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The following Circular issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, Central Board of Excise & Customs is enclosed herewith for guidance of the Officers / Importers / Exporters / Clearing Agents and Trading Public.

Sl. No	Circular No./ Date/File No	Subject
1	CBEC Circular 03/2008-Cus dated 24.01.2008 (F.No. 605/100/2007-DBK)	Importability of restricted goods under Served from India Scheme

(Issued from file C.No.VIII/48/11/08 - Cus. Pol)

Dated:31 .01.2008
Custom House, Tuticorin


(A.PERUMAL)
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

To
As per Mailing List I.& II

Copy submitted to the Chief Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), Chennai.

Customs Circular No- 3/2008 dated 24.1.2008

Sub : Importability of Restricted Goods under the Served from India Scheme (SFIS) and other Schemes under Chapter 3 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) –
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I am directed to invite your attention to the above-mentioned subject and to say that recently, the DRI has brought to the notice of the Board several cases of import of restricted items under the Served from India Scheme in violation of the provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy and the customs notification. It is suspected that similar misuse may be taking place under other reward schemes also.

2. The matter has been examined by the Board. In terms of Para 3.6.4.5 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) the duty credit earned under SFIS may be used for import of items mentioned therein provided they are freely importable under ITC(HS) Classification of Export and Import Items. Similar provisions are there in the FTP under the Target Plus Scheme (Para 3.7.6 of the relevant Policy), and other Schemes under Chapter 3 of the present Policy such as, VKGUY, Focus Market Scheme and Focus Product Scheme (Para 3.12.4). The position is thus clear that only freely importable items under ITC(HS) are permitted for clearance under the said schemes. The notifications issued to operationalise these schemes also refer to the relevant paragraphs of the Policy covering the schemes.

3. In view of this, imports under the Schemes mentioned above may be carefully scrutinized with reference to the provisions of the FTP, Handbook of Procedures, the relevant customs notifications and Board's Circulars on the subject so as to ensure that the laid down provisions are fully complied with. In particular, it may be ensured that the goods restricted for import are not allowed clearance under the schemes.

4. A suitable Public Notice and Standing Order may be issued for the guidance of the trade and staff. Difficulties faced, if any, in implementation of the Circular may be brought to the notice of the Board at an early date.

5. Receipt of the Circular may kindly be acknowledged.
F.NO.605/100/2007-DBK

Yours faithfully,
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