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PREAMBLE

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B	कारण बताओ नोटिस संख्या एवं तारीख / Show Cause Notice No. and Date	:	F. No. VIII/6/584/ICD/Sachin/2014-15 (E-office F. No.-CUS/EPCG/MISC/408/2024-ICD-SRT-CUS-COMMRTE-AHMEDABAD) dated 28.03.2024
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E	जारी करने की तारीख/ Date of Issue	:	10.12.2025
F	द्वारा पारित/ Passed By	:	Shravan Ram, Additional Commissioner, Customs, Ahmedabad
G	आयातक का नाम और पता / Name and Address of Importer / Passenger	:	M/s. Ridhima Creation, Plot No. 54-57, Second Floor, Ambica-1 Society, U.M. Road, Surat-395007 Shri Mridul Sharma, Proprietor of M/s. Ridhima Creation, B-13, Ashirvad Avenue, VIP Road, Althan, Surat-395007
(1)	यह प्रति व्यक्ति के उपयोग के लिए निःशुल्क प्रदान किया जाता है जिन्हें यह जारी किया जाता है।		
(2)	कोई भी व्यक्ति इस आदेश से स्वयं को असंतुष्ट पाता है तो वह इस आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील इस आदेश की प्राप्त किया तारीख के ६० दिनों के भीतर आयुक्त कार्यालय, सीमा शुल्क (अपील), ४वि मंजिल, हुडको भवन, ईश्वर भुवन मार्ग, नवरंगपुरा, अहमदाबाद में कर सकता है।		
(3)	अपील के साथ केवल पांच (५.00) रुपये पे न्यायलय 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 साथकेवल पांच (५.00) रुपये पे न्यायलय शुल्क टिकिट लगा होना चाहिए।		
(4)	इस आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील करने इच्छुक व्यक्ति को ७.५% अधिकतम १० करोड़ शुल्क हम करना होगा जहां शुल्क या झूटी 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, १९६२ के धरा १२९ के प्रावधानों का अनुपालन नहीं करने के लिए अपील को खारिज कर दिया जायेगा।		

BRIEF FACTS OF THE CASE:

M/s. Ridhima Creation, Plot No. 54-57, Second Floor, Ambica-1 Society, U.M. Road, Surat-395007 (hereinafter referred as “the said importer” for the sake of brevity), holding Import Export Code No. 5213006043 had imported 05 Sets of capital goods viz. Computerized Embroidery Machine under EPCG Licence No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014 by saving duty of **Rs. 5,79,784/- (Actual Duty Utilized of Rs. 5,84,082/-)** and had cleared the same

vide below mentioned Bill of Entries at **zero duty** while availing the benefit of exemption available under Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013. The details of import are as under:

S. N.	B/E No. & Date	Qty machinery cleared	Duty Saved/ available as per EPCG Licence	Total Duty Foregone/Debited at the time of clearance	BG Amount (Rs.)
1	6727338 dtd. 11.09.2014	4	5,79,784/-	4,66,119/-	95,000/-
2	6901587 dtd. 27.09.2014	1		1,17,963/-	
As per para 5.10 of Handbook of Procedures, 10% enhancement in CIF value of duty saved amount is admissible.					

2. As per Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013 as amended, the said importer was required to fulfill the export obligation on FOB basis equivalent to six times of the duty saved on the goods imported as may be specified on the licence or authorization. The relevant portion of the said notification is produced herein below for reference:

Notification No. 22 / 2013-CUSTOMS

New Delhi, the 18th April, 2013

G.S.R. 248 (E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts goods specified in the Table 1 annexed hereto, from, -

- (i) the whole of the duty of customs leviable thereon under the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975), and*
- (ii) (ii) the whole of the additional duty leviable thereon under section 3 of the said Customs Tariff Act, when specifically claimed by the importer.*

2. The exemption under this notification shall be subject to the following conditions, namely: -

(1) that the goods imported are covered by a valid authorisation issued under the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme in terms of Chapter 5 of the Foreign Trade Policy permitting import of goods at zero customs duty;

(2) that the authorisation is registered at the port of import specified in the said authorisation and the goods, which are specified in the Table 1 annexed hereto, are imported within eighteen months from the date of issue of the said authorisation and the said authorisation is produced for debit by the proper officer of customs at the time of clearance:

Provided that the benefit of import of capital goods at concessional duty under this notification for creation of modern infrastructure shall be extended only to such retailers who have a minimum area of 1000 square metres:

Provided further that the catalyst for one subsequent charge shall be allowed, under the authorisation in which plant, machinery or equipment and catalyst for initial charge have been imported, except in cases where the Regional Authority issues a separate authorisation for catalyst for one subsequent charge after the plant, machinery or equipment and catalyst for initial charge have already been imported;

(3) that the importer is not issued, in the year of issuance of zero duty EPCG authorisation, the duty credit scrips under Status Holder Incentive Scrip (SHIS) scheme under para 3.16 of the Foreign Trade Policy. In the case of applicant who is Common

Service Provider (herein after referred as CSP), the CSP or any of its specific users should not be issued, in the year of issuance of the zero duty EPCG authorisation, the duty credit scrips under SHIS. This condition shall not apply where already availed SHIS benefit that is unutilised is surrendered or where benefits availed under SHIS that is utilised is refunded, with applicable interest, before issue of the zero duty EPCG authorisation. SHIS scrips which are surrendered or benefit refunded or not issued in a particular year for the reason the authorisation has been issued in that year shall not be issued in future years also;

(4) that the authorisation for annual requirement shall indicate export product to be exported under the authorisation. The importer shall submit a Nexus Certificate from an independent Chartered Engineer (CEC) in the format specified in Appendix 32A of HBP (vol. I) notified under the Foreign Trade Policy, certifying nexus of imported capital goods with the export product, to the Customs authorities at the time of clearance of imported capital goods. A copy of the CEC shall be submitted to the concerned Regional Authority alongwith copy of the bill of entry, within thirty days from the date of import of the Capital Goods;

(5) that the goods imported shall not be disposed of or transferred by sale or lease or any other manner till export obligation is complete;

(6) that the importer executes a bond in such form and for such sum and with such surety or security as may be specified by the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs binding himself to comply with all the conditions of this notification as well as to fulfill export obligation on Free on Board (FOB) basis equivalent to **six times** the duty saved on the goods imported as may be specified on the authorisation, or for such higher sum as may be fixed or endorsed by the Regional Authority in terms of Para 5.10 of the Handbook of Procedures Vol I, issued under para 2.4 of the Foreign Trade Policy, **within a period of six years from the date of issue of Authorisation**, in the following proportions, namely :-

S. N.	Period from the date of issue of Authorization	Proportion of total export obligation
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Block of 1st to 4th year	50%
2	Block of 5th to 6th year	50%

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(7) that if the importer does not claim exemption from the additional duty leviable under section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, the additional duty so paid by him shall not be taken for computation of the net duty saved for the purpose of fixation of export obligation provided the Cenvat credit of additional duty paid has not been taken;

(8) that the importer, including a CSP, produces within 30 days from the expiry of each block from the date of issue of authorisation or within such extended period as the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs may allow, evidence to the satisfaction of the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs showing the extent of export obligation fulfilled, and where the export obligation of any particular block is not fulfilled in terms of the condition (6), the importer shall within three months from the expiry of the said block pay duties of customs equal to an amount which bears the same proportion to the duties leviable on the goods, but for the exemption contained herein, which the unfulfilled portion of the export obligation bears to the total export obligation, together with interest at the rate of 15% per annum from the date of clearance of the goods;

It is thus evident from the above notification that the said importer was required to execute a bond in such form and for such sum and with such surety or security as may be specified by the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs binding

himself to fulfill export obligation on FOB basis equivalent to **six times** the duty saved on the goods imported as may be specified on the licence or authorization, or for such higher sum as may be fixed or endorsed by the licensing Authority or Regional Authority, within a period of **six years** from the date of issuance of licence or authorization i.e. **complete 50% export obligation within first block of 1st to 4th years and remaining 50 % in second block of 5th to 6th years.**

3. Accordingly, the said importer had executed Bond dated 28.08.2014 for Rs. 18,00,000/- backed by Bank Guarantee No. 06/2014-15 Dated 28.07.2014 For Rs. 95,000 issued by the State Bank of Patiala, Surat, for EPCG License No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014. They had also undertaken to fulfill all the terms and conditions specified in the License and the said Notification.

4. The said machinery i.e. **05 Sets of Computerized Embroidery Machine** imported under the above said EPCG License were installed at the factory/business premises i.e. M/s Ridhima Creation, Plot No. 54-57, Second Floor, Ambica-1 Society, U.M. Road, Surat-395007 as per the Installation Certificate dated 22.12.2014 issued by Chartered Engineer, Dr. P. J. Gandhi, Surat, certifying the receipt of the goods imported and its installation.

5. The aforesaid EPCG License No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014 was issued to the said importer and the Bond dated 28.08.2014 was executed. Accordingly, the said importer was required to fulfill the export obligation within a period of six years from the date of EPCG Licence as per the condition laid down in the Notification and EPCG Licence itself and submit the Export Obligation Discharged Certificate issued by the DGFT Authority to the department.

6. Letter F. No. ICD-SACHIN/584/2014-15 dated 07.03.2022 was issued to the said importer to either furnish the EODC issued by DGFT, Surat or any extension granted by DGFT, Surat for fulfillment of Export Obligation, but no reply received.

6.1 As no reply was received from the said importer, a letter F. No. ICD-Sachin/DGFT/07/2020-21 dated 21.10.2022 was issued to the Foreign Trade Development officer, DGFT, Surat requesting them to intimate this office, whether the said importer has been issued EODC against EPCG License No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014 or any documents showing the fulfillment of the export obligation submitted by the aforesaid importer. The Assistant Director, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Surat vide letter F.No. EPCG/Mis/2020-21 dated 28.10.2022 intimated that the said importer had not submitted any documents to them against fulfillment of export obligation.

Thus, it was appeared, from the above that the said importer had failed to fulfill the export obligation as specified in the Licence and had not complied with the mandatory conditions of the Customs Notification No.22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013, EPCG Licence and conditions of the Bond dated 28.08.2014.

7. As per the provisions of Section 143 of the Customs Act, 1962, the aforesaid capital goods were allowed clearance by the proper officer on execution of bond by the said importer wherein the said importer has bound himself to discharge liability within a specified period in certain manner, which he has failed to do, by not fulfilling the export obligation. Therefore, the department is entitled to recover the duty less paid by raising a demand and appropriating the Bank Guarantee furnished by the said importer against this demand. The said section is produced herein below for reference:

Section 143. Power to allow import or export on execution of bonds in certain cases-

(1) *Where this Act or any other law requires anything to be done before a person can import or export any goods or clear any goods from the control of officers of customs and the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs is satisfied that*

having regard to the circumstances of the case, such thing cannot be done before such import, export or clearance without detriment to that person, the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs may, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or such other law, grant leave for such import, export or clearance on the person executing a bond in such amount, with such surety or security and subject to such conditions as the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs approves, for the doing of that thing within such time after the import, export or clearance as may be specified in the bond.

(2) If the thing is done within the time specified in the bond, the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs shall cancel the bond as discharged in full and shall, on demand, deliver it, so cancelled, to the person who has executed or who is entitled to receive it; and in such a case that person shall not be liable to any penalty provided in this Act or, as the case may be, in such other law for the contravention of the provisions thereof relating to the doing of that thing.

(3) If the thing is not done within the time specified in the bond, the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs shall, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, be entitled to proceed upon the bond in accordance with law.

8. Since, the said importer was failed to fulfill the conditions laid down under Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013 in as much as they failed to export goods manufactured from 5 Set of Computerized Embroidery Machine imported under EPCG Licence No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014 which was equivalent to six times the duty saved on the goods imported and also neither produced EODC issued by DGFT, Surat nor could produce any extension granted by DGFT, Surat for fulfillment of Export Obligation. Hence, they appear liable to pay duty of **Rs.5,84,082/-** in respect of the said imported goods along with interest at the applicable rate, in terms of conditions of the said Notification read with condition of Bond executed by the said importer read with Section 143 of the Customs Act, 1962.

8.1 It was appeared that the imported capital goods had not been used for intended purpose for which the exemption from payment of duty was claimed and therefore, the aforesaid Capital goods appear liable for confiscation under Section 111(o) of the Customs Act, 1962 and thus the said importer was appeared to have rendered itself liable for penal action under the provisions of Section 112(a) and Section 117 of the Customs Act, 1962.

8.2 Since, the said importer could not fulfill the conditions laid down under Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013, the Bank Guarantee No.06/2014-15 Dated 28.07.2014 for Rs.95,000 issued by the State Bank of Patiala, Surat in favor of the Deputy/Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, ICD-Sachin, Surat against the EPCG License No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014 was required to be appropriated against the proposed demand.

8.3 As per para (8) of Customs Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013, the importer was required to produce, within 30 days from the expiry of each block from the date of issue of authorization or within such extended period, evidence to the extent of export obligation fulfilled by them, and where the export obligation of any particular block was not fulfilled, the importer were required to pay duties of customs equal to an amount which for the unfulfilled portion of the export obligation along with interest within three months from the expiry of the said block. The said importer have also given bond to this effect. The letter dated 07.03.2022 was written to the importer to intimate the extent of export obligation fulfilled by them but no reply received. Thus, the fact that they had neither completed their Export obligation nor paid the duty on import as per law & procedure is on record. The DGFT also informed that the importer has not submitted any documents regarding fulfillment of Export obligation. Thus, it was appeared that the said importer had

neither fulfilled their Export obligation nor paid the customs duty along with interest for non-fulfillment of EO. These facts were not disclosed to the department or DGFT, thereby suppressing the facts with a clear intent to evade the payment of duty.

9. In view of the foregoing, a Show Cause Notice bearing F. No. VIII/6/584/ICD/Sachin/2014-15 (E-office F. No. CUS/EPCG/MISC/408/2024-ICD-SRTCUS-COMMRTE-AHMEDABAD), dated 28.03.2024, was issued by the Additional Commissioner, Customs, Hazira, Surat, to M/s Ridhima Creation, Plot No. 54-57, Second Floor, Ambica-1 Society, U.M. Road, Surat-395007, calling upon them to show cause before the Additional/Joint Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Hazira Port, Hazira, Surat, as to why:

- (i) The benefit of Zero Duty for EPCG Scheme under Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013 on the subject imported Computerized Embroidery Machine in the name of M/s Ridhima Creation, Plot No. 54-57, Second Floor, Ambica-1 Society, U.M. Road, Surat-395007, should not be denied.
- (ii) Customs Duty totally amounting to **Rs. 5,84,082/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Eighty Two only)** being the Duty forgone at the time of import under EPCG Licence, should not be demanded and recovered from them in terms of Notification No.22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013 as amended, read with the Conditions of Bond executed and furnished by them in term of Section 143 of the Customs Act, 1962 by enforcing the terms of the said Bond and as to why the Bank Guarantee No. 06/2014-15 Dated 28.07.2014 for Rs.95,000/- issued by the State Bank of Patiala, Surat backed against the Bond, should not be appropriated and adjusted towards the Duty liability as mentioned above.
- (iii) Interest at the applicable rate should not be recovered from them on the Customs Duty as mentioned at (ii) above in term of Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013 as amended from time to time read with Conditions of the Bond executed in term of Section 143 of the Customs Act, 1962.
- (iv) The imported Capital Goods should not be held liable for confiscation under Section 111(o) of the Customs Act, 1962 read with conditions of Bond executed, in terms of Section 143 of the Customs Act, 1962 read with Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013 as amended from time to time.
- (v) Penalty should not be imposed on the Importer under Section 112(a) of the Customs Act, 1962 for the acts of omission & commission mentioned above.
- (vi) Penalty should not be imposed on the Importer under Section 117 of the Customs Act, 1962 for the acts of omission & commission mentioned above.
- (vii) Bond executed by them at the time of import should not be enforced in terms of Section 143(3) of the Customs Act, 1962 and the Bank Guarantee thereof should not be encashed for recovery of the Customs Duty as mentioned above and interest thereupon.

DEFENSE SUBMISSION AND PERSONAL HEARING:

10. In response to the subject Show Cause Notice, the Noticee, vide their letter dated 10.06.2024 informed that they had submitted documents to DGFT for issuance of the Export Obligation Discharge Certificate (EODC) on 24.01.2023.

10.1 Since, the EODC/Redemption letter was not issued and the matter was pending before DGFT, the SCN was put into call book on 31.01.2025 in terms of para 5 of the Board Circular No.16/2017-Customs dated 02.05.2017. Now, during review of call book cases the status of the said authorization on DGFT's official website shown as "closed", hence, the SCN is retrieved from call book for adjudication. The opportunity of Personal Hearing was given to the Noticee on dated 28.11.2025 and 09.12.2025. The noticee vide E-mail dt. 02.12.2025 forwarded the copy of EODC/Redemption letter dt. 22.04.2024 issued by the DGFT, Surat. **They further conveyed that they do not require any personal hearing in the matter and requested that the case be decided on merits.**

DISCUSSIONS AND FINDINGS:

11. I have carefully gone through the Show cause notice, records, submissions and facts in the present case. I find that in the present case a Show Cause Notice F. No. VIII/6/584/ICD/Sachin/2014-15 (E-office F. No. CUS/EPCG/MISC/408/2024-ICDSRT-CUS-COMMRTE-AHMEDABAD) dated 28.03.2024 was issued to the noticee/importer, holding EPCG License No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014, by the Additional Commissioner of Customs, Hazira, Surat for non-fulfillment of export obligation as prescribed vide Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013 and non-submission of Export obligation discharge certificate (EODC), issued by DGFT authorities in this regard, to the Customs authorities. Further as per Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013 the importer was required to fulfill the export obligation on FOB basis equivalent to six times the duty saved on the goods imported **within six years from the date of authorization**, as may be specified on the License or authorization. I also find that the present case was transferred into callbook in terms of para 5 of the Board Circular No.16/2017-Customs dated 02.05.2017 after the noticee submitted that they had applied for issuance of the EODC to the DGFT, Surat and submitted proof of acknowledgment before Customs authorities.

12. In view of the Noticee's submission of the EODC/Redemption letter dated 22.04.2024 issued by DGFT, Surat, the case was withdrawn from the call book in November 2025 with the approval of the competent authority and has now been taken up for adjudication. The issues for consideration before me are as follows:

- (i) Whether the benefit of zero duty for EPCG scheme under the said Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013 on the subject imported Computerized Embroidery Machine is admissible to the noticee viz. **M/s. Ridhima Creation** in absence of non-fulfillment of the export obligation prescribed therein, as alleged in the Show cause notice.
- (ii) Whether the noticee is liable for confiscation of Capital Goods and penalties as proposed in the SCN.

13. Now I proceed to decide whether the benefit of zero duty for EPCG scheme under the said Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013 on the subject imported Computerized Embroidery Machine is admissible to the noticee in absence of non-fulfillment of the export obligation prescribed therein, as alleged in the Show cause notice.

13.1 I find that the present recovery proceedings were initiated due to the Noticee's failure to submit proof of fulfillment of the export obligation and the non-availability of the Export Obligation Discharge Certificate (EODC) in respect of EPCG Authorization No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014, under which they had availed the benefit of zero rate of duty at the time of import. The EPCG Licence was issued on 24.07.2014, and in accordance with the conditions stipulated under Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013, the Noticee was required to fulfill the export obligation on or before 23.07.2020, i.e., within six years from the date of issuance of the licence. I observe that letter dated 07.03.2022 was issued to the Noticee requesting submission of the EODC or any extension granted by the Regional

Authority, DGFT, Surat, for fulfilment of the export obligation. However, the Noticee did not respond to the said communication. Further, the Assistant Director, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Surat, vide letter F. No. EPCG/Mis/2020-21 dated 28.10.2022, confirmed that the Noticee had not submitted any documents towards fulfilment of the export obligation. It was, therefore, evident that the Noticee had failed to fulfil the export obligation as prescribed in the licence and had not complied with the mandatory conditions of Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013, the terms of the EPCG licence, and the conditions of the Bond executed by them. In view of the above, the Noticee was not entitled to the zero-duty benefit under the EPCG Scheme in terms of Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013, as the benefit on the imported Computerized Embroidery Machine is not admissible in the absence of fulfilment of the prescribed export obligation.

13.2 From the available records, I find that the noticee had applied for EODC/redemption of EPCG Authorization No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014 before the DGFT on 24.01.2023. Further, the noticee, vide their email dated 02.12.2025, submitted a copy of the "EODC/Redemption Letter" issued by DGFT, Surat, under File No. 52EFEP000462AM25 dated 22.04.2024 (*Image as below*), in respect of the impugned EPCG Authorization No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014. **I also note that neither the application submitted by the Noticee to the DGFT for issuance of the EODC nor the EODC/Redemption Letter dated 22.04.2024 issued by the DGFT, Surat, was available on record at the time of issuance of the impugned Show Cause Notice.**

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Sir / Madam / M/s,
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Based on your request and the supporting document proofs provided, the Redemption status for EPCG Authorisation has been updated in the online DGFT systems. May please see following updation details for your reference please -
आपके आवेदन और प्रदान किए सहायक दस्तावेजी प्रमाणों के आधार पर प्राधिकार पत्र के लिए मोचन स्थिति (रिडेम्पशन स्टेटस) EPCG को ऑनलाइन डीजीएफटी सिस्टम में अद्यतित कर दिया गया है। कृपया अपने संदर्भ के लिए निम्नलिखित अद्यतित विवरण को देखें। -

Authorisation Number / प्राधिकार पत्र सं. : 5230014653
Issue Date / जारी करने की तिथि: 19/04/2024
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13.3 I further find that the EODC/Redemption Letter dated 22.04.2024, issued by DGFT, Surat, states the following:
“Based on your request and the supporting document proofs provided, the Redemption status for EPCG Authorisation has been updated in the online DGFT systems.”

From a perusal of the aforesaid EODC/Redemption Letter, it stands established that the noticee has duly complied with and fulfilled the export obligation arising under the above-referred EPCG Authorization. In view thereof, the demand for Customs duty amounting to **Rs.5,84,082/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty-Four Thousand Eighty-Two only) raised against M/s Ridhima Creation is rendered unsustainable and is liable to be dropped, as the DGFT has formally issued an EODC/Redemption Letter, thereby certifying the complete discharge of the export obligation in respect of the said EPCG Authorization.

14. Now I proceed to decide whether the Capital Goods under consideration are liable to confiscation and whether noticee is liable for penalties as proposed in the Show Cause Notice.

14.1 I find that the initiation of the present recovery proceedings stemmed from the noticee's failure to furnish documentary evidence of fulfillment of the export obligation, as well as their failure to submit the Export Obligation Discharge Certificate (EODC) in respect of EPCG Authorization No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014, under which the noticee had availed the benefit of zero rate of duty at the time of import. Subsequently, the noticee has placed on record the EODC/Redemption Letter dated 22.04.2024 pertaining to the said EPCG Authorization. I further find that the noticee has duly complied with the conditions stipulated under Customs Notification No. 22/2013-Cus dated 18.04.2013, as well as the terms and conditions of the Bond executed by them, by fulfilling the prescribed export obligation under the EPCG Scheme. In view of the foregoing, I hold that the capital goods imported under the said authorization are not liable to confiscation, and consequently, no penalty is warranted or imposable upon the noticee.

14.2 The Show Cause Notice also contemplates the imposition of penalties upon M/s Ridhima Creation under Section 112(a) and Section 117 of the Customs Act, 1962. However, as elaborated in the preceding paragraphs, since the imported goods are not rendered liable to confiscation, the foundational basis for imposition of such penalties does not survive. Furthermore, the sole allegation in the instant proceedings pertains to the non-fulfillment of the export obligation under EPCG Authorization No. 5230014653 dated 24.07.2014, in respect of which the noticee has subsequently furnished the EODC/Redemption Letter dated 22.04.2024 issued by the DGFT, Surat. In light of the foregoing, I hold that no penalty is imposable upon the noticee under Section 112(a) or Section 117 of the Customs Act, 1962.

15. In view of above discussion and findings, I pass the following order:

ORDER

I hereby drop the proceedings initiated against the noticee vide Show Cause Notice F. No. VIII/6/584/ICD/Sachin/2014-15 (E-office F.No.-CUS/EPCG/MISC/408/2024ICD-SRT-CUS-COMMRTE-AHMEDABAD) dated 28.03.2024.

16. The Show Cause Notices F. No. VIII/6/584/ICD/Sachin/2014-15 (E-office F. No. CUS/EPCG/MISC/408/2024-ICD-SRT-CUS-COMMRTE-AHMEDABAD) dated 28.03.2024 is disposed of in above terms.

(Shravan Ram)
Additional Commissioner
Customs, Ahmedabad

DIN:20251271MN000033353C

F. No. CUS/EPCG/MISC/408/2024-ICD-SRT-CUS-COMMRTE-AHMEDABAD Dated: 10/12/2025

By Speed Post A.D./E-mail /Hand Delivery/Through Notice Board

To,

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Surat-395007**

**Shri Mridul Sharma,
Proprietor of M/s. Ridhima Creation,
B-13, Ashirvad Avenue, VIP Road,
Althan, Surat-395007**

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4. The Joint Director General, DGFT, 6th Floor, Resham Bhavan Lal Darwaja, Surat-395003 for information and necessary action.
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