Instruction No. 24/2026-Customs

F. No. 450/51/2018
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs
Customs Policy Wing

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To,

All Principal Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners of Customs/Customs (Preventive)/Customs & Central Tax;

All Principal Commissioners/Commissioners of Customs/Customs (Preventive);

All Principal Director Generals/Director Generals under CBIC.

Madam/Sir,

Subject: Extension in the timeline for implementation of the order relating to Standalone Hard Disk Drives under the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021 – reg.

Reference is invited to Instruction No. 09/2026-Customs dated 12.06.2026 *(copy enclosed)*, whereby the field formations were sensitized regarding implementation of the requirement relating to "Standalone Hard Disk Drives" under the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021 (CRO, 2021). The said requirement emanated from Gazette Notification S.O. 2204(E) dated 05.05.2026 issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

2. Vide the aforesaid Gazette Notification, the entry at Sl. No. 50 of the Schedule to the CRO, 2021 was amended by substituting "USB Type External Hard Disk Drives" with "Standalone Hard Disk Drives", against Indian Standard IS 13252: Part 1: 2010. It was further provided that the provisions of the CRO, 2021 would apply to such goods (other than USB Type External Hard Disk Drives, which would continue to be governed by the existing notified provisions) with effect from 05.11.2026.

3. The date of implementation of the aforesaid requirement has now been extended to 01.05.2027 vide the subsequent Gazette Notification S.O. 5689(E) dated 16.10.2026 *(copy enclosed)*. Accordingly, the provisions of the CRO, 2021 in respect of Standalone Hard Disk Drives covered under the said entry shall be applicable with effect from 01.05.2027.

4. Instruction No. 09/2026-Customs dated 12.06.2026 stands modified to the above extent.

5. Accordingly, all field formations are advised to take note of the above extension and ensure that the provisions of the CRO, 2021, as amended, are duly taken into account while processing imports of Standalone Hard Disk Drives, with effect from 01.05.2027.

6. Any difficulties in implementation of the above may be brought to the notice of the Board.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,

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