

Public Notice



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Public Notice No. 62/2004-2009

Dated 21st March, 2005

In exercise of powers conferred under Paragraph 2.4 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2004-09 and Paragraph 1.1 of the Handbook of Procedures (Vol. I), the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby makes the following additions/amendments etc. in the Book titled "Schedule of DEPB rates" :-

I. Product Group : Engineering Product Code : 61

- (i) The value cap of Rs. 60/- per kg. appearing in the entry at Sr. No. 66A is enhanced to Rs. 200/- per kg.
- (ii) The value cap of Rs. 25/- per kg. is imposed against entry at Sr. No. 72.
- (iii) The value cap of Rs. 27000/- MT appearing in the entry at Sr. No. 463 is enhanced to Rs. 33000/- MT.
- (iv) The value cap of Rs. 34000/- MT appearing in the entries at Sr. Nos. 473, 474, 475 and 476 is enhanced to Rs. 38000/- MT.
- (v) The entry appearing at Sr. No. 588 adhoc is amended to read as under :-

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>DEPB Rate (%)</i>	<i>Value Cap</i>
588	Hermetically Sealed Compressor for Refrigerators & Commercial Refrigeration Applications using eco-friendly gases	4	Rs. 1200/Pc.

Sd/-
(K. T. CHACKO)
Director General of Foreign Trade

[File No. 01/87/171/00001/AM05/DES VIII (Vol. IX)]

Notification No. 29/2004-09

Dated 9th March, 2005

Announcement of All Industrial Rate of Duty Drawback of Rs. 1300/- per MT for furnace oil

S.O.(E) In exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 2.1 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2004-09 the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby announces All Industry Rate of Duty Drawback of Rs. 1300/- per MT for furnace oil supplied by domestic oil companies to EOU/ SEZ units under various schemes as contained in Chapters 6, 7 and 8 of the Foreign Trade Policy until further orders.

Sd/-
(K. T. CHACKO)
Director General of Foreign Trade
and ex-officio Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of India

(File No. Misc. 9/AM 2000/DBK Cell)

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Policy Circular No. 21/2004-09

Dated 11th March, 2005

Clarification regarding the Date of Submission of Application Submitted through EDI Mode

Representations have been received from the trade that to facilitate fast processing of application, reduce interface with the Government officials and as a measure of procedural simplification, the facility of filing application through EDI mode (E-Commerce) and the digital signature mode has been extended to the exporters community. Now it has been brought to the notice that since the paragraph 4.12 of Handbook of Procedures, Vol. I stipulates that exports/supplies made from the date of issuance of file number for an Advance Licence by the Licensing Authority, may be accepted towards discharge of export obligation, the E-Commerce generated application number and date is not being accepted by the RLAs as the date of filing of application, leading



to either rejection or imposition of late cut without taking into consideration the hardship/difficulty in timely submission of hard copy of the application to the RLA.

A similar matter was considered by the PRC during its meeting held on 14-01-05. On the basis of the decision taken therein, it is hereby clarified that in case of E-Commerce application, the date on which E-Commerce application is submitted and E-Commerce file number is generated would be considered as the date of filing of application. However the hard copy of the application must be submitted to the concerned RLA within 15 days of filing E-Commerce application. Suitable amendment would also be carried out in the Handbook of Procedures, Vol. I.

Sd/-
(TAPAN MAZUMDER)
Jt. Director General of Foreign Trade

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Policy Circular No. 23/2004-09

Dated 17th March, 2005

**Extension of the date for filing of application for Duty Free
Credit Entitlement Certificate for Status Holder
for the period 2003-04**

Attention is invited to Para 3.2.6 A-IV of Handbook of Procedures Vol. I (2002-07 as amended up to 28th of January 2004), wherein the last date for filing of application for Duty Free Credit Entitlement Certificate for Status Holder for the period 2003-04 was mentioned as 31st December, 2004. Vide Policy Circular No. 12/2004-09 dt. 28.12.2004 the last date for submission of such applications was further extended till 31st March, 2005.

2. The application for obtaining Duty Free Credit Entitlement Certificate as above is required to be submitted in Appendix-17D of Handbook of Procedures Vol. I. In view of the fact that the said Appendix-17D has not been notified so far, it has been decided to further extend the last date for submission of application, which will now be 3 months from the date of issue of Public Notice notifying Appendix-17D for the period 2003-2004.

Sd/-
(M. K. PARIMOO)
Dy. Director General of Foreign Trade

(F. No. : 01/94/180/11/AM05/ PC-IV)

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

Customs Circular No. 14/2005

Dated 11th March, 2005

Withdrawal of accredited status - regarding

It has been brought to the notice of Board that significant time is taken by the importers for payment of duty after the Bill of Entry is assessed. This increases overall dwell time for cargo clearance as well as straining our infrastructure at Customs Ports. As a step to reduce the time gap between assessment and payment of duty, the Board has decided to introduce a system of disincentive.

2. It has been decided that if importers/exporters who have been extended with Green Channel Clearance Facility, Accelerated Clearance of Import and Export Scheme (ACS) or any other special clearance facility, do not pay the duty within eight working hours of assessment of Bill of Entry, then their special status as above will be withdrawn for the temporary period of one month from the date of such non-compliance. During this period of one month, the clearance of their goods will be given the same treatment as the goods of any other importer or exporter. Their special status as above will be resumed after the completion of the penal period of one month. This may be facilitated through daily procedure of EDI operations.

3. The above instructions may be brought to the notice of the Trade immediately through appropriate Public Notice.

Sd/-
(ANUPAM PRAKASH)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
(F. No. 450/118/2004-CUS-IV)

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
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Customs Circular No. 15/2005

Dated 11th March, 2005

Filing of documents through ICEGATE - regarding

The Board is considering to give impetus to the electronic filing of documents specially to those Custom House Agents, Exporters and Importers who clear goods themselves. The filing of documents through ICEGATE needs to be encouraged to those who have significant workload in terms of number of documents to be filed. The Indian Customs is gearing up to accept the global

challenge and expected to be fully computerized in a few years and hence there is need to move forward towards e-filing progressively.

2. It has been decided by the Board that the Custom House Agents, Exporters and Importers who file more than five documents per day on an average at each place should be asked to file the documents through ICEGATE and not through service centers. The average number of documents would be calculated on the basis of total number of documents filed by them during the preceding three months at one place. This requirement can be implemented by taking a self-declaration from the persons using service center facility and there is no need to calculate exact number of documents filed by the Custom House Agent/Exporter/Importer. Thus for example if a Custom House Agent files a document at Mumbai and wants to use service center facility he will have to declare that he does not file more than five documents (Bill of Entry or Shipping Bill) per day at Mumbai (including Custom House, Air Cargo Complex, ICD located in Mumbai).

3. The above instructions may be brought to the notice of the Trade immediately through appropriate Public Notice.

Sd/-

(ANUPAM PRAKASH)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

(F. No. 450/118/2004-CUS-IV)

**Government of India
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Customs Circular No. 16/2005

Dated 11th March, 2005

**Clearance of Green Channel containers
directly from the Ports - regarding**

It has been brought to the notice of the Board that presently the containers which are subjected to Green Channel facility are also moved to the Customs area from Ports for the purpose of examination. It has been suggested that importers should be allowed to clear the Green Channel containers directly from the Ports without transshipping the same to the Customs area. It was noted that such facility is already operational at some of the Ports. This procedure would also reduce the dwell time considerably for such cargo resulting in efficient functioning.

2. It has been decided by the Board that such importers would be allowed to clear the Green Channel containers directly from the Ports without transshipping the same to the Customs area for examination.

3. The above instructions may be brought to the notice of the Trade immediately through appropriate Public Notice.

Sd/-

(ANUPAM PRAKASH)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

(F. No. 450/118/2004-CUS-IV)

**F. No. 4/3/2002-CX-I
Government of India
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Notification No. 14/2005-Central Excise

Dated 7th March, 2005

Whereas the Central Government is satisfied that chassis fitted with engines, for the motor vehicles, whether or not fitted with a cab, should be classified and levied to the rates of duty in force till 27th February, 2005 for Heading No. 8706 even after the coming into effect of Central Excise Tariff (Amendment) Act, 2004 (5 of 2005) and the rate of duty for the Tariff Item 58063200 in Chapter 58 of the First Schedule to the aforesaid Amendment Act should be specified at the same rate as in force upto 27th February, 2005 and that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

2. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 (5 of 1986), the Central Government, hereby makes the following amendments in the First Schedule and the Second Schedule to the said Central Excise Tariff Act, namely :-

I. In the First Schedule,

(a) In Chapter 58, in column (4), against tariff item 58063200, the entry "16%" shall be inserted.

(b) In Chapter 87, for NOTE 3, the following NOTE shall be substituted, namely :-

"Heading 8706 shall include chassis, whether or not fitted with a cab."

II. In the Second Schedule, in NOTE 9 in clause (iv) for the words, "tariff items of heading 8706 includes chassis fitted with engines only for-", the words "heading 8706 shall include chassis, whether or not fitted with a cab. Tariff items of heading 8706 include chassis fitted with engines for-" shall be substituted.

Sd/-

(V. SIVASUBRAMANIAN)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India