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Subject: Request to exclude air freighted items for Non-Ferrous Metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS) registration

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

This is with reference to Notification. No.61/2015-2020 dated 31st March 2021 w.r.t. the insertion of Policy condition where Copper and Aluminium under Chapter-74 and Chapter-76 of ITC(HS), 2017, Schedule-I has been amended from 'Free to 'Free with compulsory registration' under Non-Ferrous Metal Import Monitoring System (NFMIMS) and is effective from 12-04-2021.

However, **this notification doesn't mention exclusion of air freighted goods**. Sir, many of the electronic manufacturers do import some copper & aluminum as spare parts like bush, springs, etc. which can be fitted into specific machine/model and the import of such spares & related declaration/compliance should not be applicable on small volumes of spares. These spares are used for upkeep & maintenance of main hardware which are miniscule to the overall weight of the main hardware imports.

Furthermore, we would like to bring to your kind notice **that the industry has faced the same issue with respect to import of Steel under Steel Import Management System (SIMS) and you were kind enough to exempt air freighted goods vide Circular No.29/2015-20 dated 4th October 2019**. This circular had clarified on exemption from SIMS registration for air freighted goods as they being emergency small volume high value items (copy enclosed).

Hence, **we request you to please exclude air freighted items for NFMIMS registration as you did for SIMS registration** considering very small volumes and the precedent of exemption for SIMS registration. A clarification/FAQ on similar lines shall greatly help the industry for getting clearance at Customs.

Look forward to your favorable consideration.

With regards,

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer