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

**Office Memorandum**

**New Delhi, dated the 23.05.16**

**Subject:-Weekly Report in respect of important developments in CBEC for the week –  
16.05.16 to 20.05.16 reg.**

Based on the inputs received from various sections, following is the compilation of the important developments for the week –16.05.16 to 20.05.16.

**1. Administrative Changes:-**

- Order regarding nomination of Chief Commissioner of service Tax, Kolkata as 2<sup>nd</sup> link officer to the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata has been issued vide Office Order No. 58/2016 dated 16.05.2016.
- Order regarding promotion of Shri J.M.Kishore to the grade of Deputy Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise on ad-hoc basis notionally with effect from 18.07.2014 has been issued vide office order No.59/2016 dated 18.05.2016.
- Order regarding appointment of Ms. S.L.Sreeparvathy, Deputy Commissioner and Dr.Gaurav Mittal, Assistant Commissioner as Officers on Special Duty in the service tax wing of CBEC has been issued vide office order No.60/2016 dated 20.05.2016.

**2. Legislative Changes:-**

- Notification No. 73/2016-Cus (N.T.), dated 18.05.2016 has been issued to appoint Common Adjudicating Authority in the cases investigated by DRI.
- Notification No.74/2016-Cus (N.T.) dated 18.05.2016 issued to appoint Common adjudicating Authority in the cases investigated by DRI.
- Notification No. 75/2016-Cus (N.T.) dated 18.05.2016 issued to appoint Common Adjudicating Authority in cases investigated by various customs formations.
- Notification No. 76/2016-Cus (N.T.) dated 18.05.2016 issued to appoint Common Adjudicating Authority in cases investigated by DRI.
- Notification No. 33/2016-Cus dated 17.05.2016 issued to amend notification no.36/96-Customs dated 23.07.1996 so as to withdraw BCD exemption in respect of specified defense supplies.
- Notification No.34/2016-cus dated 19.05.2016 issued to further amend notification no.96/2008-customs dated 13.08.2008 so as to carry out the following changes:
  - (i) to omit 'Samoa' and 'Maldives' from the list of countries eligible for preferential tariff under the said notification;
  - (ii) to amend the name of 'Republic of East Timor' as 'Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste'
- Notification No.18/2016-Cus (ADD), dt. 17.05.2016 issued to levy provisional anti-dumping duty on seamless tubes, pipes & hollow profiles of iron, alloy or non-alloy steel(other than cast iron and stainless steel), whether hot finished or cold drawn or cold rolled of an external diameter not exceeding 355.6 mm or 14" OD, originating in or exported from China PR, for a period not exceeding six months.

- Notification No.19/2016-Cus (ADD), dt 19.05.2016 has been issued to amend notification no.40/2012-Customs (ADD) dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012, so as to amend, for the purpose of levy of Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of 'Metronidazole' originating in, or exported from China PR, the name of the Exporter from 'M/s Hubei Hongyuan Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd' to 'M/s Hubei Hongyuan Pharmaceutical Technology Co., Ltd'.
- Notification No.23/2016-CE dt.17.05.2016 has been issued to further amend notification no.12/2012-Central excise dated 17.03.2012 so as to carry out the following changes:
  - (i) to exempt excise duty on RBD Palm stearin, Menthol and Sodium Methoxide for the manufacture of bio-diesel (alkyl ester of long chain fatty acids obtained from vegetable oils, commonly known as biodiesels) on actual user basis for a period up to and inclusive of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017;
  - (ii) to withdraw excise duty exemption on biodiesel with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017; and
  - (iii) to levy 6% excise duty on biodiesel and its inputs namely, RBD Palm Stearin, Menthanol and Sodium Methoxide with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017.
- Notification No.26/2016-Service tax dated 20.05.2016 has been issued to amend the notification no.25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012, so as to clarify the scope of entry 48 to the extent to the extent that the exemption from Service Tax to services provided by Government or a local authority to a business entity with a turnover up to rupees ten lakh in the preceding financial year, shall not be applicable in case of services specified in sub-clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of clause (a) of section 66D of the Finance act,1994 and renting of immovable property.
- Notification No. 25/2016-service Tax dt. 17.05.2016 regarding service provided by the specified organisations in respect of religious pilgrimage facilitated by the M/o External affairs of government of India, under bilateral arrangement

### **3. Any Circular/Instruction:-**

- The Legal Cell has issued an instruction dated 19.05.2016 regarding need for timely forwarding proposal for fresh appointment/extension of tenure of SPPs handling CBEC cases before the Subordinate Courts/Courts of Session and High Court

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