Circular No.:26 / 2010-Customs

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Government of India

Ministry of Finance

Department of Revenue

Central Board of Excise & Customs

159A, North Block,

New Delhi-110001

9th August, 2010.

To

All Chief Commissioners of Customs / Customs (Prev.).

All Chief Commissioners of Customs & Central Excise.

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All Director Generals under CBEC.

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Subject: **Import of goods under Notification No.13/2010-Customs dated 19.2.2010 for Commonwealth Games, 2010 - regarding.**

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Sir / Madam,

Attention is invited to Notification No.13/2010-Customs dated 19.2.2010 granting exemption from customs duty on specified goods imported into India for the purpose of organizing the Commonwealth Games to be held in October, 2010 in New Delhi. In this regard, references have been received from field formations as well as the Organizing Committee Commonwealth Games, 2010 Delhi (OC, CWG) regarding difficulties faced in interpretation of notification and clearance of goods imported for the Games and requesting that a suitable clarification may be issued by the Board in this regard.

2. The matter has been examined in the Board. There has been some confusion as to who is an eligible importer as per Notification No.13/2010-Customs dated 19.2.2010. A doubt has been raised as to whether suppliers/contractors/vendors are eligible for the benefit under the said notification. In this connection, it is clarified that suppliers/ contractors/vendors appointed by the OC, CWG would not be eligible for the benefit under the said notification. Further, the specimen signature of the Joint Director General (Coordination), OC, CWG and Director (Coordination), OC, CWG as furnished by OC are annexed as Annexure 'A' to this Circular.

3. The requirement of Foreign Trade Policy or any other Acts or exemption, if any, in this regard, unless exempted, will apply as per the instructions/circular issued by DGFT and concerned Departments from time to time. The OC, CWG have been advised to take up these matters with DGFT and concerned Departments and sort out the issues well in advance before arrival of consignments.

4. The Board desires that all concerned Commissioners of Customs should sensitize field formation under their charge to ensure speedy clearance of consignments subject to observance of due procedure. Further, in order to ensure smooth conduct of the Commonwealth Games, the clearances of import consignments connected with the Games shall be allowed on holidays also on payment of applicable MOT charges. Board desires that all concerned Commissioners of Customs should take suitable advance action in this regard and provide adequate manpower for this purpose.

5. All concerned Commissioners of Customs are also advised to appoint a nodal officer to monitor clearance of consignment imported for the purpose of the Commonwealth Games. The Board desires that the names and contact details of the Nodal Officers (appointed by the Commissioner of Customs in your jurisdiction) may be intimated to the Board as well as to the OC, CWG.

6. Board also desires that concerned Chief Commissioners may ensure that imports for the Commonwealth Games are cleared without delay and for the purpose of monitoring a consolidated weekly report as per format at Annexure 'B' may be sent by E-mail to Director (Customs), CBEC at **dircus@nic.in**. The first such report may be sent immediately and thereafter on the first working day of each week.

7. Suitable Public Notice / Standing Order may be issued for wide publicity and to guide trade and field officials.

8. Difficulty faced, if any, may be brought to notice of the Board.

Yours faithfully,

(R. P. Singh)
Director (Customs)

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