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**STANDING ORDER NO. 14/2004**

**Sub: Assessment of prime steel sheets/coils/plates/Tin plates etc instructions - reg.**

Bureau of Indian Standards, ASTM and other international standards prescribe that the purchaser of steel products shall obtain a proper mill test certificate from the manufacturer, wherever required and the goods shall be marked with the details such as manufacturer's name, specification, heat number, dimensions etc. Accordingly, the import consignments of HR/CR steel, sheets/coils/plates/tin plate etc. declared to be prime are required to be accompanied by a proper mill test certificate containing the details viz. heat number, quality, dimensions, chemical composition and mechanical properties etc. However, it has been observed that some consignments of steel sheets/coils/plates etc declared to be prime were allowed to be cleared without such a mill test certificate. This practice has paved way for the unscrupulous importers to clear the defectives and seconds in the guise of prime goods. Therefore, it is once again reiterated that any consignment of H.R/C.R. steel, sheets/coils/plates/tin plate etc. declared to be prime/stock lot should be assessed only on the basis of a mill test certificate issued by the manufacturer certifying the standard, heat number, quality, chemical composition, mechanical properties and any other related information respect of individual coils/plates/packages.

The officers in the Docks while examining such consignments should invariably compare the details given in the mill test certificate with those marked on the goods/packages. On visual examination, if the goods are found to be defective the same may be referred to the dealing Group even if the details on the goods/packages tally with those given in the mill test certificate. If the importer fails to submit such a mill test certificate, the claim made by the importers that the goods are prime should not be accepted and all such consignments will be examined 100% to ascertain nature, description, physical characteristics and quality, size and dimensions etc.

All the dealing staff are hereby directed to follow these instructions scrupulously without any deviation.

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