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**D.O.F.No.334/1/2008-TRU**  
New Delhi, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

Dear Chief Commissioner/Commissioner,

The Finance Minister has introduced the Finance Bill, 2008 in Lok Sabha on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008. Changes in excise and customs duties have been made through the Finance Bill (clauses 63 to clause 84, clauses 117 and 120) and through Notification Nos.20/2008-Customs to 29/2008-Customs, 11/2008-Customs (NT), 2/2008-CE to 14/2008-CE, and 10/2008-CE (NT) to 14/2008-CE (NT), all dated 1st March, 2008. The salient features of these changes in respect of excise and customs duties are indicated below. A Chapter-wise summary of the changes is available in the Explanatory Notes. For full details, however, kindly refer to the relevant provisions of the Finance Bill and the notifications. Changes in rates of duty (except for items brought into the SSI exemption) take effect from the midnight of 29th February/ 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 2008. The legislative changes, except those declared under the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1931 would come into effect only upon the enactment of the Finance Bill.

**I. CENTRAL EXCISE**

**2. General CENVAT Rate: (Notification No. 2/2008-CE)**

2.1 The general rate of excise duty (CENVAT) has been reduced from 16% to 14%. This reduction applies to all goods that hitherto attracted this general rate of 16%. In some cases, a deeper reduction has been made, the details of which are indicated in the subsequent paragraphs. These changes have been carried out by notification. The other *ad valorem* rates of 24%, 12% and 8% have been retained.

2.2 Since the reduction in the general rate has been carried out by notification, the possibility of the same product/ item being covered by more than one notification cannot be ruled out. In such a situation, the rate beneficial to the assessee would have to be extended if he fulfils the attendant conditions of the exemption.

**3. Drugs and Pharmaceuticals:**

3.1 Excise duty on drugs and pharmaceuticals falling under Heading Nos. 3001, 3003 (except Menthol crystals), 3004, 3005 and 3006 (except 3006 60 and 3006 92 00) has been

reduced from 16% to 8%. Thus, the general effective rate for all goods of Chapter 30 is now 8%. However, certain specified items such as life saving drugs continue to be fully exempt. Excise duty has been fully exempted on Anti-AIDS drug ATAZANAVIR, and bulk drugs for its manufacture.

3.2 Chief Commissioners are requested to send a monthly report regarding the price impact of these changes in the proforma at Annexure I.

4. **Automobiles:**

4.1 Excise duty on Small cars has been reduced from 16% to 12%. There is no change in the definition of small cars. Large cars will continue to attract duty at 24%. A concessional rate of duty of 14% has been provided for “Hybrid cars” driven by a combination of an internal combustion engine and an electric motor. The definition prescribed in the relevant notification may kindly be critically examined and if there are any suggestions for providing more clarity, the same may be conveyed to me at the earliest.

4.2 Electrically operated vehicles enjoy a concessional rate of duty of 8%. Of this category, full exemption has now been provided to Electric cars. Specified parts of electric cars have also been fully exempted on end-use basis. It may kindly be ensured that the exemption for parts/ components is monitored effectively and there is no misuse.

4.3 Excise duty on buses and vehicles for the transport of more than 13 persons has been reduced from 16% to 12%. Simultaneously, the duty on the chassis of such vehicles has also been brought down from ‘16% +Rs.10,000-’ to ‘12% +Rs.10,000/-.’

4.4 There is also a reduction in the excise duty on two-wheelers and three-wheelers (for the transport of upto 7 persons) from 16% to 12%.

4.5 Chief Commissioners may kindly send a monthly report on the price impact of these changes in the proforma at Annexure II.

5. **Food Processing Sector:**

5.1 Full exemption from excise duty has been provided to some more food products viz. tender coconut water; Paws, mudi (puffed rice) and the like; milk containing edible nuts and other ingredients; and Tea/ coffee pre-mixes containing tea/ coffee, milk and sugar.

5.2 On a few more food items - muesli, corn flakes & similar breakfast cereals; and ‘sharbats’, a concessional rate of duty of 8% has been provided.

5.3 On specified packaging material used mainly for packaging of processed foods, the rate of duty has been reduced from 16% to 8%. These items are: Open Top Sanitary (OTS) cans, aseptic packaging paper and aseptic bags.

5.4 There is already a full exemption for specified equipment for the installation of a cold storage, cold room or refrigerated vehicle, for the preservation, storage and transportation of agricultural produce on end-use basis. Another item has been added to this list.

6. **Information Technology & Communication sector**

6.1 Packaged software hitherto attracted excise duty of 8%. This has been enhanced to 12%. There is no change in the excise duty on other software. Excise duty has been fully exempted on Wireless data modem cards. Consequently, CVD shall also be exempted on imported cards. However, 4% additional duty of customs will be applicable.

6.2 Specified convergence products viz. MP3/ MP4/ MPEG4 player having video and audio reception facility have been provided a concessional excise duty of 8%.

7. **Paper and Paper products**

7.1 Excise duty on writing paper, printing paper and packing paper falling under heading nos. 4802, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4808 and 4810 has been reduced from 12% to 8%.

7.2 Excise duty has been fully exempted on paper and paper products, manufactured from non-conventional raw materials, upto first clearance of 3500 metric tonne in a year from a unit.

7.3 Excise duty on paper and paper products, manufactured from non-conventional raw materials, beyond clearance of 3500 metric tonne per year from a unit (not having an attached bamboo/wood pulp plant) has been reduced from 12% to 8%.

8. **Other Concessions:**

8.1 Excise duty has been fully exempted on composting machines and menthol/ menthol crystals.

8.2 Excise duty has been reduced from 16% to 8% on water filtration and purification devices, veneers & flush doors, heat resistant rubber tension tape and inks for writing instruments such as marker pens, highlighters, magic pens etc.

8.3.1 Excise duty on pan masala, not containing tobacco, with betel nut content not more than 15%, has been reduced from 16% to 8%. It has also been exempted from National Calamity Contingent Duty. The exemption is available subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions. The availment of this exemption may be closely monitored to prevent any misuse.

8.3.2 Monthly report in this regard may be sent as per proforma at Annexure-III.

9. **Cement:**

9.1 Excise duty has been revised on bulk cement from Rs.400 per tonne to “ 14% or Rs. 400 per tonne, whichever is higher”. However, there is no change in the rates of duty applicable to cement manufactured and cleared in bulk by mini-cement plants.

9.2 Excise duty has been increased on cement clinkers from Rs.350 per tonne to Rs. 450 per tonne.

10. **Cigarettes:**

10.1 Excise duty rates on non-filter cigarettes have been enhanced to bring them at par with filter cigarettes of corresponding length. The revised rates of excise duty (basic + NCCD + Health Cess) on non-filter cigarettes are as under:

S. No.	Description	From	To
	Non-filter cigarettes	(Rs per 1000)	
1.	Not exceeding 60 mm in length	168	819
2.	Exceeding 60 mm but not exceeding 70 mm in length	546	1323

Enhancement of duties (basic + NCCD + Health Cess) has been made through suitable schedule entries in the Finance Bill, which are covered by the declaration under the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1931. A report regarding the price and revenue impact of these changes may kindly be sent in the proforma at Annexure VI.

11. **Petroleum**

11.1 The duty rates on MS/HSD intended for sale without a brand name have been converted from ‘ad valorem + specific rate’ to pure ‘specific rate’ as under:

S. No.	Description	From	To
1.	Motor Spirit	6% + Rs.13 per litre	Rs.14.35 per litre
2.	HSD	6% + Rs.3.25 per litre	Rs. 4. 60 per litre

11.2 The duty rates on branded fuels would continue to attract the present ad valorem cum specific rates i.e. as under:

- a) Motor Spirit : 6% + Rs.13 per litre
- b) HSD : 6% + Rs. 3.25 per litre

12. **NCCD: (Clause 117 of the Finance Bill, 2008)**

12.1 National Calamity Contingent duty (NCCD) at the rate of 1% has been imposed on mobile phones. The CENVAT Credit Rules have been amended to provide that input or capital goods credit of other duties of excise cannot be utilized for the payment of this NCCD.

12.2 NCCD of 1% hitherto leviable on Polyester filament yarn has been withdrawn. Suitable bill entries have been incorporated in the Finance Bill to delete this item from the NCCD Schedule. Till the enactment of the Finance Bill, however, an exemption notification has been issued.

13. **Export Oriented Units:**

13.1 The effective rate of duty applicable to clearances of goods to domestic tariff area from export oriented units, software technology parks, electronic hardware technology parks etc. has been revised from '25% of the basic customs duty + excise duty payable on like goods' to '50% of the basic customs duty + excise duty payable on like goods'.

14. **SSI Exemption:**

14.1 General SSI exemption has been extended to HDPE/ PP tapes consumed captively in the manufacture of sacks/ bags. **This change will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2008.**

15. **Miscellaneous**

15.1 Excise duty exemption on "shuttle-less looms" has been withdrawn. These goods will now attract 8% excise duty/CVD.

15.2 Consequent upon reduction of excise duty rates, abatement rates allowed from maximum retail sales price for various items have been suitably reduced. [notification No.14/2008-CE (NT) refers].

15.3 Notification No. 108/95-CE dated 28.08.1995 exempts, among other things, goods supplied to projects funded by the U.N. or other international organizations subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions. For the removal of doubts, an explanation has been inserted in the notification to clarify that the benefit is available to goods brought into a project that are not withdrawn by the supplier or the contractor. The intention is to clarify that the exemption is not available to goods brought for temporary use in a project. It has also been provided that the expression "goods are required for the execution of the project" shall be construed accordingly. While extending the benefit of this exemption, the field formations may ensure that essentiality certificates issued by the sponsoring authority take into account this clarification. A similar explanation has been inserted in the corresponding Customs Notification No. 84/97-Cusltoms dated 11.11.1997.

15.4 Notification No. 49/2003-CE dated 10.6.2003 provides exemption to specified goods manufactured by new units or units undertaking substantial expansion in the State of Uttarakhand or Himachal Pradesh. The goods or activities to which this exemption is applicable are specified in the schedule. Entry at Sl. No. 13 of the schedule has been amended so as to provide exemption to printers and monitors capable of connecting to a computer or network.

15.5 Some editorial changes have been carried out in the First Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act through a notification issued under section 5 (1) of the said Act. The details are as under:

- (i) Section 2(f) (iii) of Central Excise Act contains definition of “deemed manufacture”. Similarly, the Notes in some of the chapters of the Tariff also define certain processes as amounting to “manufacture”. In respect of the processes of labeling and relabelling and packing/repacking, the definitions in the chapter notes are not aligned with the definition contained in Section 2(f) (iii). The chapter notes have been amended suitably.
- (ii) The First Schedule of the Central Excise Tariff Act has been amended so as to align entries related to parts and accessories of printers falling under heading 8443 of the Excise Tariff with the corresponding entries in the Schedule to the Customs Tariff.

15.6 Sl. No. 7 of Notification No. 64/95-CE dated 16.3.1995 provides exemption to goods meant for use in the launch vehicle project or a satellite project of ISRO. Inadvertently, the description of goods in Col. 2 was printed under Col. 3 pertaining to conditions. This has now been rectified.

## **II. CUSTOMS**

### **16. Export Duty: (Clause 72 (ii) of the Finance Bill)**

16.1 The rate of Export duty on chromium ores and concentrates, all sorts, has been increased from Rs.2000 PMT to Rs.3000 PMT. Chief Commissioners may kindly send a monthly report about the quantity and value of exports as well as revenue collection in the proforma at Annexure IV.

### **17. Project Imports:**

17.1 Basic customs duty on project imports attracting 7.5% has been reduced to 5%. This would apply to industrial projects; power transmission, sub-transmission and distribution projects; power transmission projects of 66KV and above; as well as certain projects notified under heading no.9801 such as airport development projects, metro rail projects, port development projects, railway electrification projects, digital cinema development projects etc.

### **18. Chemicals & Petrochemicals:**

18.1 Basic customs duty on crude and unrefined sulphur has been reduced from 5% to 2%.

18.2 The general effective rate of basic customs duty on phosphoric acid has been 7.5% with a concessional rate of 5% for phosphoric acid used for the manufacture of fertilizers.

The rate of duty has now been unified at 5% irrespective of its use. CVD will however continue to be attracted at applicable rates.

18.3 Basic customs duty exemption presently available on naphtha for manufacture of specified polymers has been withdrawn and consequently it will attract 5% basic customs duty.

19. **Export Promotion:**

19.1 Basic customs duty has been reduced from 10% to 5% on unworked or simply prepared corals.

19.2 Basic customs duty has been reduced on rough cubic zirconia from 5% to Nil and on cubic zirconia (polished) from 10% to 5%. Chief Commissioners may kindly send a monthly report about the volume of imports of these items at these concessional rates in the proforma at Annexure V.

19.3 Basic customs duty on tuna bait has been reduced from 30% to Nil.

19.4 Basic customs duty on specified machinery for manufacture of sports goods for export has been reduced from 7.5% to 5% subject to specified conditions.

19.5 Basic customs duty has been reduced from 10% to Nil on specified raw materials for manufacture of sports goods for exports. The exemption would be available only upto 3% of FOB value of exports made by the importer in the preceding year and would be subject to certification by the Sports Goods Export Promotion Council.

20. **Dairy/Poultry:**

20.1 Basic customs duty has been reduced from 7.5% to Nil on bactofuges and from 30% to 20% on feed additives/pre-mixes.

21. **IT/Electronic industry:**

21.1 A concessional duty of 5% (basic) is already available to certain electronic products such as MP3 and MPEG4 players. This concession has now been extended to “convergence products” i.e. MP3/ MP4 and MPEG player having audio and video reception facility.

21.2 Similarly, full exemption from basic customs duty is available to a large number of raw materials/ inputs for manufacture of specified electronic/ IT products to provide a level playing field to the domestic manufacturers of such products. This concession is now being extended to more raw materials and inputs.

21.3 Set-top boxes are fully exempt from basic customs duty. Specified parts for the manufacture of set-top boxes are also exempt from customs duty, on end-use basis. Two more items viz. SMPS power board and IR module have been added to the list of exempted parts.

22. **Drugs and diagnostic kits:**

22.1 Basic customs duty on six specified drugs/kits, and bulk drugs for their manufacture, has been reduced from 10% to 5% with Nil CVD by way of excise duty exemption. These drugs are used in the treatment of cancer/diabetes/asthma/Hepatitis B etc.

22.2 Specified raw materials and components for the manufacture of ELISA kits enjoy a concessional duty of 5% (basic). The coverage of the list has been expanded to include four more items.

23. **Metals:**

23.1 Basic customs duty on iron or steel melting scrap and aluminium scrap has been reduced from 5% to Nil. Vigil may kindly be maintained to prevent any misuse of these exemptions.

24. **NCCD:**

24.1 National Calamity Contingent duty of 1% currently leviable on Polyester filament yarn has been withdrawn.

24.2 NCCD of 1% has been imposed on mobile phones. For this purpose, the relevant Schedule of the Finance Act, 2001 has been amended. On imported mobile phones this duty shall be collected as additional duty of customs under section 3(1) of the Customs Tariff Act.

25. **Other relief measures:**

25.1 Basic customs duty on specified raw materials for tyre industry has been reduced from 10% to 5%.

25.2 Basic customs duty on helicopter simulators has been reduced from 10% to Nil.

26. **Tobacco products:** Basic customs duty on cigars, cheroots and cigarillos has been increased from 30% to 60%.

27. **4% Additional Duty of Customs:** Exemption from additional duty of customs of 4% levied under section 3(5) of Customs Tariff Act, 1975 has been withdrawn from power generation projects (other than mega power projects), transmission, sub-transmission and distribution projects, and specified goods for high voltage transmission projects.

28. **Electricity:** Tariff rate of Rs.2000 per 1000 kWh has been prescribed on 'electrical energy'. However, the effective rate will continue to be Nil by notification.

29. **Miscellaneous:**

29.1 Temporary imports of capital goods/ equipment for use in the execution of contracts in India can avail of concession under two different provisions- drawback under section 74 (2) of the Customs Act or exemption under notification no.27/2002-Customs dated 1.3.2002. In the first case, the importer pays normal duty at the time of import and claims drawback at the time of re-export. In the other case, he pays a concessional rate of duty at the time of import. However, the admissible period of retention of equipment and the extent of exemption under these schemes have been at variance. The two provisions have now been aligned in the following manner:

- (i) The period for re-export of leased equipment and machinery, imported for temporary use in contracts under notification no. 27/2002-Customs dated 1.3.2002 has been increased from 12 months to 18 months. Simultaneously, the period of retention prescribed under notification no.19/65-Customs dated 6.2.1965 has been reduced (for all goods covered by S.No.1 of the notification) from 36 months to 18 months.
- (ii) The slab rates of duty under both the provisions have now been prescribed on a quarterly basis. Earlier, the rates under notification no.27/2002 were prescribed on half-yearly basis.
- (iii) The rates have also been aligned with the rates of drawback admissible under section 74(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, depending on the period of retention of the goods in India. No drawback will be admissible when goods for which the benefit of notification no.27/2002-Customs has been claimed, are re-exported.

29.3 Concessional customs duty of 5% provided on polymer long rod insulators has been restricted to polymer long rod insulators of 765 KV rating only.

29.4 Basic customs duty and CVD on 0.177 calibre airguns have been exempted. Consequently, 4% special additional duty of customs shall also be exempted on these airguns.

29.5 Sl. No. 349 of Notification No. 21/2002-Customs dated 1.3.2002 exempts specified goods imported for the launch of satellites and payloads into outer space by the Department of Space. The description of the goods covered by the exemption has been amended to add 'ground equipment brought for testing'. A condition has also been inserted to prescribe that such goods would be re-exported.

29.6 Sl. No. 347 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs dated 1.3.2002 provides exemption to aircrafts imported by Aero Club of India, or by a flying training institute. Inadvertently, the condition No. indicated in the notification as 103, which is also the condition No. provided for entry No. 77A of the notification. This has now been rectified by renumbering the said condition as '103A'.

30. **Other amendments in Customs Act and Central Excise Act:**

**[To come into effect on enactment of Finance Bill, 2008, unless otherwise specified]**

- a) Section 2 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 is being amended to insert an explanation in clause (d) to provide that for the purposes of this clause, “goods” include any article, material or substance which is capable of being bought and sold for a consideration and such goods shall be deemed to be marketable.
- b) Section 3A is being inserted in the Central Excise Act, 1944 empowering the Central Government to charge excise duty on the basis of capacity of production in respect of notified goods, and to notify the procedure for the same.
- c) Section 11B of the Central Excise Act, 1944 is being amended to provide for the refund of interest paid on any duty of excise.
- d) According to the provisions of Section 11D of the Central Excise Act, 1944, a person liable to pay duty is required to deposit with the Central Government any amount that he collects as representing duty of excise in excess of the duty assessed or determined and paid on any excisable goods. As such, recovery of amounts collected in this manner is possible only from persons who are liable to pay duty. Sub-section (1A) has now been inserted to enable the Central Government to recover such amounts from **any person**. Besides, it has also been provided that any person who recovers an amount representing it as duty of excise on excisable goods, which are wholly exempt or chargeable to Nil rate of duty, would also be required to deposit it with the Central Government. Consequential amendments have been carried out in section 11 DD to enable recovery of interest on such amounts if they are not deposited in time. The analogous provision contained in section 28 B of the Customs Act has also been amended in the same manner.
- e) Orders passed in appeal by Commissioner (Appeals) are currently examined by a Committee consisting of two Commissioners of Central Excise under section 35B of the Central Excise Act, 1944. This provision does not cover a situation where there is a difference of opinion between the two Commissioners about the filing of appeal against the appellate order. It is now being provided that the Committee would refer such cases to the jurisdictional Chief Commissioner specifying the points of difference so that he may decide whether or not to accept the appellate order. A similar amendment has been carried out in section 129A of the Customs Act.
- f) Orders passed in appeal by a Commissioner of Central Excise are currently reviewed by a Committee consisting of two Chief Commissioners of Central Excise under section 35E of the Central Excise Act, 1944. This provision does not cover a situation where there is a difference of opinion between the two Chief Commissioners about the filing of appeal against the order in original. It is now being provided that the Committee would refer such cases to the Board specifying

the points of difference so that the Board may decide whether or not to appeal against the order to the Tribunal. A similar amendment has been carried out in section 129D of the Customs Act.

- g) Section 35FF is being inserted in the Central Excise Act, 1944 to provide for payment of interest on pre-deposits made by appellants who succeed in appeal, if the amount of pre-deposit is not refunded within three months from the date of communication of the order of the appellate authority to the adjudicating authority. A similar provision (Section 129 EE) is being inserted in the Customs Act, 1962.
- h) Note 16 of Chapter 39 to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 is being amended to specify that the process of lamination or of lacquering shall also amount to manufacture in addition to the process of metallization.
- i) Section 108 of the Customs Act, 1962 is being amended to give all customs officers powers to issue summons.
- j) Section 117 of the Customs Act, 1962 is being amended to increase the maximum amount of penalty from the existing ten thousand rupees to one lakh rupees.
- k) Section 141 of the Customs Act, 1962 is being amended to regulate the manner in which the imported or export goods may be received, stored, delivered, dispatched or otherwise handled in a customs area by any person and to specify by regulations the responsibilities of person engaged in the aforesaid activities.
- l) Section 158 of the Customs Act, 1962 is being amended to increase the maximum amount of penalty from five hundred rupees to fifty thousand rupees for contravention of any of the rules, and from two hundred rupees to fifty thousand rupees for contravention of regulations.

31. **Amendment in Rules:**

- a) Rule 18 of the Central Excise (No.2) Rules, 2001 is being amended to allow with retrospective effect, rebate of duty paid on excisable goods cleared from the factory for exports.
- b) Rule 12 of the Central Excise Rules, 1944 is being amended to allow with retrospective effect, rebate of duty paid on excisable goods cleared from the factory for exports.
- c) Rule 18 of the Central Excise Rules, 2002 is being amended to allow with retrospective effect, rebate of duty paid on excisable goods cleared from the factory for exports.
- d) The CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004 are being amended to bring in the following significant changes:

- (i) Rule 3 [except sub-rule (4)] is being amended to allow removal of capital goods outside the premises of the provider of the output service without any time restriction, if the same is for providing output service. This change shall come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2008.
- (ii) Sub-rule (4) of Rule 3 is being amended to provide that in case of National Calamity Contingent duty (NCCD) payable on mobile phones, credit of any duty of excise other than NCCD will not be utilized for payment of the said NCCD. This change shall come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2008.
- (iii) Rule 6 is being amended to provide,-
  - Following options to a manufacturer, using common inputs or input services for manufacture of dutiable as well as exempted goods and opting not to maintain separate accounts. Such manufacturers can:
    - either reverse the credit attributable (to be worked out in a manner prescribed in the rule) to the inputs and input services used in the manufacture of exempted goods; or
    - pay 10% amount of the value (to be determined in accordance with the provision of section 4/4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944) of the exempted goods.
  - Following options to a provider of output services, using common inputs or input services for providing taxable as well as exempted services and opting not to maintain separate accounts. Such provider of output services can,-
    - either reverse the credit attributable (to be worked out in a manner prescribed in the rule) to the inputs and input services used for providing exempted service; or
    - pay 8% amount of the value (determined in terms of section 67 of the Finance Act, 1994) of the exempted services.

This change shall come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2008.

- iv) A new rule 7A is being inserted to prescribe a procedure to enable the provider of output services to take credit on inputs and capital goods on the basis of an invoice/challan/bill issued by its other office. This change shall come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2008.
- v) A new rule 15A is being inserted to provide for general penalty upto Rs.5000/- in case of contravention of any of the provisions of the

CENVAT Rules, 2004, for which no specific penal provision exists. This change shall come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2008.

- e) The Central Excise (Determination of Retail Sale Price of Excisable Goods) Rules, 2008 are being issued under section 4A(4) of the Central Excise Act, 1944 to provide the manner for determination of retail sale price, where the same is not declared on the packages or tampered or altered or obliterated. This change shall come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2008.

## 32. Revenue Foregone/ Tax Expenditure Statement

32.1 The revenue foregone or Tax Expenditure Statement, published as part of the Receipts Budget, contains information that is critical both for formulating tax policy as well as for administration of tax laws by the field formations. The insight it provides into the pattern of tax expenditure can be a useful input for designing appropriate policy interventions and for tightening administrative control where needed. It is crucial, therefore, that the statement is based on clean, reliable and comprehensive data. Although the data coverage in customs has been fairly satisfactory and stable, on the excise side both completeness and accuracy are still an issue. May I request you to kindly ensure that data from Excise returns is captured in a timely and accurate manner and on a regular basis by the Commissionerates so that the figures of tax expenditure may be computed with greater precision.

## 33. General

33.1 You may kindly study the budgetary changes carefully and indicate your views, comments and suggestions on their implementation. It is necessary to ensure that the implementation of the proposed changes is smooth and causes no inconvenience to the taxpayers. Special efforts should be made to guide the taxpayers to understand and adopt these changes. The Departmental Officers should also be appropriately briefed on these changes.

33.2 In a number of cases, excise duty rates have been altered. It has been decided to collect data on the price behaviour, revenue implication, volume and value of clearances/ imports etc. as indicated in the foregoing paras. This information may kindly be furnished in the relevant proforma attached with this letter as per the time-lines indicated therein. **These reports need to be consolidated at the office of the Chief Commissioner, and the Chief Commissioner should send a consolidated report in respect of all the Commissionerates under his charge. All reports should be sent in excel sheet, and a copy be e-mailed to 'datatru@gmail.com'** You may kindly ensure that the information furnished is accurate since reliance will be placed on this data at the time of discussion of the Finance Bill in Parliament.

33.3 Compilation of statistical reports is admittedly an arduous and resource-heavy exercise. I would request you, therefore, to discontinue forthwith the post-budget reports prescribed after the last budget (2007-08), except on iron ore.

33.4 All rate changes in customs and excise duties are explained in the Explanatory Notes. You would appreciate that number of changes have been carried out through amendments in notifications, rules and Acts. Though every care has been taken to reflect the intention of the Government clearly in all these documents, the chances of human error cannot be ruled out. I would, therefore, request you to kindly go through the explanatory notes, notifications and Finance Bill carefully and bring to our notice at the earliest any omission/error that might have crept in. If there is any doubt or difficulty on any issue, you are requested to bring it immediately to my notice or to the notice of Shri Ravinder Saroop, Director, TRU (Tel No. 23092236) or Ms. Limatula Yaden, Deputy Secretary, TRU (Tel No.23092753). Copies of the FM's speech, notifications, Finance Bill etc. are forwarded herewith. These will also be available on the department's website soon after the conclusion of FM's speech.

34. In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each one of you on behalf of my team for your suggestions and feedback. These have been valuable in giving a final shape to our proposals.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vivek Johri)

To

All Chief Commissioners/Directors Generals/  
Commissioners of Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax

**Annexure –I**  
**(Refer para 3.2)**

**Data on clearances (excluding exports) and duty paid on drugs.**

(A) Name of the Commissionerate:

(1) Name of the manufacturer :

S. No	Name of the Product	Unit of packing	For the Month of February, 2008				For the Month of March, 2008			
			MRP of unit packing (in Rs.)	Rs. in crore			MRP of unit packing (in Rs.)	Rs. in crore		
				Total assessable value of clearance during the month	PLA	Cenvat		Total assessable value of clearance during the month	PLA	Cenvat
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										

- (i) Information needed for each unit separately. Whether manufacturer is loan licensee or contract manufacturer should be also mentioned.
- (ii) This report should be sent so as to reach latest by 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2008. While submitting report for the subsequent Month (April, 2008, May, 2008 etc), the report for that particular month should only be furnished in the above format.

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**ANNEXURE-II**  
**(Para 4.5)**

**Data on clearances (excluding exports) and duty paid on vehicles**

Name of the Zone:

Name of the Manufacturer :

S. No	Motor Vehicle (i.e. Bus, Car, Motorcycle, etc)	Vehicle Model (with variant)	For the Month of _____, 2008						
			Ex-factory Price (Rs. Lacs)	Ex-Show-room price (Rs. Lacs)	Total Domestic Qty Cleared (No.s)	Total Assessable Value (Rs. Lacs)	Total duty paid (Rs. Lacs)	PLA (Rs. Lacs)	CENV AT (Rs. Lacs)
1									
2									
3									

Note :

1. The report is to be sent on monthly basis. The first report should, however, cover the months of February 2008 and March, 2008, giving separate figures for each month.
2. Report for a particular month should reach by 10<sup>th</sup> of the succeeding month.
3. It is requested that the information may be compiled at the zonal level and forwarded to TRU after due checking/verification.
4. Information is needed for each of the vehicle model with variants separately (for instance, information would be needed separately for Maruti 800 Standard and Maruti 800 Deluxe).

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**Annexure-III**  
**(Refer Para 8.3.2)**

1. Name of the units under their jurisdiction manufacturing any or all of the following products:

(i) pan masala containing tobacco falling under CETH 2403 99 90

(ii) Pan masala without tobacco falling under CETH 2106 90 20

(a) Containing not more than 15% betel content, falling under S.No.29B of 3/2006-Central Excise as amended vide 3/2008-CE

(b) Containing more than 15% betel content pan masala

2. Duty paid under PLA and CENVAT under all the aforesaid products by these units.

Monthly data may be provided in the following format:

S. No	Name of the Unit	Product	Value of Clearances (In Rs. Crores)	Duty paid (In Rs. Lakhs)			
				For the month		Upto the month	
			Upto the month	PLA	CENVAT	PLA	CENVAT
1.		(i)					
		(ii) (a)					
		(ii) (b)					
2.		(i)					
		(ii) (a)					
		(ii) (b)					
3.							

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**Annexure-IV**  
(Para 16.1)

**Data on Export of Chromium Ores & Concentrates:**

Name of the Zone .....

For the Month of ....., 2008

Type	Quantity (in lakh MT)		Value (in Rs. crore)		Customs duty (in Rs. crore)	
	For the month	Upto the month	For the month	Upto the month	For the month	Upto the month
Chromium ores						
Chromium concentrates						
Others						

Note:

1. The report is to be sent on monthly basis. The first report should, however, cover the months of February 2008 and March, 2008, giving separate figures for each month.
2. Report for a particular month should reach by 10<sup>th</sup> of the succeeding month.
3. It is requested that the information may be compiled at the zonal level and forwarded to TRU after due checking/verification.

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**Annexure-V**  
**(Para 16.2)**

**Data regarding import of Rough Cubic Zirconia and Polished Cubic Zirconia**

Name of the Zone :

Item imported : Rough Cubic Zirconia

Report for the Month :

Sr No.	Quantity imported	Total Assessable Value (Rs. in Lacs)

Item imported : Polished Cubic Zirconia

Report for the Month :

Sr No.	Quantity imported	Total Assessable Value (Rs. in Lacs)	Total Basic Customs duty collected (Rs. in Lacs)	Total import duties collected (Rs. in Lacs)

**Note :**

1. The first report should be sent for the months of February, 2008 and March, 2008 and should reach before 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.
2. For subsequent Months (May, June, 2008 etc), the report should be sent for that particular month only.

**Annexure VI**  
**(Para 10.1)**

**Price data for cigarettes**

S. No	Tariff items	Name of the Brand	Packet size	MRP per packet	
				As on 29.02.2008	As on *
1.	2402 20 10				
2.	2402 20 20				
3.	2402 20 30				
4.	2402 20 40				
5.	2402 20 50				
6.	2402 20 90				

\* May be furnished at fortnightly intervals upto 30<sup>th</sup> April and monthly interval thereafter upto 31.7.2008

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## CUSTOMS

**Note:** (a) "Customs Duty" means the customs duty levied under the Customs Act, 1962.

(b) "CVD" means the Additional Duty of Customs levied under section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. Changes come into effect immediately unless otherwise specified.

**Major proposals about customs duties are the following:**

**A. PROJECT IMPORTS:**

Customs duty on project imports attracting 7.5% has been reduced to 5%.

**B. CHEMICALS & PETROCHEMICALS:**

- 1) Customs duty on crude and unrefined sulphur has been reduced from 5% to 2%.
- 2) Customs duty on phosphoric acid has been unified at 5% irrespective of its use.
- 3) Customs duty exemption presently available on naphtha for manufacture of specified polymers has been withdrawn.

**C. EXPORT PROMOTION**

- 1) Customs duty on unworked or simply prepared corals has been reduced from 10% to 5%.
- 2) Customs duty on rough cubic zirconia has been reduced from 5% to Nil.
- 3) Customs duty on cubic zirconia (polished) has been reduced from 10% to 5%.
- 4) Customs duty on tuna bait has been reduced from 30% to Nil.
- 5) Customs duty on specified machinery for manufacture of sports goods has been reduced from 7.5% to 5%.
- 6) Customs duty on specified raw materials for manufacture of sports goods for export has been reduced from 10% to Nil, upto 3% of FOB value of exports in the preceding year.

**D. DAIRY/POULTRY**

- 1) Customs duty on bactofuges has been reduced from 7.5% to Nil.
- 2) Customs duty on feed additives/pre-mixes has been reduced from 30% to 20%.

**E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY**

- 1) Customs duty on specified convergence products has been reduced from 10% to 5%.
- 2) Customs duty on specified raw materials and inputs for use in IT/electronic hardware industry has been reduced from 10%/7.5% to Nil, on end-use basis.
- 3) Customs duty on specified parts of set-top boxes has been reduced from 7.5% to Nil on end-use basis.

**F. DRUGS AND KITS:**

- 1) Customs duty on six specified drugs/kits, and bulk drugs for their manufacture, has been reduced from 10% to 5% with Nil CVD by way of excise duty exemption. These drugs are used in the treatment of cancer/diabetes/asthma/Hepatitis B etc.
- 2) Customs duty on specified raw materials for manufacture of ELISA kits has been reduced from 10%/7.5% to 5%.

**G. METALS:**

- 1) Customs duty on iron or steel melting scrap has been reduced from 5% to Nil.
- 2) Customs duty on aluminium scrap has been reduced from 5% to Nil.

**H. NCCD:**

National Calamity Contingent duty of 1% currently leviable on Polyester filament yarn has been withdrawn.

**I. Other relief measures:**

- 1) Customs duty on specified raw materials for tyre industry has been reduced from 10% to 5%.
- 2) Customs duty on helicopter simulators has been reduced from 10% to Nil.

**J. TOBACCO PRODUCTS:**

Customs duty on cigars, cheroots and cigarillos has been increased from 30% to 60%.

**K. 4% ADDITIONAL DUTY OF CUSTOMS:**

Exemption from additional duty of customs of 4% levied under section 3(5) of Customs Tariff Act, 1975 has been withdrawn from power generation projects (other than mega power projects), transmission, sub-transmission and distribution projects, and goods for high voltage transmission projects.

**L. EXPORT DUTY:**

Export duty rate on chromium ores and concentrates, all sorts, has been increased from Rs.2000 PMT to Rs.3000 PMT.

**M. Miscellaneous:**

- 1) The period for re-export of leased equipment and machinery, imported for temporary use in contracts, has been increased from 12 months to 18 months. The slab rates of duty applicable on such imports have now been provided on a quarterly basis, as against half-yearly basis provided earlier. The rates have also been aligned with the rates of drawback admissible under section 74(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, depending on the period of retention of the goods in India. No drawback, however, will be admissible when such leased goods are re-exported.
- 2) The rates of drawback, in respect of goods which have been used after importation, have been aligned with the rates prescribed for duty payable on leased equipment and machinery, imported for temporary use in contracts, depending on the period of retention in India. The maximum period of retention of such goods, for admissibility of drawback, has been reduced from 36 months to 18 months.
- 3) Concessional customs duty of 5% provided on polymer long rod insulators has been restricted to polymer long rod insulators of 765 KV rating only.
- 4) Customs duty and CVD on 0.177 calibre airguns have been exempted. Consequently, 4% additional duty of customs shall also be exempted on these airguns.
- 5) Tariff rate of Rs.2000 per 1000 kWh has been prescribed on 'electrical energy'. However, the effective rate will continue to be Nil.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES (CUSTOMS)**

### **Chapters 1 to 2.**

No change.

### **Chapter 3.**

3.1 Basic customs duty on bait fish used for fishing of tuna (0303 79) is being reduced from 30% to Nil. (S.No. 571 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs inserted vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refers).

### **Chapters 4.**

No change.

### **Chapter 5.**

5.1 Basic customs duty on unworked corals (0508 00 10) is being reduced from 10% to 5%. (S.No. 547 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs as amended vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refers).

### **Chapters 6 to 22.**

No change.

### **Chapter 23.**

23.1 Basic customs duty on feed additives or premixes (2309 90) is being reduced from 30% to 20%. (S.No. 572 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs inserted vide notification No.21/2008-Customs refers).

### **Chapter 24.**

24.1 Basic customs duty on cigars, cheroots (2402 10 10) and cigarillos (2402 10 20) is being enhanced from 30% to 60%. By virtue of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1931, the increase will come into force with immediate effect (clause 72 (i) read with the Second Schedule of the Finance Bill, 2008 refers).

## **Chapter 25**

25.1 Basic customs duty on crude or unrefined sulphur (2503 00) is being reduced from 5% to 2%. (S.No. 60 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs as amended vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refers).

## **Chapter 26**

26.1 Export duty on “chromium ores and concentrates, all sorts” has been increased from the earlier rate of Rs. 2000 per tonne to Rs.3000 per tonne. By virtue of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1931, the increase will come into force with immediate effect (clause 72 (ii) read with the Third Schedule of the Finance Bill, 2008 refers).

## **Chapter 27**

27.1 Full exemption from basic customs duty on naphtha for manufacture of specified polymers is being withdrawn. (S.No. 464 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs omitted vide notification No.21/2008-Customs refers).

27.2 Basic customs duty (tariff rate) @ Rs. 2000 per 1000 kWh for electrical energy (2716 00 00) has been prescribed. However it is being exempted from basic customs duty so as to maintain nil effective rate for electrical energy. (First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 has been amended vide Second Schedule to the Finance Bill, 2008 and S.No. 573 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs as inserted vide notification No.21/2008-Customs refers).

## **Chapter 28 to 39**

28.1 Basic customs duty on phosphoric acid (2809 20 10) is being reduced from 7.5% to 5%. (S.No. 574 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs as inserted vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refers)

28.2 Basic customs duty on four specified items used in manufacture of ELISA Kits is being reduced to 5%. (S.No. 95 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs as amended vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refers)

28.3 Basic customs duty on five specified life saving drugs and their bulk drugs and one specified anti-cancer diagnostic kit, is being reduced to 5% with Nil CV duty by way of excise duty exemption (Amendment to List 3 of the notification No. 21/2002-Customs, vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refers).

## **Chapters 40**

40.1 Customs duty on chlorobutyl rubber and bromobutyl rubber of heading 4002 has been reduced from 10% to 5% (S.No. 575 of notification No.21/2002-Customs, inserted vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refers).

## **Chapters 41 to 49**

No change.

## **Chapter 50 to 53**

No change.

## **Chapter 54.**

54.1 Polyester filament yarns have been fully exempted from National Calamity Contingent Duty (Seventh Schedule to the Finance Act, 2001 as amended vide the Eighth Schedule to the Finance Bill, 2008 and Notification No. 22/2008-C.E refers)

## **Chapter 55 to 58**

No change.

## **Chapter 59**

59.1 Customs duty on polyester tyre cord fabric of sub-heading 5902 20 has been reduced from 10% to 5% (S.No. 576 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs inserted vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refers).

## **Chapters 60 to 70**

No change.

## **Chapter 71.**

71.1 Basic customs duty on Rough Cubic Zirconia (heading 7104) is being reduced from 5% to Nil. Basic customs duty on Polished Cubic Zirconia ( heading 7104) is being reduced from 10% to 5%. (S. Nos. 577 and 578 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs inserted vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refer).

### **Chapters 72 to 83**

72.1 Customs duty on melting scrap of iron and steel of heading 7204 has been reduced from 5% to nil. (S.No. 200 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs, as amended vide notification No.21/2008-Customs, refers)

72.2 Customs duty on aluminium scrap of heading 7602 has been reduced from 5% to nil. (S.No. 579 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs, inserted vide notification No.21/2008-Customs, refers)

### **Chapters 84 to 89**

84.1 Customs duty on specified machinery (falling under chapter 84) for manufacture and subsequent export of sports goods, has been reduced from 7.5% to 5% (S.No. 580 of notification No.21/2002-Customs, inserted vide notification No.21/2008-Customs refers).

84.2. Specified parts of set-top boxes, namely SMPS power board and IR module, for use in manufacture of set-top box, have been exempted from customs duty. (S.No. 316B of notification No.21/2002-Customs, as amended vide notification No.21/2008-Customs refers)

84.3 Concessional rate of 5% customs duty was earlier provided on MP3 player or MPEG 4 players. Now all MP3/ MP4 or MPEG 4 players, with or without radio/video reception facility will attract 5% customs duty. (S.No. 539 of notification No.21/2002-Customs, as amended vide notification No.21/2008-Customs refers)

84.4. Customs duty on bactofuges has been exempted. (S.No 581 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs inserted vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refers)

84.5. Specified inputs and raw materials for manufacture of specified electronics/ IT Hardware items have been exempted subject to specified condition. (S.No 225 to 234 of notification No. 25/99-Customs inserted vide notification No. 25/2008-Customs refers).

84.6. Concessional Customs duty of 5% on polymer long rod insulators has been restricted to such goods of rating 765KV [List 44 of notification no. 21/2002-Customs, as amended vide notification no. 21/2008-Customs refers]

84.7. Basic Customs duty on Simulators of Helicopters (Chapter 88) has been reduced from 10% to Nil. (S.No. 346 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs as amended vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs, refers).

### **Chapters 90 to 96**

90.1. Customs duty and CV duty have been exempted on air guns of 0.177 calibre (air rifles and air pistols) of Chapter 93. Consequently, these goods are also exempted from 4% special additional duty of customs (S.No. 582 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs, inserted vide notification No.21/2008-Customs, refers).

### **CHAPTER 98**

98.1 General Project import rate has been reduced from 7.5% to 5%. (S.Nos. 399 and 441 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs, as amended vide notification No.21/2008-Customs, refers).

### **Miscellaneous changes**

M.1 Customs duty on specified raw materials for manufacture and subsequent export of sports goods, upto 3% of the FoB value of export of sports goods in the preceding year, has been reduced from 10% to 'nil', subject to certain conditions. [S.No. 583 of notification no. 21/2002-Customs inserted vide notification No. 21/2008-Customs refers]

M.2 Time limit for temporary import of specified goods on lease has been increased from the existing 12 months to 18 months, prescribing customs duty at specified percentages of the aggregate of duties of customs otherwise payable, depending on the period of retention of the goods in India, while providing that goods imported under this concession will not be eligible for drawback under Section 74(2) of the Customs Act, 1962. (Notification no. 27/2002-Customs amended vide notification No. 27/2008-Customs refers)

M.3 Time-limit for 're-export with drawback benefit' under Section 74(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, has been reduced from the existing 36 months to 18 months, providing drawback of specified percentages of duty paid, depending on the period of retention of the goods in India. (Notification No.23/2008-Customs refers)

M.4 National Calamity Contingent duty at the rate of 1% has been imposed on mobile phones. By virtue of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1931, this levy will come into

force with immediate effect (clause 117 read with Eighth Schedule of the Finance Bill, 2008 refers).

On imported mobile phones, this duty shall be levied as additional duty of Customs under section 3(1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. For this, mobile phones have been excluded from the exemption provided on all imported goods from additional duty leviable under section 3(1) of the Customs tariff Act, 1975, as is equivalent to the National Calamity Contingent duty leviable under section 136 of the Finance Act, 2001. (notification No. 29/2008-Customs refers).

However, National Calamity Contingent duty of customs leviable under section 134 of the Finance Act, 2003 has been exempted on mobile phones (notification no.26/2008-customs refers).

M.5 Exemption from 4% additional duty of customs has been withdrawn on power generation projects [other than mega power projects], transmission, sub-transmission and distribution projects, and specified goods for High Voltage transmission projects. (S.Nos. 11 and 12 of notification No. 20/2006-Customs omitted vide notification No. 20/2008-Customs refers)

M.6 Countervailing duty on wireless data modem cards with PCMCIA/USB/PCI express ports has been exempted by way of excise duty exemption. These goods are already exempt from customs duty. However, 4% additional duty of Customs will be attracted. (para 2 of notification No. 20/2006-Customs substituted vide notification no. 20/2008-Customs refers).

M.7 In Chapters 38, 59 and 92, certain tariff items have been aligned with the Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HSN). (Notification No. 11/2008-Customs (N.T.) refers)

M.8 For the removal of doubts in the case of goods supplied to projects financed by the United Nations or an International Organization, an 'Explanation' is being inserted in the relevant notification to clarify that the exemption is available if the imported goods brought into a project are not withdrawn by the contractor or supplier. (Notification No. 84/97-Customs as amended vide notification No. 24/2008-Customs refers)

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. 20/2006-Customs, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2006 which was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R. 92(E) of the same date, namely:-

In the said notification,

- (i) in the Table, S. Nos. 11 and 12 and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted;
- (ii) in paragraph 2, for the letter, words and figures "S. Nos. 17 and 28", the letter, words and figures "S. Nos. 17, 28 and 28A" shall be substituted.

[F.No.334/1/2008-TRU]

(S. Bajaj)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Note:- The principal notification No.20/2006-Customs, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2006 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R. 92(E), dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2006 and was last amended vide notification No.7/2008-Customs, dated the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 which was published vide number G.S.R. 24(E), dated the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Table,-

- (i) against S. No. 60, for the entry in column (4), the entry “2%” shall be substituted;
- (ii) against S. No. 95, in column (3), after item (ix), the following items shall be inserted, namely:-
  - “(x) Enzyme conjugates of antibodies or antigens or Protein A;
  - (xi) Natural or synthetic or recombinant antigens relating to human and animal diseases;
  - (xii) Antibodies (monoclonal or polyclonal) relating to human and animal diseases;
  - (xiii) Stabilizers for the Enzyme conjugate”;
- (iii) against S. No.200, for the entry in column (4), the entry “Nil” shall be substituted;
- (iv) against S. No.226, for the entry in column (5), the entry “14%” shall be substituted;
- (v) against S. No.228, for the entry in column (5), the entry “14%” shall be substituted;
- (vi) against S. No.236, for the entry in column (5), the entry “14%” shall be substituted;
- (vii) against S. No.237, for the entry in column (5), the entry “14%” shall be substituted;
- (viii) against S. No. 316B, in column (3), after item (iii), the following items shall be inserted, namely:-
  - “(iv) SMPS power board
  - (v) IR module”;
- (ix) against S. No.344A, for the entry in column (5), the entry “14%” shall be substituted;
- (x) against S. No.346, for the entry in column (3), the entry “Gliders, or simulators of aeroplanes or simulators of helicopters” shall be substituted;

- (xi) against S. No.347A, for the entry in column (6), the entry “103A” shall be substituted;
- (xii) against S.No.349, in column (3), after item (ii), the following item shall be inserted, namely:-  
“(iii) Ground equipment brought for testing of (i) above”;
- (xiii) against S. No. 399,-  
(a) for the entry occurring in column (4), against item (vi) of column (3), the entry “5%” shall be substituted;  
(b) for the entries occurring in column (5), against items (i), (ii), (iv) and (vi) of column (3), the entry “14%” shall respectively be substituted;
- (xiv) against S. No.404, for the entry in column (5), the entry “14%” shall be substituted;
- (xv) against S. No.433, for the entry occurring in column (5), against item (1) of column (3), the entry “14%” shall be substituted;
- (xvi) against S. No. 441, for the entry in column (4), the entry “5%” shall be substituted;
- (xvii) S. No. 464 and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted;
- (xviii) S. No. 500 and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted;
- (xix) for S. No. 539 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)
“539.	85	MP3 or MP4 or MPEG 4 player with or without radio or video reception facility	5%	-	-”;

- (xx) against S.No.547, for the entry in column (4), the entry “5%” shall be substituted;
- (xxi) after S. No. 570 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. Nos. and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
“571.	0303 79	Tuna bait	Nil	-	-

572.	2309 90	Feed additives or pre-mixes	20%	-	-
573.	2716 00 00	All goods	Nil	-	-
574.	2809 20 10	All goods	5%	-	-
575.	4002 39 00	Chlorobutyl rubber or bromobutyl rubber	5%	-	-
576.	5902 20	Polyester tyre cord fabric	5%	-	-
577.	7104	Rough Cubic Zirconia	Nil	-	-
578.	7104	Polished Cubic Zirconia	5%	-	-
579.	7602	Aluminium scrap	Nil	-	-
580.	84	The following goods, namely:- (i) Cricket bat and hockey stick splice joining machine (ii) Rugby ball or soccer ball stitching machine (iii) Moulds for soccer ball, basket ball and volley ball	5%	-	-
581.	84	Bactofuges	Nil	-	-
582.	93	Air Rifles or Air Pistols of 0.177 calibre	Nil	Nil	-
583.	Any	The following goods, namely:- (i) Nylon gut (ii) PU or nylon grip sheets for hockey sticks (iii) Butyl bladders for inflatable balls (iv) Willow clefts, ashwood or beechwood (v) Cork bottoms	Nil	-	106”;

(II) in the Annexure,-

(i) for Condition No.69, the following Condition shall be substituted, namely:-

Condition No.	Conditions
(1)	(2)
"69.	<p>If the importer, at the time of import,-</p> <p>(i) produces before the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, a certificate from an officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Space certifying that the said satellite and pay-loads are for launch into outer space in conformity with the provisions of the Outer Space Treaty of 1967;</p> <p>(ii) produces before the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, a certificate from an officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Space certifying that the goods covered under item (ii) of column (3) of S.No.349 of the Table, are required for launch vehicles and satellites and payloads; and</p> <p>(iii) gives an undertaking to the effect that the ground equipment, covered under item (iii) of column (3) of S.No.349 of the Table, imported for testing the satellites or pay-loads shall be re-exported within a period of six months from the date of their importation or such extended period as the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may allow, and in the event of failure to comply with the same, he shall pay on demand an amount equal to the difference between the duty leviable on such goods but for the exemption under this notification</p>

	and that already paid at the time of importation.”;
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(ii) Condition No. 103 occurring before Condition No.104, as so inserted vide notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No. 61/2007-Customs, dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2007 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R. 324(E) of the same date, shall be re-numbered as Condition No.103A thereof;

(iii) after Condition No.105, the following Condition shall be inserted, namely:-

“106. If,-

(a) the goods are imported by a manufacturer, for use in the manufacture of sports goods for export by that manufacturer and the manufacturer is registered with the ‘Sports Goods Export Promotion Council’;

(b) the total value of specified goods imported in a year shall not exceed 3 per cent. of the FOB value of sports goods exported by the manufacturer during the preceding financial year;

(c) the importer produces a certificate from the ‘Sports Goods Export Promotion Council’ certifying the value and quantity of exports made during the preceding financial year mentioned in sub-condition (b); and also the value and quantity of goods already imported under this notification during the current financial year.”;

(iv) in List 3, after item 143, the following items shall be inserted, namely:-

“(144) Tablet Telbivudine

(145) Injection Exenatide

(146) DTaP-IPV-Hib or PRP-T combined Vaccine

(147) Pneumococcal-7 Valent Conjugate Vaccine (Diphtheria CRM<sub>197</sub> Protein)

(148) Injection Thyrotropin Alfa

(149) Injection Omalizumab.”;

(v) in List 44, for item (9), the following item shall be substituted, namely:-

“(9) 765 KV Polymer Long Rod Insulators”.

[F.No.334/1/2008-TRU]

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Note: The principal notification No.21/2002-Customs, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2002 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R. 118(E), dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2002 and was last amended vide notification No.13/2008-Customs, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 published vide number G.S.R.57(E), dated the 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2008.

New Delhi, the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 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), read with sub-section (4) of section 134 of the Finance Act, 2003, the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts goods specified in column (3) of the Table below and falling within the heading, sub-heading or tariff item of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) as specified in the column (2) of the said Table, from the whole of the National Calamity Contingent duty leviable under sub-section (1) of section 134 of the said Finance Act:

Table

S. No.	Heading or sub-heading or tariff item of the First Schedule	Description of goods
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	5402 20	All goods
2	5402 33 00	All goods
3	5402 46 00	All goods
4	5402 47 00	All goods
5	5402 52 00	All goods
6	5402 62 00	All goods
7	5406	Synthetic filament yarn of polyester.

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G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 74 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. 19-Customs, dated the 6th February, 1965, which was published in the Gazette of India vide S.O. 426 of the same date, namely :-

In the said notification,-

(i) in the preamble, for the word, brackets and number “column (2)”, the word, brackets and number “column (3)” shall be substituted;

(ii) for the TABLE, the following TABLE shall be substituted, namely:-

“TABLE

S. No.	Length of period between the date of clearance for home consumption and the date when the goods are placed under Customs control for export	Percentage of import duty to be paid as Drawback
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Not more than three months	95%
2.	More than three months but not more than six months	85%
3.	More than six months but not more than nine months	75%
4.	More than nine months but not more than twelve months	70%
5.	More than twelve months but not more than fifteen months	65%
6.	More than fifteen months but not more than eighteen months	60%
7.	More than eighteen months	Nil”;

(iii) after the TABLE, the first proviso shall be omitted;

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Note: The principal notification No.19-Customs, dated the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1965 was published in the Gazette of India, vide S.O. 426, dated the 6th February, 1965 and was last amended vide notification No.27/2006-Customs, dated the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 which was published vide number S.O. 324 (E), dated the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2006.

NOTIFICATION  
No.24/2008-Customs

New Delhi, the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2008  
11 Phalgun, 1929 (Saka)

New Delhi, the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 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), read with sub-section (4) of section 68 of the Finance (No.2) Act, 1996, 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.84/97-Customs, dated the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1997 which was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide G.S.R. 645 (E) of the same date, namely: -

In the said notification, the *Explanation* shall be numbered as *Explanation 1* thereof, and after *Explanation 1* as so numbered, the following *Explanation* shall be inserted, namely:-

*Explanation 2.*-For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that the benefit under this notification, in the case of goods supplied to the projects financed by the United Nations or an international organisation, is available when the goods brought into the project are not withdrawn by the supplier or contractor and the expression “goods are required for the execution of the project” shall be construed accordingly.’.

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Note: - The principal notification No.84/97-Customs, dated the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1997 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide G.S.R. 645 (E), dated the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1997 and was last amended by vide notification No.107/2001-Customs, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 published vide number G.S.R. 778 (E), dated the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2001.

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. 25/1999-Customs, dated the 28th February, 1999, and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R. 161(E), of the same date, namely :-

In the said notification,-

- (A) in the preamble, for the words, “and falling under the Chapters of the First Schedule”, the words “and falling under the Chapters or heading or sub-heading or tariff items of the First Schedule” shall be substituted;
- (B) in the Table,- in column (2), for the word “Chapter”, the words “Chapter or Heading or Sub-heading or tariff item”, shall be substituted;
- (i) in LIST A, after S. No. 224 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No and the entries shall be inserted, namely :-

S.No	Chapter or Heading or Sub-heading or tariff item	Description of imported goods	Description of finished goods
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
“225.	2834 9019	(i) Palladium Tetra Amine Sulphate	
	3824 9090	(ii) Palladium make up solution	
	3824 9090	(iii) Palladium Addotove	Connectors
	3824 9090	(iv) Palladium replenisher	
	9010 9000	(v) Palladium Anode Polariser	
	3908 9090	(vi) Liquid crystal polymer (LCP)	
226.	3921 1900	(i) SRPB strips/sheets & substrate	
	7419 9990	(ii) Braided copper wire	
	74	(iii) Copper nickel Alloy with layer of palladium Copper with or without an intermediate layer of cooper in strips/ coil form.	Relays
227.	2513 2090	(i) Pumice powder	
	3209 9090	(ii) No bake emulsion	Cathode ray tubes
	3402 9099	(iii) Cleaner for No Bake Lacquer	
	5911 9090	(iv) Acetate tape	
228.	7226 9990	(i) Alloy 223	Parts of CRT
	7220 9090	(ii) SS 631	

229.	8544 19	(i)	Enamelled Aluminium wire	Loudspeaker, Degaussing coils
230.	27, 29, 32, 38, 39, 40, 68, 69, 70, 73, 81, 82, 85, 90	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi) (vii) (viii) (ix) (x) (xi) (xii) (xiii) (xiv) (xv) (xvi) (xvii)	Solderon Tin concentrate Solderon Acid HC Solderon ST-300 Solderon strip Satin 108 Marking ink Melamine mould cleaning compound Tungsten boats and baskets Quartz wool tweezers Teflon wafer carriers Diamond tips Dressing plates Capillary Rubber tip Push up needles Thermocouples Cartridge heaters	Semiconductors
231.	2710 1960 3902 9000 3902 3000 3824 9011	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv)	Hydroisomerized base oil Polyalphaolefin Thermoplastic elastomer Organoclay gellant	Cable Filling/ Flooding compounds (Thixotropic jelly) for optical fibre cables
232.	33, 39, 69, 76	(i) (ii) (iii)	Perfluoro Polyether Oil (Fomblin oil) Ceramic evaporation boats Graphic foil	Electronic Capacitor grade metallised Plastic film for Capacitors
233.	7011 90 7011 90 7011 20 7011 20 7011 20 3824 90 3824 90 3824 90 3824 90 3824 90 3206 49 3920 99 3920 99 3920 99 3920 99 2820 90 3207 40 3214 90	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi) (vii) (viii) (ix) (x) (xi) (xii) (xiii) (xiv) (xv) (xvi) (xvii) (xviii)	ITO coated top glass plate Bottom glass plate (High strain point) Exhaust tube Preform ring Glass/film filter for PDP Bus electrode paste Transparent dielectric paste/powder White dielectric paste/powder Barrier rib paste/powder Vehicle for frit paste Phosphor paste/powder Dry film resist for barrier rib Dry film resist for ITO Laminated TD Lapping tape MgO evaporation material Sealing frit paste Sealing frit powder	Plasma display panel/module

	6804 22	(xix)	SS powder for sandblasting	
	8443 90	(xx)	Screen printing mask	
	8443 90	(xxi)	Photo mask	
	7020 00	(xxii)	Neoceram setter plate	
	8529 90	(xxiii)	TCP (Tape carrier package)	
	6815 10	(xxiv)	Graphite sheet	
234.	3824 90	(i)	Sebacic acid	Aluminium electrolytic capacitors”
	3824 90	(ii)	Ammonium para nitro benzoate	
	3824 90	(iii)	Adipic acid	
	3824 90	(iv)	Glutaric acid	
	3824 90	(v)	Ammonium benzoate	
	3505 20	(vi)	PVA powder	
	3824 90	(vii)	Triethanolamine	
	3824 90	(viii)	Ortho nitro anisol	
	3824 90	(ix)	Para nitro phenol	
	3824 90	(x)	Methoxy phenol	

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Note: The principal notification No.25/99-Customs, dated the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1999 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R. 161(E), dated the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1999 and was last amended vide notification No.22/2005-Customs, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2005 which was published vide number G.S.R.120(E), dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2005.

NOTIFICATION  
No.26/2008-Customs

New Delhi, the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2008  
11 Phalgun, 1929 (Saka)

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 exempts all goods falling under sub-heading 8517 12 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975), as specified in column (2) of the Table in the Seventh Schedule to the Finance Act, 2001 (14 of 2001), as amended from time to time, when imported into India, from the whole of the National Calamity Contingent duty of Customs leviable thereon under section 134 of the Finance Act, 2003 (32 of 2003).

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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 amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 27/2002-Customs, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2002 which was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R.124(E) of the same date, namely:-

In the said notification, for the TABLE, the following TABLE shall be substituted, namely:-

“TABLE

Description of goods	Limitations and conditions	Extent of exemption
(1)	(2)	(3)
Machinery, equipment or tools, falling under Chapters 84, 85, 90 or any other Chapter of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975).	<p>(1) the goods have been taken on lease by the importer for use after import;</p> <p>(2) the importer makes a declaration at the time of import that the goods are being imported temporarily for execution of a contract;</p> <p>(3) the said goods are re-exported within three months of the date of such import or within such extended period not exceeding 18 months from the date of said import, as the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or the Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may allow;</p> <p>(4) where the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or the Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, grants extension of the aforesaid period for re-export, the importer shall pay the difference between the duty payable under the relevant clause in column (3) and the duty already paid at the time of their import; and</p> <p>(5) the importer executes a bond, with a bank guarantee, undertaking—</p> <p>(a) to re-export the said goods within three months of the date of import or</p>	<p>in the case of,-</p> <p>(i) goods which are re-exported within three months of the date of import, so much of the duty of customs as is in excess of the amount calculated at the rate of five per cent.;</p> <p>(ii) goods which are re-exported after three months, but within six months, of the date of import, so much of the duty of customs as is in excess of the amount calculated at the rate of fifteen per cent.;</p> <p>(iii) goods which are re-exported after six months, but within nine months, of the date of import, so much of the duty of customs as is in excess of the amount calculated at the rate of twenty five per cent.;</p> <p>(iv) goods which are re-exported after nine months, but within twelve months, of the date of import, so much of the duty of customs as is in excess of the amount calculated at the rate of thirty per cent.;</p> <p>(v) goods which are re-exported after twelve months, but within fifteen months, of the date of import, so much of the duty of</p>

Description of goods	Limitations and conditions	Extent of exemption
(1)	(2)	(3)
	<p>within the aforesaid extended period;</p> <p>(b) to produce the goods before the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or the Deputy Commissioner of Customs for identification before re-export;</p> <p>(c) to pay the balance of duty, along with interest, at the rate fixed by notification issued under section 28AB of the Customs Act, 1962, for the period starting from the date of import of the said goods and ending with the date on which the duty is paid in full, if the re-export does not take place within the stipulated period</p>	<p>customs as is in excess of the amount calculated at the rate of thirty five per cent.;</p> <p>(vi) goods which are re-exported after fifteen months, but within eighteen months, of the date of import, so much of the duty of customs as is in excess of the amount calculated at the rate of forty per cent.,</p> <p>of the aggregate of the duties of customs, which would be leviable under the Customs Act, 1962 or under any other law, read with any notification for the time being in force in respect of the duty so chargeable.</p>

Note: The goods imported under this concession shall not be eligible for drawback under sub-section (2) of section 74 of the Customs Act, 1962.”.

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Note: The principal notification No. 27/2002-Customs, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2002 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide G.S.R. 124(E), dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2002.

NOTIFICATION  
No.28/2008-Customs

New Delhi, the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2008  
11 Phalgun, 1929 (Saka)

New Delhi, the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 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 amendment in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No171/93-Customs, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1993, which was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide G.S.R.610 (E) of the same date, namely: -

In the said notification, in the *Explanation*, for the words “rupees five thousand”, the words “rupees ten thousand” shall be substituted.

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(S. Bajaj)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Note: - The principal notification No.171/93-Customs, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1993 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide G.S.R.610 (E), dated the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1993 and was last amended by vide notification No.28/2003-Customs, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2003 which was published vide number G.S.R. 163 (E), dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2003.

NOTIFICATION  
No.29/2008-Customs

New Delhi, the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2008  
11 Phalgun, 1929 (Saka)

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, and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No.77/2003-Customs, dated the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2003 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R. 414(E) of the same date, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, hereby exempts all goods (except goods falling under sub-heading 8517 12), as specified in column (2) of the Table in the Seventh Schedule to the Finance Act, 2001 (14 of 2001), as amended from time to time, when imported into India, from so much of the additional duty leviable thereon under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) as is equivalent to the National Calamity Contingent duty leviable thereon under section 136 of the said Finance Act, 2001.

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(S. Bajaj)  
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G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 11A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975), 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 First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, namely:-

In the First Schedule to the said Act,-

- (i) in Chapter 38, in heading 3809, the tariff item 3809 99 00 and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted;
- (ii) in Chapter 59,-
  - (a) in heading 5902, in sub-heading 5902 90, for the tariff item “5902 30 10”, the tariff item “5902 90 10” shall be substituted;
  - (b) in heading 5902, in sub-heading 5902 90, for the tariff item “5902 30 90”, the tariff item “5902 90 90” shall be substituted;
  - (c) in heading 5905, in sub-heading 5905 00, for the tariff item “5905 10 10”, the tariff item “5905 00 10” shall be substituted;
  - (d) in heading 5905, in sub-heading 5905 00, for the tariff item “5905 10 90”, the tariff item “5905 00 90” shall be substituted;
- (iii) in Chapter 92, in heading 9208, for the tariff item “9208 20 00”, the tariff item “9208 90 00” shall be substituted.

2. This notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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Note: - The First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) was substituted by section 3 of the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Act, 2003 (25 of 2003). It was further amended by sub-section (1) of section 105 of the Finance Act, 2007 (22 of 2007).