Subject: Clarification with respect to the use of test report for tyres as required by customs - reg.

The matter herein pertains to import of second hand waste tyres for recycling recovery and co-processing process which are regulated for import under Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Trans-boundary movement), Rules 2008 and can only be imported with the permission of this Ministry.

2. Provision in the rule 16(5) of the Rules refers to analysis of three randomly drawn samples of the consignment prior to its clearance. Ministry has been receiving representation from the applicant indicating the limitations with respect to analysis of samples of old and used rubber tyres which are in solid state and hence physically verifiable. Accordingly, requesting that the requirement with respect to test report of analysis from laboratory may be dispensed with.

3. The matter was considered during the 36th Meeting of Technical Review Committee held on 21st May 2015. The Committee agreed that in case of scrap tyres and tubes, visual inspection is adequate and no lab testing is required. In case if record is to be maintained a photograph of the consignment can be taken.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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