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Shri Nitin Gadkariji, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport Highways & Shipping, Government of India Transport Bhavan 1, Sansad Marg, New Delhi • 110 001

Sub: Installation of scanners (Radiological Detection Equipments) at Mundra Port

Dear Sir,

We wish to draw your kind attention towards public notice no. 38 dt. 06.10.2016 issued by DGFT which reads as under:

"The existing designated sea port namely Chennai, Ennore, JNPT, Kandla, Mormugao, Mumbai, New Manglore, Paradip, Tuticorin, Vishakhapatnam, Pipava, Mundar and Kolkata will be allowed to import un-shredded scrap till 31st March, 2017 by which time they are required to install and oprationalize Radiation Portal Monitors and Container Scanner. Such sea ports which fail to meet the deadline will be derecognized for the purpose of import of un-shredded metallic scrap w.e.f. 01.04.2017."

In this context, we would like to state that yet scanners (Radiological Detection Equipments) are not established at Mundra Port. This will result stoppage of import of metal scrap at Mundra port w.e.f. 01.04.2017.

Sir, brass and other non-ferrous scrap are being imported at Mundra Port having significant volume of around 300 containers, quantity around 8000 M.T. per month which attracts customs duty around Rs.70 crore. This caters the needs of mainly MSME sector engaging labour strength of more than 1.5 lacs in Saurashtra region and mainly from Jamnagar Area. Hence, it is very much essential that Mundra Port establishes required equipment immediately else the production of MSME sector will be hampered.

We request you to please use your good offices to ensure the establishment and oprationalize the said equipment before 01.04.2017 to mitigate adverse impact on the trade. Alternately, we suggest to allow import of metal scrap subject to pre-inspection certificate from the country of origin as per public notice no. 23/2015-20 dt. 30.06.2015.

Thanking you and look forward for the positive response in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

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Dinesh Gupta President

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