

CHAPTER IV

INDIRECT TAXES

Customs

Amendment of section 28E.	<p>65. In section 28E of the Customs Act, 1962 (hereinafter referred to as the Customs Act),—</p> <p>(a) for clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—</p> <p>'(c) "applicant" means—</p> <p>(i) (a) a non-resident setting up a joint venture in India in collaboration with a non-resident or a resident; or</p> <p>(b) a resident setting up a joint venture in India in collaboration with a non-resident; or</p> <p>(c) a wholly owned subsidiary Indian company, of which the holding company is a foreign company,</p> <p>who or which, as the case may be, proposes to undertake any business activity in India;</p> <p>(ii) a joint venture in India; or</p> <p>(iii) a resident falling within any such class or category of persons, as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify in this behalf,</p> <p>and which or who, as the case may be, makes application for advance ruling under sub-section (1) of section 28H;';</p> <p>(b) in clause (e), for the words "Authority for Advance Rulings", the words and brackets "Authority for Advance Rulings (Central Excise, Customs and Service Tax)" shall be substituted.</p>	52 of 1962. 5 10 15 20
Amendment of section 28F.	<p>66. In section 28F of the Customs Act, in sub-section (1), for the words ' "the Authority for Advance Rulings" ', the words and brackets "the Authority for Advance Rulings (Central Excise, Customs and Service Tax)" shall be substituted.</p>	20
Amendment of section 28H.	<p>67. In section 28H of the Customs Act, in sub-section (2), after clause (d), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—</p> <p>"(e) determination of Rules of Origin of goods and such other matters relating thereto."</p>	25
Amendment of section 127MA.	<p>68. In section 127MA of the Customs Act,—</p> <p>(a) in sub-section (6), for the word, figures and letter "section 127C", the words, figures, letters and brackets "section 127C and sub-section (1) of section 127-I" shall be substituted;</p> <p>(b) after sub-section (7), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—</p> <p>"(8) The Settlement Commission may, if it is of opinion that any person who made an application under sub-section (5) has not co-operated with the proceedings before it, send the case back to the Appellate Tribunal and the provisions containing in section 129A, section 129B and section 129C shall, so far as may be, apply accordingly."</p>	30
Amendment of section 128A.	<p>69. In section 128A of the Customs Act, in sub-section (5), for the words "Commissioner of Customs", the words "Chief Commissioner of Customs" shall be substituted.</p>	35
Amendment of section 129A.	<p>70. In section 129A of the Customs Act,—</p> <p>(a) after sub-section (1A), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—</p> <p>"(1B) The Board may, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a Committee consisting of two Chief Commissioners of Customs for the purposes of this Act.";</p> <p>(b) in sub-section (2),—</p> <p>(i) for the words "The Commissioner of Customs may, if he is", the words "The Committee of Chief Commissioners of Customs may, if it is" shall be substituted;</p> <p>(ii) for the words "on his behalf", the words "on its behalf" shall be substituted.</p>	40

71. In section 129D of the Customs Act, for the word "Board", occurring in sub-sections (1) and (3), the words "Committee of Chief Commissioners of Customs" shall respectively be substituted. Amendment of section 129D.

Customs tariff

- 51 of 1975. 72. For section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (hereinafter referred to as the Customs Tariff Act), the following section shall be substituted, namely:— Substitution of new section for section 3. Levy of additional duty equal to excise duty, sales tax, local taxes and other charges.
3. (1) Any article which is imported into India shall, in addition, be liable to a duty (hereafter in this section referred to as the additional duty) equal to the excise duty for the time being leviable on a like article if produced or manufactured in India and if such excise duty on a like article is leviable at any percentage of its value, the additional duty to which the imported article shall be so liable shall be calculated at that percentage of the value of the imported article:
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- Provided that in case of any alcoholic liquor for human consumption imported into India, the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify the rate of additional duty having regard to the excise duty for the time being leviable on a like alcoholic liquor produced or manufactured in different States or, if a like alcoholic liquor is not produced or manufactured in any State, then, having regard to the excise duty which would be leviable for the time being in different States on the class or description of alcoholic liquor to which such imported alcoholic liquor belongs.
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- Explanation.*— In this sub-section, the expression "the excise duty for the time being leviable on a like article if produced or manufactured in India" means the excise duty for the time being in force which would be leviable on a like article if produced or manufactured in India or, if a like article is not so produced or manufactured, which would be leviable on the class or description of articles to which the imported article belongs, and where such duty is leviable at different rates, the highest duty.
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- (2) For the purpose of calculating under sub-sections (1) and (3), the additional duty on any imported article, where such duty is leviable at any percentage of its value, the value of the imported article shall, notwithstanding anything contained in section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962, be the aggregate of—
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- (i) the value of the imported article determined under sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 or the tariff value of such article fixed under sub-section (2) of that section, as the case may be; and
- 52 of 1962.
- (ii) any duty of customs chargeable on that article under section 12 of the Customs Act, 1962, and any sum chargeable on that article under any law for the time being in force as an addition to, and in the same manner as, a duty of customs, but does not include—
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- (a) the duty referred to in sub-sections (1), (3) and (5);
- (b) the safeguard duty referred to in sections 8B and 8C;
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- (c) the countervailing duty referred to in section 9; and
- (d) the anti-dumping duty referred to in section 9A:
- Provided that in case of an article imported into India,—
- (a) in relation to which it is required, under the provisions of the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1976 or the rules made thereunder or under any other law for the time being in force, to declare on the package thereof the retail sale price of such article; and
- 60 of 1976.
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- (b) where the like article produced or manufactured in India, or in case where such like article is not so produced or manufactured, then, the class or description of articles to which the imported article belongs, is the goods specified by notification in the Official Gazette under sub-section (1) of section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944,
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- the value of the imported article shall be deemed to be the retail sale price declared on the imported article less such amount of abatement, if any, from such retail sale price as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, allow in respect of such like article under sub-section (2) of section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944.
- 1 of 1944.

Explanation.—Where on any imported article more than one retail sale price is declared, the maximum of such retail sale price shall be deemed to be the retail sale price for the purposes of this section.

(3) If the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest to levy on any imported article [whether on such article duty is leviable under sub-section (1) or not] such additional duty as would counter-balance the excise duty leviable on any raw materials, components and ingredients of the same nature as, or similar to those, used in the production or manufacture of such article, it may, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that such imported article shall, in addition, be liable to an additional duty representing such portion of the excise duty leviable on such raw materials, components and ingredients as, in either case, may be determined by rules made by the Central Government in this behalf.

(4) In making any rules for the purposes of sub-section (3), the Central Government shall have regard to the average quantum of the excise duty payable on the raw materials, components or ingredients used in the production or manufacture of such like article.

(5) If the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest to levy on any imported article [whether on such article duty is leviable under sub-section (1) or, as the case may be, sub-section (3) or not] such additional duty as would counter-balance the sales tax, value added tax, local tax or any other charges for the time being leviable on a like article on its sale, purchase or transportation in India, it may, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that such imported article shall, in addition, be liable to an additional duty at a rate not exceeding four per cent. of the value of the imported article as specified in that notification.

Explanation.—In this sub-section, the expression " sales tax, value added tax, local tax or any other charges for the time being leviable on a like article on its sale, purchase or transportation in India" means the sales tax, value added tax, local tax or other charges for the time being in force, which would be leviable on a like article if sold, purchased or transported in India or, if a like article is not so sold, purchased or transported, which would be leviable on the class or description of articles to which the imported article belongs, and where such taxes, or, as the case may be, such charges are leviable at different rates, the highest such tax or, as the case may be, such charge.

(6) For the purpose of calculating under sub-section (5), the additional duty on any imported article, the value of the imported article shall, notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), or section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962, be the aggregate of—

(i) the value of the imported article determined under sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 or the tariff value of such article fixed under sub-section (2) of that section, as the case may be; and

(ii) any duty of customs chargeable on that article under section 12 of the Customs Act, 1962, and any sum chargeable on that article under any law for the time being in force as an addition to, and in the same manner as, a duty of customs, but does not include—

(a) the duty referred to in sub-section (5);

(b) the safeguard duty referred to in sections 8B and 8C;

(c) the countervailing duty referred to in section 9; and

(d) the anti-dumping duty referred to in section 9A.

(7) The duty chargeable under this section shall be in addition to any other duty imposed under this Act or under any other law for the time being in force.

(8) The provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 and the rules and regulations made thereunder, including those relating to drawbacks, refunds and exemption from duties shall, so far as may be, apply to the duty chargeable under this section as they apply in relation to the duties leviable under that Act.

Omission of section 3A. **73.** Section 3A of the Customs Tariff Act shall be omitted.

Amendment of First Schedule. **74.** In the Customs Tariff Act, the First Schedule shall be amended in the manner as specified in the Second Schedule.