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Taxation (Excise)

Circular No.171

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All Members

Dear Sirs,

We enclose herewith the following Notification and Circular issued by the Government of India, Commissioner of Central Excise, Bangalore for your reference and record.

1. Notification No. 30/ 2010-Central Excise (N.T.), [F. No. 354/189/2009-TRU], dated 21st December, 2010
2. Circular No. 939 /29 / 2010-CX, F.No.102/2/2010-CX-3, dated 22nd December, 2010 - Scope of Notification Nos.49/2003-CE and 50/2003-CE both dated 10.06.2003

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

T.S. Sampath Kumar
Secretary General

Notification No. 30/ 2010-Central Excise (N.T.), [F. No. 354/189/2009-TRU], dated 21st December, 2010

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No.49/2008-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 24th December, 2008, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 882(E), dated the 24th December, 2008, namely:-

In the said notification, in the Table, after S. No. 93 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be inserted, namely:-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
"93A.	8523	Packaged software or canned software	15".

Explanation.- For the purposes of this notification, "packaged software or canned software" means a software developed to meet the needs of variety of users, and which is intended for sale or capable of being sold off the shelf.

Sd/-
(Vikas)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Note.- The principal notification No. 49/2008-Central Excise (NT) was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide number G.S.R. 882(E), dated the 24th December, 2008, and last amended by notification No. 19/2010-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 29th April, 2010 published vide number G.S.R.361(E), dated the 29th April, 2010.

Circular No. 939 /29 / 2010-CX, F.No.102/2/2010-CX-3, dated 22nd December, 2010

Scope of Notification Nos.49/2003-CE and 50/2003-CE both dated 10.06.2003

Kind attention is invited to Notification Nos. 49/2003-CE and 50/2003-CE both dated 10.06.2003 which provide full exemption from excise duties to goods cleared from industrial units in the states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh for a period of ten years from the date of commencement of commercial production. The exemption is available to new units set up or existing units which have undergone substantial expansion in terms of the said notifications and commence commercial production before the cut-off date, that is, on or before 31.3.2010

2. Representations have been received from Trade and Industry Associations seeking clarification on the availability of the exemption benefit under these notifications in the following situations:

- (i) Where a unit starts producing some new products after the cut-off date using plant and machinery installed up to the said cut-off date and without any further addition to the plant and machinery.
- (ii) Where the installed capacity in a particular unit is upgraded after the cut-off date, so as to increase the efficiency of the machinery by installing ancillary machines or replacement of some parts etc but in such a way that it does not lead to increase in capacity of production.
- (i) Where new dosage forms are manufactured after the cut-off date on the same line of production with the same machinery.
- (ii) Where a unit manufactures a new product by installing fresh plant, machinery or capital goods after the cut-off date.

3. Board has examined the matter. Under the said notifications, any new unit set up or an existing unit which has undergone substantial expansion that commences commercial production before the cut-off date is entitled to excise duty exemption in respect of excisable goods (other than those appearing in the negative list) manufactured and cleared for a period of ten years from the date of commencement of commercial production. The provisions of these notifications do not place a bar or restriction on any addition/modification in the plant or machinery or on the production of new products by an eligible unit after the cut-off date and during the exemption period of ten years as per the notification. Therefore, it is clarified that in all the above situations, the benefit of the excise duty exemption under the notifications would continue to be available to eligible industrial units. However the period of exemption would remain ten years and would not get extended on account of such modifications or additions under any circumstances.

4. Trade and industry and field formations may be suitably informed.

**Sd/-
(Dr. Ravindra J Dange)
Under Secretary (CX-3)**

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