



प्रधान आयुक्त का कार्यालय, सीमा शुल्क ,अहमदाबाद

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PREAMBLE

A	फाइल संख्या/ File No.	:	CUS/SHED/MISC/517/2022-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. 213/ADC/SR/O&A/2025-26
D	आदेश तिथि/ Date of Order-In-Original	:	06.03.2026
E	जारी करनेकी तारीख/ Date of Issue	:	06.03.2026
F	द्वारापारित/ Passed By	:	Shravan Ram, Additional Commissioner, Customs Ahmedabad.
G	आयातक का नाम औरपता / Name and Address of Importer / Passenger	:	M/S. AIA Engineering Limited , Plot 1513 to 1514 , Kerela GIDC Estate, Taluka Bavla, Ahmedabad,382220
(1)	यह प्रति उन व्यक्तियों के उपयोग के लिए निःशुल्क प्रदान की जाती है जिन्हे 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 मंजिल, 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 इयूटी 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. AIA Engineering Limited, Plot No. 1513 to 1514, Kerala GIDC Estate, Taluka Bavla, Ahedabad-382220 (IEC: 0888003986) (hereinafter referred to as the 'Importer'), have imported following consignments of metallic Scrap from Vietnam as detailed in Table-A, below and for clearance thereof, filed Bills of Entry detailed in Table-B, Below through Customs Brokers mentioned against respective Bill of Entry.

Table-A

Sr. No.	Bill of Lading	Description of goods	Qty (MT)	Invoice
1	MAX/HOC/0063/2526	Stainless Steel Magnetic Scrap Grade 430 for Melting Purpose	306.141	AIA/2161/12.25 dated 16.01.2026
2	HDMUSGNA14752500		138.201	AIA/26160/01.26 dated 10.01.2026
3	MAX/HOC/0067/2526		203.430	AIA/2625/01.26 dated 23.01.2026
4	TALHMC03081297		205.176	AIA/2629/01.26 dated 06.02.2026

Table-B

Sr. No.	B/E No. & date	Qty (MT)	CIF Value (Rs.)	B/E. filed by CB
1	7653074 dated 20.02.2026	306.141	1,58,97,959	CHA M/s Westwind Shipping and Logistics Pvt. Ltd
2	7653069 dated 20.02.2026	138.201	74,30,828	
3	7653065 dated 20.02.2026	203.430	1,09,38,091	
4	7692101 dated 23.02.2026	205.176	1,12,20,572	CHA M/s Suraj Forwarders & Shipping Agencies
Total			4,54,87,450	

2. However, before doing goods registration in above Bills of Entry, the Importer approached Customs vide letters dated 20/24.02.02 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. Imports 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 contained 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 subjected 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 listed in Table 1 above 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. AIA Engineering 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 20/24.02.2026, 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. Global Marine PSIA M/s. Global Marine Inspection in ICD Sanand on 03.03.2026 and as per PSIC dated 03.03.2026 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 sample PSIC is as reproduced below)



GLOBAL MARINE INSPECTION

S.No. IN12024860033

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, Global Marine Inspection, conducted Post Shipment Inspection at SANAND (THAR) ICD, AHMEDABAD, Gujarat & we report as follow:

(1) We carried Out the Visual Inspection Of light melting scrap at SANAND (THAR) ICD, 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 : AIA ENGINEERING LIMITED
(ii) Address : PLOT 1513 TO 1514, KERALA GIDC ESTAT
VILLAGE- KERALA, TALUKA: BAVLA
AHMEDABAD, 382220.
(iii) IEC No. : 0888003986
(iv) Telephone No. : N/A
(v) E-mail : N/A
(vi) GSTIN : 24AABCA277711Z
(vii) PAN No. : AABCA27771

(c) Type of Metal : UN-SHREDDDED
(d) BL No./BOE : TALHMC03081297 / 7692101
(e) Details and Quantity of Import:

Description Of Metallic Scrap	Consignment Quantity in (MTs)
STAINLESS STEEL MAGNETIC SCRAP GRADE 430 FOR MELTING PURPOSE	205.176

S. No.	CONTAINER NO.	S. No.	CONTAINER NO.
1.	TLXU3008797	5.	TLXU2006357
2.	GESU3616761	6.	TLXU2009192
3.	SEGU1967566	7.	TLXU3002150
4.	TLXU2002120	8.	TLXU3004976

(f) (i) Country Of Inspection : INDIA
(ii) Place of Inspection: SANAND (THAR) ICD, AHMEDABAD
(iii) Date of Inspection: 03.03.2026
(iv) Duration of Inspection (in hours): 03 hours


(g) The following equipment's have been used for inspecting the consignment.

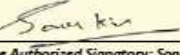
(i) Make : RADCOMM SYSTEMS CORP
(ii) Model : MSPEC
(iii) Serial No. : 200193
(iv) Last date of calibration : 17/07/2025

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: 03.03.2026




Signature: 

Name of the Authorized Signatory: Sonu Kumar
Address (Office): 522, 5th Floor, Building No. 89, Hemkund Chamber, Nehru Place, New Delhi, 110019, India
Name of the PSIA (as per appendix 26): M/s Global Marine Inspection.
Telephone Number: +91-1146042093
E mail: info@globalmarineinspection.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 the goods as per declared description. The Importer through Customs Brokers' letter dated 05.03.2026 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.

RECORD OF PERSONAL HEARING AND SUBMISSION OF IMPORTER

7. Importer vide letters dated 20/24.02.2026 had, inter-alia, conveyed their willingness to pay any penalty / fine and requested for waiver of Show Cause Notice and Personal Hearing. However personal hearing was granted to the Importer on 27.02.2026 which was attended by Shri Nilkamal Vakil, Executive Director of M/s. AIA Engineering Ltd, The records of the hearing is as under:-

"Shri Nilkamal Vakil, Executive Director of M/s. AIA Engineering Ltd. present in Personal Hearing regarding B/E No. 7653069, 7653074, 7653063, 7653065 Dated 20.02.2026 and B/E No. 7692101 Dated 23.02.2026 and submitted that they have imported scrape without PSIC Certificate as the same was not renewed during the time of import. However, examination of the cargo was inspected by the PSIC agency and the containers has been put on hold at ICD-Sanand due to want of PSIC.

They have requested that they are importing the same cargo since more than 10 years and they are also manufacturer for last 30 years, in this view they requested to release the said cargo on urgent basis and take lenient view in the matter."

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

8.1 I have carefully gone through the facts of the case. I find that M/s. AIA Engineering Limited, have imported four consignments of metallic scrap (details as per Table-A) and for custom clearance thereof, 04 Bills of Entry (as detailed in Table-B) have been filed. However, instead of proceeding for customs clearance, the Importer approached Customs, informing that the consignment 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. Here I also find that though during the Personal Hearing the importer had mentioned total Five Bills of entry but the present proceedings are pertaining to and limited to only four Bills of entry as detailed in Table-B of this order.

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 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 of 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 failure to follow procedure prescribed, under Foreign Trade Policy, for import of metallic scrap, is

an omission on part of the Importer M/s. AIA Engineering Limited. Therefore, M/s. AIA Engineering Limited are 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 vide letters dated 05.03.2026 of Customs Brokers has also provided copies of Sales Contracts in respect of the impugned consignments which, inter alia, contain the clause 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. In light of these facts I am inclined to be lenient in imposing fine and penalty on the Importer.

9. Accordingly, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- i. I order for confiscation of the impugned goods i.e. 852.948 MTs Stainless Steel Magnetic Scrap Grade 430 for Melting Purpose valued at Rs. 4,54,87,450/- sought clearance under Bills of Entry No. 7653074 dated 20.02.2026, 7653069 dated 20.02.2026, 7653065 dated 20.02.2026, 7692101 dated 23.02.2026 (details as per Table-A and B above) 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. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only)**.
- ii. I impose a penalty of **Rs.1,00,000/-(Rupees One Lakh only)** on Importer M/s. AIA Engineering Limited, Plot No. 1513 to 1514, Kerala GIDC Estate, Taluka Bavla, Ahedabad-382220 (IEC: 0888003986) under Section 112(a)(i) of the 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.

(Shravan Ram)

Additional Commissioner

F.No. CUS/SHED/MISC/517/2022-ICD-SNND-CUS-COMMRTE-AHMEDABAD

DIN: **20260371MN0000111F5A**

Date: 06.03.2026

To,

M/s. AIA Engineering Limited, Plot No. 1513 to 1514, Kerala GIDC Estate, Taluka Bavla, Ahedabad-382220 (IEC: 0888003986)

Copy to:

1. The Asst./Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Review Cell), Customs, HQ, Ahmedabad.

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3. The Asst./Dy. Commissioner of Customs, ICD Sanand, Ahmedabad.
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