

रजिस्टर्ड डाक ए.डी. द्वारा

: आयुक्त (अपील -I) का कार्यालय, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क, :
: सैन्टल एक्साइज भवन, सातवीं मंजिल, पौलिटैक्नीक के पास, :
: आंबावाडी, अहमदाबाद- 380015. :

क फाइल संख्या : File No : V2(38)93&94/Ahd-III/2015-16/Appeal-I

ख अपील आदेश संख्या : Order-In-Appeal No.: AHM-EXCUS-003-APP-147 to 148-16-17

दिनांक Date : 28.10.2016 जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue 10/11/16

श्री उमाशंकर आयुक्त (अपील-I) द्वारा पारित

Passed by Shri Uma Shanker Commissioner (Appeals-I) Ahmedabad

ग _____ आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क, अहमदाबाद-I आयुक्तालय द्वारा जारी मूल
आदेश सं _____ दिनांक : _____ से सृजित

Arising out of Order-in-Original: As Per Order Date: As Per Order.
Issued by: Superintendent, Central Excise, Din: Kalol, A'bad-III.

घ अपीलकर्ता एवं प्रतिवादी का नाम एवं पता

Name & Address of the Appellant & Respondent

M/s. Shital Industries Pvt. Ltd.

कोई व्यक्ति इस अपील आदेश से असंतोष अनुभव करता है तो वह इस आदेश के प्रति यथास्थिति नीचे
बताए गए सक्षम अधिकारी को अपील या पुनरीक्षण आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

Any person aggrieved by this Order-In-Appeal may file an appeal or revision application, as
the one may be against such order, to the appropriate authority in the following way :

भारत सरकार का पुनरीक्षण आवेदन :

Revision application to Government of India :

(1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा अंतर्गत नीचे बताए गए मामलों के बारे में
पूर्वोक्त धारा को उप-धारा के प्रथम परन्तुक के अंतर्गत पुनरीक्षण आवेदन अवर सचिव, भारत सरकार,
वित्त मंत्रालय, राजस्व विभाग, चौथी मंजिल, जीवन दीप भवन, संसद मार्ग, नई दिल्ली : 110001 को
की जानी चाहिए।

(i) A revision application lies to the Under Secretary, to the Govt. of India, Revision
Application Unit Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, 4th Floor, Jeevan Deep Building,
Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110 001 under Section 35EE of the CEA 1944 in respect of the
following case, governed by first proviso to sub-section (1) of Section-35 ibid :

(ii) यदि माल की हानि के मामले में जब ऐसी हानि कारखाने से किसी भण्डागार या अन्य कारखाने
में या किसी भण्डागार से दूसरे भण्डागार में माल ले जाते हुए मार्ग में, या किसी भण्डागार या भण्डार में
चाहे वह किसी कारखाने में या किसी भण्डागार में हो माल की प्रकिया के दौरान हुई हो।

(ii) In case of any loss of goods where the loss occur in transit from a factory to a
warehouse or to another factory or from one warehouse to another during the course of
processing of the goods in a warehouse or in storage whether in a factory or in a warehouse.

(ख) भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित माल पर या माल के विनिर्माण में उपयोग शुल्क
कच्चे माल पर उत्पादन शुल्क के रिबेट के मामलों में जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित
है।

(b) In case of rebate of duty of excise on goods exported to any country or territory outside
India of on excisable material used in the manufacture of the goods which are exported to any
country or territory outside India.

(ग) यदि शुल्क का भुगतान किए बिना भारत के बाहर (नेपाल या भूटान को) निर्यात किया गया
माल हो।

(c) In case of goods exported outside India export to Nepal or Bhutan, without payment of
duty.



ध अंतिम उत्पादन की उत्पादन शुल्क के भुगतान के लिए जो ड्यूटी क्रेडिट मान्य की गई है और ऐसे आदेश जो इस धारा एवं नियम के मुताबिक आयुक्त, अपील के द्वारा पारित वो समय पर या बाद में वित्त अधिनियम (नं.2) 1998 धारा 109 द्वारा नियुक्त किए गए हो।

(d) Credit of any duty allowed to be utilized towards payment of excise duty on final products under the provisions of this Act or the Rules made there under and such order is passed by the Commissioner (Appeals) on or after, the date appointed under Sec.109 of the Finance (No.2) Act, 1998.

(1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001 के नियम 9 के अंतर्गत विनिर्दिष्ट प्रपत्र संख्या इए-8 में दो प्रतियों में, प्रेषित आदेश के प्रति आदेश प्रेषित दिनांक से तीन मास के भीतर मूल-आदेश एवं अपील आदेश की दो-दो प्रतियों के साथ उचित आवेदन किया जाना चाहिए। उसके साथ खाता इ. का मुख्यशीर्ष के अंतर्गत धारा 35-इ में निर्धारित फी के भुगतान के सबूत के साथ टीआर-6 चालान की प्रति भी होनी चाहिए।

The above application shall be made in duplicate in Form No. EA-8 as specified under Rule, 9 of Central Excise (Appeals) Rules, 2001 within 3 months from the date on which the order sought to be appealed against is communicated and shall be accompanied by two copies each of the OIO and Order-In-Appeal. It should also be accompanied by a copy of TR-6 Challan evidencing payment of prescribed fee as prescribed, under Section 35-EE of CEA, 1944, under Major Head of Account.

(2) रिविजन आवेदन के साथ जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख रुपये या उससे कम हो तो रुपये 200/- फीस भुगतान की जाए और जहाँ संलग्न रकम एक लाख से ज्यादा हो तो 1000/- की फीस भुगतान की जाए।

The revision application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.200/- where the amount involved is Rupees One Lac or less and Rs.1,000/- where the amount involved is more than Rupees One Lac.

सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील:-
Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(1) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम, 1944 की धारा 35- षोबी/35-इ के अंतर्गत:-

Under Section 35B/ 35E of CEA, 1944 an appeal lies to :-

(क) वर्गीकरण मूल्यांकन से संबंधित सभी मामले सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की विशेष पीठिका वेस्ट ब्लॉक नं. 3. आर. के. पुरम, नई दिल्ली को एवं

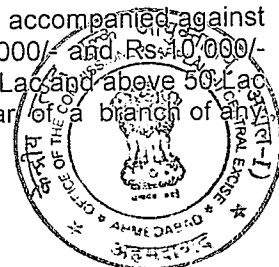
(a) the special bench of Custom, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal of West Block No.2, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-1 in all matters relating to classification valuation and.

(ख) उक्तलिखित परिच्छेद 2 (1) क में बताए अनुसार के अलावा की अपील, अपीलो के मामले में सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सिस्टेट) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, अहमदाबाद में ओ-20, न्यू मैनटल हास्पिटल कम्पाउण्ड, मेघानी नगर, अहमदाबाद-380016.

(b) To the west regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at O-20, New Metal Hospital Compound, Meghani Nagar, Ahmedabad : 380 016. in case of appeals other than as mentioned in para-2(i) (a) above.

(2) केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क (अपील) नियमावली, 2001 की धारा 6 के अंतर्गत प्रपत्र इ.ए-3 में निर्धारित किए अनुसार अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरणों की गई अपील के विरुद्ध अपील किए गए आदेश की चार प्रतियाँ सहित जहाँ उत्पाद शुल्क की मांग, ब्याज की मांग और लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 5 लाख या उससे कम है वहां रूपए 1000/- फीस भेजनी होगी। जहाँ उत्पाद शुल्क की मांग, ब्याज की मांग और लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 5 लाख या 50 लाख तक हो तो रूपए 5000/- फीस भेजनी होगी। जहाँ उत्पाद शुल्क की मांग, ब्याज की मांग और लगाया गया जुर्माना रूपए 50 लाख या उससे ज्यादा है वहां रूपए 10000/- फीस भेजनी होगी। की फीस सहायक रजिस्टार के नाम से रेखांकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में संबंध की जाये। यह ड्राफ्ट उस स्थान के किंसी नामित सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक की शाखा का हो

The appeal to the Appellate Tribunal shall be filed in quadruplicate in form EA-3 as prescribed under Rule 6 of Central Excise(Appeal) Rules, 2001 and shall be accompanied against (one which at least should be accompanied by a fee of Rs.1,000/-, Rs.5,000/- and Rs.10,000/- where amount of duty / penalty / demand / refund is upto 5 Lac, 5 Lac to 50 Lac and above 50 Lac respectively in the form of crossed bank draft in favour of Asstt. Registrar of a branch of any



nominate public sector bank of the place where the bench of any nominate public sector bank of the place where the bench of the Tribunal is situated

(3) यदि इस आदेश में कई मूल आदेशों का समावेश होता है तो प्रत्येक मूल आदेश के लिए फीस का भुगतान उपर्युक्त ढंग से किया जाना चाहिए इस तथ्य के होते हुए भी कि लिखा पढी कार्य से बचने के लिए यथास्थिति अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण को एक अपील या केन्द्रीय सरकार को एक आवेदन किया जाता है।

In case of the order covers a number of order-in-Original, fee for each O.I.O. should be paid in the aforesaid manner notwithstanding the fact that the one appeal to the Appellate Tribunal or the one application to the Central Govt. As the case may be, is filled to avoid scriptoria work if excising Rs. 1 lacs fee of Rs.100/- for each.

(4) न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम 1970 यथा संशोधित की अनुसूची-1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या मूल आदेश यथास्थिति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रति पर रु.6.50 पैसे का न्यायालय शुल्क टिकट लगा होना चाहिए।

One copy of application or O.I.O. as the case may be, and the order of the adjournment authority shall bear a court fee stamp of Rs.6.50 paise as prescribed under scheduled-I item of the court fee Act, 1975 as amended.

(5) इन ओर संबंधित मामलों को नियंत्रण करने वाले नियमों की ओर भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया जाता है जो सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (कार्याविधि) नियम, 1982 में निहित है।

Attention is invited to the rules covering these and other related matter contended in the Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1982.

(6) सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय प्राधिकरण (सीस्टेट) के प्रति अपीलों के मामलों में केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिनियम, 1988 की धारा 35फ के अंतर्गत वित्तीय(संख्या-2) अधिनियम 2014(2014 की संख्या 25) दिनांक: 06.08.2014 जो की वित्तीय अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 23 के अंतर्गत सेवाकर को भी लागू की गई है, द्वारा निश्चित की गई पूर्व-राशि जमा करना अनिवार्य है, बशर्ते कि इस धारा के अंतर्गत जमा की जाने वाली अपेक्षित देय राशि दस करोड़ रूपए से अधिक न हो

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क एवं सेवाकर के अंतर्गत " माँग किए गए शुल्क " में निम्न शामिल है

- (i) धारा 11 डी के अंतर्गत निर्धारित रकम
- (ii) सेनवैट जमा की ली गई गलत राशि
- (iii) सेनवैट जमा नियमावली के नियम 6 के अंतर्गत देय रकम

→ आगे बशर्ते यह कि इस धारा के प्रावधान वित्तीय (सं. 2) अधिनियम, 2014 के आरम्भ से पूर्व किसी अपीलीय प्राधिकारी के समक्ष विचाराधीन स्थगन अर्ज़ी एवं अपील को लागू नहीं होगा।

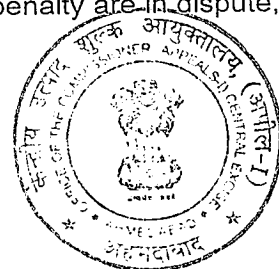
For an appeal to be filed before the CESTAT, it is mandatory to pre-deposit an amount specified under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2014 (No. 25 of 2014) dated 06.08.2014, under section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944 which is also made applicable to Service Tax under section 83 of the Finance Act, 1994 provided the amount of pre-deposit payable would be subject to ceiling of Rs. Ten Crores,
Under Central Excise and Service Tax, "Duty demanded" shall include:

- (i) amount determined under Section 11 D;
- (ii) amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken;
- (iii) amount payable under Rule 6 of the Cenvat Credit Rules.

→ Provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to the stay application and appeals pending before any appellate authority prior to the commencement of the Finance (No.2) Act, 2014.

(6)(i) इस आदेश के प्रति अपील प्राधिकरण के समक्ष जहाँ शुल्क अथवा शुल्क या दण्ड विवादित हो तो माँग किए गए शुल्क के 10% भुगतान पर और जहाँ केवल दण्ड विवादित हो तब दण्ड के 10% भुगतान पर की जा सकती है।

(6)(i) In view of above, an appeal against this order shall lie before the Tribunal on payment of 10% of the duty demanded where duty or duty and penalty are in dispute, or penalty, where penalty alone is in dispute."



ORDER-IN-APPEAL

M/s. Shital Industries Private Limited, Plot No. 1/11, GIDC Estate, Kalol, Dist. Gandhinagar- 382 725, Gujarat [for short the 'appellant'] has filed two appeals against Orders-in-Original Nos. 11/RKA/2015-16 dated 4.2.2016 and 6/RKA/2015-16 dated 1.1.2016, both passed by the Superintendent, AR-II, Kalol Division, Ahmedabad-III Commissionerate [for short - 'adjudicating authority']. The issues in both the appeals being similar, they are being dealt vide this order.

2. Briefly stated, the impugned Orders-in-Original dated 1.1.2016 and 4.2.2016 were issued on the grounds, that the appellant had failed to file monthly returns [ER-1] for the period from April 2014 to September 2015, within the stipulated time, prescribed under Rule 12 of the Central Excise Rules, 2002 [for short - 'CER '02']. The adjudicating authority therefore, vide his OIO dated 1.1.2016 imposed a penalty of Rs. 11000/- under Rule 27 of CER '02 for the period from April 2014 to February 2015. In respect of the period from March 2015 to September 2015, he directed the appellant to pay an amount of Rs. 84,300/- under Rule 12 of CER '02.

3. Feeling aggrieved, the appellant has filed appeals against both the original orders, wherein it is contended that

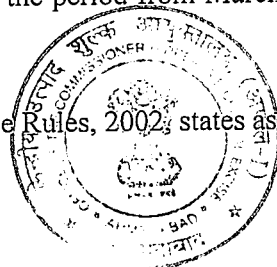
- they had no intention to contravene the provisions of Rule 12 of CER '02;
- they could not commence production immediately after obtaining registration since NOC from Gujarat Pollution Control Board was awaited;
- that they were under a bonafide belief that they were not required to file ER-1 return wince there was nothing to be reported as production had not commenced;
- that they had filed their first return in March 2014 and the department was made aware of the fact;
- that they would like to rely on the case laws reported at 1999(106) ELT 59, 2004(176) ELT 240, 2010(250) ELT 528, 2011(274)ELT 431;
- that penalty of more than Rs. 5000/- could not have been imposed under Rule 27 of CER '02.

4. Personal hearing in the matter was held on 19.10.2016. Shri Prakash Soni, Excise Executive, appeared on behalf of the appellant and reiterated the arguments made in the grounds of appeal.

5. I have gone through the facts of the case, the grounds of appeal and the oral averments, made during the course of personal hearing.

6. The issue to be decided is whether the appellant is liable for penalty under Rule 27 of CER '02 in respect of the period from April 2014 to February 2015 and an amount under Rule 12(6) was required to be confirmed in respect of the period from March 2015 to September 2015.

7. Relevant extracts of Rule 12 of the Central Excise Rules, 2002, states as follows



RULE 12. Filing of return. — [(1)] Every assessee shall submit to the Superintendent of Central Excise a monthly return in the form specified by notification by the Board, of production and removal of goods and other relevant particulars, within ten days after the close of the month to which the return relates :

[(6) Where any return or Annual Financial Information Statement or Annual Installed Capacity Statement referred to in this rule is submitted by the assessee after due date as specified for every return or statements, the assessee shall pay to the credit of the Central Government, an amount calculated at the rate of one hundred rupees per day subject to a maximum of twenty thousand rupees for the period of delay in submission of each such return or statement.]

[emphasis supplied]

- Rule 12(6) was inserted vide notification No. 8/2015-CE(NT) dated 1.3.2015

8. Rule 12 of the CER '02 states that every assessee is required to file a monthly return [subject to certain exceptions] within ten days after the close of the month, to which the return relates. One fact which is not being disputed is that in respect of the months from April 2014 to September 2015, the appellant had filed the return beyond 10 days from the close of the month.

9. The adjudicating authority therefore, has for the period from April 2014 to February 2015 imposed a penalty of Rs. 11000/- under Rule 27 of CER '02. The appellant has relying on the case of Anil Products [2011(274) ELT 431] stated that penalty above Rs. 5000/- could not have been imposed under the said Rule. The contention of the appellant is correct. The Hon'ble Tribunal has interpreted Rule 27 of CER '02 and has clearly held that separate penalty of Rs. 5000/- cannot be imposed for contravention of each and every Rule; that as long as there is only one show cause notice invoking Rule 27, maximum penalty to the extent of Rs. 5000/- is imposable. Accordingly, the penalty imposed under Rule 27 vide OIO dated 1.1.2016, is reduced to Rs. 2,000/-. The appellant has relied on the case law of Resil Chemicals Private Limited [2010(250) ELT 528] to contend that there is no mandate in the said rule that every breach should necessarily be punished; that knowable breach, punishable only if it was deliberate or wilful and resulting in defiance of law. It has already been accepted by the appellant also that there is a violation of Rule 12 of the CER '02, therefore, the contention that no penalty needs to be imposed under Rule 27 is not tenable.

10. In respect of the period from March 2015 to September 2015, the adjudicating authority has ordered payment of an amount as stipulated vide Rule 12(6) of the CER '02. Incidentally, this subsection to Rule 12 was inserted vide notification No. 8/2015-CE(NT) dated 1.3.2015. The appellant, while stating that no such amount needs to be paid since they had not commenced production owing to non receipt of NOC from Gujarat Pollution Control Board, has not questioned the quantification of the amount, ordered to be paid under Rule 12(6) of CER '02.

11. The appellant has relied on the case law of Quality Bulk Drugs P Ltd [1999(106) ELT 59] and Rajwani Synthetics P Ltd [2004(176) ELT 240] to contend that no penalty was liable in view of the peculiar facts in the case. While the first case states that RT 12 return was not required to be filed in case the products were liable to nil rate of duty in the



second case it was held that on account of failure to file returns there was no serious consequences on Government revenue, as there was no production and clearance, imposition of penalty was not warranted. Both the cases pertain to a period before the introduction of Central Excise Rules, 2002. Rule 12 of the Central Excise Rules, 2002, states that every assessee shall submit the return. Rule 2(c), *ibid*, which defines an assessee, includes a registered person. Therefore, once a person is registered, periodic return including Nil return is required to be filed, till the unit de-registers. The appellant has not countered the finding that the returns were filed beyond the prescribed period stipulated under Rule 12 of the CER'02. Hence, I do not find any reason to interfere with the amount of Rs. 84,300/- that has been ordered to be paid under Rule 12(6) of CER '02 by the adjudicating authority vide his OIO dated 4.2.2016.

12. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।
12. The appeal filed by the appellant stands disposed of in above terms.

उमा शंकर

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