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To,

1. The Pr. Commissioners/Commissioners of Customs
Kolkata(Port)/Bhubaneswar (Preventive)/ Chennai – II/
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2. The Additional Director, NCTC, DGARM Mumbai, 13, Sir Vithaldas
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Madam/Sir,

Subject: Change in Assessment Value in imports of 'Long Pepper' from Indonesia - Reg.

A letter dated 18.09.2025 bearing F. No. DRI/DZU/23/Enq-23/2025 (copy enclosed) has been received from DRI, Delhi Zonal Unit (DZU) regarding change in assessment value in imports of Long Pepper of Indonesia Origin.

Vide the said letter, DRI, DZU has flagged the issue of undervaluation in imports of "Long Pepper" from Indonesia. The DRI investigation has revealed that the actual price of Long pepper in Indonesia is USD 7.2/Kg whereas almost all the importers are declaring CIF price of Long pepper from Indonesia at USD 1.7/Kg. The current selling price in domestic wholesale market is also around Rs. 750/- per Kg, which corresponds to import price of USD 7.2/Kg. More than 60 importers throughout the country are found to be involved in the said modus-operandi between 2023-25, resulting in substantial revenue leakage.

Owing to the gross undervaluation in the import of 'Long Pepper' from Indonesia, there has been a distortion in the contemporaneous import data of the said item as the majority of Bills of Entry pertaining to the said item are being assessed at or below USD 1.7/Kg.

In view of above, FAGs are sensitized towards a possible under-valuation in the import of Long Pepper from Indonesia. All the FAGs are advised to conduct proper scrutiny of the documents at the time of assessment and assess the Bills of Entry keeping in view the issues revealed during investigation carried out by DRI.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

This is for your information and necessary action at your end.

Enclosed : As above

Yours faithfully,

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