PUBLIC NOTICE No. 25/2018

Subject:- Strict Compliance of provisions of Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012 as amended at the time of assessment, registration and examination, reg.

Attention of the Importers, Exporters, General Trade and all other stakeholders is invited to Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012 (hereinafter referred to as "RCR Order") as amended and various clarifications issued by Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) in regard to "Product Coverage" under the said Order.

2. Ministry of Electronic & Information Technology (MeitY) has notified RCR Order on 3rd Oct, 2012. The Order since then has been progressively applied to increasing product categories of Electronic Goods. Presently, it covers 49 electronic / IT goods as of now (as per list A enclosed alongwith this Public Notice / Standing Order) besides other products / goods.

3. As per the Order, no person shall manufacture or store for sale, import, sell or distribute goods which do not conform to the Indian Standard specified in the Order. Manufacturers of these products are required to apply for registration from Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) after getting their product tested from BIS recognized labs. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) then registers the manufactures under its registration scheme who are permitted to declare that their articles conform to the Indian Standard (s). The registered manufactures are then allowed to use the Standard Mark notified by the Bureau.

4. Various Orders/Classifications/ Documents/Circulars etc. issued by MeitY under the CRS are available on this page [http://meity.gov.in/esdm/standards].

APPLICABILITY TO REPAIRED/REFURNISHED/SECOND HAND ITEMS

5. Please also refer to letter dated 6th December, 2016 [http://meity.gov.in/writeradda/files/Letter%20to%20custom.pdf] received from Department of Electronics & Information Technology, wherein it has been clarified that:
The CRO [Electronics and Information technology Goods (Requirement for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012] applied universally to all notified products after the date of coming into effect of the Order. The repaired/refurbished/second hand items, if notified, also require registration under the provision of the order. For the notified products, the importer should get the product registered with BIS before import in India or should provide an exemption letter from MeitY.

The unregistered repaired/refurbished/second hand items should not be allowed to be imported without prior permission from MeitY. In such cases the unregistered products shall be detained by Customs and the matter should be brought into notice of MeitY for necessary action.

Therefore, it is again being informed to all concerned to comply with said legal requirements.

LABELLING REQUIREMENT:

6. It has been the legal requirement under the said "RCR Order" that the Standard Mark shall be placed on the product & the packaging both. However, if it is not feasible to place the same on the product for size constraints, it can be put on the packaging only. For the products with display screen, provisions of e-labeling of products also exist. Label should display the Standard Mark as notified vide Gazette No. 2559 dated 1st December, 2015. http://bis.org.in/cert/GN_CRS_04122015.pdf. BIS does not permit the use of stickers for display of BIS Standard Mark on any of the products under its product certification scheme.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

7. Please refer to updated (Revision 12): June, 2018 version of Frequently Asked Questions as available on the website of MeitY (Link: http://meity.gov.in/writeraddata/files/FINAL_FAQS_June%202018.pdf). It contains Generic issues in Part-1 and Decisions Related to Product Coverage under the Order in Part-II. A copy of the same is Annexed along with this Public Notice / Standing Order. The same should be carefully seen / for clarification of any doubts so that clearances are not delayed due to lack of clarity to both trade and Customs Officers. Few of such Questions and Answers are reproduced below for the sake of reference and appreciation of utility of this FAQ:

26. Once the product is registered as imported, would the repeat order of same product need to again register?

There is no requirement for re-registration for the same product. Registration once, granted, is valid for two years. Original Registration could be revalidated, on request, as per provisions of the scheme.

35. Will the Compulsory Registration Order apply to spare parts of the notified products? Will the order apply to an item used as a replacement of a faculty unit?
The Compulsory Registration Order applied to finished goods and not the spare parts/components used in the manufacturing of the finished goods, unless they are notified separately as independent products under CRO. Further, the import of the notified items in CKD (complete knock down) condition is allowed. However, for the import of notified goods, in SKD (semi knock down) condition, the import should be allowed only to the manufacturer of the end finished product which are having IEM license for manufacturing the same. If the products are imported in SKD condition, the customs shall ensure that the importer has valid authorization from the brand owner for assembling/manufacturing the end product.

36. How will the goods imported for demonstration or R & D testing purpose be treated?

The said Order shall not be applicable to goods if imported for demonstration / development / testing in India. Reference is made to para 2(b) of Gazette notification dated 5th July, 2013 available on MeltY website http://meity.gov.in/writeraddata/files/Amendment_Order.pdf.

What registration number will a consolidated product (like laptop / mobile) using the battery and adaptor display?

Registration is required for Power Adaptors & Batteries also, as these are independently notified under CRO, and hence these items must independently be registered, and in turn, support the registration label. Similarly, the consolidated product (e.g. laptop / mobile) would only bear the registration no. of the overall product i.e., laptop / mobile itself. Label for respective sub parts, like: Adaptor & Battery would independently be visible on these subparts when these items are disintegrated from the main product.

8.1 Import of sub-standard products and its distribution in the domestic market poses a serious threat to consumer safety. Therefore, Trade & Industry is again being informed that in order to ensure fast and hassle-free clearance of such goods, they should declare the complete and proper description and CTH of the goods and comply with aforesaid legal requirements strictly. Further, they should upload the BIS Registration Certificate (if applicable) in relation to goods covered by Bill of Entry invariably under e-sanchit.

8.2 Assessment Officers, Examining Officers and Officers responsible for registration should also ensure that:

i. Description of imported goods as declared in the bill of entry is covered by BIS Certificate in terms of all parameters because BIS Certificate is linked to manufacturer, location of factory, product and brand.

ii. Standard Mark in the proper from and manner is placed on the product & the packaging as mentioned above.
Goods on examination are found to be as declared in the bill of entry.

RMS instructions are followed strictly.

Importer / Customs Broker have uploaded the BIS Certificate on e-sanchit.

Goods not complying with aforesaid Standard / legal requirements are not cleared in violation of policy of the Government.

9. In case of any difficulty, the specific issue may be brought to the notice of Deputy/Assistant Commissioner in charge of DC/AC Group- VA, ACC-Import, or Appraising main (Import), (e-mail address: Sharma.bhagwat@gov.in)

10. Action to be taken in terms of decision taken in this Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of officers and staff.

11. This issue with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import).

(S. Vijayarani)
Joint Commissioner (Tech.)

Copy to:-
1) The Chief Commissioner of Customs (DZ), New Customs House, New Delhi for information.
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5) The Asst. Commissioner –EDI, ACC-Import, New Customs House, New Delhi for information and uploading the same on the website of Commissionerate.
6) The president, Delhi Customs clearing Agents Association, 260-61, Anarkali Bazar, Jhandewalan Extension, DDA shopping complex, New Delhi-110055.
7) Notice board/Guard file

(Asst. Commissioner,(Tech)
ACC-Import)