Subject: Prohibition of selling of Health Supplement containing PABA (Para Amino Benzoic Acid) a banned ingredient— reg.

Attention of the importers, Custom Brokers, members of the trade and all other stakeholders is invited to Board’s Instruction No. 16 / 2020- Customs dated 24.07.2020 on the above captioned subject.

2. In the said Board’s Instruction, attention has been invited to Advisory dated 16.07.2020 issued vide File No. 4(12) 2017/ Gujarat/RCD/FSSAI by the Joint Director (RCD), Food Safety & Standard Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Regulatory Compliance Division. The operative para 2 of the said Advisory is reiterated below:

"2. FSSAI vide Order No. Stds/Nutr(DGCI)/FSSAI-2017 (Pt.I) dated 29-06-2018 has banned the use of PABA (Para Amino Benzoic Acid) in the products covered under Nutraceuticals Regulations due to safety concerns with immediate effect. Para No. 2 (c) of the said order also directs the FBOs that no further manufacturing of products using this ingredient is allowed. Any product containing such ingredient which is already manufactured/ imported shall be withdrawn from the market immediately. However, it has come to the notice that several health supplements and nutraceutical products containing PABA are still being sold on e-commerce platform."

3. As per above, all imported products containing the banned ingredient i.e. PABA (Para Amino Benzoic Acid) shall not be cleared.

4. All trade associations/members of Customs Brokers Association are requested to take note and publicize the contents of this Public Notice among their members/constituents.

5. For the departmental officers, this may be treated as Standing Order.
6. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical), ACC Import, New Customs House, New Delhi through e-mail on email ID: accimpdel-technical@gov.in.

This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import).

(Nagendra Yadav)
Additional Commissioner (Technical)
ACC (Import)

Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs (DZ), NCH, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi.
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4. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (Import Shed), ACC (Import), New Delhi.
5. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner Group (I&II), (III,IV&VI), V, VA, VB, SIIB, ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi.
6. The Deputy Commissioner (EDI), ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi for uploading the above Public Notice on the Official Website.
7. Shri S. Ramakrishna, President, Delhi Customs Brokers Association, 260-61, Anarkali Bazar, Jhandewalan Extension, DDA Shopping Complex, New Delhi-110055.
8. Delhi International Airport Ltd, IGI Airport, Cargo Terminal, New Delhi.

(Bhagwat Prasad Sharma)
Joint Commissioner (Technical)
ACC (Import)