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ORDER-IN-ORIGINAL

PASSED BY: J. M. BISHNOI

Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade, Madurai

- 1. Any person/party aggrieved by this order may, under Section 15 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 & notification no. 21 (RE-2013)/2009-2014 dt. 13.6.2013 file and appeal against the same to the appropriate authority viz. The Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, Office of the Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, 4th Floor, Shastri Bhavan Annex, 26, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600006 within a period of forty five days (45 days) from the date of service of this adjudication order together with a copy of this order and a complete set of evidence in the form of Annexure to the appeal relied upon in support of the appeal.
- 2. Any person/party desirous of filing an appeal against this order shall deposit the penalty amount and produce proof of payment of penalty amount along with the appeal to the Appellate Authority failing which the appeal is liable to be rejected for non-compliance of the provisions of Section 15 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992.
- 3. The penalty amount is to be deposited in an authorized bank of Central Bank of India under the Head of Account "1453 Foreign Trade & Export Promotion Minor Head 102 other receipts fines, penalties etc." The bank receipt must show the name of Dept. viz. Directorate General of Foreign Trade. The bank receipt drawn in favour of Pay & Accounts Officer (Foreign Trade), Chennai.
- 4. Evidence of payment of penalty is required to be furnished to the Adjudicating Authority within forty five days (45 days) from the date of service of this Adjudication Order, failing which the Importer-Exporter Code Number of the persons/companies/ other entities concerned is liable to be suspended under the provisions of Section 11(4) of the foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 without making any further reference to them.

- 5. M/s. Vimala Note Book, 6, Elukadal Agraharam, Madurai 625001 obtained an EPCG authorization No3530004328 dated: 24.12.2010 for a duty saved value of Rs.60,58,800 for import of Capital goods with export obligation to export Note books for FOB value US\$ 10,50,280 within a period 6 years from the date of issue of authorization.
- 6. M/s. Vimala Note Book, Madurai had not submitted statement of exports evidencing fulfillment of export obligation in spite of this office letter dt: 23.02.2017.
- 7. Notice dt: 01.05.2017 under section 14 for action under section 11 (2) (3) (5) (6) & (7) of FT (DR) Act 1992 as amended in 2010 and for action Under Para 5.17 of HBP & action under Rule 7(k) of the Foreign Trade Regulation Rules, 1993 was issued to the firm and its proprietor with personal hearing on 16.05.2017 at 11 a.m to 1 p.m. There was no response either from the firm or from the proprietor. Hence M/s. Vimala Note Book was placed Under Denied Entities List vide order dt: 26.05.2017. Vide letter dt: 09.06.2017 M/s. Vimala Note Book had asked for 30 days time for submission of documents. The Office vide letter dt: 10.06.2017 granted 15 days time. Though 15 days time is over M/s. Vimala Note Book has not submitted any documentary evidence for fulfillment of EO.
- 8. In the circumstances, the undersigned is now fully convinced that the authorization and its proprietor are guilty of violating the conditions of the Licence in question thereby liable to a penalty under Section 11 (2) of Chapter IV of Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992. In exercise of powers vested in me vide Notification No. SO (E) dt. 17.4.2009 issued by DGFT, New Delhi in F.No. 18/27/HQ/06-07/ECA-II, I hereby impose a penalty of Rs. 2,18,53,325/- (one time CIF value) on the Licensee and its proprietor towards non-fulfillment of export obligation in full against the subject licence.

I further order that no further authorization shall be issued to the firm/Company or to any other firm/Company in which the proprietor of this firm/Company are directly or indirectly involved in the day-to-day activities of that firm/Company as per Provisions of Handbook read with Rule 7(1) of the Foreign Trade (Regulation) Rules, 1993.

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This order is issued without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under any other Act, Rules or Regulations in force.

(J. M. Bishnoi)

Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade

To

M/s. Vimala Note Book, 6, Elukadal Agraharam, Madurai – 625001.

Shri. K. Alagu, 6, Elukadal Agraharam, Madurai – 625001.

Copy to:

- 1) The Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, Chennai.
- 2) The Commissioner of Customs, Sea Port, Tuticorin for information.