

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 5A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944) (herein after referred to as the Central Excise Act) and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No. 9/2002-Central Excise, dated the 1st March, 2002, published in the Gazette of India vide number G.S.R. 130 (E), dated the 1st March, 2002, the Central Government, being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts clearances, specified in column (2) of the Table below (hereinafter referred to as the said Table), for home consumption of excisable goods of the description specified in the Annexure appended to this notification (hereinafter referred to as the specified goods), from so much of each of the duties of excise specified thereon in the First Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 (5 of 1986) (herein after referred to as the First Schedule) or the Second Schedule to the said Central Excise Tariff Act (herein after referred to as the Second Schedule), as the case may be, as is in excess of the amount calculated at the rate specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table:

Provided that nothing contained in this notification shall apply to a manufacturer who has availed the exemption under notification No. 39/2001-Central Excise, dated the 31st July, 2001, published in the Gazette of India vide number G.S.R. 565 (E), dated the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2001, in the same financial year.

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S. No.	Value of Clearances	Rate of duty
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	First clearances up to an aggregate value not exceeding one hundred lakh rupees made on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of April in any financial year.	Sixty per cent. of normal rate of duty
2.	All clearances of the specified goods which are used as inputs for further manufacture of any specified goods within the factory of production of the specified goods.	Nil

2. The exemption contained in this notification shall apply subject to the following conditions, namely:—

(i) a manufacturer who intends to avail the exemption under this notification shall exercise his option in writing for availing the exemption under this notification before effecting the first clearances and such option shall be effective from the date of exercise of the option and shall not be withdrawn during the remaining part of the financial year;

(ii) while exercising the option under condition (i), the manufacturer shall inform in writing to the jurisdictional Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise or the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner of Central Excise with a copy to the Superintendent of Central Excise giving the following particulars, namely:—

- (a) name and address of the manufacturer;
- (b) location /locations of factory /factories;
- (c) description of inputs used in manufacture of specified goods;
- (d) description of specified goods produced;
- (e) date from which option under this notification has been exercised;
- (f) aggregate value of clearances of specified goods (excluding the value of clearances referred to in para 3 of this notification) till the date of exercising the option;

(iii) where a manufacturer opts for availing the exemption under this notification in terms of condition (i) above, the clearances of specified goods already made during the financial year, prior to the exercise of

such option, shall be taken into account for computing the aggregate value of clearances, as specified in the said Table;

*Illustration 1* .- A manufacturer who has been paying the normal duty on any goods during a financial year opts to avail of this exemption after making clearances having an aggregate value of rupees twenty lakhs. He is entitled under this notification to additional clearances of an aggregate value of rupees eighty lakhs at the concessional rate of sixty per cent. of normal duty .

*Illustration 2*.- A manufacturer who has been availing of full exemption on any goods during a financial year under notification No. 8/2003-Central Excise , dated the 1st March, 2003, opts to avail of this exemption after making clearances having an aggregate value of rupees twenty lakhs. He is entitled under this notification to additional clearances of an aggregate value of rupees eighty lakhs at the concessional rate of sixty per cent. of normal duty .

(iv) where a manufacturer clears the specified goods from one or more factories, the exemption in his case shall apply to the aggregate value of clearances mentioned against each of the serial numbers in the said Table, and not separately for each factory;

(v) where the specified goods are cleared by one or more manufacturers from a factory, the exemption shall apply to the aggregate value of clearances mentioned against each of the serial numbers in the said Table and not separately for each manufacturer;

(vi) the aggregate value of clearances of all excisable goods for home consumption by a manufacturer from one or more factories, or from a factory by one or more manufacturers, does not exceed rupees three hundred lakhs in the preceding financial year.

3. For the purposes of determining the aggregate value of clearances for home consumption, the following clearances shall not be taken into account, namely:-

(a) clearances bearing the brand name or trade name of another person, which are ineligible for the grant of exemption under this notification in terms of paragraph 4 ;

(b) clearances of specified goods which are used as inputs for further manufacture of any specified goods within the factory of production of the specified goods;

(c) clearances of strips of plastics used within the factory of production for weaving of fabrics or for manufacture of sacks or bags made of polymers of ethylene or propylene;

4. The exemption contained in this notification shall not apply to the specified goods bearing a brand name or trade name, whether registered or not, of another person, except in the following cases, namely:-

(a) where specified goods, being in the nature of components or parts of any machinery or equipment or appliances, are cleared for use as original equipment in the manufacture of the said machinery or equipment or appliances by following the procedure laid down in the Central Excise (Removal of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty for Manufacture of Excisable Goods) Rules, 2001:

Provided that manufacturers, whose aggregate value of clearances for home consumption of such specified goods for use as original equipment does not exceed rupees one hundred lakhs in the financial year 2002-2003, as calculated in the manner specified in paragraph 1 , may submit a declaration regarding such use instead of following the procedure laid down in the said Central Excise (Removal of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty for Manufacture of Excisable Goods) Rules, 2001;

(b) where the goods bear a brand name or trade name of-

- (i) the Khadi and Village Industries Commission; or
- (ii) a State Khadi and Village Industry Board; or
- (iii) the National Small Industries Corporation; or

- (iv) a State Small Industries Development Corporation; or
  - (v) a State Small Industries Corporation;
- (c) where the specified goods are manufactured in a factory located in a rural area.

5. This notification shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 2003.

*Explanation* .- For the purposes of this notification, -

(A) “brand name” or “trade name” mean a brand name or trade name, whether registered or not, that is to say a name or a mark, such as symbol, monogram, label, signature or invented word or writing which is used in relation to such specified goods for the purpose of indicating, or so as to indicate a connection in the course of trade between such specified goods and some person using such name or mark with or without any indication of the identity of that person ;

(B) where specified goods manufactured by a manufacturer bear a brand name or trade name, whether registered or not, of another manufacturer or trader, such specified goods shall not, merely by reason of that fact, be deemed to have been manufactured by such other manufacturer or trader ;

(C) “value” means,-

(i) in respect of specified goods which have been notified under section 4A of the Central Excise Act, as determined in accordance with the provisions of that section, and

(ii) in respect of specified goods other than those referred to in sub-clause (i) the value as determined in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Central Excise Act, or the tariff value fixed under section 3 of the said Act ;

(D) in the determination of the value of clearances of Chinaware or Porcelainware or both, where a manufacturer gets Chinaware or Porcelainware or both fired in a kiln belonging to or maintained by a Pottery Development Centre run by the Central Government or a State Government or by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, the value of the Chinaware or Porcelainware or both, belonging to the said manufacturer and fired in such kiln shall be taken into account ;

(E) where the specified goods are manufactured in a factory belonging to or maintained by the Central Government or by a State Government, or by a State Industries Corporation, or by a State Small Industries Corporation or by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, then the value of excisable goods cleared from such factory alone shall be taken into account ;

(F) “normal rate of duty” means,-

(i) in the case of goods leviable to duty under the said First Schedule, at the rate specified for such goods in that Schedule read with any relevant notification (other than this notification or a notification in which exemption is based on the value or quantity of clearances) issued under sub-section (1) of section 5A of the Central Excise Act;

(ii) in the case of goods leviable to duty under the said Second Schedule, at the rate specified for such goods in that Schedule read with any relevant notification (other than this notification or a notification in which exemption is based on the value or quantity of clearances) issued under sub-section (1) of section 5A of the Central Excise Act;

(G) “clearances for home consumption” shall also include clearances for export to Bhutan and Nepal;

(H) “rural area” means the area comprised in a village as defined in the land revenue records excluding-

(i) the area under any municipal committee, municipal corporation, town area committee, cantonment board or notified area committee, or

(ii) any area that may be notified as an urban area by the Central Government or a State Government;

(I) for the purpose of goods falling under Chapter 61 or 62 of the said First Schedule, the expression “manufacturer” shall include a person who is liable to pay the duty of excise leviable on such goods under sub-rule (3) of rule 4 of the Central Excise Rules, 2002.

#### ANNEXURE

All goods specified in the First Schedule and the Second Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985, other than the following, namely:-

- (i) all goods which are chargeable to nil rate of duty or are exempt from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon;
- (ii) all goods falling under heading No. 09.02;
- (iii) all goods falling under heading No. 21.06 and sub-heading Nos. 2101.10 and 2101.20;
- (iv) all goods falling under Chapter 24 of the said First Schedule (other than unbranded chewing tobacco, preparations containing chewing tobacco and tobacco extracts and essences, falling under heading No. 24.04 );
- (v) sandalwood oil;
- (vi) all goods falling under heading No. 3605.90;
- (vii) all goods falling under heading Nos. 37.01, 37.02, and sub-heading No. 3703.10;
- (viii) strips of plastics intended for weaving of fabrics or sacks, polyurethane foam and articles of polyurethane foam, falling under Chapter 39 of the said First Schedule;
- (ix) all goods falling under Chapter 51 of the said First Schedule other than those falling under sub-heading Nos. 5105.30 and 5105.40 and heading Nos. 51.08, 51.09, 51.10 and 51.11 (except woven fabrics of wool falling under heading Nos. 51.10 or 51.11) and 51.12;
- (x) all goods falling under Chapter 52 of the said First Schedule other than goods falling under heading No. 52.04 and cotton fabric falling under heading Nos. 52.07, 52.08 and 52.09, intended for use in the manufacture of cotton absorbent lint;
- (xi) all goods falling under Chapter 53 of the said First Schedule except goods falling under heading Nos. 53.01, 53.02, 53.04, 53.05, 53.08 (other than goods falling under sub-heading No. 5308.14), 53.11 (other than woven fabrics of ramie);
- (xii) all goods falling under Chapter 54 of the said First Schedule except goods falling under heading Nos. 54.01;
- (xiii) all goods falling under Chapter 55 of the said First Schedule except goods falling under heading Nos. 55.05 and 55.08;
- (xiv) all goods falling under Chapter 56 of the said First Schedule except goods falling under heading Nos. 56.01, 56.02, 56.03, 56.04, 56.05, chenille yarn falling under sub-heading No. 5606.00, 56.07 (other than of jute), 56.08 and 56.09;
- (xv) all goods falling under Chapter 57 of the said First Schedule;
- (xvi) all goods falling under Chapter 58 of the said First Schedule except goods falling under heading Nos. 58.03, 58.06, 58.07 and 58.08;

- (xvii) all goods falling under Chapter 59 of the said First Schedule except goods falling under heading Nos. 59.01, 59.05, 59.06, 59.08, 59.09, 59.10, 59.11 and textile fabrics coated or laminated with preparations of low-density polyethylene;
- (xviii) all goods falling under Chapter 60 of the said First Schedule except goods falling under sub-heading No.6002.10 and fabrics of cotton man-made fibres not subjected to any process falling under heading Nos. 60.01 or 60.02;
- (xix) articles of apparel (except (a) raincoat, (b) undergarments including brassieres, panties, briefs, girdles, corsets, slips, vests, singlets, petticoats, braces, suspenders, garters and similar articles, and (c) articles of apparel, made out of handloom fabrics) falling under sub-heading Nos. 6101.00 and 6201.00;
- (xx) blankets of wool falling under Chapter 63 of the said First Schedule;
- (xxi) ceramic tiles falling under Chapter 69 of the said First Schedule;
- (xxii) stainless steel patties/pattas falling under Chapter 72 of the said First Schedule;
- (xxiii) aluminium circles, whether or not trimmed, falling under Chapter 76 of the said First Schedule;
- (xxiv) (A) all goods falling under –
  - (a) heading No. 74.03, excluding the following goods falling under sub-heading No. 7403.21, namely:-
    - (i) cast brass bars/rods of a length not exceeding three feet;
    - (ii) cast brass bars/rods of a length not exceeding ten feet used in the factory of production for making wires falling under sub-heading No. 7408.29;
    - (iii) copper flats of a weight not exceeding two kilograms used for making copper strips falling under heading No. 74.09;
    - (iv) brass billets weighing upto five kilograms;
  - (b) heading No. 74.09 (excluding copper strips produced from copper flats of a weight not exceeding two kilograms);
  - (c) sub-heading Nos. 7407.11, 7407.12, 7408.11, 7408.21; and
 (B) copper circles, whether or not trimmed;
- (xxv) all goods falling under heading Nos 87.01, 87.02, 87.03, 87.04, 87.05, 87.06 and 87.11 [other than powered cycles and powered cycle rickshaw (“powered cycle” or powered rickshaw means a mechanically propelled cycle or, as the case may be, mechanically propelled cycle rickshaw, which may also be peddled, if any necessity arises for so doing)];
- (xxvi) all goods falling under heading Nos 91.01 or 91.02;
- (xxvii) all goods falling under-
  - a) heading Nos. 93.02, 93.03, 93.04 [except air guns, air rifles and air pistols which are exempt from the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959)],
  - b) heading Nos.93.06 and 93.07 (except parts falling under heading Nos. 93.06 or 93.07);
- (xxviii) all goods falling under sub-heading No. 9605.10.
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