



प्रधान आयुक्त का कार्यालय, सीमा शुल्क, अहमदाबाद

“सीमाशुल्क भवन”, पहली मंजिल, पुराने हाईकोर्ट के सामने, नवरंगपुरा, अहमदाबाद - 380 009.

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PREAMBLE

A	फ़ाइल संख्या/ File No.	:	CUS/SHED/MISC/832/2026-ICD-SNND-CUS-COMMRTE-AHMEDABAD
B	कारण बताओ नोटिस संख्या-तारीख / Show Cause Notice No. and Date	:	The importer has requested for waiver of SCN & PH
C	मूल आदेश संख्या/ Order-In-Original No.	:	OIO No.45/ADC/SRV/O&A/2026-27
D	आदेश तिथि/ Date of Order-In-Original	:	02.07.2026
E	जारी करनेकी तारीख/ Date of Issue	:	02.07.2026
F	द्वारापारित/ Passed By	:	Shree Ram Vishnoi Additional Commissioner, Customs Ahmedabad.
G	आयातक का नाम औरपता / Name and Address of Importer / Passenger	:	M/s Ventana Speciality Pvt. Limited , Survey No 268, Ghantiyal Samalaya Chandarapura Road Savli - 391510
(1)	यह प्रति उन व्यक्तियों के उपयोग के लिए निःशुल्क प्रदान की जाती है जिन्हें यह जारी की गयी है।		
(2)	कोई भी व्यक्ति इस आदेश से स्वयं को असंतुष्ट पाता है तो वह इस आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील इस आदेश की प्राप्ति की तारीख के 60 दिनों के भीतर आयुक्त कार्यालय, सीमा शुल्क(अपील), चौथी मंज़िल, हुडको भवन, ईश्वर भुवन मार्ग, नवरंगपुरा, अहमदाबाद में कर सकता है।		
(3)	अपील के साथ केवल पांच (5.00) रुपये का न्यायालय शुल्क टिकिट लगा होना चाहिए और इसके साथ होना चाहिए:		
(i)	अपील की एक प्रति और;		
(ii)	इस प्रति या इस आदेश की कोई प्रति के साथ केवल पांच (5.00) रुपये का न्यायालय शुल्क टिकिट लगा होना चाहिए।		
(4)	इस आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील करने इच्छुक व्यक्ति को 7.5 % (अधिकतम 10 करोड़) शुल्क अदा करना होगा जहां शुल्क या ड्यूटी और जुर्माना विवाद में है या जुर्माना जहां इस तरह की दंड विवाद में है और अपील के साथ इस तरह के भुगतान का प्रमाण पेश करने में असफल रहने पर सीमा शुल्क अधिनियम, 1962 की धारा 129 के प्रावधानों का अनुपालन नहीं करने के लिए अपील को खारिज कर दिया जायेगा।		

BRIEF FACTS OF THE CASE

M/s Ventana Speciality Pvt. Limited, Survey No 268, Ghantiyal Samalaya Chandarapura Road Savli -391510 (IEC/Br.: AAHCV9681N/0) (hereinafter referred to as the 'Importer'), have imported following consignments of metallic Scrap of Vietnam origin, as detailed in Table-A, below and for clearance thereof, filed Bills of Entry as mentioned in column 4 of the Table through Customs Brokers M/s. M/s Balaji Logistics and Clearing.

Table-A					
S. No.	BL No. & B/E No.	Description of material	B/E No and Date	Qty of the goods (MT)	CIF value (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	B/L No. HDMUSGNA5836390 0 dated 15.04.2026 (4 containers);	Stainless steel scrap grade 304	B/E No. 9907896 dated 16.06.2026	112.58 MT	1,47,90,310/-
Total				112.58 MT	1,47,90,310/-

2. However, before doing goods registration in ICES 1.5 system against above Bill of Entry, the Importer approached Customs vide letters dated 18.05.2026 & 16.06.2026 informing that the above consignments have been imported without Pre-shipment Inspection Certificates and requested to have their consignments inspected by an approved Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency.

3. Import into India and exports out of India are regulated by Foreign Trade Policy notified by Government of India under Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, as amended. Procedures to be followed by an exporter or importer or by any Licensing/Regional Authority or by any other authority for purposes of implementing provisions of FT (D&R) Act, and FTP are enshrined in Handbook of Procedures issued by Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under Para 1.03 of FTP. Further,

Para 2.32 of Foreign Trade Policy (FTP for short) read with Para 2.51 of Handbook of Procedures, requires that any consignment of any form of metallic waste or scrap coming to India is subject to Inspection by a Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency, notified for the purpose by Directorate General of Foreign Trade, for confirming that the consignment does not contain hazardous, toxic waste, radioactive contaminated waste/scrap containing radioactive material, any types of arms, ammunition, mines, shells, live or used cartridge or any other explosive material in any form either used or otherwise. Para 2.32 of FTP and relevant clauses of Para 2.51 of Handbook of Procedures are reproduced below.

Para 2.32 of Foreign Trade Policy:

Import of any form of metallic waste, scrap will be subject to the condition that it will not contain hazardous, toxic waste, radioactive contaminated waste/scrap containing radioactive material, any types of arms, ammunition, mines, shells, live or used cartridge or any other explosive material in any form either used or otherwise as detailed in Para 2.51 of Handbook of Procedures.

Para 2.51 (d) of Handbook of Procedures (which deals with Scrap in un-shredded form)

(d) Import of un-shredded compressed and loose form of metallic waste, scrap shall be subject to the following conditions: -

(i) At the time of the clearance of goods, importer shall furnish to the Customs pre-shipment inspection certificate as per the format in Appendix 2H from any of the Inspection & Certification agencies given in Appendix-2G to the effect that the consignment does not contain any type of arms, ammunition, mines, shells, cartridges, or any other explosive material in any form either used or otherwise, and that the consignment was checked for radiation level and it does not contain radiation level (gamma and neutron) in excess of natural background. The certificate shall give the value of background radiation level at that place as also the maximum radiation level on the scrap.

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4. Therefore, provisions of Para 2.32 of FTP and Para 2.51 (d) (i) of Handbook of Procedures (HBoP) make it clear that any metallic scrap being imported into India is required to be inspected for presence of arms / ammunition and radioactive contaminated waste before shipment into India and the Importer has to produce a certificate in prescribed format (Appendix 2H) confirming these facts. The agencies which can carry out such inspections are notified by DGFT in Appendix G to HBoP.

5. Since, goods covered under Bills of Lading as mentioned above at 'Table A' have been imported into India without the valid PSIC certificates, the impugned goods are liable for confiscation under Section 111(d) of the Customs Act, 1962, for having been imported in contravention of Provisions of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act 1992 read with relevant provisions of FTP and HBoP. Further, since the Importer M/s Ventana Speciality Pvt. Limited have failed to follow procedure prescribed, under Foreign Trade Policy, for import of metallic scrap, they have rendered the goods liable for confiscation under Section 111(d) and are thus liable for penalty under Section 112(a)(i) of the Customs Act, 1962.

6. As per request of the Importer vide letters dated 18.05.2026 and 16.06.2026, the goods were allowed to be inspected by PSIA post import and first check examination by Customs was conducted. The consignments have been inspected by PSIA M/s. Seacor International LLC in ICD Sanand on 17.06.2026 and as per respective PSICs dated 18.06.2026 issued by said PSIA the import consignments are, inter alia, found free from arms / ammunition and radiation levels are within normal limits. Image of one such PSIC is appended below:



S.No. IN1120260042

Post-Shipment Inspection Certificate

This post-shipment inspection certificate is issued in terms of paragraph 2.32.2 A of handbook of Procedure (Vol.1) for import of shredded, unshredded, compressed and loose forms of metallic waste and scrap.

We, Seacor International LLC, conducted Post Shipment Inspection at ICD SANAND, AHMEDABAD, Gujarat & We report as follow:

- (1) We Carried Out The Visual Inspection Of Stainless Steel Melting Scrap Grade 304 Solid at ICD SANAND, AHMEDABAD, Gujarat. We Carried Out The Inspection And Took The Radiation Readings Of The Background With Our Radiation Check Meters. The Details Are As Under:
- (a) The import consignment is actually metallic as per the internationally accepted parameters for such a classification.
- (b) Details of Importer is as Follows:
- (i) Name : VENTANA SPECIALITY PRIVATE LIMITED
- (ii) Address : SURVEY NO. 268, 257/1-2, SAMLAYA CHANDRAPURA ROAD, VILLAGE: GANTIYAL, TALUKA: SAVLI. DISTRICT: VADODARA, GUJARAT-391510, INDIA
- (iii) IEC No. : AAHCV9681N
- (iv) Telephone No. : N/A
- (v) E-mail : IMPORTS@HINDUSTANINOX.COM
- (vi) GSTIN : 24AAHCV9681N1ZG
- (vii) PAN No. : AAHCV9681N
- (c) Type of Metal : UN-SHREDDED
- (d) BL No./BOE: SGNA58363900 / 9907896/ 16/06/2026
- (e) Details and Quantity of Import:

Description Of Metallic Scrap	Consignment Quantity in (MTs)
STAINLESS STEEL MELTING SCRAP GRADE 304 SOLID HS CODE: 72042190	112.580

S. No.	CONTAINER NO.
1.	HDMU2729992
2.	HMMU2011344
3.	KOCU2224979
4.	TRHU1628731

- (f) (i) Country Of Inspection : INDIA
- (ii) Place of Inspection : ICD SANAND, AHMEDABAD
- (iii) Date of Inspection : 17.06.2026
- (iv) Duration of Inspection (in hours) : 08 hours
- (g) The following equipment's have been used for inspecting the consignment.
- (i) Make : RADCOMM SYSTEMS CORP
- (ii) Model : MSPEC
- (iii) Serial No. : 200450
- (iv) Last date of calibration : 25/07/2025
1. The consignment does not contain any type of arms, ammunition, mines, shells, cartridges, or any other explosive material in any form, either used or otherwise, and that the consignment was checked for radiation level and it does not have radiation levels (gamma and neutron) in excess of natural background. Following are the values of:-
- (i) Background radiation level at the place of examination is 0.08 μ Sv/h.
- (ii) Maximum radiation level on the scrap is 0.06 μ Sv/h.
2. We hereby declare that the particulars and statements made in this certificate are true and correct and nothing has been concealed or held there from.

Date of issue: 18.06.2026

Signature:

Name of the Authorized Signatory: Paresh kumar Rameshchandra Chaturvedi

Address (Office): 515-000shams Business center, Sharjah media city free zone , Al Messaned, Sharjah, UAE

Name of the PSIA (as per appendix 2G): M/s Seacor International LLC

Telephone Number: +971 501559672

E mail: info@seacorinternational.com

Note: This certificate does not discharge seller and buyer of any legal dispute arising from sale and purchase contract between them.

Note: This certificate does not certify the weights & quality.



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The Customs examination has also found that the goods are as per declared description. The Importer through letter dated 18.05.2026 and 16.06.2026 have also provided copies of Sales Contracts which, inter alia, mention that the consignment will not contain hazardous; toxic waste, radioactive contaminated waste/ scrap containing radioactive material, any type of arms, ammunition, mines, shells, live or used cartages or any other explosive material in any form either used or otherwise.

PERSONAL HEARING

7. Importer vide letters dated 18.05.2026/ 16.06.2026 has, inter-alia, conveyed their willingness to pay any penalty / fine and requested for waiver of Show Cause Notice and Personal Hearing.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

8.1 I have carefully gone through the facts of the case. I find that M/s. Ventana Speciality Pvt. Limited, have imported consignments of metallic scrap (details as per Table-A) and filed Bills of Entry for seeking clearance thereof. It is observed that instead of proceeding for customs clearance, the Importer voluntarily approached Customs, informing that the consignments of metallic scrap have been imported without Pre Shipment Inspection Certificate and that they may be allowed to have the goods inspected by PSIA post import.

8.2 I find that the provisions of Foreign Trade Policy (Para 2.32) read with Handbook of Procedures (Para 2.51) quoted in foregoing paras make it clear that consignments of metallic scrap have to be inspected by a Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency notified by the DGFT in the country of export itself for confirming that it does not contain hazardous, toxic waste, radioactive contaminated waste/scrap containing radioactive material, any types of arms, ammunition, mines, shells, live or used cartridge or any other explosive material. Para 2.51 (d) (v)(vi) of HBoP makes it more clear, which states "Import consignments of metallic waste and scrap shall be subject to pre-shipment inspection certificate (PSIC) from the country of origin."

8.3 The importer even though have voluntarily informed the fact of consignments not being accompanied by PSIC and the consignment upon post import inspection at ICD Sanand by PSIA have been found to be free from arms / ammunition / radioactive material, the provisions of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 read FTP and HBoP have been contravened by the Importer by importing metallic scrap into India without accompanied by valid PSIC. As such, I find that the subject import goods, are liable for confiscation under Section 111(d) of the Customs Act, 1962. The importer has failed to follow procedure prescribed under Foreign Trade Policy read with HBoP applicable for import of metallic scrap. This omission on part of the Importer M/s. Ventana Speciality Pvt. Limited has rendered them liable for penalty under Section 112 (a) (i) for rendering goods liable for confiscation. However, I find that the Importer did not intend to clear the consignments without prescribed inspection by PSIA and I also find that for this procedural breach the importer had voluntarily informed the fact to Customs Department. The requirement of FTP & HBoP have also been met after completion of post import inspection of goods by PSIA. The Importer has also provided copies of Sales Contracts in respect of the impugned consignments which, inter alia, contain the clause that the consignment does not contain any types of arms, ammunition, radio-active contamination or any other explosive material in any form either used or otherwise. In light of these facts the Importer does not deserve harsh penalty.

9. Accordingly, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- (i) I order for confiscation of the impugned goods i.e. 112.58 MT Stainless Steel Scrap, having assessable value of Rs. 1,47,90,310/- (Rupees One crore forty seven lakhs ninety thousands three hundred ten only) sought clearance vide Bill of Entry No. 9907896 dated 16.06.2026, under Section 111 (d) of Customs Act 1962. However, I give the importer an option to pay fine in lieu of

confiscation under Section 125 (1) of the Customs Act, 1962 to redeem the said goods upon payment of redemption fine of **Rs. 1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh fifty thousand only)**. Further in terms of Section 125(2) of the Customs Act 1962, the importer in addition to the aforesaid redemption fine shall be liable to pay the applicable customs duty and charges payable in respect of the said goods, before clearance or release thereof.

- (ii) I impose a penalty of **Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only)** on Importer M/s Ventana Spoeciality Pvt. Limited, Survey No 268, Ghantiyal Samalaya Chandarapura Road Savli -391510 under Section 112(a)(i) of the Customs Act, 1962 for rendering goods covered under B/E No. 9907896 dated 16.06.2026, liable for confiscation under Section 111 (d) of Customs Act 1962.

10. This Order is issued without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against the Importer or other in respect of the imported goods under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 or any other law for the time being in force in India.

(Shree Ram Vishnoi)
Additional Commissioner,
Customs Ahmedabad

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To,
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Chandarapura Road Savli -391510 (IEC/Br: AAHCV9681N/0)

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