

	<p style="text-align: center;">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 FILE NO.</b> फाइल संख्या	CUS/APR/BE/MISC/2465/2025-Gr 4	
<b>B OIO NO.</b> आदेश संख्या	MCH/ADC/ZDC/463/2025-26	
<b>C PASSED BY</b> जारीकर्ता	Dipak Zala Additional Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, AP & SEZ, Mundra.	
<b>D DATE OF ORDER</b> आदेश की तारीख	29-12-2025	
<b>E DATE OF ISSUE</b> जारी करने की तिथि	29-12-2025	
<b>F SCN No. &amp; Date</b> कारण बताओ नोटिस क्रमांक	Importer requested for waiver of PH and SCN vide letter dated 29.12.2025	
<b>G NOTICEE/ PARTY/ IMPORTER</b> नोटिसकर्ता/पार्टी/आयातक	M/s Vardhan Pipes Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 4, Behind SBI Bank, Jaitpura, Near Mahindra Workshop, Chomu, Jaipur (Raj.)- 303704	
<b>H DIN/दस्तावेज़ पहचान संख्या</b>	20251271MO0000555CF4	

1. यह आदेश संबंधित 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:**

“सीमाशुल्कआयुक्त) 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. उक्त अपील यह आदेश भेजने की दिनांक से 60 दिन 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-1870 के 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 झूटि / 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, 1982 और 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 Vardhan Pipes Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 4, Behind SBI Bank, Jaitpura, Near Mahindra

Workshop, Chomu, Jaipur (Raj.)- 303704, holding IEC- AAHCV8217E have filed a Bill of Entry No. 6361952 dated 17.12.2025, (hereinafter referred to as the 'said Bill of Entry') through their Customs Broker M/s Sasha Shipping Pvt Ltd, Mundra. Details of declared Assessable Value and Duty are as below-

Table-A

Item No.	Bill of Entry No.	Description of Goods	Assessable Value(Rs.)	Duty (Rs.)
1.	6361952 dated 17.12.2025	Stainless Steel Strip, Grade N7	87,81,995 /-	24,35,687 /-

2. The said BoE had been pushed from FAG to PAG for the reason late issuance of SIMS certificate in violation of the conditions as mentioned in notice issued vide F.no. S-21022/9/2025-TT dated 13.06.2025 of Ministry of Steel. The Bill of Entry was found to be non-compliant of SIMS registration timeline. Details of particulars are as under:

Table-B

Sl. No.	Bill of Entry No. & date	IGM Inward date	B/L date	SIMS Registration Date
1	6361952 dated 17.12.2025	16.12.2025	20.11.2025	17.12.2025

3. As per the notice dt. 13.06.2025 issued vide F.No.: S-21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX, TRADE & TAXATION division, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India by the undersecretary. Effective from 20.06.2025

***The sims shall require importers to apply for registration not earlier than 60th day and not later than 7th 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.***

4. However, in the instant case, the importer has not followed the timelines/guidelines of the notice dt. 13.06.2025 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 had been generated on 01 day after 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 29.12.2025 has made following submission:

*"With reference to the proceedings initiated in respect of alleged late filing of the Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) registration for our import consignment, we respectfully submit this letter waiving our right to Personal Hearing in the present matter and requesting adjudication on the basis of our written submissions already filed (e sanchit letter dated 26.12.2025).*

*We have already submitted a detailed written reply explaining that the delay in SIMS registration occurred solely due to a technical glitch in the online system and was not on account of any negligence, omission, or deliberate non-*

*compliance on our part. In our reply, we have placed on record the relevant screen shots system errors and the complete chronology of events demonstrating our bona fide conduct and timely attempts to comply.*

*In order to avoid further delay in disposal of the case and in the interest of administrative convenience, we hereby voluntarily waive our right to Personal Hearing in this matter and request your good office to kindly adjudicate the case on merits based on:*

*□ The reply already submitted by us (along with all annexures and evidences); and*

*□ The records available with the department.*

*We further request your kind consideration of the genuine technical issues faced and our otherwise compliant track record, and pray that the proceedings may please be concluded without imposition of any penal action, or with minimum possible token penalty, as deemed fit by your good office."*

#### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

9 . I have carefully gone through the facts of the case. I find M/s Vardhan Pipes Pvt. Ltd, holding IEC- AAHCV8217E had imported Stainless steel strips Grade N7 of Assessable value as Rs. 87,81,995 /-. 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 01 day after IGM inward date. I also find that the Importer waived their right of Show Cause Notice and Personal Hearing vide letter dated 29.12.2025.

10. Now, I take up the above matter in detail. 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. 13.06.2025 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 7th day before the expected date of arrival 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. 13.06.2025 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. 6361952 dated 1712.2025 is 16.12.2025 whereas SIMS registration date is 17.12.2025 which is 01 day after arrival of import consignment. However, as per the notice dated

13.06.2025 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 7th day before the expected date of arrival of import consignment w.e.f. 20.06.2025. Therefore, it is evident that SIMS registration has not been made within the stipulated time prescribed by the Notice dt. 13.06.2025 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. 13.06.2025 issued vide F.No.: S - 21022/9/2025-trade-tax, trade & taxation division, ministry of steel, Govt. of India by the undersecretary.

However, as per the facts produced in e sanchit letter dated 26.12.2025, I noticed that the above violation happen due to technical glitches arised on SIMS portal. Hence, lenient view is to be taken while passing the order.

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 17.12.2025, 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 imported vide Bill of Entry No. 6361952 td. 17.12.2025 having assessable value of Rs. 87,81,995 /- 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. 5,000 /- (Rupees Five Thousand only)**.

ii. I impose a penalty of **Rs.5000/-(Rupees Five Thousand only)** o n M/s Vardhan Pipes Pvt. Ltd, holding IEC- AAHCV8217E 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.

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

To,

M/s Vardhan Pipes Pvt. Ltd, holding IEC-AAHCV8217E  
Plot No. 4, Behind SBI Bank, Jaitpura, Near Mahindra Workshop, Chomu, Jaipur  
(Raj.)- 303704

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