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**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS-
 V),**
 जवाहरलालनेहरुसीमाशुल्कभवन, न्हावाशेवा,
**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA
 SHEVA,**



तालुका- उरण, जिला- रायगढ़, महाराष्ट्र- ४००७०७.
**TALUKA- URAN, DISTRICT- RAIGAD,
 MAHARASHTRA - 400 707.**

F.No. S/26-Misc-434/2025-26/Gr.VA/JNCH

Date: 13/02/2026

F.No. S/2-Audit-Gen-383/2021-22/JNCH/C-3

Show Cause Notice No. 2018/2025-26/Commr/Gr. VA/CAC/JNCH

S/10-1835/2025-26/Adj/Commr./Gr.VA/NS-V/CAC/JNCH

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

On the basis of the Alert Circular No. 11/2019 dated 30.03.2019 issued by the Commissioner of Customs (Audit), Mumbai, Zone-I vide F. No. S/16-Misc-75/2018-19 Audit (P&C), on the issue of "Short Levy of Customs Duty by way of clearance of goods covered under CTH 8507 at lower rate of IGST" and by way of claiming incorrect Schedule and Serial number of IGST Notification No. 01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017, data pertaining to imports made by various importers through JNCH (INNSA1) during 01.07.2017 to 13.11.2019 was analysed in detail. It was observed that M/s. **Staunch Electronics India LLP** (IEC: AEGFS0035M), having registered address at **A-9, Sector-83, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301**, had imported goods described as "**Battery**" under **CTH 8507**, which covers "Electric accumulators, including separators therefor, whether or not rectangular (including square)" as detailed in **Annexure-A**.

Once classification under **CTH 8507** is established, the applicable rate of IGST must be determined strictly in accordance with the corresponding rate notification. **Notification No. 01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017** prescribes IGST rates based on tariff classification. Under this notification, goods falling under **CTH 8507** are specifically covered at **Sl. No. 139 of Schedule IV**, Notification No. 01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) is a **specific, tariff-linked entry** covering electric accumulators under CTH 8507 which attracts **IGST @ 28%**. Despite the above classification and clear applicability of **Sl. No. 139 of Schedule IV**, it is observed that the importer cleared the goods by claiming **lower IGST rates** :

- **IGST @ 12% under Sl. No. 203 of Schedule II** of Notification No. 01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate), and/or
- **IGST @ 18% under Sl. Nos. 376AA or 376AAA of Schedule III** of Notification No. 19/2018-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 27.07.2018, or other residual or concessional entries providing a lower rate of IGST

2. The Bills of Entry (as per Annexure-A) wherein goods had been classified under CTH 8507 attract levy of IGST as per Table-A. However, they had been cleared under lower rate of IGST.

Table-A

Notification No.	Schedule / S. No.	Chapter / Heading / Sub-heading / Tariff item	Description of Goods	IGST Rate
01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 w.e.f.	IV / 139	8507	Electric accumulators, including separators therefor, whether or not rectangular (including square) other than [Lithium-ion batteries] ¹ and [Lithium-ion accumulators (other than battery) including Lithium-ion power bank] ² .	28%

01.07.2017			1. Inserted by Ntn. 19/2018-IT (Rate) dated 26.07.2018 w.e.f. 27.07.2018. 2. Inserted by Ntn. 25/2018-IT (Rate) dated 31.12.2018 w.e.f. 01.01.2019.	
19/2018-IT (Rate) dt. 26.07.18 w.e.f. 27.07.18	III / 376AA	8507 60 00	Lithium-ion Batteries	18%
25/2018-IT (Rate) dt. 30.12.18 w.e.f. 01.01.19	III / 376AAA	8507	Lithium-ion accumulators (other than battery) including lithium-ion power bank	18%
01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 w.e.f. 01.07.2017	II / 203	85	Part for manufacture of telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	12%

3. Consequent upon the above notifications, it is amply clear that imported goods attract Sl. No. 139 of Schedule IV (IV-139) levying IGST rate of 28% for the CTH 8507 i.e. Electric accumulators, including separators therefor, whether or not rectangular (including square). Further, Sl. No. 203 of Schedule II (II-203 of IGST Notification No. 01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 levying IGST rate of 12% for the CTH 85 i.e. Parts for manufacture of telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks, Sl. No. 376AA of Schedule III of IGST Notification No. 19/2018-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 27.07.2018 levying IGST rate of 18% for the CTH 85076000 i.e. Lithium-ion Batteries & Sl. No. 376AAA of Schedule III of IGST Notification No. 19/2018-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 27.07.2018 levying IGST rate of 18% for the CTH 8507 i.e. Lithium-ion accumulators (other than battery) including lithium-ion power bank Lithium-ion accumulators (other than battery) including lithium-ion power bank are not applicable to the imported goods. The importer has imported goods having description as Battery. After going through the description of the BE items under deliberation, it has been observed that the imported goods appears to attract IGST @28% against sr. no. 139 of Schedule IV of notification no. 01/2017- Integrated tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 and does not seem to justify clearance claiming a lower IGST rate @12% under sr. nos. 203 of Schedule II of IGST notification no. 01/2017- Integrated tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 and/or @18% under sr. nos. 376AA or 376AAA of Schedule III of IGST notification no. 19/2018- Integrated tax (Rate) dated 27.07.2018 or a lower IGST rate in other Schedule.

3.1. On scrutiny of the import data, it was observed that goods covered under CTH 8507 were cleared by declaring lower rate of IGST under Sl. No. 203 of Schedule II of IGST Notification No. 01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 @ 12% and/or @18% under sr. nos. 376AA or 376AAA of Schedule III of IGST notification no. 19/2018- Integrated tax (Rate) dated 27.07.2018 or a lower IGST rate in other Schedule, however, the imported goods falling under CTH 8507 are to be correctly covered under Sl. No. 139 of Schedule IV of the IGST Notification No. 01/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 and attract higher rate of IGST @28%.

3.2. The total assessable value of the BE items so imported is ₹ 15,39,97,644/- and it appears that a short levy of IGST amounting to ₹ 3,03,13,889/- (as detailed in Annexure-'A') is recoverable from the Importer along with applicable interest and penalty.

4. In view of the above, Consultative letter No.2558 dated 06.02.2023 was issued to importer to clarify the issue raised by the department and if agreed to the observation/finding of the department, the importer was advised to pay the differential duty along with applicable interest and penalty. However, as per available records, no reply or submission is given by importer in this regard.

5. Relevant legal provisions which are applicable in this instant case are reproduced below for the ease of reference.

5.1 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 and calculation of duty, but in the instant case the subject goods have been mis-classified and duty amount has not been paid correctly. **Section 17 (Assessment of duty)**, subsection (1) 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.'

5.2 **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.'

5.3 **Section 46 (Entry of goods on importation)**, subsection (4) reads as:

'(4) The importer while presenting a bill of entry shall make and subscribe to a declaration as to the truth of the contents of such bill of entry and shall, in support of such declaration, produce to the proper officer the invoice, if any, and such other documents relating to the imported goods as may be prescribed.'

5.4 **Section 111 (Confiscation of improperly imported goods etc.)** reads as:

'The following goods brought from a place outside India shall be liable to confiscation:

(m) any goods which do not correspond in respect of value or in any other particular] with the entry made under this Act or in the case of baggage with the declaration made under section 77³ [in respect thereof, or in the case of goods under trans-shipment, with the declaration for trans-shipment referred to in the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 54.'

5.5 **Section 112 (Penalty for improper importation of goods etc.)** reads as:

'Any person, -

(a) who, in relation to any goods, does or omits to do any act which act or omission would render such goods liable to confiscation under section 111, or abets the doing or omission of such an act, or

(b) who acquires possession of or is in any way concerned in carrying, removing, depositing, harbouring, keeping, concealing, selling or purchasing, or in any other manner dealing with any goods which he knows or has reason to believe are liable to confiscation under section 111, shall be liable, -

(i) in the case of goods in respect of which any prohibition is in force under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, to a penalty not exceeding the value of the goods or five thousand rupees, whichever is the greater;

(ii) in the case of dutiable goods, other than prohibited goods, subject to the provisions of section 114A, to a penalty not exceeding ten per cent. of the duty sought to be evaded or five thousand rupees, whichever is higher.'

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

'Where the duty has not been levied or has been short-levied or the interest has not been charged or paid 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, the person who is liable to pay the duty or interest, as the case may be, as determined under sub-section (8) of section 28 shall also be liable to pay a penalty equal to the duty or interest so determined.'

6. Whereas, consequent upon amendment to the Section 17 of the Customs Act, 1962 vide Finance Act, 2011, 'Self-assessment' has been introduced in customs clearance. Section 17 of the Customs Act, effective from 08.04.2011 [CBEC's (now CBIC) Circular No 17/2011 dated 08.04.2011] provides for self-assessment of duty on imported goods by the Importer himself by filing a bill of entry, in the electronic form. Section 46 of the Customs Act, 1962 makes it mandatory for the Importer to make entry for the imported goods by presenting a bill of entry electronically to the proper officer. As per Regulation 4 of the Bill of Entry (Electronic Declaration) Regulation, 2011 (issued under Section 157 read with Section 46 of the Customs Act, 1962), the bill of entry shall be deemed to have been filed and self-assessment of duty completed when, after entry of the electronic declaration (which is defined as particulars relating to the imported goods that are entered in the Indian Customs Electronic Data Interchange System) in the Indian Customs Electronic Data Interchange System either through ICEGATE or by way of data entry through the service centre, a bill of entry number is generated by the Indian Customs Electronic Data Interchange System for the said declaration. Thus, under self-assessment, it is the Importer who has to ensure that he declares the correct classification, applicable rate of duty, value, benefit of exemption notifications claimed, if any, in respect of the imported goods while presenting the bill of entry. Thus, with the introduction of self-assessment by amendments to Section 17, since 08.04.2011, it is the added and enhanced responsibility of the Importer to declare the correct description, value, notification, etc. and to correctly classify, determine and pay the duty applicable in respect of the imported goods

7. Therefore, in view of the above facts, it appears that the importer has deliberately not paid the duty by wilful mis-statement as it was his duty to declare correct applicable rate of duty in the entry made under Section 46 of the Customs Act, 1962, and thereby has attempted to take undue benefit amounting to ₹ 3,03,13,889/- (as detailed in Annexure-'A'). Therefore, the differential duty, so not paid, is liable for recovery from the Importer under Section 28 (4) of the Customs Act, 1962 by invoking extended period of limitation, along with applicable interest at the applicable rate under section 28AA of the Customs Act, 1962 and for their acts of omission/commission.

9. It appears that the Importer has failed to file correct declaration under Sec-46 of the Customs Act, 1962. Therefore, the imported goods appear liable for confiscation under Section 111(m) of the Customs Act, 1962.

10. It further appears that the Importer for the acts of omission and commissions mentioned above has rendered themselves liable for penal action under section 112(a) and 114A of the Customs Act, 1962.

11. In view of the above, he importer, **M/s. STAUNCH ELECTRONICS INDIA LLP (IEC-AEGFS0035M)** having address as A-9, Sector 83 Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201301 is hereby called upon to show cause to the **Commissioner of Customs, NS-V, JNCH, Nhava-Sheva, Distt. Raigad, Maharashtra- 400707** within 30 days of the receipt of this notice as to why:

- (i) Differential/short paid Duty amounting to ₹ 3,03,13,889/- (**Three Crore Three Lakh Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine**) for the subject goods imported vide Bills of Entry as detailed in Annexure-'A' should not be demanded under Section 28(4) of the Custom Act, 1962.
- (ii) In addition to the duty short paid, interest on delayed payment of Custom Duty should not be recovered from the Importer under section 28AA of the Customs Act. 1962.
- (iii) The said subject goods imported vide Bills of Entry as detailed in Annexure-'A' having assessable value of ₹ 15,39,97,644/- (**Fifteen Crore Thirty-Nine Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four**) should not be held liable for confiscation under Section 111(m) of the Customs Act, 1962.
- (iv) Penalty should not be imposed on them under Section 112(a) of the Customs Act. 1962 for their acts of omission and commission, in rendering the goods liable for confiscation, as stated above.
- (v) Penalty should not be imposed under Section 114A of Customs Act, 1962 for short levy of duty.

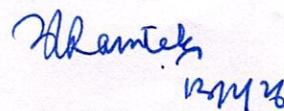
12. It is also advised that the importer may avail the benefit of reduced penalty @15% of duty and interest so specified in this notice in terms of Section 28(5) of the Customs Act, 1962 by payment of duty and interest within 30 days of receipt of this notice, failing which importer may be subject to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

13. The written explanation/reply should be filed by the Noticee to the **Commissioner of Customs, NS-V, 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.

14. 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.

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

16. 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.


(Anil Ramteke)

Commissioner of Customs
NS-V, NHAVA SHEVA, JNCH

To,
M/s. STAUNCH ELECTRONICS INDIA LLP (IEC- AEGFS0035M)
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2. The Dy. Commissioner of Customs, Circle- C3, Audit, JNCH
3. Notice Board (CHS Section).
4. Office.

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26/02/22

IEC Name	BE Number	BE Date	Full Item Description	Assessable Value Amount	Total Duty Amount	Duty applicable	Differential duty
STAUNCH ELEC	7576713	21-02-2022	BATTERY LI-ION CELL 800MAH 5C 523450AR BIS#R-41151602 (SKDPART OF MOBILE BATTERY) (MODEL NO: IL-5C 800mAh)BATTERY LI-ION CELL 800MAH 5C 523450AR BIS#R-41151602 (SKD	3251248.37	633668.3	1429249	795580.4835
STAUNCH ELEC	7623105	24-02-2022	BATTERY LI-ION CELL 800MAH 5C 523450AR BIS#R-41151602 (FORMANUFACTURING OF MOBILE BATTERY) (MODEL NO: IL-5C 800mAh)BATTERY LI-ION CELL 800MAH 5C 523450AR BIS#R-41151602 (FOR	3251248.37	796230.7	1429249	633018.0835
STAUNCH ELECTRONICS INDIA LLP Total				153997643.7	37383475	67697364	30313888.77

