Attention of the Trade, Importers, CHAs and all other concerned is invited to the Board Circular No. 07/2014-Cus dated 07.03.2014 regarding the common order dated 05.09.2013 passed by Hon’ble Gujarat High Court in Special Civil Application No. 7928 of 2011 with Civil Application No. 8064 of 2013 and connected issues.

2. The Court passed the order dated 05.09.2013, inter alia, stating that even in case of import of formulations its technical grade/material will be tested and actual physical sample of such technical grade of each consignment when it is imported will have to be provided by the importer which will be subjected to all the rigours of the tests applicable to the indigenous manufacturer like the examination of chemical composition, test with regard to bio efficacy and human safety as well as its probable effect on the soil and human life.

3. The matter has been examined by the Board in consultation with Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture. Accordingly, Board has desired that direction of Hon’ble High Court of Gujarat should be strictly complied with by the field formations and it should be ensured that in case of import of formulations, samples of its technical grade/material is tested. For this purpose actual physical sample of such technical grade of each consignment has to be provided by the importer which will be subjected to all tests applicable to the indigenous manufacturer such as the examination of chemical composition, test with regard to bio efficacy and human safety as well as its probable effect on the soil and human life.

4. Any difficulty in implementation of these directives should be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

(SEEMA JERE BISHT)
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (I),
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To,
All Concerned.

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