OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (EXPORT),

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA.

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Attention of all concerned is invited to Ministry of Agriculture letter D. O. No. AC/2006/35 dated 05.07.2006 where in they had referred to the clarification sought by Kolkata Customs and have stated that with a view to safeguard/prevent risk to human beings and animals such goods should not come into the hands of person who are not authorized under the Insecticides Act, 1968.

2. You may also be aware that this issue was examined in the Tariff Conference of Chief Commissioners and it was explained that there is no need for reviewing the Board s Circulars No. 61/2004 dated 28.10.2004 and 37/2005 dated 06.09.2005 in the matter of classification and following the prescribed conditions of import and registration. It was also informed to the Chief Commissioners that the amendment of the Import Policy vide Notification No.2/RE-2006 dated 7.04.2006, making all insecticide restricted (whether falling under Chapter 28 or 38), the problem relating to doubts regarding ITC violation in respect of Boric Acid has been resolved.

- 3. The issue was further examined in the Board, in the light of the doubts raised by some Commissionerates that whether such goods can be released after imposition of fine and penalty. Presently all import of Boric Acid , whether insecticidal or non-insecticidal use, need to obtain necessary certificate of registration/import permit from the CIB&RC . In the absence of fulfilment of such conditions, the imported goods would be liable for confiscation under section 111 (d) of the Customs Act, 1962.
- 4. It is also stated that under Insecticides Act, 1968, Schedule notified under section 3(e), boric acid has been mentioned as one of the Insecticides for which the certificate of registration/import permit is required to be taken from CIB&RC for its importation. ♦ Import without such a certificate of registration/import permit is an offence under the Act and liable for imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both in terms of section 29. ♦ However, the goods imported in contravention of these provisions are liable for seizure/confiscation only upon conviction of such person.
- 5. In view of the above, you are requested to ensure that in case of import of Boric Acid, the importer has to declare the fact whether he has obtained a certificate of registration/import permit from CIB&RC, at the time of filling their Bill of Entry.

- 6. The modalities for disposal of confiscated goods, in such cases, shall be subjected to the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968.
- 7. This would ensure that the requirement of the Insecticides Act, 1968, for protection of public health with a view to prevent risk to human beings and animals is fulfilled, in the process of Customs clearance of such specified goods.

All concerned are directed to follow the above guidelines scrupulously.

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