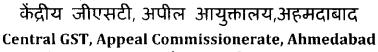
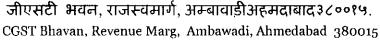


# आयुक्त(अपील )का कार्यालय, Office of the Commissioner (Appeal),

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ख अपील आदेश संख्या Order-In-Appeal Nos AHM-EXCUS-003-APP-87/2021-22 दिनाँक Date: 07-01-2022 जारी करने की तारीख Date of Issue 10.01.2022

आयुक्त (अपील) द्वारापारित

Passed by Shri Akhilesh Kumar, Commissioner (Appeals)

म Arising out of Order-in-Original No. 24/AC/MEH/CGST/2020-21 दिनाँक: 19.11.2020 issued by Assistant Commissioner, CGST& Central Excise, Division Mehsana, Gandhinagar Commissionerate

अपीलकर्ता का नाम एवं पताName & Address of the Appellant / Respondent

M/s Apex (Guj) Plasto Chem Pvt Ltd Plot No. 83 & 103, G.I.D.C Gozaria, Taluka-Vijapur, Dist. Mehsana (Guj)

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 अतत नीचे बताए गए मामलों के बारे में पूर्वोक्त धारा को उप—धारा के प्रथम परन्तुक के अंतर्गत पुनरीक्षण आवेदन अधीन 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 हानिकार खाने 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.

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- (क) भारत क बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित माल पर या माल के विनिर्माण में उपयोग शुल्क कच्चे माल पर उत्पादन शुल्क के रिबेट के मामलें में जो भारत के बाहर किसी राष्ट्र या प्रदेश में निर्यातित है।
- (A) 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.
- (ख) यदि शुल्क का भुगतान किए बिना भारत के बाहर (नेपाल या भूटान को) निर्यात किया गया माल हो।
- (B) In case of goods exported outside India export to Nepal or Bhutan, without payment of duty

अतिम उत्पादन की उत्पादन शुल्क के भुगतान के लिए जो डयूटी केंडिट 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।

- (c) 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) कंन्द्रीय 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 तिनांक से तीन मास के भीतरमूल—आदेश एवं अपील आदेश की दो—दो प्रतियों के साथ उचित आवेदन किया जाना चाहिए।उसके साथ खाता इ.का मुख्य शीर्ष के अंतर्गत धारा 35—इ में निर्धारित की 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 रूपये या उससे कम होतो रूपये 200/-फीस भुगतान की जाए और जहाँ सलग्नरकम 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 सेवा कर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के प्रति अपील:Appeal to Custom, Excise, & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(1) के द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क अधिनियम 1944 की धारा 35—बी / 35—इ के अंतर्गत:—

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

- (क) उन्तिलिखित परिच्छेद 2 (1) क में बताए अनुसार के अलावा की अपील, अपीलों के मामले में सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उपादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण(सिस्टेट) की पश्चिम क्षेत्रीय पीठिका, अहमदाबाद में 2<sup>nd</sup>माला, बहूमाली भवन ,असरवा ,गिरधरनागर,अहमदाबाद-380004
- (a) To the west regional bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at 2 of floor, Bahumali Bhawan, Asarwa, Girdhar Nagar, Ahmedabad: 380004. in case of appeals other than as mentioned in para-2(i) (a) above.

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. Registar 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.

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

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 not withstanding the fact that the one appeal to the Appellant 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.

न्यायालय शुल्कअधिनियम 1970 यथासंशोधित की अनुसूचि-1 के अंतर्गत निर्धारित किए अनुसार उक्त आवेदन या (4)मूलआदेश राथारिथति निर्णयन प्राधिकारी के आदेश में से प्रत्येक की एक प्रतिपर रू.6.50 पैसे कान्यायालय 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 a court fee stamp of Rs.6.50 paise as prescribed under scheduled-I item of the court fee Act, 1975 as amended.

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

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

सीमा शुल्क, केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क एवं सेवाकर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण(सिस्टेट),के प्रतिअपीलो के मामले में (62)कर्तव्यमांग(Demand) एवं दंड(Penalty) का 10% पूर्व जमा करना अनिवार्य है। हालांकि, अधिकतम पूर्व जमा 10 करोड़ रुपए है।(Section 35 F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, Section 83 & Section 86 of the Finance Act, 1994)

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क और सेवाकर के अंतर्गत, शामिल होगा "कर्तव्य की मांग"(Duty Demanded)-

- (Section) खंड 11D के तहत निर्धारित राशि; (i)
- लिया गलत सेनवैट क्रेडिट की राशि; (ii)
- सेनवैट क्रेडिट नियमों के नियम 6 के तहत देय राशि. (iii)

🐡 यह पर्व जमा 'लंबित अपील' में पहले पूर्व जमा की तलना में, अपील' दाखिल करने के लिए पूर्व शर्त बना दिया गया है.

For an appeal to be filed before the CESTAT, 10% of the Duty & Penalty confirmed by the Appellate Commissioner would have to be pre-deposited, provided that the predeposit amount shall not exceed Rs.10 Crores. It may be noted that the pre-deposit is a mandatory condition for filing appeal before CESTAT. (Section 35 C (2A) and 35 F of the Central Excise Act, 1944, Section 83 & Section 86 of the Finance Act, 1994)

Under Central Excise and Service Tax, "Duty demanded" shall include:

- (clxix) amount determined under Section 11 D;
- (clxx) amount of erroneous Cenvat Credit taken;
- (clxxi) amount payable under Rule 6 of the Cenvat Credit Rules.

इस बादेश के प्रति अपील प्राधिकरण के समक्ष जहाँ शुल्क अथवा शुल्क या दण्ड विवादित हो तो माँग किए गए शुल्क के 10% मुगतान पर और जहाँ केवल दण्ड विवादित हो तब दण्ड के 10% भूगतान पर की जा सकती है।

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

## ORDER-IN-APPEAL

The present appeal has been filed by M/s. Apex (Guj) Plastochem Pvt Ltd, Plot No. 83 & 103, GIDC, Gozaria, Taluka: Vijapur, District: Mehsana, Gujarat (hereinafter referred to as the appellant) against Order in Original No. 24/AC/MEH/CGST/20-21 dated 19-11-2020 [hereinafter referred to as "impugned order"] passed by the Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Division: Mehsana, Commissionerate: Gandhinagar [hereinafter referred to as "adjudicating authority"].

Briefly stated, the facts of the case is that the appellant engaged in the 2. manufacture of Plastic Containers (Jars) falling under Chapter 39 of the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 and are not registered with the Central Excise department. A case was booked against the appellant on the basis of intelligence that the appellant is engaged in the manufacture of Plastic Jars on job work basis for the principal Vimal Oil & Food Ltd and Gujarat Spices and Oil Seeds Growers Co-op Union Limited, who are manufacturers of edible oil, without following the procedure specified under Notification No. 214/86-CE dated 25.03.1986. The benefit of the said notification is not available to the appellants, as the final products i.e. edible oil and vanaspati ghee, for packing of which the plastic jars are manufactured and cleared, are exempted from Central Excise duty. By including the value of job work manufacturing, the value of clearance of job work goods exceeded the threshold limit of Rs. 1 crore as per SSI exemption notification. The department was of the view that the value exceeding Rs. 1 crore was liable for payment of Central Excise duty. The total value of the goods manufactured and cleared by the appellant for the F.Y. 2005-06 was Rs.1,19,10,917/-. The appellant was, therefore, liable to pay central excise  $d\phi$ ty of Rs.3,11,862/- on the value of Rs.19,10,917/-. The appellant had paid the duty vide Challan dated 23.08.2006 and 07.09.2006.

2.1 The appellant was issued a SCN bearing No. V.85/3-2/D/2007-08 dated 04.04.2007 which was adjudicated vide OIO No. 13/D/2007-08 dated 23.01.2008, wherein the demand for duty was confirmed along with interest the duty already paid was appropriated. Penalties under Section 11AC of

the Central Excise Act, 1944 and Rule 26 of the Central Excise Rules, 2002 were also imposed. Being aggrieved, the appellant filed appeal before the Commissioner (Appeals), Ahmedabad, who rejected the appeal. The appellant carried the matter in appeal before the Hon'ble Tribunal, Ahmedabad. The Hon'ble Tribunal vide Order No. A/11852-11853/2018 dated 03.08.2018 upheld the demand, but reduced the penalty to 25% subject to the condition that the duty, interest and penalty were paid within one month from the date of receipt of the order. The appeal filed by the Director of the appellant firm was dismissed. The appellant paid the penalty amounting to Rs.77,966/- vide Challan dated 03.10.2018.

- Subsequently, the appellant filed an application for Restoration of Appeal before the Hon'ble Tribunal on the grounds that order was passed exparte and that they did not receive the notice of hearing. The Hon'ble Tribunal vide Order dated 20.02.2019 restored the appeal of the appellant. The appeal was decided by the Hon'ble Tribunal vide Order No. A/11707-11714/2019 dated 06.09.2019 and the demand for the extended period was set aside. The Hon'ble Tribunal remanded the matter back to the adjudicating authority for re-computing the demand for the normal period. It was also held that the appellant were entitled to Cenvat Credit, subject to verification of duty paying documents. The demand was also ordered to be re-quantified by giving benefit of cenvat credit and deduction on account of cenvat credit for the purpose of valuation of the job work goods.
- 2.3 In the denovo proceedings, the demand for Central Excise duty amounting to Rs.3,11,862/- was confirmed along with interest and penalty. Also penalty was imposed upon the Director of the appellant firm as well as the Chief Accountant of M/s.Vimal Oil & Foods Ltd.
- 3. Being aggrieved with the impugned order, the appellant has filed the instant appeal on the following grounds:
  - The matter is absolutely in their favour as they could not get the duty paying documents, of the raw materials used in the manufacture of plastic jars on job work, as they were seized from their factory under Panchnama on 18.08.2006. This is also shown at Sr.No. 4 of Annexure



'A' to the SCN dated 04.04.2007 issued to them. They had requested for copies of the documents vide their letter dated 18.09.2019 but they did not get the same. This fact was also informed to the adjudicating authority vide letter dated 26.06.2020.

As regards the observation of the adjudicating authority that the copies of the records were already provided to them, it is submitted that at Sr.No.4 of Annexure 'A' to the SCN it is mentioned that the records were available for inspection. However, they were not made available for inspection and copies of the same were also not provided to them.

The Hon'ble Tribunal had specifically mentioned that there should not be penalty under Section 11AC of the Central Excise Act, 1944. However, the adjudicating authority has wrongly imposed penalty.

4. Personal Hearing in the case was held on 28.12.2021 through virtual mode. Shri Hardik V. Vora, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the appellant for the hearing. He reiterated the submissions made in appeal memorandum.

5. I have gone through the facts of the case, submissions made in the Appeal Memorandum and the submissions made at the time of personal hearing. I find that in the first round of litigation, the Hon'ble Tribunal, Ahmedabad had vide Order No. A/11707-11714/2019 dated 06.09.2019 remanded back the case to the adjudicating authority. The relevant part of the said order is reproduced as under:

"In view of above consistent view taken by this Tribunal, we have no hesitation in holding that since in the present case is of prior to Larger Bench decision, the matter was in favour of the assessee in many judgments and the matter was finally settled by Larger Bench. The period involved in the present case is much before the Larger Bench Decision, therefore, there is no malafide on the part of the appellant. Hence the demand for the extended period is set aside.

7. We further find that if any demand for the normal period exists, the adjudicating authority should be recomputed. As per the submission of the appellant, the appellant were receiving inputs along with duty paying documents, accordingly, they are entitled for the Cenvat credit subject to verification of duty paying document. As regard, the deduction of excise duty on inputs to arrive at valuation of the job work goods, it is settled law as per Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment in case of Dai Ichi Karkaria Ltd (supra), therefore, if any demand arise for the normal period, the same needs to be re-quantified by giving benefit of Cenvat credit and deduction on Cenvat credit for the purpose of valuation of job work goods.



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- 8. As per our above discussion, the appeals related to the demand of extended period are allowed and in respect of demand for the normal period it is remanded to the adjudicating authority for re-quantification of the demand. It is made clear that since we have held that there was no malafide on the part of the appellants, no penalty is imposable on all the appellants in respect of any duty liability arise after requantification. The appeals are disposed of in above terms."
- 5.1 I find that the Hon'ble Tribunal had set aside the demand for the extended period and remanded back the case for re-computing the demand for the normal period of limitation and also by allowing the benefit of cenvat credit, subject to verification of the duty paying documents, as well as allow deduction of cenvat credit for the purpose of valuation. The Hon'ble Tribunal had also held that penalty was not imposable on all the appellants as there was no malafide on their part.
- 6. With regard to the issue of the demand for normal period of limitation, find that the appellant have not contested the impugned order on the issue of limitation in their appeal, therefore, the same is not being deliberated upon.
- In respect of the issue of allowing Cenvat Credit, I find that the adjudicating authority has at Para 29 of the impugned order observed that "  $\it I$ find that copies of records withdrawn as per Annexure-A to the Panchnama dated 18.08.2006 drawn at the factory premises of the Noticee was already provided to the Noticee". However, it has not been stated as to when the copies of the records were provided to the appellant and neither is there mything on record to support the observation of the adjudicating authority. I and that Sr.No. 4 of Annexure –A to the SCN issued to appellant contains the escription " Records withdrawn as per Annexure "A" to the Panchnama dated 18.08.2006 drawn at the factory premises of M/s.Apex (Guj) Plastochem Pvt. Ltd., Gozaria" and in the remarks column it is stated that "Available for inspection". This indicates that the copies of the records were not made vailable to the appellant. Be that as it may, when the appellant had equested for copies vide their letter dated 18.09.2019 and 26.06.2020, they hould have been provided the documents to enable them to submit the same en verification for the purpose of allowing cenvat credit.

7. Since the documents were already with the department, the adjudicating authority should have, without waiting for the same to be submitted by the appellant, verified the documents to determine the cenvat credit admissible to the appellant. After being in possession of the documents withdrawn under panchnama, the burden of producing the duty paying documents cannot be cast upon the appellant. By doing and denying cenvat credit to the appellant, the adjudicating authority has negated the relief granted to the appellant by the Hon'ble Tribunal. Therefore, the matter is required to be remanded back to the adjudicating authority for verifying the duty paying documents and allowing the admissible cenvat credit to the appellant.

- The Hon'ble Tribunal had also directed that the demand is to be re-8. quantified in light of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Dai Ichi Karkaria Ltd by allowing deduction of cenvat credit for the purpose of valuation of the job work goods. The directions of the Hon'ble Tribunal at Para 7 of Order dated 06.09.2019 is very clear and specific. However, I find that the adjudicating authority has, rather than following and complying with the directions of the Hon'ble Tribunal, proceeded to determine the applicability of the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The adjudicating authority has at Para 39 of the impugned order recorded his finding that " Therefore, I hold that the decision of the Apex court Dai Ichi Karkaria case is not applicable in instant case". The Hon'ble Tribunal had not directed the adjudicating authority to examine or determine the applicability of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. In disbedience of the directions of the Hon'ble Tribunal, the adjudicating has denied the benefit of the deduction of cenvat credit for authority determining the value of the goods. This is an act of judicial indiscipline on the part of the adjudicating authority.
- 9. I further find that the adjudicating authority has imposed penalty, equal to the duty, amounting to Rs.3,11,862/- on the appellant. He has also imposed penalty of Rs.20,000/- on Shri Deepakbhai Ravjibhai Patel, Director of appellant firm and Rs.20,000/- on Shri Jitubhai M. Patel, Chief Accountant of Ms. Vimal Oil & Foods Ltd. At Para 8 of their judgment, the Hon'ble Tripinal had held that as there was no malafide on the part of the

appellants, no penalty is imposable on all the appellants in respect of any duty liability arising after re-quantification. Shri Deepakbhai Ravjibhai Patel, Director of appellant firm was also one of the appellants before the Hon'ble Tribunal. However, since neither he nor Shri Jitubhai M. Patel are parties to the present appeal, I am not dealing with the imposition of penalties on them. In so far as the penalty on the appellant, I find that the same is an act of non-application of mind on the part of the adjudicating authority and an act in utter dis-obedience of the order of the Hon'ble Tribunal. The impugned order, pertaining to the imposition of penalty, is therefore, bad in law and hence, not sustainable.

- 10. In view of the facts discussed herein above, the impugned order is set aside and remanded back to the adjudicating authority for re-quantifying the demand after allowing the benefit of cenvat credit to the appellant, to the extent it is admissible on verification of the duty paying documents. The demand is also required to be re-quantified by allowing deduction of the cenvat credit for the purpose of valuation of the goods manufactured on job work. The adjudicating authority is directed to provide copies of the documents withdrawn from the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order to enable the appellant to submit their claim for cenvat credit. The appellant is directed to submit their claim for cenvat credit along with the duty paying documents within 15 days of receipt of the documents from the adjudicating authority. The appeal to this extent is allowed by way of remand. The impugned order, to the extent it pertains to imposition of the penalty on the appellant, is set aside.
- 11. अपीलकर्ता द्वारा दर्ज की गई अपील का निपटारा उपरोक्त तरीके से किया जाता है।

  The appeal filed by the appellant stands disposed off in above terms.

Attested:

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