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All Members/All Members of the COA

Dear Sir(s),

Sub : Regarding mis – classification of goods under ‘Others’ category at the time of import

This has reference to our earlier circular ref.: Plexh/ Cir/ 0673 dated 23.10.2019, we would like to inform you that O/o Directorate General of Foreign Trade, New Delhi has issued Trade Notice No. 46/201920 dated 17th January, 2020 regarding Mis-classification of goods under ‘Others’ category at the time of Import.

As you might be aware, O/o DGFT had earlier issued Trade Notice No. 37/2019 dated 22nd October 2019 whereby trade/ industry was advised to be careful while filing their Bill of entry at the time of import and were urged to mention specific HS Codes at 8 digit level, where they exist instead of using the ‘Others’ category. It was also informed that many importers are not doing due diligence in mentioning correct HS codes at 8 digit level at the time of import and are casually using the HS Code for “Others” category, which is a residual code category. However, despite clear advisory in the Trade Notice No. 37/2019, it has been noted that imports under ‘Others’ category continue to be widely used in the Bills of Entry. In this regard, O/o DGFT has now issued Trade Notice No. 46/201920 dated 17th January, 2020 whereby it is reiterated that all importers should file their Bills of Entry with specific codes available for the imported items under ITC(HS), 2017, Schedule — I (Import Policy) at 8 digit level, and to avoid as far as possible ‘Others’ category.

Further, we understand from the said Trade Notice that the matter will be reviewed shortly and in the event of non-compliance and continued misclassification by the importers, Government may consider bringing a licensing regime for all items imported under the ‘Others’ category by shifting these items from ‘free’ to ‘restricted’ category.

If members of Trade and Industry are of the view that the existing HS codes are not sufficient to cover the goods that they are importing, they should immediately suggest appropriate HS codes at 8 digit level for such goods.

Members are requested to take note of this trade notice and do the needful accordingly, to avoid issues later on. The said Trade Notice is also available for reference using below link:

<https://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/trade%20notice%20no.%2046%20dated%2017.01.2020.pdf>

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,

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