

		<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> फाइल संख्या	<b>CUS/APR/ASS/399/2026-Gr 4</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>OIO NO.</b> आदेश संख्या	<b>MCH/ADC/ZDC/673/2025-26</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>PASSED BY</b> जारीकर्ता	Dipak Zala Additional Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, AP & SEZ, Mundra.
<b>D</b>	<b>DATE OF ORDER</b> आदेश की तारीख	24.02.2026
<b>E</b>	<b>DATE OF ISSUE</b> जारी करने की तिथि	<b>25-02-2026</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>SCN No. &amp; Date</b> कारण बताओ नोटिस क्रमांक	Importer requested for waiver of PH and SCN vide letter dated <b>23.02.2026</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>NOTICEE/ PARTY/ IMPORTER</b> नोटिसकर्ता/पार्टी/आयातक	<b>M/s LA AUREVIA VENTURES PVT LTD (IEC: AAGCL3556P)</b> Office No,- 10119, 10th Floor, Gaur City Mall, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh 201318 INDIA.
<b>H</b>	<b>DIN/दस्तावेज़ पहचान संख्या</b>	<b>20260271MO00002202D2</b>

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.**

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

M/s LA AUREVIA VENTURES PVT LTD(IEC: AAGCL3556P) (hereinafter referred to as the 'Importer'), having their office at Office No,- 10119, 10th Floor, Gaur City Mall, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh 201318 INDIA, have filed a Bill of Entry No. 7292192 dated 03.02.2026, (hereinafter referred to as the 'said Bill of Entry') through their Customs Broker M/s. V. R. Logistics. Details of declared Assessable Value and Duty are as below-

Table-A

Item No.	Bill of Entry No.	Description of Goods/CTH	Assessable Value(Rs.)	Duty (Rs.)
1	7292192 dated 03.02.2026	Heavy Melting Scrap/72044900	12,29,151 /-	2,21,247/-

2.1. During assessment proceedings at FAG, it was found that PSIC issuing inspection Agency had issued PSIC for the goods under BoE 7292192 dated 03.02.2026, outside it's Area/Region of operation, making it invalid PSIC as per para 2.52 & 2.53 of the Hand Book of procedure 2023. The PSIC was found to be invalid and the said Bill of Entry was pushed to PAG.

2.2. Further, at PAG, it was also found that for the said Bill of Entry, SIMS certificate has been issued in violation of the conditions as mentioned in notice issued vide F.no. S-21022/9/2025-TT dated 04.08.2025 of Ministry of Steel as the Bill of Entry was found to be non-compliant of SIMS registration timeline.

### **Invalid Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate**

3. The PSIC Certificate issued for the said Bill of Entry had been issued by M/S SMV INTERNATIONAL details of which are as:

Table-B

Sl. No.	Certificate No.	Agency Name	Details of metallic scrap	Country of inspection/place of inspection
1	PSICSMVIIX623906AM26	SMV INTERNATIONAL	HEAVY MELTING SCRAP HS CODE- 72044900	MAYOTTE

3. 1. As per, approved PSIA List uploaded in DGFT website, Area/Region of operation notified to above mentioned agency are mentioned as under:

Table-C

Sr.no.	Handheld Radiation Survey Meter Unique Number	Country
1	100695	Papua New Guinea
2	100696	Netherlands
3	100697	Qatar
4	100698	Cape Verde

5	100699	Senegal
6	100700	Bahrain
7	100701	Japan
8	100702	Madagascar

4. Further, As per, Para 2.52 chapter 2 of Hand book of procedures issued by DGFT:

2.52 Recognition as Pre-shipment Inspection Agency (PSIA) and issuance of Pre-shipment Certificate (PSIC)

(a) Applications for recognition in respect of PSIAs have to be made online on DGFT Website (<https://dgft.gov.in>) by payment of applicable fee in terms of Appendix 2K of FTP.

(b) The online applications will be considered by an Inter-Ministerial Committee.

(c) The recognized PSIAs will be notified under Appendix 2G for a period of three years. At the end of 3 years PSIA has to make a fresh online application for further recognition by DGFT.

(d) PSIA shall issue PSIC in the format given in Appendix 2H. PSIA shall generate PSICs using the facility provided on the DGFT website.

(e) A PSIA can also carry out inspections in countries, where it does not have a full-time equipped branch office but which falls within its area of operation, by deputing its Inspectors. However, for such inspections in other countries, the PSIA will be required to give prior intimation to DGFT by sending an email (at [psia-travel-dgft@gov.in](mailto:psia-travel-dgft@gov.in)) and furnishing details of visit / inspection done by the Inspector in PSIC.

(f) The PSIA applicant(s) may submit online application(s) initially without bank guarantee, as required under S.No.9 of ANF-2L. Their applications would not be rejected only on the ground of non-submission of bank guarantee. Applicants would, however, be required to submit bank guarantee or an equivalent financial instrument, before they are notified as PSIA, by the competent authority.

(g) Any application for amendment in instruments and/or areas of operation of the existing PSIA has to be made online on the DGFT website.

5. In view of the above, it is observed that PSIA has to carry out inspections in countries, which falls within its area of operation, by deputing its Inspectors. However, in the instant case, above mentioned PSIC issuing inspection Agency had issued PSIC outside it's Area/Region of operation. As the country of

inspection- **MAYOTTE** is not in the Area/Region of inspection notified to said agency, hence, the PSIC issued for the said Bill of Entry is not valid.

6. Further, it is submitted that As Import of un-shredded compressed and loose form of metallic waste, scrap listed in paragraph 2.51(a) of the Handbook of Procedure (HBP), 2023 shall be subject to the following conditions: -

(a) 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.

7. Since, goods were imported into India without the valid PSIC 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.

8. 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.*

9. In view of above, it appears that impugned goods are imported with invalid PSIC certificate. 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.

10. However, In view of letter dated 12.02.2025, the importer had requested for Post PSIC certificate for the subject goods. Thereafter, the inspection of said goods had been conducted in EXIM CFS, MUNDRA, by inspection agency Global Marine Inspection, New Delhi and Post shipment inspection certificate S.No. IN112024860028 issued for the subject goods. The findings of the inspection report is as- 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.

**Non-compliance of SIMS registration timeline.**

11. During the assessment, said Bill of Entry was found to be non-compliant of SIMS registration timeline. Details of particulars are as under:

Table-D

Sl. No.	Bill of Entry No. & date	IGM Inward date	B/L date	SIMS Registration Date
1	7292192 dated 03.02.2026	04.02.2026	09.01.2026	03.02.2026

12. As per the notice dt. 04.08.2025 issued vide F.No.: S-21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX, TRADE & TAXATION division, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India by the undersecretary effective from 05.08.2025:

***The sims shall require importers to apply for registration not earlier than 60th day and not later than 2nd day before the expected date of arrival of import of import consignment. The automatic Registration Number thus generated shall remain valid for a period of 75 days.***

13. However, in the instant case, the importer has not followed the timelines/guidelines of the notice dt. 04.08.2025 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 has been generated 01 day before from the IGM inward date.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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**

17. The Importer vide their letter dated 23.02.2026 has made following submission:

“We would like to bring to your kind notice that we are the importers of a scrap consignment under Bill of Entry No. 7292192 dated 03/02/2026. During the course of assessment, it has been observed that the Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) is not valid, and the SIMS registration has been obtained beyond the expected date of arrival of the vessel. In this regard, we hereby submit that we do not wish to avail Personal Hearing (PH) and also request that no Show Cause

Notice (SCN) be issued for adjudication in the present case. We request your good office to kindly proceed with adjudication of the matter and we have also attached the POST INSPECTION CERTIFICATE. We undertake to accept the decision of the department and comply with any duty, fine, or penalty as may be imposed. We request your kind consideration and early resolution of the matter to avoid delay in clearance of the goods."

### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

18. I have carefully gone through the facts of the case. I find M/s LA AUREVIA VENTURES PVT LTD (IEC: AAGCL3556P) filed Bill of Entry No. 7292192 dated 03.02.2026 with declared Assessable value as Rs. 12,29,151/-. I find that during assessment proceedings it was found that the PSIC issuing inspection Agency had issued PSIC outside it's Area/Region of operation, making it invalid PSIC as per para 2.52 & 2.53 of the Hand Book of procedure 2023. I find that goods were imported into India without the valid PSIC certificate. I also find that the importer had not followed the timelines/guidelines for the SIMS registration in the instant case and SIMS registration certificate had been generated 01 day before the IGM inward date. I also find that the Importer waived their right of Show Cause Notice and Personal Hearing.

19. Now, I take up the above matter in detail. I find that goods imported vide said bill of entry required compulsory PSIC certificate for importing into India in terms of guidelines issued by DGFT in para 2.51, 2.52 & 2.53 of the Hand Book of procedure 2023. The importer could avail the services from any other inspection agency, under which area/region of operation for country of inspection (**MAYOTTE**) has been notified from DGFT. However, in the instant case, the importer had availed the services for issuance of PSIC from agency, whom authorisation to inspect in mentioned country of inspection had not been notified by DGFT. Therefore, it is evident that PSIC issued by SMV International, for country of inspection- MAYOTTE, falls outside its area/region of operation. Hence, the said PSIC is liable to be considered as invalid.

20. I find that goods imported vide said bill of entry required compulsory SIMS registration for importing into India in terms of guidelines of the notice dt. 04.08.2025 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 2nd day before the expected date of arrival of import of import consignment. 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. 04.08.2025 issued vide F.No.: S -21022/9/2025-trade-tax, trade & taxation division, ministry of steel, Govt. of India by the Under

Secretary.

21. In the instant case, IGM inward date of Bill of Entry No. 7292192 dated 03.02.2026 is 04.02.2026 whereas SIMS registration date is 03.02.2026 which is 01 day before arrival of import consignment. However, as per the notice dated 04.08.2025 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 2nd day before the expected date of arrival of import consignment w.e.f. 05.08.2025. Therefore, it is evident that SIMS registration has not been made within the stipulated time prescribed by the Notice dt. 04.08.2025 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. 04.08.2025 issued vide F.No.: S -21022/9/2025-trade-tax, trade & taxation division, ministry of steel, Govt. of India by the undersecretary.

22. Since goods were imported into India without a valid PSIC certificate and 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 Post PSIC certificate on date 23.02.2026 and the SIMS certificate on 03.02.2026, therefore, the goods can be cleared for home consumption under the provision of Section 125 (1) of the Customs Act, 1962.

23. Accordingly, I pass the following order:

**ORDER**

- i. I order for confiscation of the impugned goods, imported **without valid PSIC and without a valid SIMS certificate** vide Bill of Entry No. 7292192 dated 03.02.2026 having assessable value of Rs. 12,29,151/- 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.1,00,000 /- (Rupees One Lakh only)**.
- ii. I impose a penalty of **Rs. 50,000/-(Rupees Fifty Thousand only)** on M/s LA AUREVIA VENTURES PVT LTD (IEC: AAGCL3556P) under Section 112(a)(i) of

the Customs Act, 1962, for their act of omission and commission.

24. 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.

**Zala Dipakbhai Chimanbhai  
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER  
Import Assessment,  
Customs House, Mundra.**

To,  
LA AUREVIA VENTURES PVT LTD (IEC: AAGCL3556P)  
Office No,- 10119, 10th Floor, Gaur City Mall,  
Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh 201318 INDIA.

Copy to:

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