billet SAIL 150x150 mm	–
H.C. Billets-Tisco 75x75 mm	–

Blooms

Above 251 mm Bloom (HC)	42,300/-
Above 251 mm Bloom (MS)	42,300/-
Bloom 160x250 mm (DSP)	42,400/-
130/135/140 mm (Tisco) MS	–
150x150 mm Concast (DSP)	43,100/-
150x150 mm MS (SAIL)	43,100/-
Bloom Cut into pcs. (MS)	42,600/-
Bloom Cut into pcs. (Medium)	42,400/-
Bloom Cut into (Patra Pass)	42,200/-

Slabs

Durgapur Slabs 14"x3"	–
Durgapur Slabs	32,500/-
Bokaro Slab Heavy	33,700/-
Tata Concast Slab (Heavy)	34,000/-
Skelp Tisco	–

Rails

Untested Rail - 75 lbs.	33,500/-
Untested Rail - 90 lbs.	33,000/-
Untested Rail - 105 lbs.	32,500/-
Rej. Wheel (Big)	31,500/-

Rej. Wheel (Small)	31,300/-
Cut Tyre (Big)	32,300/-
Cut Tyre (Small)	32,200/-

Melting Scrap (F.O.R.)

Rolling Mill end (Fresh)	29,000/-
Good Godown	27,300/-
Godown Scrap	27,200/-
Turning	27,200/-
Tin Tapper	27,500/-
Sponge Iron	27,500/-

Pig Iron (F.O.R.)

Foundry Grade	33,800/-
Steel Grade	31,800/-
C.I. Turning	20,000/-
Degi Scrap	28,300/-
Deg Casting	39,000/-
Ingot Moulds (Old)	27,500/-
Ingot Moulds (New)	39,000/-
Cut Ingot Moulds	28,000/-

Open Market Rates of Finished Goods (April 19, 2008)

(Inclusive of Excise Duty) (Trade Terms 1% Cash Discount)

(Rate Rs. per Qntl.)

M. S. Rounds

Mild	4 mm	5 mm	6 mm	8 mm	10 mm	12 mm	16/20 mm	22/25 mm
Medium-Semi	3900/-	3750/-	3650/-	3720/-	3780/-	4030/-	4030/-	3970/-
Zindi Pass (Drawing)	–	–	–	–	3780/-	4030/-	–	–
	–	–	–	4020/-	4020/-	4020/-	4020/-	3980/-

Above rates of 6 mm rounds are of length up to 14' Above 18' = 3650/-

Heavy Rounds

Mild	28 to 53 mm	63 to 100 mm	110 to 125 mm	140 to 150 mm	165 mm	180 mm	200 mm
	3970/-	4020/-	4120/-	4220/-	4320/-	4380/-	4480/-

M. S. Squares

Mild	4 mm	5 mm	6 mm	8 mm	10 mm	12 mm	16/20 mm	22/25 mm
	3900/-	3750/-	3650/-	3650/-	3700/-	3980/-	3980/-	3960/-

M. S. Angles

3 mm	20 mm	25 mm	32 mm	37 mm	50 mm	65 mm	75 mm	90 mm	100 mm
5 mm	4100/-	4050/-	4050/-	4050/-	4070/-	4090/-	–	–	–
6 mm	–	4040/-	4040/-	4020/-	4030/-	4030/-	4030/-	4100/-	4150/-
	–	4040/-	4040/-	4020/-	4030/-	4030/-	4030/-	4100/-	4150/-

M. S. Flats

3 mm	20 mm	25 mm	32 mm	37 mm	50 mm	65 mm	75 mm	100 mm
5 mm	3800/-	3830/-	3840/-	3850/-	3880/-	4150/-	4150/-	4050/-
6 mm	3800/-	3980/-	3980/-	3970/-	3970/-	3970/-	3970/-	3970/-
8 mm	3800/-	3980/-	3980/-	3960/-	3960/-	3960/-	3960/-	3960/-
10 mm	–	–	3980/-	3960/-	3960/-	3960/-	3960/-	3960/-
12/25 mm	–	–	3980/-	3960/-	3960/-	3960/-	3960/-	3960/-
18/19 Gauge	4100/-	4100/-	4110/-	4120/-	4150/-	4180/-	4180/-	4180/-

[Prices at other stockyards may vary]

[Source : Steel Town (Weekly), April 19, 2008]

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