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F.No. 371/29-B/B/16-RA

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ORDER NO. 7592018-CUS (WZ) / ASRA / MUMBAI/ DATED 28.09.2018 OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PASSED BY SHRI ASHOK KUMAR MEHTA, PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER & EX-OFFICIO ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, UNDER SECTION 129DD OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1962.

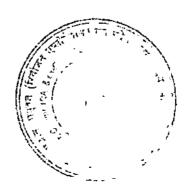
Applicant : Shri Majidh Bhai G. Sindha

Respondent: Commissioner of Customs (Airport), Mumbai

Subject : Revision Application filed, under Section 129DD of the Customs

Act, 1962 against the Order-in-Appeal No. MUM-CUSTM-PAX-APP-585-586-15-16 dated 18.01.2016 passed by the

Commissioner of Customs (Appeals) Mumbai-III.



This revision application has been filed by Shri Majidh Bhai G. Sindha (herein after referred to as the "Applicant") against the order in Appeal No. MUM-CUSTM-PAX-APP-585-586-15-16 dated 18.01.2016 passed by the Commissioner of Customs (Appeals) Mumbai-III.

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- 2. Briefly stated facts of the case are that the Applicant was intercepted at the CSI Airport on 12.12.2012 while passing through the Green Channel. Examination of his baggage and person resulted in recovery of a Rolex Oyster Perpetual Daytona wrist watch valued at Rs. 8,93,165/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ninety three thousand One hundred and Sixty five), worn by the applicant.
- 3. The Original Adjudicating Authority, vide its Order in Original No. ADC-ML/ADJN/37/2013-14 dated 13.11.2013 confiscated the impugned goods, but allowed redemption of the same on payment of Rs. 2,50,000/- and also imposed a penalty of Rs. 1,50,000/- under Section 112 (a) of the Customs Act, 1962. A penalty of Rs. 5000/- under Section 114AA of the Customs Act, 1962 was also imposed on the Applicant.
- 4. Aggrieved by this order the Applicant filed an appeal with the Commissioner (Appeals). Commissioner of Central Excise (Appeals) Mumbai-III, vide his Order-in-Appeal No MUM-CUSTM-PAX-APP-585-586-15-16 dated 18.01.2016 passed by the rejected the Appeal of the Applicant.
- 5. Aggrieved with the above order the Applicant has filed this revision application interalia on the grounds that.
 - The order of the appellate authority is not in conformity with the spirit of 5.1 the Baggage rules 1998, hence the same needs to be set aside in the interest of justice; The order of confiscation of an old wrist watch was not at all justified; It was not at all concealed in any manner; The wrist watch was taken from India for repairs and the receipt dated 11.12.2012 for the same was submitted but it was not taken on record; He is a farmer by profession and the watch was gifted to him and it has sentimental value; The valuation of the watch was also high;

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he was not guided properly to make an export certificate or an endorsement in the passport. surmises which however strong cannot take the place of proof;

- 5.3 The Revision Applicant cited judgments in support of his case and prayed for release of the gold under section 125 of the Customs Act, 1962 and reduce the personal penalty and thus render justice.
- 6. A personal hearing in the case was held on 19.09.2018, the Advocate for the respondent Shri O. M. Rohira attended the hearing he re-iterated the submissions filed in Revision Application and pleaded for reduction of the redemption fine and penalty. Nobody from the department attended the personal hearing.
- 7. The Government has gone through the facts of the case. The goods were not declared by the passenger as required under Section 77 of the Customs Act, 1962. Under the circumstances confiscation of the goods is justified.
- 8. However, the Applicant was intercepted before he crossed the Green Channel. There was no concerted attempt at smuggling these goods into India. The Applicant is not a frequent traveller and does not have any previous offences registered against him. Government, also observes that there is no allegation of ingenious concealment. Further, The CBEC Circular 09/2001 gives specific directions to the Customs officer in case the declaration form is incomplete/not filled up, the proper Customs officer should help the passenger record to the oral declaration on the Disembarkation Card. Thus, mere non-submission of the declaration cannot be held against the Applicant. The Original adjudicating has observed that the watch is new and has rightly confiscated the impugned watch and allowed its redemption on payment of redemption fine and penalty. The Government also holds that Commissioner (Appeals) has rightly upheld the order of the original adjudicating authority. Government however holds that when penalty is imposed under section 112 no penalty is required to be imposed under section 114AA of the Customs Act, 1962 for the same offence. The penalty imposed under section 114AA of the Customs Act, 1962 therefore is required to be set aside.





- 8. The Government therefore modifies the Appellate order MUM-CUSTM-PAX-APP-585-586-15-16 dated 18.01.2016 passed by the Commissioner of Customs (Appeals) Mumbai-III. The penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand) imposed under section 114AA of the Customs Act,1962 is set aside, the rest of the order is upheld as legal and proper.
- 9. The impugned order stands modified to that extent. Revision application is partly allowed on above terms.

10. So, ordered.

(ASHOK KUMAR MÉHTA)
Principal Commissioner & ex-officio
Additional Secretary to Government of India

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DATED 28.09.2018

To,

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