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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
(Department of Revenue)

Notification No. 02 /2014-Customs (SG)

New Delhi, the 13th August, 2014

G.S.R. (E). – Whereas, in the matter of import of Tubes, Pipes and Hollow Profiles, Seamless of iron, alloy or non-alloy steel (other than cast iron and stainless steel) whether hot finished or cold drawn or cold rolled, of external diameter not exceeding 273.1 mm (Outer Diameter) with the tolerance as specified under relevant standards (hereinafter referred to as Seamless Pipes and Tubes), falling under tariff items 73041910, 73041920, 73041990, 73042310, 73042390, 73042910, 73042990, 73043111, 73043119, 73043121, 73043129, 73043131, 73043139, 73043911, 73043919, 73043921, 73043929, 73043931, 73043939, 73045110, 73045120, 73045130, 73045910, 73045920, 73045930 and 73049000 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) (hereinafter referred to as the Customs Tariff Act), the Director General (Safeguard), in his final findings, published *vide* number G.S.R. 180 (E), dated the 11th March, 2014, in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), dated the 11th March, 2014, has come to the conclusion that increased imports of Seamless Pipes and Tubes into India has caused serious injury to the domestic producers of Seamless Pipes and Tubes, necessitating the imposition of safeguard duty on imports of Seamless Pipes and Tubes into India, and accordingly has recommended the imposition of safeguard duty on imports of the Seamless Pipes and Tubes into India.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 8B of the Customs Tariff Act, read with rules 12, 14 and 17 of the Customs Tariff (Identification and Assessment of Safeguard Duty) Rules, 1997, the Central Government after considering the said findings of the Director General (Safeguard), hereby imposes on Seamless Pipes and Tubes falling under aforesaid tariff items to the Customs Tariff Act, when imported into India, a safeguard duty at the following rate, namely:-

- (a) twenty per cent. ad valorem when imported during the period from 13th August, 2014 to 12th August, 2015 (both days inclusive);
- (b) ten per cent. ad valorem when imported during the period from 13th August, 2015 to 12th August, 2016 (both days inclusive); and
- (c) five per cent. ad valorem when imported during the period from 13th August, 2016 to 12th February, 2017.

2. Nothing contained in this notification shall apply to imports of Seamless Pipes and Tubes from countries notified as developing countries under clause (a) of

sub-section (6) of section 8B of the Customs Tariff Act, other than the People's Republic of China.

Note: For the purpose of this notification, Seamless Pipes and Tubes does not include-

- (i) Seamless alloy-steel pipes, tubes and hollow profiles of specification ASTM A213/ASME SA 213 and ASTM A335 /ASME SA 335 or equivalent BIS/DIN/BS/EN or any other equivalent specifications;
- (ii) Non API and Patented Premium Joints/Premium Connections/Premium Threaded Tubes and Pipes of grades Q-125, 13CR, L-80, P110, C-90, C-95, T-90 and T-95;
- (iii) All 13 Chromium (13CR) Grades Tubes and Pipes not included in item (ii) above; and
- (iv) Drill Collars.

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