Circular No.16/2010-Customs

F. No.502/3/2010-Cus.VI

Government of India

Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs

North Block, New Delhi.
29th June, 2010.

To

All Chief Commissioners of Customs / Customs (Prev).
All Chief Commissioners of Customs & Central Excise.
All Commissioners of Customs / Customs (Prev).
All Commissioners of Customs (Appeals).
All Commissioners of Customs & Central Excise.
All Commissioners of Customs & Central Excise (Appeals).

Subject: Examination under Regulation 8 of the 'Customs House Agents Licensing Regulations (CHALR), 2004' - Clarification - regarding.

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Sir / Madam,

Attention is invited to regulation (6) (a) of 'Customs House Agents Licensing Regulations (CHALR), 2004' which specifies certain professional qualification such as MBA from any institute or University recognised by the Government to be possessed by an applicant or his employee referred to in clause (b) of the sub regulations (2) and (3) of regulation 5 of CHALR, 2004 to appear in examination under regulation 8 of the said Regulations. However, in this regard, it was clarified vide Board's Circular No.42/2004-Customs dated 10.6.2004 that, no degree holders equivalent to MBA are entitled to appear in the said examination. However, references have been received in the Board from field formation pointing out that some well known institutes like Indian Institute of Management are not awarding MBA degree rather such institutes are awarding PGDM which is equivalent to MBA. It is represented that these PGDM holders should be allowed to appear in regulation 8 examinations under CHALR, 2004.

2. The issue has been examined in the Board. It has been decided by the Board that MBA degree or the equivalent degree PGDM, granted by an institute or university recognised by Government / AICTE under Ministry of Human Resource Development shall be acceptable qualification for degree holders to appear in the examination under CHALR, 2004.

3. The Board Circular No.42/2004-Customs dated 10.6.2004 stands modified to above extent.

4. These instructions may be brought to the notice of the field officers by issuing suitable Standing orders/instructions. Difficulties faced, if any, in the implementation of the Circular may please be brought to the notice of the Board, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

(Vikas)
Under Secretary (Cus.VI)

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