

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS-I)
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA, URAN,
DISTT: RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA – 400707

F.No. S/26-Misc-444/2017-18 Group –I & IA

Date: 01.08.2017

STANDING ORDER NO. 25/2017

Sub: Procedure for drawing of samples of Zink Ash/ Skimming in powder & lump form (metallic portion)classifiable under tariff heading 2620-reg.

All the officers posted in Docks/CFSs are aware that samples of Zinc ash/ skimming are drawn to determine the Zinc content and other restrictive pollutants like Lead and Cadmium etc., Recently, instances have been noticed wherein samples of Zinc ash/ skimming received by DYCC Lab, JNCH, Nhava Sheva are often in powder form without containing any material in lump form which results in showing lower metallic Zinc content and other restrictive pollutants such as Lead, Cadmium etc. when analysed by the DYCC.

1. As the duty is dependent upon the percentage of metallic Zinc in ash/ skimming, a sample in only powder form is likely to give misleading results. The imports of Zinc ash/ skimming classifiable under tariff heading 2620 are usually in the form of a mixture of powder and lumps and even though both forms are Zinc ash/ skimming, there is a possibility of varying concentration of Zinc, Lead and Cadmium etc. in the powder and the lumps.
2. The imports of Zinc ash/ skimming classifiable under tariff heading 2620 is also regulated by DGFT ITC (HS) policy condition (2) of chapter 26 and the import of the following kinds of zinc ash/ skimming is permitted without a licence to units registered with Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, on actual user basis upto the annual quantity limits indicated in the registration certificate:-
 - (i) Zinc ash in dispersible form containing Zinc greater than 65% and Lead and Cadmium equal to or less than 1.25% and 0.1% respectively;
 - (ii) Zinc skimmings containing 65% and above of Zinc, Lead and Cadmium less than 1.25% and 0.1% respectively;
 - (iii) Spent cleaned metal catalyst containing Zinc.

In view of the above, DGFT licence is required in cases where the imported Zinc ash/ skimming does not comply with the above parameters.

3. In view of the above, all officers responsible for examination and drawal of samples are hereby directed to ensure to draw a truely representative sample of Zinc ash/ skimming in the manner that if a consignment contains part of

powder and part of lump of Zinc ash/ skimming, the sample also should represent the same proportion of powder and lump as it is present in the import consignment (for example if the consignment contains powder and lump form in the ratio of 60:40 respectively, the representative sealed sample should contain powder and lump forms in the proportion of 60:40 respectively)

4. All the concerned officers are hereby directed to follow the above mentioned instructions scrupulously.
5. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of the Additional Commissioner in charge of Group I/IA in the NS-I Commissionerate.

Sd/-

(M. R. Mohanty)
Commissioner of Customs, NS-I
JNCH, Nhava Sheva

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