

Excise

Amendment of section 11A.	63. In the Central Excise Act, 1944 (hereinafter referred to as the Central Excise Act), in section 11A, in sub-section (2B), after <i>Explanation 2</i> , the following <i>Explanation</i> shall be inserted, namely:—	1 of 1944. 10
	“ <i>Explanation 3</i> .— For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that no penalty under any of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder shall be imposed in respect of payment of duty under this sub-section and interest thereon.”.	
Amendment of section 32E.	64. In section 32E of the Central Excise Act, in sub-section (1), for the words “but excluding the goods in respect of which no proper record has been maintained by the assessee in his daily stock register”, the words “or otherwise” shall be substituted.	15
Amendment of section 32F.	65. In section 32F of the Central Excise Act, in sub-section (6), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:— “Provided that the period specified under this sub-section may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, be extended by the Settlement Commission for a further period not exceeding three months.”.	20
Amendment of section 32-O.	66. In section 32-O of the Central Excise Act,— (a) in sub-section (1),— (i) the words, figures and letters “before the 1st day of June, 2007” shall be omitted; (ii) in clause (i), after the words, brackets, figures and letter “sub-section (7) of section 32F”, the words, figures, brackets and letter “, as it stood immediately before the commencement of section 122 of the Finance Act, 2007 or sub-section (5) of section 32F,” shall be inserted; (iii) in clause (ii), after the words, brackets and figure “sub-section (7)”, the words, figures, brackets and letter “, as it stood immediately before the commencement of section 122 of the Finance Act, 2007 or sub-section (5) of section 32F,” shall be inserted; (b) sub-section (2) shall be omitted.	22 of 2007. 22 of 2007. 30
Amendment of section 37.	67. In section 37 of the Central Excise Act, in sub-section (2), after clause (xiii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— “(xiiia) provide for withdrawal of facilities or imposition of restrictions (including restrictions on utilisation of CENVAT credit) on manufacturer or exporter or suspension of registration of dealer, for dealing with evasion of duty or misuse of CENVAT credit;”.	35
Amendment of Central Excise Rules, 1944 by insertion of new rule 57CCC.	68. (1) The Central Excise Rules, 1944, made by the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Central Excise Act, shall stand amended and shall be deemed to have been amended retrospectively, in the manner specified in column (3) of the Fourth Schedule, on and from and up to the corresponding date specified in column (4) of that Schedule, against the rule specified in column (2) of that Schedule. (2) Where a person opts to pay the amount in accordance with the provisions of the Central Excise Rules, 1944 as amended by sub-section (1), he shall pay the amount along with interest specified thereunder and make an application to the Commissioner of Central Excise along with documentary evidence and a certificate from a Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant certifying the amount of input credit attributable to the inputs used in or in relation to the manufacture of the final products, which are exempted from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon or chargeable to <i>nil</i> rate of duty, within a period of six months from the date on which the Finance Bill, 2010 receives the assent of the President. (3) The Commissioner of Central Excise shall, on receipt of an application under sub-section (2), verify the correctness of the amount paid within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the application and in case the amount so paid is found to be less than the amount payable, he shall call upon the applicant to pay the differential amount along with interest, which shall be paid within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of the communication from the Commissioner in this regard.	40 45 50

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, decree or order of any court, tribunal or other authority, any action taken or anything done or purported to have been taken or done, at any time during the period commencing on and from the 1st day of September, 1996 and ending with the 31st day of March, 2000, relating to the provisions as amended by sub-section (1), shall be deemed to be and deemed always to have been, for all purposes, as validly and effectively taken or done as if the amendment made by sub-section (1) had been in force at all material times.

(5) Notwithstanding the supersession of the Central Excise Rules, 1944, for the purposes of sub-section (1), the Central Government shall have and shall be deemed to have the power to make rules with retrospective effect as if the Central Government had the power to make rules under section 37 of the Central Excise Act, retrospectively, at all material times.

Explanation.—For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that no act or omission on the part of any person shall be punishable as an offence which would not have been so punishable had this section not come into force.

69. (1) In the Central Excise Rules, 1944, made by the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Central Excise Act, rule 57D, as substituted by rule 2 of the Central Excise (Second Amendment) Rules, 2000, published in the Official Gazette *vide* notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) number G.S.R. 203(E), dated the 1st March, 2000, and subsequently substituted as rule 57AD by rule 5 of the Central Excise [Second Amendment (Amendment)] Rules, 2000, published in the Gazette of India, *vide* notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) number G.S.R. 298 (E), dated the 31st March, 2000, shall stand amended and shall be deemed to have been amended retrospectively, in the manner specified in column (3) of the Fifth Schedule on and from and up to the corresponding date specified in column (4) of that Schedule against the rules specified in column (2) of that Schedule.

Amendment of rule 57AD of Central Excise Rules, 1944.

(2) Where a person opts to pay the amount in accordance with the provisions as amended by sub-section (1), he shall pay the amount along with interest specified thereunder and make an application to the Commissioner of Central Excise along with documentary evidence and a certificate from a Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant certifying the amount of input credit attributable to the inputs used in or in relation to the manufacture of the final products, which are exempted from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon or chargeable to *nil* rate of duty, within a period of six months from the date on which the Finance Bill, 2010 receives the assent of the President.

(3) The Commissioner of Central Excise shall, on receipt of an application under sub-section (2), verify the correctness of the amount paid within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the application and in case the amount so paid is found to be less than the amount payable, he shall call upon the applicant to pay the differential amount along with interest, which shall be paid within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of the communication from the Commissioner in this regard.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, decree or order of any court, tribunal or other authority, any action taken or anything done or purported to have been taken or done, at any time during the period commencing on and from the 1st day of April, 2000 and ending with the 30th day of June, 2001 relating to the provisions as amended by sub-section (1), shall be deemed to be and deemed always to have been, for all purposes, as validly and effectively taken or done as if the amendment made by sub-section (1) had been in force at all material times.

(5) Notwithstanding the supersession of the Central Excise Rules, 1944, for the purposes of sub-section (1), the Central Government shall have and shall be deemed to have the power to make rules with retrospective effect as if the Central Government had the power to make rules under section 37 of the Central Excise Act, retrospectively, at all material times.

Explanation.— For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that no act or omission on the part of any person shall be punishable as an offence which would not have been so punishable had this section not come into force.

70. (1) In the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2001, made by the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Central Excise Act and published in the Official Gazette *vide* notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) number G.S.R. 445(E), dated the 21st June, 2001, rule 6 shall stand amended and shall be deemed to have been amended retrospectively, in the manner specified in column (3) of the Sixth Schedule, on and from and up to the corresponding date specified in column (4) of that Schedule against the rules specified in column (2) of that Schedule.

Amendment of rule 6 of CENVAT Credit Rules, 2001.

(2) Where a person opts to pay the amount in accordance with the provisions as amended by sub-section (1), he shall pay the amount along with interest specified thereunder and make an application to the Commissioner of Central Excise along with documentary evidence and a certificate from a Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant certifying the amount of input credit attributable to the

inputs used in or in relation to the manufacture of exempted goods within a period of six months from the date on which the Finance Bill, 2010 receives the assent of the President.

(3) The Commissioner of Central Excise shall, on receipt of an application under sub-section (2), verify the correctness of the amount paid within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the application and in case the amount so paid is found to be less than the amount payable, he shall call upon the applicant to pay the differential amount along with interest, which shall be paid within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of the communication from the Commissioner in this regard. 5

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, decree or order of any court, tribunal or other authority, any action taken or anything done or purported to have been taken or done, at any time during the period commencing on and from the 1st day of July, 2001 and ending with the 28th day of February, 2002, relating to the provisions as amended by sub-section (1), shall be deemed to be and deemed always to have been, for all purposes, as validly and effectively taken or done as if the amendment made by sub-section (1) had been in force at all material times. 10

(5) Notwithstanding the supersession of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2001, for the purposes of sub-section (1), the Central Government shall have and shall be deemed to have the power to make rules with retrospective effect as if the Central Government had the power to make rules under section 37 of the Central Excise Act, retrospectively, at all material times. 15

Explanation.—For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that no act or omission on the part of any person shall be punishable as an offence which would not have been so punishable had this section not come into force. 20

Amendment
of rule 6 of
CENVAT
Credit Rules,
2002.

71. (1) In the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2002, made by the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Central Excise Act, and published in the Official Gazette *vide* notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) number G.S.R. 144(E), dated the 1st March, 2002, rule 6 shall stand amended and shall be deemed to have been amended retrospectively, in the manner specified in column (3) of the Seventh Schedule, on and from and up to the corresponding date specified in column (4) of that Schedule against the rule specified in column (2) of that Schedule. 25

(2) Where a person opts to pay the amount in accordance with the provisions as amended by sub-section (1), he shall pay the amount along with interest specified thereunder and make an application to the Commissioner of Central Excise along with documentary evidence and a certificate from a Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant certifying the amount of input credit attributable to the inputs used in or in relation to the manufacture of exempted goods within a period of six months from the date on which the Finance Bill, 2010 receives the assent of the President. 30

(3) The Commissioner of Central Excise shall, on receipt of an application under sub-section (2), verify the correctness of the amount paid within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the application and in case the amount so paid is found to be less than the amount payable, he shall call upon the applicant to pay the differential amount along with interest, which shall be paid within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of the communication from the Commissioner in this regard. 35

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, decree or order of any court, tribunal or other authority, any action taken or anything done or purported to have been taken or done, at any time during the period commencing on and from the 1st day of March, 2002 and ending with the 9th day of September, 2004, relating to the provisions as amended by sub-section (1), shall be deemed to be, and deemed always to have been, for all purposes, as validly and effectively taken or done as if the amendment made by sub-section (1) had been in force at all material times. 40

(5) Notwithstanding the supersession of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2002, for the purposes of sub-section (1), the Central Government shall have and shall be deemed to have the power to make rules with retrospective effect as if the Central Government had the power to make rules under section 37 of the Central Excise Act, retrospectively, at all material times. 45

Explanation.—For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that no act or omission on the part of any person shall be punishable as an offence which would not have been so punishable had this section not come into force. 50

Amendment
of rule 6 of
CENVAT
Credit Rules,
2004.

72. (1) In the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004, made by the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Central Excise Act, as published in the Official Gazette *vide* notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) number G.S.R. 600(E), dated the 10th September, 2004, rule 6 shall stand amended and shall be deemed to have been amended retrospectively, in the manner specified in column (3) of the Eighth Schedule, on and from and up to the corresponding date specified in column (4) of that Schedule against the rule specified in column (2) of that Schedule. 55

(2) Where a person opts to pay the amount in accordance with the provisions as amended by sub-section (1), he shall pay the amount along with interest specified thereunder and make an application to the Commissioner of Central Excise along with documentary evidence and a certificate from a Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant, certifying the amount of input credit attributable to the inputs used in or in relation to the manufacture of exempted goods, within a period of six months from the date on which the Finance Bill, 2010 receives the assent of the President.

(3) The Commissioner of Central Excise shall, on receipt of an application under sub-section (2), verify the correctness of the amount paid within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the application and in case the amount so paid is found to be less than the amount payable, he shall call upon the applicant to pay the differential amount along with interest, which shall be paid within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of the communication from the Commissioner in this regard.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, decree or order of any court, tribunal or other authority, any action taken or anything done or purported to have been taken or done, at any time during the period commencing on and from the 10th day of September, 2004 and ending with the 31st day of March, 2008, relating to the provisions as amended by sub-section (1), shall be deemed to be and deemed always to have been, for all purposes, as validly and effectively taken or done as if the amendment made by sub-section (1) had been in force at all material times.

(5) For the purposes of sub-section (1), the Central Government shall have and shall be deemed to have the power to make rules with retrospective effect as if the Central Government had the power to make rules under section 37 of the Central Excise Act, retrospectively, at all material times.

Explanation.—For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that no act or omission on the part of any person shall be punishable as an offence which would not have been so punishable had this section not come into force.

73. In the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) number G.S.R. 156(E), dated the 14th day of March, 2006, issued under rule 5 of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004, with effect from the 14th day of March, 2006,—

Amendment of notification issued under rule 5 of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004.

(A) in the opening portion,—

(i) in clause (a), for the words “used in”, the words “used in or in relation to” shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted;

(ii) in clause (b), for the words “used in”, the words “used for” shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted;

(B) in the Appendix, in condition 5, the portion beginning with the letters and words “i.e. Maximum refund” and ending with the letters and figures “i.e. Rs. 50” shall be omitted and shall be deemed to have been omitted.

Central Excise Tariff

74. The First Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 (hereinafter referred to as the Central Excise Tariff Act), shall be amended in the manner specified in the Ninth Schedule.

Amendment of First Schedule to Act 5 of 1986.