STANDING ORDER No.08/2015 DATED 13.04.2015.

Sub: Import of second hand tyres for direct use - reg

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Attention is invited to Board’s letter F.No.450/5/2015-Cus.IV dated 30.01.2014 forwarding O.M.F.No.23-4/2009-HSMD(Pt.) dated 24.11.2014 issued by Ministry of Environment & Forests wherein it is informed that the import of second hand tyre in the country for direct re-use is not permitted.

2. The Ministry of Environment & Forests have clarified that the import of ‘waste pneumatic tyres, excluding those which do not lead to resource recovery, recycling, reclamation or direct reuse’ falls under Schedule III B (B3140) of Hazardous Waste (management Handling and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and hence is regulated for the purpose of import/export. Accordingly, the applicant has to apply to the said Ministry for import of used tyres for any purpose including for re-use purpose.

3. The 33rd Technical Review Committee constituted under the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2008, in the meeting held on 28.10.2014, made the following observations on the issue:
   i. There is adequate capacity for tyre manufacturing in the country and in fact tyres manufactured in India are exported. Therefore, there is no need to import second hand pneumatic tyres.
   ii. There is an order dated 11th February 2010 from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, DIPP which says “no person shall be himself or through any person on his behalf, manufacture, import, store for sale, sell or distribute Pneumatic tyres which do not conform to the Specified Standard and which do not bear the Standard Mark of the Bureau on obtaining Certification marks license”.
   iii. Thus all tyres used in the country must have BIS certification except for tyres imported by Original Equipment Manufacturer(OEM) and distributed through their authorized dealers.
   iv. There is no simple test for determining the road safety or the residual life of tyres which could be used by the Customs.
4. Taking into account the above observations and related recommendations of the Committee, the Ministry of Environment & Forest have informed that import of second hand tyre in the country for direct re-use is not permitted.

5. Above guidelines are brought to the notice of all officers for information and strict compliance.

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Commissioner

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The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru Zone, for information please.