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Date: 20.09.2016

To, The Inspector General of Police, Puducherry, Police Headquarters, No. 4, Dumas Street, Puducherry – 605001.

Sir,

Subject:-Action against <u>clandestinely</u> imported and sale of foreign origin fireworks - reg.

Import of firecrackers is 'Restricted' in terms of the Foreign Trade Policy and is allowed only against an import license issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). The DGFT has not issued any license in this regard so far to any importer. Besides harming the domestic industry, fireworks of foreign origin are hazardous in nature and jeopardize public safety and health.

2. However, it is observed that some elements circumvent this policy and indulge in illegal import of firecrackers by concealment and mis-declaration. It is a serious concern that these illegal imports are reportedly continuing despite best efforts by the law enforcement agencies. As the Diwali season is nearing, there is possibility of more such illegal imports that are in turn splayed and sold in the local market without necessary permission.

3. All premises which sell firecrackers have to be duly authorized or licensed under Rule, 84 of Explosives Rules, 2008 by the District Magistrate who may issue temporary licenses for possession and sale of fireworks. You may like to direct the officers concerned and confirm that licenses are given only for the sale of Indian firecrackers. In case any imported firecrackers are noticed in licensed premises, the jurisdictional Customs authorities may be informed and in case such sale takes place in unlicensed premises then necessary action may please be taken by the Police authorities.

4. I am also enclosing the Alert Circular No. 16/2016 dated 18.08.2016 issued by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Central Board of Excise & Customs (DRI, CBEC) relating to smuggling of fireworks/firecrackers from China.

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Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

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Dated 18.08.16

To,

All the Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs

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All Principal ADG/ADG of DRI Zonal Units

Sir/Madam,

ALERT CIRCULAR NO. 6 /2016-CI

Subject: - Smuggling of Fireworks/fire crackers from China - Reg.

This is in continuation of Alert Circular Nos. 5/2014-CI dated 24.04.2014, 14/2014 dated 07.08.2015 and 20/2015-CI dated 23.09.2015 issued by this Directorate on the above mentioned subject.

- It is once again reiterated that the import of fire crackers is 'Restricted' in terms of the Foreign Trade Policy and is allowed only against an import license issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade. It has been observed that in order to circumvent the licensing requirements, unscrupulous importers are indulging in the illegal import of fire crackers by way of mis-declaration and concealment.
- It has been noticed that even after the issuance of several alerts, import of foreign origin 3. firecrackers is still rampant as is evident from the recent seizures made by this Directorate. This is a serious matter and a grave cause of concern.
- In view of the above, it is requested that the field formations under your jurisdiction may be sensitized and suitably alerted to carefully assess and examine consignments of consumer & miscellaneous goods imported by traders from China in order to rule out the possibility of such illegal imports. The SIIB, Preventive and other Intelligence & Investigation Units under your charge may be directed to maintain strict vigil against such illegal imports and to ensure immediate and effective action for their detection. The results of such enhanced vigil may be brought to the notice of this Directorate, along with the Modus Operandi.

Forwarded for Necessary action

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Joint Director

Yours faithfully,

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