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Central Board of Excise & Customs

Office Memorandum

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**Subject:- Weekly Report in respect of important developments in CBEC for the week –
09.01.17 to 13.01.17 reg.**

Based on the inputs received from various sections, following is the compilation of the important developments for the week –09.01.17 to 13.01.17.

1. Administrative Changes:-

- Order regarding placement of services of shri Stephen L., IRS at the disposal of Department of Commerce as Deputy Secretary has been issued vide Office Order No. 04/2017 dated 10.01.2017.
- Order regarding placement of services of Shri Arvind saran, IRS at the disposal of Department of Revenue as Deputy secretary has been issued vide office Order No. 05/2017 dated 10.01.2017.
- Order regarding assigning of additional charge for the post of Commissioner, Mumbai(Zone-I) to Dr. Ram Niwas, Commissioner(Appeals), Mumbai(Zone-II) has been issued vide Office Order No. 06/2017 dated 10.01.2017.
- Order regarding placement of services of 03 officers at the disposal of Department of Commerce for posting as Deputy Commissioner (Customs) in SEZs has been issued vide Office Order No. 07/2017 dated 10.01.2017.

2. Legislative Changes:-

- Notification No. 02/2017-Cus (ADD), dated 11.01.2017 has been issued to levy provisional anti-dumping duty on 'Colour coated/pre-painted flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel' originating in or exported from People's Republic of China and European Union for a period of six months (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier).
- Notification No. 01/2017-CENT dated 11.01.2017 issued under Section 11C of the Central Excise Act on Plain (un-modified) Tamarind Kernel Powder falling under heading 1302.
- Notification No. 02/2017-CE, dated 11.01.2017 has been issued to further amend Notification No. 12/2012-Central Excise dated 17.03.2012 to prescribe an effective rate of excise duty of 12.5% on Motor Vehicles falling under heading 8702 90 21, 8702 90 22, 8702 90 28 and 8702 90 29 of the First Schedule of the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985.
- Notification No. 01/2017-Service Tax, dated 12.01.2017 has been issued to amend notification No. 25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 so as to (i) withdraw the exemption from service tax for services provided or agreed to be provided by a person located in non-taxable territory to a person located in non-taxable territory by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the customs station of clearance in India; (ii) exempt services provided by a business facilitator or a business correspondent to a banking company with respect to accounts in its rural area branch.
- Notification No. 02/2017-Service Tax, dated 12.01.2017 has been issued to amend Service Tax Rules, 1994 so as to, (i) exclude such persons from the definition of aggregator who enable a potential customer to connect with persons providing services by way of renting of hotels, inns,

guest houses, clubs, campsites or other commercial places meant for residential or lodging purposes subject to fulfilment of certain conditions; (ii) Specify the person complying with the sections 29, 30 or 38 read with section 148 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) as the person liable for paying service tax in case of services provided or agreed to be provided by a person located in non-taxable territory to a person located in non-taxable territory by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the customs station of clearance in India.

- Notification No. 03/2017-Service Tax, dated 12.01.2017 has been issued to amend notification No. 30/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 so as to specify the person complying with the sections 29, 30 or 38 read with section 148 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) as the person liable for paying service tax in case of services provided or agreed to be provided by a person located in non-taxable territory to a person located in non-taxable territory by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the customs station of clearance in India.
- Notification No. 04/2017-Service Tax, dated 12.01.2017 has been issued to amend notification No. 26/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 so as to rationalize the abatement for tour operator services.

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