

		<p>कार्यालय: प्रधान आयुक्त सीमा शुल्क, मुन्द्रा, सीमा शुल्क भवन, मुन्द्रा बंदरगाह, कच्छ, गुजरात- 370421 <b>OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, CUSTOM HOUSE, MUNDRA PORT, KUTCH, GUJARAT- 370421.</b></p>
<b>A</b>	<b>FILE NO.</b> फ़ाइल संख्या	CUS/APR/1200/2026-Gr 4-O/o Pr Commr-Cus-Mundra
<b>B</b>	<b>OIO NO.</b> आदेश संख्या	MCH/ADC/ZDC/738/2025-26
<b>C</b>	<b>PASSED BY</b> जारीकर्ता	Dipak Zala Additional Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Mundra.
<b>D</b>	<b>DATE OF ORDER</b> आदेश की तारीख	31-03-2026
<b>E</b>	<b>DATE OF ISSUE</b> जारी करने की तिथि	31-03-2026
<b>F</b>	<b>SCN No. &amp; Date</b> कारण बताओ नोटिस क्रमांक	Importer requested for waiver of PH and SCN vide letter dated 28-03-2026
<b>G</b>	<b>NOTICEE/ PARTY/ IMPORTER</b> नोटिसकर्ता/पार्टी/आयातक	M/s SURAJ LIMITED (IEC:896005330), SURVEY NO. 779/A, THOL, KADI - SANAND HIGHWAY, TALUKA KADI-382728
<b>H</b>	<b>DIN/दस्तावेज़ पहचान संख्या</b>	20260371MO000000AB30

1. यह आदेश संबन्धित को निःशुल्क प्रदान किया जाता है।

**This Order - in - Original is granted to the concerned free of charge.**

2. यदि कोई व्यक्ति इस आदेश से असंतुष्ट है तो वह सीमाशुल्क अपील नियमावली 1982 के नियम 3 के साथ पठित सीमाशुल्क अधिनियम 1962 की धारा 128 A के अंतर्गत प्रपत्र सीए- 1 में चार प्रतियों में नीचे बताए गए पते पर अपील कर सकता है-

**Any person aggrieved by this Order - in - Original may file an appeal under Section 128A of Customs Act, 1962 read with Rule 3 of the Customs (Appeals) Rules, 1982 in quadruplicate in Form C. A. -1 to:**

“सीमाशुल्क आयुक्त) अपील,  
चौथी मंजिल, हुडको बिल्डिंग, ईश्वरभुवन रोड,  
नवरंगपुरा, अहमदाबाद 380 009”

**“THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (APPEALS), MUNDRA**

**HAVING HIS OFFICE AT 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, HUDCO BUILDING, ISHWAR BHUVAN ROAD, NAVRANGPURA, AHMEDABAD-380 009."**

3. उक्तअपील यहआदेश भेजने की दिनांक से 60दिन के भीतर दाखिल की जानी चाहिए।

**Appeal shall be filed within sixty days from the date of communication of this order.**

4. उक्त अपील के पर न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम के तहत 5 -/रुपए का टिकट लगा होना चाहिए और इसके साथ निम्नलिखित अवश्य संलग्न किया जाए-

**Appeal should be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 5/- under Court Fee Act it must be accompanied by –**

- i. उक्त अपील की एक प्रति और **A copy of the appeal, and**
- ii. इस आदेश की यह प्रति अथवा कोई अन्य प्रति जिस पर अनुसूची 1-के अनुसार न्यायालय शुल्क अधिनियम-1870के मद सं० 6-में निर्धारित 5 -/रुपये का न्यायालय शुल्क टिकट अवश्य लगा होना चाहिए।

**This copy of the order or any other copy of this order, which must bear a Court Fee Stamp of Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five only) as prescribed under Schedule – I, Item 6 of the Court Fees Act, 1870.**

5. अपील ज्ञापन के साथ ड्यूटी /ब्याज /दण्ड /जुर्माना आदि के भुगतान का प्रमाण संलग्न किया जाना चाहिये। **Proof of payment of duty / interest / fine / penalty etc. should be attached with the appeal memo.**

6 . अपील प्रस्तुत करते समय, सीमाशुल्क) अपील (नियम, 1982और सीमाशुल्क अधिनियम, 1962 के अन्य सभी प्रावधानों के तहत सभी मामलों का पालन किया जाना चाहिए। **While submitting the appeal, the Customs (Appeals) Rules, 1982 and other provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 should be adhered to in all respects.**

7. इस आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील हेतु जहां शुल्क या शुल्क और जुर्माना विवाद में हो, अथवा दण्ड में, जहां केवल जुर्माना विवाद में हो, **Commissioner (A)** के समक्ष मांग शुल्क का 7.5 %भुगतान करना होगा।

**An appeal against this order shall lie before the Commissioner (A) on payment of 7.5% of the duty demanded where duty or duty and penalty are in dispute, or penalty, where penalty alone is in dispute.**

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### **BRIEF FACTS OF THE CASE**

M/s SURAJ LIMITED (IEC: 896005330) (hereinafter referred to as the 'Importer'), having their office at SURVEY NO. 779/A, THOL, KADI - SANAND HIGHWAY, TALUKA KADI-382728, have filed Bill of Entry No. 7899442 dated 05.03.2026 , (hereinafter referred to as the 'said Bill of Entry') for re-import of goods

mentioned below in Table-A under Notification No. 045/2017 dated 30.06.2017 through their Customs Broker M/s TRANSMARINE CORPORATION. Details of re-imported goods are as below-

Table-A

Item No.	Bill of Entry No.	Description of Goods	Assessable Value(Rs.)	Duty (Rs.)
1	7899442	STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP304/304L(SIZE :2"X2.77)SCH.10S(SB NO:3785997 DT:5.9.2024)(RE IMPORT)	2120947.92	0/-
2		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP304/304L(SIZE :2"X 2.77)SCH.10S(SB NO:3785997 DT:5.9.2024)(RE IMPORT)	535005.74	0/-
3		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE:2"X5.54)SCH.80S (SB NO:3785997 DT:5.9.2024)(RE IMPORT)	78106.39	0/-
4		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :3"X7.62)SCH.80S(SB NO:5784290 DT.21.11.2024)(RE IMPORT)	208566.54	0/-
5		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP304/304L(SIZE :4"X3.05)SCH.10S(SB NO:3215522 DT 14.8.2024)(RE IMPORT)	954260.58	0/-
6		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :4"X3.05)SCH.10S(SB NO:3215522 DT:14.8.2024)(RE IMPORT)	531513.53	0/-
7		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :4"X6.02)SCH.40S(SB NO:5784290 DT.21.11.2024)(RE IMPORT)	480279.07	0/-
8		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A 312 TP316/316L(SIZE :4"X8.56)SCH.80S(SB NO:3215522 DATE.14.8.2024)(RE IMPORT)	7119369.35	0/-
9		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP304/304L(SIZE :6"X3.40 )SCH.10S(SB NO:3510278 DT.27.8.2024)(RE IMPORT)	718762.04	0/-
		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND		0/-

10	dated 05.03.2026 (CTH 73044100)	TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :6"X3.40)SCH.10S(SB NO:3785997 DATE:5.9.2024)(RE IMPOR	478025.18	
11		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :6"X7.11)SCH.40S(SB NO:3215522 DT.14.8.2024)(RE IMPORT	3082091.38	0/-
12		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :6"X10.97)SCH.80S(SB NO:3215522.DT:14.8.204)(RE IMPORT)	326727.49	0/-
13		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :3"X3.05)SCH.10S(SB NO:5784290 DT:21.11.2024)( RE IMPORT)	1421134.26	0/-
14		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :2"X 2.77)SCH.10S(SB NO:3785997 DT:05.09.2024)(RE-IMPORT)	163840.40	0/-
15		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :2"X2.77)SCH.10S(SB NO:3785997 DT:05.09.2024)(RE-IMPORT)	766113.35	0/-
16		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP304/304L(SIZE :3"X3.05)SCH.10S(SB NO:6647808 DT:21.12.2024)(RE-IMPORT)	132414.83	0/-
17		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :2"X2.77)SCH.10S(SB NO:6647808 DT:21.12.2024)(RE IMPORT)	48074.21	0/-
18		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP304/304L(SIZE :3"X3.05)SCH.10S(SB NO:5784290 DT:21.11.2024)(RE IMPORT)	268375.38	0/-
19		STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS PIPE AND TUBES ASTM A312 TP316/316L(SIZE :2"X5.54)SCH.80S(SB NO:6647808 DT:21.12.2024)(RE IMPOR)	64144.08	0/-
<b>Total</b>			19497751.73	0/-
<b>Grand Total (Invoice Value + Freight + Insurance + Misc Charges)</b>			<b>Rs.20199865/-</b>	<b>0/</b>
<b>(Rs.19497751.73 + Rs.248130 + Rs.7350.04 + Rs.446634)</b>				

2. The aforesaid Bill of Entry had been assessed by FAG Officer, during assessment proceedings it was found that SIMS certificate had been issued in violation of the present conditions as outlined in notice issued vide F.no. S-21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX dated 19.02.2026 of Ministry of Steel. The Bill of Entry was found to be non-compliant of SIMS registration timeline. Accordingly, Bill of Entry was pushed to Port Assessment Group for further proceedings. Details of particulars are as under:

Table-B

Sl. No.	Bill of Entry No. & date	IGM Inward date	SIMS Registration Date
1	7899442 dated 05.03.2026	05/03/2026	03/03/2026

3. As per the notice dt. 19.02.2026 issued vide F.No.: S-21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX, TRADE & TAXATION Division, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India by the Under Secretary. Effective from 20.02.2026

**The advance registration period to apply for registration on the Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) Portal for import of all steel products, except items covered under specific HS Codes of Heading 7204 of ITC(HS), 2022 and import from SEZ/EOU to DTA, will be as under:**

Country	Period
<b>Nepal, Bhutan &amp; Sri Lanka</b>	<b>Not earlier than 60<sup>th</sup> day and not later than 2<sup>nd</sup> day before the expected date of arrival of import consignment</b>
<b>All countries except Nepal, Bhutan &amp; Sri Lanka</b>	<b>Not earlier than 60<sup>th</sup> day and not later than 3<sup>d</sup> day before the expected date of arrival of import consignment</b>

**2. The advance registration period for import of items covered under specific HS codes of heading 7204 of ITC(HS), 2022 would be 'not earlier than 60th day and not later than 2nd day before the expected date of arrival of import consignment'.**

**3. Further, the advance registration period for import of items from SEZ/EOU to DTA would be 'not earlier than 60th day and not later than 2nd day before the expected date of arrival of import consignment'.**

**4. The Automatic Registration Number thus generated shall remain valid for a period of 75 days.**

**5. This will be effective from 20.02.2026.**

4. However, in the instant case, the importer has not followed the timelines/guidelines of the notice dt. 19.02.2026 issued vide F.No.: S - 21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX, trade & taxation division, ministry of steel, Govt. of India by the undersecretary. As the SIMS registration certificate had been generated on 2nd day before IGM inward date.

5. Since, goods were imported into India without the requisite SIMS certificate, the impugned goods have been imported without authorization and are liable for confiscation under Section 111(d) of the Customs Act, 1962, and for his act of omission and commission the importer is liable for penalty under Section 112(a) of the Customs Act, 1962.

6. The relevant provisions of law relating to import and valuation of goods in general, the Foreign Trade Policy and Rules relating to imports, the liability of the goods to confiscation under the provisions of the Custom Act, 1962 and other laws for the time being in force are summarized as under:

- a. *As per **Section 46(4) of the Customs Act, 1962**, the importer while presenting a Bill of Entry shall make and subscribe to a declaration as to the truth of the contents of such Bill of Entry and shall, in support of such declaration, produce to the proper officer the invoice, if any, relating to the imported goods.*
- b. ***Section 111(d) of the Customs Act, 1962** provides for confiscation of any goods which are imported or attempted to be imported or are brought within the Indian Customs waters for the purpose of being imported, contrary to any prohibition imposed by or under this Act or any other law for the time being in force.*
- c. ***Section 112(a) of the Customs Acts 1962:** - penalty for any person, who, in relation to any goods, does or omits to do any act which act or omission would render such goods liable to confiscation under Section 111, or abets the doing or omission of such an act.*

7. In view of above, it appears that impugned goods are imported without requisite SIMS registration. Therefore, it appears that the goods imported vide impugned bill of entry are liable for confiscation under Section 111(d) of the Customs Act, 1962 and the importer is liable for penalty under Section 112(a) of the Customs Act, 1962.

#### **RECORD OF PERSONAL HEARING AND SUBMISSION OF IMPORTER**

8. The Importer vide their letter dated 28-03-2026 has made following submission:

*"We would like to bring to your kind attention the Bill of Entry No. 7899442 dated 05/03/2026, filed through our nominated CHA, M/s Transmarine Corporation, at Mundra. In this regard, we wish to inform you that the SIMS was not submitted within the applicable timeline for the said shipment due to technical issues. Therefore, we kindly request that the consignment may please be allowed for adjudication without Personal Hearing (PH) and issuance of a Show Cause Notice. In view of the above, we humbly request your good office to kindly allow clearance of the said shipment at the earliest.*

*Thanking you in anticipation"*

### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

9 . I have carefully gone through the facts of the case. I find M/s SURAJ LIMITED (IEC: 896005330) filed Bill of Entry No. 7899442 dated 05.03.2026 with declared Assessable value as Rs. 2,01,99,866/-. I find that during assessment proceedings it was found that the importer had not followed the timelines/guidelines for the SIMS registration in the instant case and SIMS registration certificate had been generated on 2 days before the IGM inward date. I also find that the Importer waived their right of Show Cause Notice and Personal Hearing.

10. Now, I take up the above matter in detail. I find that goods re-imported vide said bill of entry required compulsory SIMS registration for importing into India in terms of guidelines of the notice dt. 19.02.2026 issued vide F.No.: S - 21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX, trade & taxation division, ministry of steel, Govt. of India by the Under Secretary. The importer can apply for said registration not earlier than 60th day and not later than 3rd day before the expected date of arrival of import consignment in case of countries other than Nepal, Bhutan & Sri Lanka. However, in the instant case, the importer has not followed the timelines/guidelines of said Notification and registration was not completed within the stipulated time prescribed by the Notice dt. 19.02.2026 issued vide F.No.: S -21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX, Trade & Taxation Division, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India by the Under Secretary.

11. In the instant case, IGM inward date of Bill of Entry No. 7899442 dated 05.03.2026 is 3/5/2026 whereas SIMS registration date is 3/3/2026 which is on 2nd day before arrival of import consignment. However, as per the notice dated 19.02.2026 issued vide F.NO. S-21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX, Trade & Taxation Division, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India by the Under Secretary, the SIMS shall require importers to apply for registration not earlier than 60th day and not later than 3rd day before the expected date of arrival of import consignment w.e.f. 20.02.2026. Therefore, it is evident that SIMS registration has not been made within the

stipulated time prescribed by the Notice dt. 19.02.2026 issued vide F.NO. S-21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX, Trade & Taxation Division, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India by the Under Secretary. I find that it is nothing but utter negligence on the part of the importer in respect of the compliance at Customs end as it is evident that the Importer has enough time period i.e. 60 days before arrival of import consignment to apply for SIMS registration as per the notice dt. 19.02.2026 issued vide F.NO. S-21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX, Trade & Taxation Division, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India by the Under Secretary.

12. Since goods were imported into India without a valid SIMS certificate, the impugned goods have been imported without authorization and therefore, are liable for confiscation under Section 111(d) of the Customs Act, 1962, and for his act of omission and commission the importer is liable for penalty under Section 112(a) of the Customs Act, 1962. Since the Importer has submitted SIMS registration on date 3/3/2026, therefore, the goods can be cleared for home consumption under the provision of Section 125 (1) of the Customs Act, 1962.

13. Accordingly, I pass the following order:

**ORDER**

i. I order for confiscation of the impugned goods re-imported vide Bill of Entry No. 7899442 dated 05.03.2026 having assessable value of Rs.2,01,99,866/- under Section 111(d) of the Customs Act, 1962. However, I give the importer an option under provision of Section 125(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, to redeem the said goods on payment of redemption fine of **Rs.50,000 /-(Rupees Fifty Thousand only)**.

ii. I impose a penalty of **Rs.25,000 /-(Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** on M/s SURAJ LIMITED (IEC: 896005330) under Section 112(a)(i) of the Customs Act, 1962, for their act of omission and commission.

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

**Dipak Zala,  
Additional Commissioner,  
Import Assessment,  
Customs House, Mundra.**

To,

M/s SURAJ LIMITED (IEC: 896005330)

SURVEY NO. 779/A, THOL, KADI - SANAND HIGHWAY, TALUKA KADI-382728

Copy to:

1. The Asst./Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Review Cell), CH, Mundra.
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