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Date: 15.10.2018

**ORDER-IN-ORIGINAL**

PASSED BY: **N. VAIDYANATHAN**

Assistant 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 an 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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5. M/s. Thendral Match Industries, 4/591A, Hussian Colony, Sivakasi – 626189 had obtained an EPCG authorization No. 3530003802 dated: 13.10.2009 for a duty saved value of Rs. 5,18,621 for import of Capital goods with export obligation to export Safety Matches for FOB value US\$ 85,369.71 within a period 8 years from the date of issue of authorization. IEC no allotted to the firm is **3505001180**.
6. The Export Obligation period expired on 12.10.2017. Letter dt: 13.10.2017 was issued calling for E.O. documents which was returned undelivered by postal authorities with remarks "left". Again another letter dt. 7.11.2017 addressed to all partners calling for EO documents was issued. The letter addressed to all partners were returned undelivered by postal authority with remarks "not known". Hence M/s. Thendral Match Industries have violated the licensing condition.
7. Notice dt: 19.12.2017 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 partners with personal hearing on 10.1.2018 at 11 a.m. The SCN addressed to the firm and all partners were returned undelivered by postal authorities. Hence, M/s. Thendral Match Industries and its partners were placed under Denied Entities List vide DEL order dt: 11.01.2018 in terms of Rule 7 (k) of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Rules 1993. DEL order addressed to M/s. Thendral Match Industries and all partners were returned undelivered by postal authorities.
8. Show cause notice dt. 16.1.2018 with personal hearing on 1.2.2018 at 3 p.m. was issued under section 14 to the firm and it's all partners to show cause within 15 days as to why action should not be initiated under section 11 of chapter IV of Foreign Trade Development & Regulation Act, 1992 for adjudication. SCN addressed to M/s. Thendral Match Industries and all partners were returned undelivered by postal authorities.
9. In the circumstances, the undersigned is now fully convinced that the authorization and its partners 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. 15,56,000 (Rupees fifteen lakhs fifty six thousand only)** on the Licensee and its partners towards non-fulfillment of export obligation in full against the subject authorization.

I further order that no further authorization shall be issued to the firm/Company or to any other firm/Company in which the partners 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.

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



(N. VAIDYANATHAN)

Assistant Director General of Foreign Trade

To,

✓ M/s. Thendral Match Industries,  
4/591A, Hussian Colony,  
Sivakasi - 626189.

Shri. G. S. Karthikeyan 261/G-1, Gnanagiri Road Sivakasi -626123	Shri. G. S. Rajasekaran 288/3, Gnanagiri Road Sivakasi -626123	Shri. R. Sureshpandian 288/3, Gnanagiri Road Sivakasi -626123
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Copy to:

- 1) The Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, Chennai.
- 2) The Commissioner of Customs, Sea Port, Tuticorin for information.
- 3) Central Economic Intelligence Bureau, 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, "B" Wing, Janpath Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001