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Dr. Prashant Gargava
Member Secretary
Central Pollution Control Board

Subject: Customs Clearance issues reg. Battery Waste Management Rules 2022

Ref:

1. CBIC Instruction No. 17/2023- Customs dated- May 18th 2023
2. CPCB letter No. CP-9772/BWMR/WMD-1/2022/754 dated- May 1st 2023
3. CPCB letter No. CP-10730/30/BWMR/WMD-1/2022/7430 dated Dec 23rd 2022

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT, India's apex Industry body empowering IT, Telecom & Electronics Hardware sectors!

This bears reference to **Customs Instruction No. 17/2023 dated May 18th 2023**. The industry is concerned about Customs Clearance issues reg. BWMR 2022. We would like to bring to your kind notice that the Industry is facing challenges with the proposed implementation of the **Centralised Online Portal** by CPCB.

The industry would like to highlight here that they are facing challenges in the clearance of their shipments from various ports. The industry is requested to share Extended Producers Responsibility Authorisation (**EPRA**) from CPCB of the Battery Waste Management Rules 2022 by the Customs department at the entry ports. The **Centralised Online Portal** by CPCB for the BWMR 2022 is not fully functional yet. So it is difficult for the industry to produce online EPRA for BWMR 2022.

Hence, the unreasonable ask from the Customs department is hampering the business for the Industry members, which is against the motto of Ease of Doing Business.

MAIT, on behalf of the Industry, requests CPCB to grant an extension for submitting EPRA for Customs clearance of the consignments. Also, we request CPCB to suitably inform the Customs so that unnecessary delay in clearance and demurrage is avoided.

We are sanguine that our request on the subject matter would be addressed in a positive manner by your good office.

Warm regards,

Col. AA Jafri, Retd.
Director General

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CC: Shri Satyendra Kumar, IPS, Director, MoEF&CC
CC: Shri Vijay Prakash Yadav, Director, CPCB
CC: Shri R Ananth, Dy. Secretary – Customs, Ministry of Finance