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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS- V),
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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA,
तालुका- उरण, जिला- रायगढ, महाराष्ट्र- ४००७०७.
TALUKA- URAN, DISTRICT- RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA -
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F. No. S/26-Misc-504/2025-26/Gr. VA JNCH

Date: 16/12/2025

F. No. S/2-Audit-Gen-283/2021-22/JNCH/C-1(D-3)

Show Cause Notice No. 1698 /2025-26/AC/Gr. VA/CAC/JNCH

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DIN No. 20251228MX 0000 414016

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 28(4) OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1962

M/s. PRETTL AUTOMOTIVE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED (IEC-3112018818) having address at Gat No.433, Shed No.1 & 2, Near Weikfield, Lonikand, Taluka Haveli Pune Maharashtra - 412216 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Importer') had imported items viz. "COVER" etc. (hereinafter referred to as 'the subject goods') vide Bill of Entry as mentioned in Annexure - A, classifying the same under CTH 3926 and the same has been cleared through Customs.

2. During the course of Post Clearance Audit Bill of Entry, it is prima-facie noticed that the Importer has imported the goods as mentioned in Annexure-A and has been paid IGST @ 12% under serial number 81 of Schedule-II of Notification No.01/2017-integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017. The details of description of goods, Bill of Entry, assessed IGST amount are as per Annexure-A.
3. After going through imported goods description, IGST Notification No.01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 (as amended) & Notification 43/2017-IT rate dated 14.11.2017 (as amended), it appears that imported goods will fall under Sl. No.111 of Schedule III wherein applicable IGST rate @ 18% instead of Sl. No. 81 of Schedule-II wherein applicable IGST rate @ 12%. However, importer paid IGST rate @ 12% as per Sl. No.81 of Notification No.01/2017 against the imported goods. For better appreciation, the relevant part of Notification 01/2017 is as below:

IGST Schedule	Schedule Sr. No.	IGST rate	Description of goods
II	81	12%	Feeding Bottles
II	82	12%	Plastic Beads
III	111	18%	(Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings 3901 to 3914 (other than bangles of plastics, plastic beads and feeding bottles)

4. Since, the applicability of IGST @ 18% as per Sr.No.111 of Schedule-III of IGST Notification No. 01/2017-Integrated Tax(Rate) dated 28.06.2017 on "Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings 3901 to 3914 (other than bangles of plastics, plastic beads and feeding bottles" is very clear and specific, it appears that the Importer had wilfully made short payment of IGST by wrong availment of IGST Schedule against

imported goods, thereby paying lower duty than applicable and thus the provisions of Section 28 (4) are invocable in this case.

5. Accordingly, a **Consultative Letter No.56/2021-22/C1** vide F. No. S/2- Audit-Gen-283/2021-22/JNCH /C1 dated 26.04.2022 was issued to the Importer for payment of short levied duty along with applicable interest and penalty. Vide the aforementioned Consultative letter, the Importer was advised to pay the Differential IGST (details mentioned in below Annexure-A) along with interest and penalty in terms of Section 28(4) of the Customs Act 1962. The Importer was further advised to avail the benefit of lower penalty in terms of Section 28(5) of the Customs Act, 1962, by early payment of short paid IGST duty and interest along with penalty @ 15%. The Consultation letter was issued taking into account the Pre-Notice Consultation Regulations, 2018. However, the Importer has not responded till date.

Annexure A

BE NO.	BE Date	Invoice NO.	Item No.	Importer Name	IE Code	Description	Assessed CTH	Assessed Value	IGST LEVY NOT. NO	IGST LEVY SR.NO	IGST DUTY AMOUNT (Rs)	IGST@18 %	Diff IGST	Amount recoverable
3333797	3/28/2021	2	5	PRETTI AUTOMOTIVE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	3112018818	ITEM NO 000060 COVER 1-1524096-1 TE, 10003540	39269099	141615	001/2017	1181	19797.8	29696.7	9898.9	9898.9

6. Relevant Legal Provisions: After the introduction of self-assessment vide Finance Act, 2011, the onus is on the Importer to make true and correct declaration in all aspects including Classification, payment of duty and calculation of duty, but in the instant case IGST amount on the subject goods has not been paid correctly.

7. Relevant legal provisions for recovery of duty that appears to be evaded are reproduced here for the sake of brevity which are applicable in this instant case:

7.1 Section 17(1) Assessment of duty, reads as:

An Importer entering any imported goods under section 46, or an exporter entering any export goods under section 50, shall, save as otherwise provided in section 85, self-assess the duty, if any, leviable on such goods.

7.2 Section 28 (Recovery of duties not levied or not paid or short-levied or short- paid or erroneously refunded) reads as:

(4) Where any duty has not been levied or not paid or has been short-levied or short-paid or erroneously refunded, or interest payable has not been paid, part- paid or erroneously refunded, by reason of,-

- (a) collusion; or
- (b) any wilful mis-statement; or
- (c) suppression of facts,

by the Importer or the exporter or the agent or employee of the Importer or exporter, the proper officer shall, within five years from the relevant date, serve notice on the person chargeable with duty or interest which has not been so levied or not paid or which has been so short-levied or short-paid or to whom the refund has erroneously been made, requiring him to show cause why he should not pay the amount specified in the notice.

(5) Where any duty has not been levied or not paid or has been short-levied or short paid or the interest has not been charged or has been part-paid or the duty or interest has been erroneously refunded by reason of collusion or any wilful mis-statement or suppression of facts by the Importer or the exporter or the agent or the employee of the Importer or the exporter, to whom a notice has been served under sub-section (4) by the proper officer, such person may pay the duty in full or in part, as may be accepted by him, and the interest payable thereon under section 28AA and the penalty equal to fifteen per cent of the duty specified in the notice or the duty so accepted by that person, within thirty days of the receipt of the notice and inform the proper officer of such payment in writing.

(6) Where the Importer or the exporter or the agent or the employee of the Importer or the exporter, as the case may be, has paid duty with interest and penalty under sub-section (5), the proper officer shall determine the amount of duty or interest and on determination, if the proper officer is of the opinion-

(i) that the duty with interest and penalty has been paid in full, then, the proceedings in respect of such person or other persons to whom the notice is served under sub-section (1) or sub-section (4), shall, without prejudice to the provisions of sections 135, 135A and 140 be deemed to be conclusive as to the matters stated therein; or

(ii) that the duty with interest and penalty that has been paid falls short of the amount actually payable, then, the proper officer shall proceed to issue the notice as provided for in clause (a) of sub-section (1) in respect of such amount which falls short of the amount actually payable in the manner specified under that sub-section and the period of two years shall be computed from the date of receipt of information under sub-section (5).

7.3 Section 28AA- (Interest on delayed payment of duty).

7.4 Section 46- [Entry of goods on importation, subsection 46(4)].

7.5 Section 111- (Confiscation of improperly imported goods etc.)

7.6 Section 112- (Penalty for improper importation of goods etc.).

7.7 Section 114A- (Penalty for short-levy or non-levy of duty in certain cases)

7.8 Section 117- (Penalties for contravention, etc., not expressly mentioned).

8. Acts of omission and commission by the Importer:

8.1 As per section 17(1) of the Act, "An Importer entering any imported goods under section 46, shall, save as otherwise provided in section 85, self-assess the duty, if any, leviable on such goods." Thus, in this case the Importer had self-assessed the Bills of Entry and appears to have Short levy of IGST by way of wrong availment of IGST Schedule. As the Importer got monetary benefit due to said act, it is apparent that the Importer deliberately made short payment of IGST by wrong availment of IGST Schedule against said goods in the Bills of Entry during self-assessment. Therefore, differential duty is recoverable from the Importer under Section 28(4) of the Customs Act, 1962 along with applicable interest as per Section 28AA of the said Act.

8.2 It appears that the Importer has given a declaration under section 46(4) of the Act, for the truthfulness of the content submitted at the time of filing Bill of Entry. However, the applicable IGST rate on the subject goods was not paid by the Importer at the time of

clearance of goods. It also appears that the Importer has submitted a false declaration under section 46(4) of the Act. By the act of presenting goods in contravention to the provisions of section 111(m), it appears that the Importer has rendered the subject goods liable for confiscation under section 111(m) of the Act. For the above act of deliberate omission and commission that rendered the goods liable to confiscation. Accordingly, the Importer also appears liable to penal action under Section 112 (a) and /or 114 A of the Customs Act, 1962.

9. From the foregoing, it appears that the Importer has wilfully made short payment of IGST against the import goods; that the Importer has submitted a false declaration under section 46(4) of the said Act. Due to this act of omission of Importer, there has been loss to the government exchequer equal to the differential duty.

10. Therefore, in terms of Section 124 read with Section 28(4) of the Customs Act, 1962; **M/s. PRETTL AUTOMOTIVE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED (3112018818)** is hereby called upon to show cause to the **Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Gr. 5A, JNCH, Nhava Sheva, Taluka - Uran, District - Raigad, Maharashtra - 400707**, within 30 days of the receipt of the notice, as to why:

- i. The IGST rate 12% claimed under Schedule II – Sr. No.81 of IGST levy Notification No. 01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 for the subject goods should not be rejected and IGST rate 18% under Schedule III – Sr. No.111 of said notification should not be levied.
- ii. Differential IGST amount of **Rs. 9,899/- (Rs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine only)** with respect to the items covered under Bill of entry as mentioned in Annexure - A to this notice should not be demanded under Section 28 (4) of the Customs Act, 1962 along with applicable interest as per Section 28AA of the Customs Act, 1962.
- iii. The subject goods as detailed in Annexure - A to this notice having a total assessable value of **Rs 1,41,615/- (Rs One Lakh Forty One Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen only)** should not be held liable for confiscation under Section 111(m) of the Customs Act, 1962.
- iv. Penalty on the duty specified in the consultative letter should not be recovered under the provisions of section 28(5) of the Customs Act, 1962.
- v. Penalty should not be imposed on the Importer under Section 112 (a) and /or 114 A of the Customs Act, 1962.

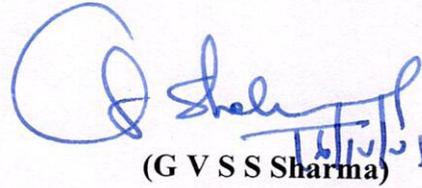
11 It is also advised that the importer may avail the benefit of reduced penalty @15% of duty and interest so specified in this notice in terms of Section 28(5) of the Customs Act, 1962 by payment of duty and interest within 30 days of receipt of this notice, failing which importer may be subject to higher penalty equal to the duty and interest so determined.

12 The written explanation/reply should be filed by the noticee to the **Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Gr. VA, JNCH, Nhava-Sheva, Tal.- Uran, Distt. Raigad, Maharashtra-400707** within 30 days from the date of this notice. They are further required to intimate in their written reply whether they wish to be heard in person before the case is adjudicated.

13 If no cause is shown against the action proposed to be taken or the importer and CHA does not appear before the adjudicating authority when the case is posted for hearing, the case will be decided ex-parte on merits.

14 The department reserves its right to amend, modify or supplement this notice at any point of time prior to the adjudication of the case.

15 This present show cause notice is issued without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against the notice or any other firm(s) or person(s) under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 or any other law for the time being in force in the Union of India.



(G V S S Sharma)

Assistant Commissioner of Customs
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3. Notice Board (CHS Section).
4. Office.

