Clarification to Public Notice no. 03/2019 dated 18.03.2019

In reference to Public Notice no. 03/2019 dated 18.03.2019 issued by this Office, following clarifications are being issued:

1. It is clarified that the import of Polyurethane Foam Chemicals is being restricted only for Delhi-based importers in terms of provisions of the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989. In the era of GST, the GSTIN filed in the Bill of Entry along with other relevant documents are being considered as the basis for identification whether the importer is based in Delhi (GST State code 07) or not.

2. The import of the item is, however, being allowed for importers based outside the NCT of Delhi subject to the provisions of Rule 18(2) of the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989 wherein it is stated that:

   "Any person responsible for importing hazardous chemicals in India shall provide /before 30 days or as reasonably possible but not later than the date of import to the concerned authorities as identified in column 2 of Schedule 5 the information pertaining to:
   (i) The name and address of the person receiving the consignment in India;
   (ii) The port of entry in India;
   (iii) Mode of transport from the exporting country to India;
   (iv) The quantity of chemical(s) being imported; and
   (v) Complete product safety information"

3. The date of implementation of this restriction for Delhi-based importers is 25.02.2019 i.e. the date of receipt of letter from DPCC in this Commissionerate, read with Para 2.17 of the Handbook of Procedures (2015-2020) which inter-alia lays down that the date of reckoning of “import” is decided with reference to the
date of shipment/dispatch of goods from supplying country as given in Para 9.11 of Handbook of Procedure.

4. Further, Polyurethane Foam for manufacturing of Shoe Sole is made from mainly four (4) types of raw chemicals – Polyols (eg. Polyester or Polyether), Diisocyanate (eg. TDI, MDI), Chain extender and Catalyst. Among these four chemicals, only Diisocyanate finds mention in the hazardous chemicals list annexed to the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989 and hence, are being regulated:

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5. Difficulties faced, if any, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

(HARI SHANKAR)
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ICD TKD (Imports)

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4. The Commissioner of Customs, ICD, PPG, Delhi.
5. The Member Secretary, DPCC, Department of Environment, (Govt. of NCT of Delhi), 4th Floor, ISBT Building, Kashmere Gate, Delhi-6, w.r.t his letter F. No. DPCC/CMC-V/2018/18092-94 dated 18.02.2019.
6. The Manager CONCOR ICD TKD New Delhi.
7. The Director General (DGFT), Udyog Bhawan, H-Wing, Gate No.2, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi.
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