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C. No. VIII/09/07/2018-Cus.Tech.

Date: 22.06.2018.

## **STANDING ORDER No. 13 / 2018 – Customs**

Sub:- Customs – Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Second Amendment Rules, 2018 – regarding.

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Attention of all the Customs Officers of Hqrs. Office, CPC, Vijayawada and the Officers working in field formations i.e. Krishnapatnam Custom House, ICD, Marripalem and Kakinada Custom House, Customs Divisions, CFSs and Customs Preventive Units is invited to the Circular No.20/2018-Customs dated 20.06.2018 from F. No. 528/133/2011-STO(TU) of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, New Delhi communicating the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Second Amendment Rules, 2018. The same are as below:

Refer to CBEC instructions vide F. No. 450/160/2009-Cus.IV dated 29.12.2009 and letters vide F. No. 528/133/2011-STO(TU) dated 30.11.2011 and 22.02.2012 sensitizing the officers about the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules, 2008 and implementation thereof with regard to the specified health warnings on the cigarettes and other tobacco products.

2. Attention is also invited to Board's Circular No. 09/2017-Customs dated 29.03.2017, Board's letter of even No. dated 05.04.2017 and Board's Circular No. 27/2017-Customs dated 05.07.2017, on disposal of seized/ confiscated cigarettes of foreign origin vis-à-vis provisions of the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules 2008.

3. Now, MoH&FW vide Notification GSR 283 (E) dated 26.03.2018 has notified the Cigarettes and other Tobacco products (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Rules 2018 (effective from 01.04.2018) which prescribe that:

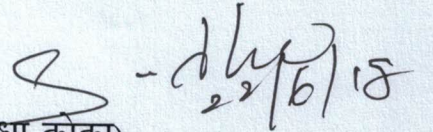
*“in Rule 5 the ibid Rules, after the proviso below sub-rule (3), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely: -*

*(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in the sub-rule (1) to (3), if the specified health warnings provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule are not amended by the Central Government with new specified health warnings at the end of the rotation period of the next rotation period, then the existing specified health warnings for the second twelve months shall continue for a further period of till the 31<sup>st</sup> day of the August 2018.”*

Thus, the existing specified health warning will continue till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

4. Further, the MoH & FW vide Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Second Amendment Rules, 2018 notified by G.S.R. 331 (E) dated 03.04.2018 has specified a new set of health warnings which shall come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2018.

5. In view of the above, it is requested that in addition to the existing statutory requirements, compliance of the amendments in health warning specifications prescribed by the COTP Amendment Rules, 2018 may also be ensured before clearance of import consignments or disposal of seized/confiscated tobacco products, including Cigarettes.
6. All the officers posted in the field formation with the work of examination, assessment, preventive, SIIB are directed to bestow their attention on the guidelines issued vide Board's Circular No. 20/2018-Customs dated 20.06.2018 from F. No. 528/90/2011-STO(TU) of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, New Delhi and to comply with the above Rules in respect import consignments or disposal of seized / confiscated tobacco products, including cigarettes.
7. Difficulties, if any, in implementation of this Sanding Order may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

  
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COMMISSIONER

Copy submitted to the Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Tax, Visakhapatnam Zone, Port Area, Visakhapatnam.

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1. The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Hq rs. Office, Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada for information.
2. The Joint Commissioner of Customs, Krishnapatnam Custom House, KAPS Building, CVR Complex, Krishnapatnam Port Area, Gopalapuram, **MUTHUKURU – 524 344**, S. P. S.R. Nellore District for information .

3. The Joint Commissioner of Customs, Kakinada Custom House, Port Road, **Kakinada – 533 007**. East Godavari District for information.
4. The Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, **Marripalem – 522 233**, Guntur District for information.
5. The Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Customs Division, Visakhapatnam / Kakinada / Tirupati for information.
6. The Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, (Preventive / SIIB / Adjudication / Reviews / Tribunals / Legal / Audit / Tech. / Hqrs. Trade Facilitation Center), Hqrs. Office, CC(P), Vijayawada for information.
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