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OFFICE OF THE ADDL. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN TRADE
4, ESPLANADE EAST, KOLKATA-700069

No. 18/423/ECA/CAL/2013-14/274

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Dated 04/09/2014

ORDER - IN - ORIGINAL

Passed by :

K. M. Harilal, Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade.

- 1) Any person/party aggrieved by the order may, under diction 15 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 file an appeal against the same to the appropriate authority, i.e, the Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, 4, Esplanade East, Kolkata-700069 within a period of 45 days from the date of serving of this Adjudication Order together with a copy of this order and a complete set of evidence to be relied upon in support of the appeal in the form of an annexure.
- 2) Any person/party desirous of filing an appeal against this order shall deposit the penalty amount along with the appeal to the Appellate Authority failing which, the appeal is liable to be rejected for non-compliance of the provisions of section 15 (1) of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992.I.
- 3) The penalty amount is to be deposited within a period of 15 days from the date of issue of this order under the head of account "1453 Foreign Trade & Export Promotion, Minor Head-102 other receipts, fines and penalties ect." Failing which, the Importer Exporter Code Number No.0205014917 allotted to the party may be suspended without any further notice. till payment of the full fiscal penalty amount.
- 4) I have gone through the facts and records of the case carefully. I find that M/s. QVC Exports Pvt Ltd, 6, Dr. Meghnad Saha Sarani, 2nd fl. Kolkata-700026. obtained DEPB (04 Nos.) fraudulently from this office by exporting Ferro-Silicon declaring the same as Indian origin whereas those were of Bhutanese Origin. Total value of the DEPB availed by them was Rs.1428840/- respectively.
- 5) And whereas the party in their deposition during the course of investigation before the DRI, Kolkata Zonal Unit has admitted their claiming of DEPB benefits on Ferro-Silicon of third country origin and voluntarily deposited the entire amount alongwith the applicable interest to the Directorate of Revenue & Intelligence, Kolkata Zonal Unit.

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6) Therefore, it is established that the firm availed the export benefit fraudulently suppressing the fact that the goods (Fesi) exported were of Bhutanese Origin from where the same were imported to India and then re-exported without making any value addition as observed by the DRI, Kolkata Zonal Unit.

7) And whereas a Show Cause Notice was issued to the firm & their Directors under Section 13 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 on 23/06/2014 calling upon to Show Cause under section 11.3 of the Act as to why fiscal penalty should not be imposed against them for mis-declaration & violation of provisions of the above mentioned Act.

8) And whereas an authorized representative appeared before the undersigned on behalf of the firm and he claimed that they did not know the origin of the material. Representative informed that the firm had already paid entire amount of DEPB alongwith interest to DRI and this has been confirmed by the DRI also.

9) However, no prudent exporter can be unaware of the origin of material when he purchases from open market/Traders and it can not be considered as a bonafide mistake which can be overlooked.

10) Therefore, in exercise of the powers vested upon me under Section 13 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 and Section 11 of the said Act, I hereby imposed fiscal penalty of Rs. 300000/- (Rupees Three lakhs) only.

11) This action is without prejudice to any other actions that may be taken against the notice firm under the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 and the rules and order made there under or any other act or law in force..

(K. M. HARILAL)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN TRADE

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Copy to:

1. M/s. QVC Exports Pvt Ltd, (IEC-0205014917), 6, Dr. Meghnad Saha Sarani , (Southern Avenue), 2nd floor, Kolkata-700026
2. Mr. Nilesh Kumar Sharma, 224, Dr. Bijoy Kumar Basu Sarani, Jodhpur Gardens, Kolkata-700045
3. Mrs. Madhu Sharma, 224, Dr. Bijoy Kumar Basu Sarani, Jodhpur Gardens, Kolkata-7000
4. Addl. Director General of Foreign Trade, Kolkata.
5. B.L. Cell for information.
6. Copy to: Shri K.V.S. Singh, Addl. Director General , DRI, Kolkata Zonal Unit, 8, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata-700071 for his kind information.

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