

Instruction

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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
(Central Board of Excise and Customs)

227 –B, North Block New Delhi
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To,
All Chief Commissioners of Customs
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Sir /Madam

**Subject: Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order 2012-
implementation – regarding.**

Attention is drawn to Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order 2012 dated 12.03.2012 and Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Second (Amendment) Order 2014 dated 31.03.2014 which enforce quality control on all grade of CRGO steel sheets and strips.

2. Ministry of Steel has informed that there is large scale import of sub standard CRGO steel sheets/strips taking place despite notification of the said Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order 2012. The Ministry of Steel after due consultation has clarified the following:

- (i) The India standards IS: 3024 include all grades/ types of CRGO steel sheets and strips unless or otherwise some grades/types are specifically excluded from Indian standards and specific clarification issued by BIS stating exclusion of the particular grade.
- (ii) The Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2012 read together with General Note 2A of ITC (HS) 2012, Schedule 1 Import Policy and the Explanatory notes permit import of only such products which meet the prescribed quality parameters/technical requirements laid down in Indian Standards. Therefore, import of such items shall be permitted only from manufacturers/exporters who have obtained BIS license for use of standard marks and the product meets the prescribed quality parameters/technical requirements of the relevant Indian Standards and also bears the standard marks. In other words, import of second/defective/old and used CRGO sheets, strips and coil in any shape and size is not permitted.

3. It is, accordingly, clarified that import of any sub-standard CRGO sheets/strips in contravention of the Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2012 should not be allowed. Commissioners of Customs/Customs and

Central Excise concerned should ensure that aforementioned directions are complied with scrupulously within their jurisdiction.

4. Difficulty faced, if any, may be brought to the notice of the Board.

Yours faithfully

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Director (Customs)