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**SHEVA,**  
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**TALUKA- URAN, DISTRICT- RAIGAD,**  
**MAHARASHTRA - 400 707.**



F. No. S/26-Misc- 524 /2025-26/Gr. VA JNCH Date: ०३/०३/2026  
 F.No. CADT/CIR/ALRT/16/2022-23-D1  
 Show Cause Notice No. 2094/2025-26/COMMR/NS-V/CAC/JNCH  
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**SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CUM DUTY DEMAND NOTICE U/S 28(4) OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1962**

On the basis of the Analytics Report- 02 /2022-23 dated 08.04.2022 regarding Misclassification of goods under CTH 85312000 to avail the BCD exemption vide Notification no. 24/2005-customs dated 01.03.2005, data pertaining to imports made by various importers through JNCH (INNSA1) was analysed in detail.

While analysing the data, it was observed that **M/s. CATERPILLAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED (IEC: 0400023067)** having address at 7<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR INTERNATIONAL TECH PARK , TARAMANI ROAD, TARAMANI , CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU-600113, have imported goods having description such as LCD DISPLAY under CTH 8531 2000 (as detailed mentioned in TABLE-A) and importer has availed BCD exemption vide Notification no. 24/2005 - customs dated 01.03.2005. However, on scrutiny it appeared that the impugned goods imported were the parts for electrical sound or visual signalling and not Complete Apparatus which falls under CTH 8531 9000 and attracts 10% duty.

2. The relevant extract of CTH 8531 of the Custom Tariff is reproduced herein below:

**8531 ELECTRIC SOUND OR VISUAL SIGNALLING APPARATUS (FOR EXAMPLE, BELLS, SIRENS, INDICATOR PANELS, BURGLAR OR FIRE ALARMS), OTHER THAN THOSE OF HEADING 8512 OR 8530**

<b>8531 10 -</b>	<b>Burglar or fire alarms and similar apparatus:</b>	
<b>8531 10 10 ---</b>	<b>Burglar alarm .....</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>8531 10 20 ---</b>	<b>Fire alarm .....</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>8531 10 90 ---</b>	<b>Other .....</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>8531 20 00 ---</b>	<b>Indicator panels incorporating liquid crystal ...u... Free devices (LCD) or light-emitting diodes (LED)</b>	
<b>8531 80 00 ---</b>	<b>Other apparatus .....</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>8531 90 00 ---</b>	<b>Parts .....</b>	<b>10%</b>

2.1 Relevant Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized System of nomenclature reads as below:

“With the exception of signaling apparatus used on cycles or motor vehicles (heading 85.12) and that for traffic control on roads, railways, etc. (heading 85.30), this heading covers all electrical apparatus used for signaling purposes, whether using sound for the transmission of the signal (bells, buzzers, hooters, etc.) or using visual indication (lamps, laps, illuminated numbers, etc.),

Static signs, even if lit electrically (e.g., lamps, lanterns, illuminated panels, etc.) are not

regarded as signaling apparatus. They are therefore not covered by this heading but are classified in their own appropriate headings (headings 83.10, 94.05, etc.). Indicator panels and the like. These are used (e.g., in offices, hotels and factories) for calling personnel, indicating where a certain person or service is required, indicating whether a room is free or not

They include:

(1) Room indicators. These are large panels with numbers corresponding to a number of rooms. When a button is pressed in the room concerned the corresponding number is either lit up or exposed by the falling away of a shutter or flap.

(1) Number indicators. The signals appear as illuminated figures on the face of a small box; in some apparatus of this kind the calling mechanism is operated by the dial of a telephone. Also clock type indicators in which the numbers are indicated by a hand moving round a dial.

(2) Office indicators, for example, those used to indicate whether the occupant of a particular office is free or not. Some types are merely a simple "come in" or "engaged" sign illuminant at will by the occupant of the office.

(3) Lift indicators. These indicate, on an illuminated board, where the lift is and whether it is going up or down.

(4) Engine room telegraph apparatus for ships.

(5) Station indicating panels for showing the times and platforms of trains.

(6) Indicators for race courses, football stadiums, bowling alleys, etc.

The heading also excludes:

a. Switches and switch panels, whether or not incorporating simple indicating lights (heading 85.36 or 85.37).

b. Fire alarms incorporating smoke detectors containing a radioactive substance (heading 90.22).

c. LCD displays are only classified under this heading when they do not meet the criteria for a monitor (heading 84.71), video monitor (heading 85.28) or a television receiver (heading 85.28)"

2.2 On conjoint reading of the above notes, it appears that only the complete apparatus used for electrical sound or visual signaling are to be classified under CTH 8531. Parts of these apparatus are covered under CTI 85319000. Those signaling apparatus incorporating LCD/LED displays merits classification under CTH 8531 2000 with the BCD exemption to the said goods. Other Parts, other apparatus, Monitors/displays used as inputs for further processing are to be classified in their respective headings.

2.3 In the instant case, the importer has availed BCD exemption vide Notification no. 24/2005-customs dated 01.03.2005 by claiming the goods under CTH 8531 2000 which is for the complete apparatus used for electrical sound or visual signalling. However, it appears that the goods imported were the parts for electrical sound or visual signalling and not Complete Apparatus are covered under CTH 85319000 which attracts 10% duty. From the above, it appears that the said exemption Notification is applicable to Complete apparatus used for electrical sound or visual signalling, whereas the goods imported were the parts of electrical sound or visual signalling. Therefore, they were ineligible of benefit of Notification No. 24/2005-customs dated 01.03.2005.

3. In view of the above, **Consultative letter No. 2045 dated 01-02-2023** was issued for the Bills of Entry (detailed mentioned in TABLE-A) of rounded value of **₹ 87361656.86/- (Rupees Eight Crore SeventyThree Lakh SixtyOne Thousand Six Hundred FiftySix Paise EightySix Only)** to the Importer advising for payment of the same along with applicable interest and penalty. However, no reply or submission is given by importer in this regard.

**Table-A**

BE Number	BE Date	Full Item Description	Assessable Value Amount	Total Duty Amount	Duty applicable @ 30.98	Differential duty
3030051	05-03-2021	2144723 PLUG – ILLUMIN (80 NOS) 2144723	20494.64	3689	6349.2395	2660.2395
3807475	03-05-2021	2492910 LAMP GP-BASIC (80 NO) 2492910	120753.11	21735.6	37409.313	15673.713
3845616	06-05-2021	3732425CONTROL GP-ELEK (OHT LRC T4F-5 ROHS)	372084.28	66975.2	115271.71	48296.51
3845616	06-05-2021	2848905M2 ADVISOR 2MEG CONTROL GP-ELEK (5	315290.92	56752.4	97677.127	40924.727
3867244	08-05-2021	2144723 PLUG – ILLUMIN (400 NOS) 2144723	102727.65	18491	31825.026	13334.026
3867244	08-05-2021	2144717 PLUG AS (240 NOS) 2144717 PLU	68513.4	12332.4	21225.451	8893.0513
4023134	21-05-2021	2144723 PLUG – ILLUMIN (80 NOS) 2144723	19088.02	3435.8	5913.4686	2477.6686
4098851	27-05-2021	2848905 M2 ADVISOR 2MEG CONTROL GP-EL	1209244.54	217664	374623.96	156959.96
4098851	27-05-2021	3732425 CAT CID-16 OHT LRC T4F-5 ROHS (20	356766.44	64218	110526.24	46308.243
4128598	29-05-2021	3345409 LAMP GP-SIGNAL (35 NOS) 334	58009.82	10441.8	17971.442	7529.6422
5202500	26-08-2021	LAMP GP-SIGNAL   3345409 COMPONENTS FOR E	117123.89	21082.3	36284.981	15202.681
5204321	26-08-2021	LAMP GP-SIGNAL   3345409 COMPONENTS FOR E	58639.65	10555.1	18166.564	7611.4636
5283700	02-09-2021	LAMP GP-SIGNAL   3345409 COMPONENTS FOR E	78540.69	14137.3	24331.906	10194.606
5283700	02-09-2021	PLUG-ILLUMINATED   3308684 COMPONENTS FO	37557.67	6760.4	11635.366	4874.9662
5291763	03-09-2021	CONT GP-B   3781005 COMPONENTS FOR EARTH	287991.58	51838.5	89219.791	37381.291
5291763	03-09-2021	LIGHTBAR, LAMP GP-BASIC   2236537 COMPONE	126418.48	22755.3	39164.445	16409.145
5422889	13-09-2021	2848905 M2 ADVISOR 2MEG CONTROL GP (5	3049461.48	548903.1	944723.17	395820.07
5633172	29-09-2021	3308684 PLUG-ILLUMINATED (120 NOS) 33	37307.86	6715.4	11557.975	4842.575
5650614	30-09-2021	5431326 CONTROL GP-ELECT (72 NOS) 5431	1634576.14	294223.7	506391.69	212167.99
5978669	25-10-2021	3345409LAMP GP-SIGNAL (35 NOS) 334540	58980.13	10616.4	18272.044	7655.6443
6122001	03-11-2021	CONTROL GP   2848905 COMPONENTS FOR EARTH	3932698.48	707885.7	1218350	510464.29
6121588	03-11-2021	CONTROL GP-ELECT   5431326 COMPONENTS FO	1682025.27	302764.6	521091.43	218326.83
6121588	03-11-2021	CONTROL GP-ELECT   5431326 COMPONENTS FO	841012.63	151382.3	260545.71	109163.41
6121588	03-11-2021	CONT GP -B   3781005 COMPONENTS FOR EARTH	589996.33	106199.3	182780.86	76581.563
6121588	03-11-2021	LAMP GP-BASIC   2492910 COMPONENTS FOR EA	336800.61	60624.1	104340.83	43716.729
6121588	03-11-2021	CONT GP -B   3781005 COMPONENTS FOR EARTH	294998.17	53099.7	91390.433	38290.733
6120434	03-11-2021	3345409 LAMP GP-SIGNAL (175 NOS) 33454	281804.55	50724.8	87303.05	36578.25
6212921	11-11-2021	5431326 CONTROL GP-ELECT (36 NOS) 5431	891818.45	160527.3	276285.36	115758.06
6283730	17-11-2021	5431326 CONTROL GP	873543.15	157237.8	270623.67	113385.87

		ELECT (36 NOS) 5431				
6284395	17-11-2021	2236537 CAT LIGHTBAR, 6-LED 12V ALARM (	62356.36	11224.1	19318	8093.9003
6322528	19-11-2021	2848905 M2 ADVISOR 2 MEG CONTROL GP (	1576158.74	283708.6	488293.98	204585.38
6863023	28-12-2021	3518950 WIRING GP (10 NOS) 3518950	1458706.05	262567.1	451907.13	189340.03
6863023	28-12-2021	3518950 WIRING GP (10 NOS) 3518950	1458706.05	262567.1	451907.13	189340.03
6863023	28-12-2021	3732425 CONTROL GP (30 NOS) 3732425	790764.54	142337.6	244978.85	102641.25
7182140	21-01-2022	MCM MODULE CONTROL GP   1791730 COMPON	952440.29	171439.3	295066	123626.7
7182095	21-01-2022	LAMP GP-BASIC   2236537 05 COMPONENTS FOR	347747.73	62594.6	107732.25	45137.647
7336167	03-02-2022	WIRING GP   3518950 COMPONENTS FOR EARTH	2829924.9	509386.5	876710.73	367324.23
7336167	03-02-2022	WIRING GP   3518950 COMPONENTS FOR EARTH	1414962.45	254693.2	438355.37	183662.17
7484441	14-02-2022	3308684 PLUG- ILLUMINATED (120 NOS) 33	37971.43	6834.9	11763.549	4928.649
7502919	15-02-2022	CONTROL GP-ELEK   1791730 COMPONENTS FOR	1657261.83	298307.1	513419.71	215112.61
7501209	15-02-2022	2492910 LAMP GP-BASIC (90 NOS) 2492910	137670.57	24780.7	42650.343	17869.643
7844460	12-03-2022	3732425 CONTROL GP (20 NOS) 3732425	530701.93	95526.4	164411.46	68885.058
7844460	12-03-2022	1791730 CONTROL GP (MCM MODULE) (8 N	329091.98	59236.6	101952.7	42716.095
7894785	16-03-2022	5431326 CONTROL GP- ELECT (72 NOS) 5431	1923130.43	346163.5	595785.81	249622.31
7894785	16-03-2022	3781005 CONT GP -B (36 NOS) 3781005	331457.22	59662.3	102685.45	43023.147
8043547	28-03-2022	5431326 CONTROL GP- ELECT (36 NOS) 5431	993210.97	178778	307696.76	128918.76
8046924	28-03-2022	PLUG-ILLUMINATED   3308684 COMPONENTS FO	79806.11	14365.1	24723.933	10358.833
8076526	30-03-2022	3732425 CAT CID-16 OHT LRC T4F-5 ROHS (C	775504.99	139590.9	240251.45	100660.55
8153908	05-04-2022	3308684 PLUG- ILLUMINATED (120 NOS) 33	39689.56	7144.1	12295.826	5151.7257
8167168	06-04-2022	3518950 WIRING GP (10 NOS) 3518950	1442113.68	259580.5	446766.82	187186.32
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8233088	11-04-2022	5431326 CONTROL GP- ELECT (72 NOS) 5431	2003907	360703.3	620810.39	260107.09
8233088	11-04-2022	3781005 CONT GP-B (72 NOS ) 3781005	690758.61	124336.6	213997.02	89660.417
8233318	11-04-2022	2492910 CAT LIGHTERBAR, 7-LED 12V LAMP	123959.2	22312.7	38402.56	16089.86
8318845	18-04-2022	3732425 CAT CID-16 OHT LRC T45-5 ROHS (20	531580.06	95684.4	164683.5	68999.103
8318845	18-04-2022	1791730 MCM MODULE (8 NOS ) 1791730	329636.51	59334.6	102121.39	42786.791
8331254	19-04-2022	3732425 CID-16 OHT LRC T4F-5 ROHS (20 NO	516583.08	92985	160037.44	67052.438
8542154	04-05-2022	2848905 CONTROL GP-ELEK (M2 ADVISOR 2M	1030338.48	185460.9	319198.86	133737.96
8542154	04-05-2022	3732425 CID-16 OH LRC T4F- 5 ROHS (20 NOS)	526685.53	94803.4	163167.18	68363.777

8588183	07-05-2022	2236537 LAMP GP BASIC (CAT LIGHT BAR,	322150.49	57987.1	99802.222	41815.122
8693978	16-05-2022	PLUG-ILLUMINATED   3308684 COMPONENTS FO	79540.31	14317.3	24641.588	10324.288
8903738	31-05-2022	CID-16 OHT LRC T4F-5 ROHS (CONTROL GP-ELEK)	826119.76	148701.6	255931.9	107230.3
8903738	31-05-2022	CID-16 OHT LRC T4F-5 ROHS (CONTROL GP-ELEK)	550746.5	99134.4	170621.27	71486.866
8994687	06-06-2022	1791730 MCM MODULE (8 NOS) 1791730	331699.38	59705.9	102760.47	43054.568
8994657	06-06-2022	3308684 PLUG- ILLUMINATED (120 NOS) 3308	40448.7	7280.8	12531.007	5250.2073
9242090	23-06-2022	2492910 LIGHTBAR, 7-LED 12V (114 NOS) 249	202470.86	36444.8	62725.472	26280.672
9417856	05-07-2022	CONTROL GP-ELEK   3732425 COMPONENTS FOR	290810.05	52345.8	90092.953	37747.153
9536609	13-07-2022	3308684 PLUG- ILLUMINATED (120NOS) 3	41065.2	7391.7	12721.999	5330.299
9625614	19-07-2022	3308684 PLUG- ILLUMINATED (240 NOS) 3308	79843.15	14371.8	24735.408	10363.608
9658832	21-07-2022	SSL G SHIELD ROHS (CONTROL GP EL)   5431326 C	3884530.98	699215.6	1203427.7	504212.1
9661030	21-07-2022	3732425 LRC T4F-5 ROHS (CONTROL GP) (30 N	809257.97	145666.4	250708.12	105041.72
9681587	23-07-2022	3518950 WIRING GP (30 NOS) 3518950 WI	4520315.62	813656.8	1400393.8	586736.98
9681587	23-07-2022	3518950 WIRING GP (10 NOS) 3518950 WI	1506771.87	271218.9	466797.93	195579.03
2484902	17-09-2022	3518950 WIRING GP (10 NOS) 3518950 WI	1505011.5	270902.1	466252.56	195350.46
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2704186	01-10-2022	3781005 SSL BASIC T4F ROHS (72 NOS) 37810	714107	128539.3	221230.35	92691.049
2881643	14-10-2022	2848905 M2 ADVISOR 2MEG (5 NOS) 284890	365876.17	65857.7	113348.44	47490.737
2900897	15-10-2022	2236537 CAT LIGHTBAR, 6- LED 12 V ALARM (2	394606.39	71029.2	122249.06	51219.86
3123853	01-11-2022	CONTROL GP   5431326 06 COMPONENTS FOR EA	9409877.67	1693778	2915180.1	1221402.1
3121166	01-11-2022	CONTROL GP-ELEK   3732425 COMPONENTS FOR	575109.61	103519.7	178168.96	74649.257
3121166	01-11-2022	CONTROL GP-ELEK   2848905 COMPONENTS FOR	562534.5	101256.2	174273.19	73016.988
3252149	10-11-2022	3732425 CID-16 OHT LRC T4F-5 ROHS (40 NOS	1168509.55	210331.7	362004.26	151672.56
3251740	10-11-2022	2492910 CAT LIGHTER, 7- LED 12V (100 NOS)	160523.06	28894.2	49730.044	20835.844
3483214	26-11-2022	3732425 CONTROL GP-ELEK (20 NOS) PARTS F	621683.83	111903.1	192597.65	80694.551
3497517	28-11-2022	CONTROL GP-ELEK   3732425 COMPONENTS FOR	876702.35	157806.4	271602.39	113795.99
3539836	30-11-2022	3518950 WIRING GP (20 NOS) PARTS FOR EAR	3151063.72	567191.5	976199.54	409008.04
3539836	30-11-2022	3518950 WIRING GP (10 NOS) PARTS FOR EAR	1575531.86	283595.7	488099.77	204504.07
3539381	30-11-2022	3732425 CAT CID-16 OHT LRC T4F-5 ROHS (20	588139.48	105865.1	182205.61	76340.511
3539381	30-11-2022	3732425 CAT CID-16 OHT LRC T4F-5 ROHS (20	588139.48	105865.1	182205.61	76340.511
<b>Total</b>			87361656.86	15725099	27064641	11339542

4. The total assessable value of the BE items so imported is ₹ 87361656.86/- (Rupees Eight Crore SeventyThree Lakh SixtyOne Thousand Six Hundred FiftySix Paise EightySix Only) and it appears that a short levy of duty amounting to ₹ 11339542/- (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakh ThirtyNine Thousand Five Hundred FourtyTwo Only) (as detailed in TABLE 'A' above) is recoverable from the Importer along with applicable interest and penalty.

5. Relevant legal provisions for recovery of duty that appears to be evaded are reproduced here for the sake of brevity which are applicable in this instant case:

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.'*

**5.1 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*

*(a) any willful mis-statement; or*

*(b) 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 willful 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.*

**5.2 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.'*

**5.3 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 77[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;*

**5.4 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, haroring, 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.'*

**5.5 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 willful 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 center, 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 willful mis-statement as it was his duty to declare correct CTH in the entry made under Section 46 of the Customs Act, 1962, and thereby has attempted to take undue benefit amounting to **₹ 11339542/- (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakh ThirtyNine Thousand Five Hundred FourtyTwo Only)** (as detailed mentioned in TABLE - '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.

8. Section 111(m) of Customs Act, 1962 provides for confiscation of the goods if (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 77 3 [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;'

9. It appears that the Importer has failed to comply with the conditions mentioned above; therefore, it also appears that the imported goods are 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, the importer, **M/s. CATERPILLAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED: (IEC: 0400023067)** having address at 7TH FLOOR INTERNATIONAL TECH PARK , TARAMANI ROAD, TARAMANI , CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU-600113 is hereby called to show cause to the **Commissioner of Customs, NS-V, JNCH, Nhava Sheva, Taluka - Uran, District - Raigad, Maharashtra - 400707**, within 30 days of the receipt of this notice as to why:

- (i) The imported goods should not be classified with the machine of which the imported good is a part, or CTH 8531 9000.
- (i) Differential/short paid Duty amounting to **₹ 1,13,39,542/- (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakh ThirtyNine Thousand Five Hundred FourtyTwo Only)** for the subject goods imported vide Bills of Entry as detailed mentioned above 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 mentioned above having assessable value of **₹ 8,73,61,657/- (Rupees Eight Crore SeventyThree Lakh SixtyOne Thousand Six Hundred FiftySix Paise EightySix Only)** 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*  
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(Anil Ramteke)  
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3. Notice Board (CHS Section).
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