



## **NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS**

**DECLARANTS, IMPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF PLASTIC BAGS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2016 –**

- (i) A SCANNED COPY OF THE DULY APPROVED REGISTRATION DOCUMENT, OBTAINED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT PURSUANT TO REGULATION 5, NEED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH BILL OF ENTRY FOR EXEMPTED PLASTIC BAGS AS PER ITEMS (a) TO (i) OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO GN NO. 153 OF 2015 AS AMENDED BY GN NO. 233 OF 2015 REFERRED TO IN TABLE 2 BELOW.
- (ii) A CLEARANCE, FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT PURSUANT TO REGULATION 5A, NEED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH BILL OF ENTRY FOR PLASTIC BAGS AS PER ITEMS (j) AND (k) OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO GN NO. 153 OF 2015 AS AMENDED BY GN NO. 233 OF 2015 REFERRED TO IN TABLE 2 BELOW.
- (iii) BIODEGRADABLE AND COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC BAGS, AS PER ITEMS (j) AND (k) OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO GN NO. 153 OF 2015 AS AMENDED BY GN NO. 233 OF 2015 REFERRED TO IN TABLE 2 BELOW, WHICH CONFORM TO STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF GN NO. 233 OF 2015 WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENT OF EXCISE DUTY OF TWO RUPEES PER PLASTIC BAG.
- (iv) BIODEGRADABLE AND COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC BAGS, AS PER ITEMS (j) AND (k) OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO GN NO. 153 OF 2015 AS AMENDED BY GN NO. 233 OF 2015 WILL BE INCLUDED UNDER ITEM 51 OF PART 1A OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EXCISE ACT.
- (v) HS CODE 4202.921 WILL BE DELETED AND NEW HS CODES AS PER TABLE 1 BELOW WILL BE INSERTED IN PART 1 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT:

**TABLE 1**

<b>HS CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
	--- SHOPPING BAGS OF JUTE OR OTHER NON-WOVEN TEXTILE MATERIALS:
4202.9211	---- OF NON-WOVEN POLYPROPYLENE MADE UP OF PETROLEUM-BASED THERMOPLASTIC POLYMER MATERIAL
4202.9219	---- OTHER

EXEMPTED PLASTIC BAGS IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BANNING OF PLASTIC BAGS) REGULATIONS 2015 (GN 153 OF 2015) AS AMENDED BY GN 233 OF 2015 TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICABLE HS CODES IS PROVIDED BELOW IN **TABLE 2** FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**TABLE 2**

<b>FIRST SCHEDULE OF GN 153 OF 2015 AS AMENDED BY GN NO. 233 OF 2015</b>		
<b>PARAGRAPH</b>	<b>EXEMPTED PLASTIC BAGS</b>	<b>APPLICABLE HS CODE</b>
(a)	A TRANSPARENT ROLL-ON BAG SOLELY USED TO CONTAIN FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN SEAFOOD, MEAT, POULTRY, OR OFFAL OTHER THAN CANNED FOOD OR EGGS;	3923.219, 3923.299
(b)	A BAG DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF WASTE	3923.219, 3923.299
(c)	A BAG DESIGNED FOR THE AGRICULTURE PURPOSES	3923.219, 3923.299
(d)	A BAG USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAMPLING OR ANALYSIS	3923.219, 3923.299
(e)	A BAG THAT CONSTITUTES, OR FORMS AN INTEGRAL PART OF, THE PACKAGING IN WHICH GOODS ARE SEALED PRIOR TO SALE ON THE LOCAL MARKET OR FOR EXPORT	3923.219, 3923.299
(f)	A TRANSPARENT POCKET TYPE BAG NOT EXCEEDING 300 SQUARE CENTIMETRES IN SIZE	3923.219, 3923.299
(g)	A TRANSPARENT RESEALABLE BAG WITH SECURITY TAMPER USED BY A PASSENGER TO CONTAIN LIQUIDS, AEROSOLS OR GELS AT AN AIRPORT OR ON BOARD OF AN AIRCRAFT OR CARRIED BY A TRANSFER PASSENGER	3923.219, 3923.299
(h)	A BAG CARRIED BY A PASSENGER DISEMBARKING FROM AN AIRCRAFT OR A SHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING PERSONAL BELONGINGS	3923.211, 3923.212, 3923.219, 3923.291, 3923.292, 3923.299, 4202.9211
(i)	A BAG MANUFACTURED FOR EXPORT	3923.211, 3923.212, 3923.219, 3923.291, 3923.292, 3923.299, 4202.9211
(j)	A BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC BAG ON WHICH <b><u>PARTICULARS</u></b> ARE CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED	3923.291, 3923.292, 3923.299
(k)	A COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC BAG ON WHICH <b><u>PARTICULARS</u></b> ARE CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED	3923.291, 3923.292, 3923.299

**YOU ARE ADVISED TO LIAISE WITH MNS FOR UPDATE OF YOUR FRONT END SYSTEM.**

**MRA CUSTOMS DEPT  
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