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Shri V. Sridhar I.R.S.
Chairman
Central Board of Excise & Customs
Ministry of Finance,
Government of India,
North Block
New Delhi 110001

Dear Shri Sridhar,

Omission of MDPE from the Customs notification no. 21/2002-Cus

Issue

The polymers of ethylene namely LDPE and MDPE are both major inputs for products used in water supply pipelines and gas supply pipe lines. As per the Customs notification no. 21/2002-Cus Sr. no. 477, concessional rate of duty @ 5% has been extended to polymers of Ethylene including LDPE, LLDPE, HDPE, LMDPE & LHDPE.

However, MDPE since is not specifically mentioned in the said notification, benefits of concessional rate of duty, as against current tariff rate of 7%, does not apply to it.

Request

On behalf of our members - manufactures and exporters of electro-fusion piping systems, we represent this case to you for your consideration. The omission perhaps may be inadvertent.

We seek your intervention in the matter and review of this issue. Corrigendum may please be issued to include MDPE in the said notification.

We hope our request will merit your consideration.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Atindra Sen Director General