

SIGNIFICANT NOTIFICATIONS / CIRCULARS ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD 16TH JULY, 2012 TO 15TH AUGUST, 2012

A. SERVICE TAX

1. Amendment to Mega Exemption Notification – Slaughtering exempted for all services

Mega exemption Notification No. 25/2012 ST dated 20.06.2012 has been amended to extend the exemption from service tax to slaughtering of all animals. Earlier, the slaughtering of only bovine animals was exempted from service tax.

[Notification No. 44/2012-ST dated 07.08.2012]

2. Service tax to be paid under reverse charge in case of services provided by a director and security services

Notification No. 30/2012 ST dated 20.06.2012 specifying the services in respect of which service tax is to be paid under reverse charge has been amended to include the following services within its ambit:

- a) Services provided by a director of a company to the said company and
- b) Security services

Whole of the service tax will have to be paid by the company receiving the services of director while in case of security services, 75% of service tax will be paid by the service receiver and 25% will be paid by the service provider.

Consequential amendments have been made in rule 2(1)(d) of the Service Tax Rules, 1994 which defines person liable for paying service tax.

Further, "security services" has been defined as services relating to the security of any property, whether movable or immovable, or of any person, in any manner and includes the services of investigation, detection or verification, of any fact or activity.

[Notification No. 45 & 46 2012 ST dated 07.08.2012]

B. CUSTOMS

1. 24x7 Customs clearance operations at identified cargo complexes and seaports:

In order to facilitate imports and exports, CBEC has introduced, on a pilot basis, 24X7 customs clearance with effect from September 1st, 2012 at identified Air Cargo Complexes and Seaports in respect of following categories of imports and exports:

- (i) Facilitated Bills of Entry where no examination and assessment is required; and
- (ii) Factory stuffed export containers and export consignment covered by Free Shipping Bills

[Circular No. 22/2012 - Customs dated 07.08.2012]

The text of the above notifications/circular is available at www.cbec.gov.in