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**OFFICE ORDER NO. 22/2016-17**

**SUB: Acceptance of Duty Exemption Certificate issued by Dy. Director, Health Services, State Government for import of life saving drugs / medicines – reg.**

Import of life saving drugs / medicines classified under Chapter 28, 29, 30 or 38 used for treatment of terminal diseases is exempted from BCD and CVD, when imported by individuals for personal use in terms of provisions of Board's Notification No. 12/2012-Cus, Sl. No. 148.

For the purpose of claiming duty exemption, the individual importer is required to produce at the time of clearance, a certificate specifying the drugs and quantity thereof, from the Director General or Deputy Director General or Assistant Director General, Health Services, New Delhi, Director of Health Services of the State Government or the District Medical Officer / Civil Surgeon of the district, certifying that the goods are lifesaving drugs or medicines.

Recently, it has been noticed that in many cases, the aforesaid certificates are issued by **Dy. Director** of Health Services of the State Government and not **Director**, leading to the raising of objection and hold of consignment.

Considering the gravity of the issue, clarification was sought from the Directorate of Health Services, Govt. of Maharashtra. Director of Health Services, Maharashtra has clarified that 'Dy. Director of Health Services' is higher in hierarchy than the 'District Medical Officer / Civil Surgeon' of the district, who are authorized to issue exemption certificate under aforesaid notification.

In view of the above, it has been decided that exemption certificates issued by Dy. Director of Health Services of the State Government may be accepted by officers while assessing / granting clearance to life saving drugs / medicines imported by individual importer for personal use in terms of provisions of Board's Notification No. 12/2012-Cus, Sl. No. 148.

Difficulties, if any, faced in the implementation of this Office Order may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner of Customs (Import), ACC.

  
(Dr. Satish S. Dhavale)

Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import)

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