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Date:27.04.2026

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE NO. 01/2026-27
(UNDER REGULATION 17 OF CBLR, 2018)

1. M/s Saarvin Customs Clearance, having its office situated at Office No 5, First Floor, Amrutkrupa Building, Jawahar Chowk, Near Bus Depot, Mundra, Kutch, holds CB license No. CHM/CB/06/2021 (BBTPC2873A) issued by the Commissioner of Customs, Mundra Customs under Regulation 7(2) (b) of CBLR, 2018, herein after referred to as the 'Customs Broker'.
2. The DRI Gandhidham Regional Unit, vide email dated 30.01.2026 has forwarded the complete Investigation Report along with the relied-upon documents to this office for initiating action against M/s. Saarvin Customs Clearance, Customs Broker, under the provisions of the Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations, 2018, for their role in the import of goods by way of mis-declaration to evade the applicable ADD by importer M/s Ignite Infraspares, Faridabad.

Brief Facts of the Case:

- 3.1 M/s Ignite Infraspares, Faridabad (IEC No. CBTPG6547A), imported consignments at Mundra Port vide Bill of Entry No. 2282193 dated 26.05.2025 and Bill of Entry No. 2533284 dated 07.06.2025 declaring the goods as "Excavator Spare Parts" and "Construction Equipment Spare Parts" classifiable under CTH 84314990.
- 3.2 Specific intelligence developed by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) indicated that the consignments contained Hydraulic Rock Breakers and Alloy Steel Chisels, goods attracting Anti-Dumping Duty under Notification No. 11/2024-Cus. (ADD) dated 27.06.2024, and that the importer had resorted to mis-declaration to evade the applicable ADD.
- 3.3 Acting upon the intelligence, the consignments were put on hold and examined under panchnamas dated 06.06.2025 and 12.06.2025 at Mundra CFS in the presence of a Government-approved Chartered Engineer. Examination revealed that the consignment covered under BE No. 2282193 contained Hydraulic Rock Breakers and their parts, supported by markings on the goods and warranty cards in Chinese script. The consignment covered under BE No. 2533284 was found to contain chisels and related

spare parts. The Chartered Engineer confirmed the nature of the goods and submitted valuation reports dated 17.06.2025 re-determining the CIF values substantially higher than declared.

3.4 The investigation conducted by the DRI revealed that M/s. Ignite Infraspares was knowingly engaged in mis-declaring goods to evade customs duties. M/s Ignite Infraspares had imported goods under two Bills of Entry No. 2282193 dated 26.05.2025 and 2533284 dated 07.06.2025, initially declared as 'Excavator Spare Parts' and 'Construction Equipments Spare Parts' respectively. However, during the examination, the consignment consignment covered under Bill of Entry No. 2282193 dated 26.05.2025 were found items comprising hydraulic rock breakers and their components, which were mis-declared as "Excavator Spare Parts." The importer in his statement dated 27.06.2025, admitted that this mis-declaration of classification was intended to evade of Anti-Dumping Duty applicable under Notification No. 11/2024 dated 27.06.2024. The importer accepted full responsibility for the lapse and he also accepted the evaluated CIF value as determined by the government-approved Chartered Engineer. The Importer has acknowledged the differential duty of Rs. 1,02,84,877/- and paid the same vide challan transaction ID S27331467 dated 03.07.2025.

3.5 Statement of Shri Nigam Chavda, F-Card holder and Proprietor of Customs Broker firm M/s Saarvin Customs Clearance, Munda was recorded on 17.07.2025 (RUD No. 7), during which he stated that his firm M/s Saarvin Customs Clearance engaged in customs clearance work at Mundra Port. His firm handled the first import consignment of M/s Ignite Infraspares covered under Bill of Entry No. 2533284 dated 07.06.2025, based on coordination with the freight forwarder, M/s YNS Logistics and Services, Delhi. All communication and documentation including commercial invoice, packing list, and Bill of Lading were received from the forwarder M/s YNS Logistics and Services, via email and WhatsApp. He stated that they had no direct interaction with the importer, and all import related documents including the commercial invoice, packing list, and Bill of Lading were received via e-mail from forwarder M/s YNS Logistics and Services, Delhi. Accordingly, bill of entry no. 2533284 dated 07.06.2025, was filed by M/s Saarvin Customs Clearance, based on the import documents provided by forwarder, which described the goods as "Construction equipments spares; Chisels". A checklist was prepared and sent to forwarder for approval of importer prior to filing the bill of entry. The goods were found to be correctly declared as Construction equipments spares; Chisels, during examination conducted by DRI at M/s All Cargo CFS, Mundra. He further, stated he did not receive any technical specifications or catalogues to assist in classification, and no specific instructions were given regarding declaration or valuation. He further acknowledged the valuation report provided by the Govt. approved chartered engineer and confirmed that the declaration and value of the goods made in

the Bill of Entry was based on import documents provided by importer through forwarder.

4.1 Whereas, it appears that M/s Saarvin Customs Clearance, acting as the Customs Broker in respect of the import consignments covered under Bill of Entry No. 2533284 dated 07.06.2025 filed on behalf of M/s Ignite Infraspares, failed to discharge the obligations cast upon them under Regulation 10(n) of the Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations, 2018, inasmuch as they did not verify the correctness of the Import Export Code (IEC), Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN), identity of the importer, and the functioning of the importer at the declared address using reliable, independent and authentic sources; and whereas it is observed that the said Customs Broker relied entirely upon a third-party freight forwarder for receipt of documents and instructions and had no direct interaction with the importer; and whereas the Customs Broker has admitted during the course of investigation that all documents were received through the freight forwarder through whatsapp and email. Further, no independent due diligence or verification of the importer's credentials was undertaken by them; and whereas such omission and failure on the part of the Customs Broker reflects a negligent and casual approach towards the statutory responsibilities entrusted under the CBLR, 2018 and has resulted in non-compliance with the provisions of Regulation 10(n).

4.2 Whereas the said failure assumes significance in the present case where the importer was found to have indulged in misdeclaration of goods and value leading to substantial evasion of customs duty, thereby indicating that the Customs Broker failed to exercise the due diligence expected of them and facilitated improper importation. The investigation establishes that M/s Saarvin Customs Clearance, acting as the Customs Broker, played a facilitative role in the improper importation carried out under Bill of Entry No. 2533284 dated 07.06.2025 filed on behalf of M/s Ignite Infraspares. The Customs Broker failed to discharge the mandatory obligations prescribed under Regulation 10(n) of the Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations, 2018, inasmuch as they did not undertake any independent verification of the importer's credentials, including IEC, GSTIN, identity, and functioning at the declared address through reliable and authentic sources. The Customs Broker, by not exercising the due diligence mandated under Regulation 10 of CBLR 2018, effectively facilitated the fraudulent importation and clearance of goods. Such acts of omission and commission on the part of M/s Saarvin Customs Clearance render them primarily liable for violation of Regulation 10(n) of CBLR, 2018 and make them liable for action under Regulation 17 of the said Regulations.

5. Obligations under Regulation 10(n) :

"10(n). verify correctness of Importer Exporter Code (IEC) number, Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN), identity of his client and

functioning of his client at the declared address by using reliable, independent, authentic documents, data or information;"

M/s Saarvin Customs Clearance, acting as the Customs Broker in the present case, has failed to fulfil the obligations cast upon them under Regulation 10(n) of the Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations, 2018, which mandates verification of the correctness of the Import Export Code (IEC), Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN), identity of the client, and the functioning of the client at the declared address by using reliable, independent and authentic sources. It is observed that the Customs Broker did not undertake any independent verification of the credentials of the importer, M/s Ignite Infraspares, and there is no evidence on record to demonstrate that the IEC, GSTIN or identity of the importer was verified from independent or authentic sources. Further, the Customs Broker failed to ascertain the existence and functioning of the importer at the declared address by way of any physical verification or other reliable means. It is also evident that the Customs Broker relied entirely upon a third-party freight forwarder for receipt of documents and instructions and had no direct interaction with the importer at any stage, which is in clear contravention of the requirement to exercise due diligence independently. This failure assumes significance in view of the fact that the importer was found to have indulged in misdeclaration of goods and value leading to substantial evasion of customs duty, which could have been detected or prevented had the Customs Broker exercised the due diligence mandated under Regulation 10(n).

6. A Custom Broker has a significant role to play in the clearance of goods through Customs and Port Trust. Such clearance involves application of either specialized laws and detailed procedures which are often complex under CBLR, 2018, It is evident that there are certain obligations cast on the Customs Broker under Regulation 10 which a Customs Broker shall comply with. These decides the very nature of Customs Broker's interaction with his clients and Customs and form the bedrock of the work of a Customs Broker. If these are overlooked as mere procedural requirements and minor contraventions, then the whole substance of CB's work stands nullified. Therefore, these may be termed as substantive requirements which a Customs Broker is bound to comply with. It is not difficult to foresee the adverse consequences that may arise if CB acts in a negligent manner.

7. The license of the CB was suspended vide order GEN/CB/SUS/2/2026 dated 18.02.2026. The Suspension of the CB License was hence continued vide Order no. GEN/CB/SUS/2/2026 dtd 11.03.2026 in contravention of 10(n) of CBLR, 2018 as per regulation 16(2) of the CBLR, 2018.

8. Now therefore, in terms of Regulation 17(1) of CBLR, 2018 the Customs Broker M/s Saarvin Customs Clearance, Office No 5, First Floor, Amrutkrupa Building, Jawahar Chowk, Near Bus Depot, Mundra, Kutch is hereby called upon to show cause as to why:

- 1) The C.B. License No. BBTPC2873A, issued to them, should not be revoked;
- 2) Security deposit should not be forfeited;
- 3) Penalty should not be imposed upon them under Regulation 18 read with Regulation 14 & 17 of the CBLR, 2018 for their failure to comply with the provisions of CBLR, 2018 as elaborated in above paras of this show cause notice.

9. The CB is directed to submit within 30 days to Sh. Ajoy Kumar, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, who is being nominated by the undersigned, a written statement of defense and also to specify in the said statement whether the Customs Broker desires to be heard in person by the said Assistant Commissioner.

10. On receipt of the written statement from the Customs Broker, or where no such statement has been received within 30 days, Assistant Commissioner is directed to inquire into the grounds which are not admitted by the Customs Broker as per procedure under Regulation 17. He is directed to submit his inquiry report within 90 days from the date of issue of this show cause notice.

11. This show cause notice is being issued without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against the CB or any other person(s)/Firm(s) etc. under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 and Rules/Regulations framed there under or under any other law for the time being in force.

12. The documents/records relied upon are as under :-

- 1) Order of Suspension vide Order No. GEN/CB/SUS/2/2026 dated 18.02.2026.
- 2) Order of continuation of Suspension vide order no. GEN/CB/SUS/2/2026 dtd 11.03.2026 under regulation 16(2) of CBLR, 2018.
- 3) Offence Report by DRI.

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Custom House, Mundra

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1. The Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Gujarat Customs Zone, Ahmedabad.
2. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (Tech.), O/o the Principal Commissioner of Customs, 1st Floor, Opp. Old High Court, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad – 380 009.
3. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (Tech.), O/o the Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), Rajkot Jamnagar Highway, Jamnagar – 361 001.
4. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (CBLR), Custom House, Kandla, Nr. Balaji Temple, Kandla, Distt. Kutch – 370 210.
5. The Deputy Commissioner of Customs (EDI), Custom House, Mundra for necessary action please.
6. The Deputy Commissioner of Customs (TRC), Custom House, Mundra.
7. Notice Board