Finance Act, 2011, (Central)

Section 72 - Amendment of Notifications Issued Under Section 5a of Central Excise Act

(1) The notifications of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) number G.S.R. 679(E), dated the 25th August, 2003, number G.S.R. 60(E), dated the 21st January, 2004 and number G.S.R. 419(E), dated the 9th July, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the said notifications), issued under sub-section (1) of section 5A of the Central Excise Act, 1944(1 of 1944), shall stand amended and shall be deemed to have been amended retrospectively, in the manner specified in column (3) of the Ninth Schedule, on and from the corresponding date specified in column (4) of that Schedule, against each of the notifications specified in column (2) of that Schedule.

(2) Where a manufacturer avails the benefit of exemption provided under the said notifications as amended by sub-section (1), he shall, within a period of six months from the date on which the Finance Bill, 2011 receives the assent of the President, provide details relating to the investments made in terms of condition (B) specified in notifications number G.S.R. 679(E), dated the 25th August, 2003 and number G.S.R. 60(E), dated the 21st January, 2004, as subsequently amended by number G.S.R. 419(E), dated the 9th July, 2004, to the Investment Appraisal Committee.

(3) The Investment Appraisal Committee shall, on receipt of details under sub-section (2) and on being satisfied that the investment, as specified in condition (B) referred to in sub-section (2), has been made, issue the certificate in accordance with condition (E) specified in the said notifications as soon as possible but not later than the 31st day of December, 2012.

(4) Any amount lying or remaining unutilised in the escrow account [referred to in notification number G.S.R.419(E), dated the 9th July, 2004] on or after the 31st day of December, 2012 shall stand forfeited and be appropriated to the account of the Central Government.

(5) Recovery of any duty along with applicable interest which has not been paid but was liable to be paid as if the benefits under the said notifications had not been made available on account of non-issue of certificate by the Investment Appraisal Committee or on any other account, shall be made within a period of one year from the 31st day of December, 2012 and the provisions of the Central Excise Act, 1944(1 of 1944) shall apply for such recovery.

(6) No suit or other proceedings shall be instituted, maintained or continued in any court, tribunal or any other authority for any action taken or anything done or omitted to be done, in respect of the said notifications and no enforcement shall be made by any court of any decree or order relating to such action taken or anything done or omitted to be done as if the amendments made in the said notifications had been in force at all material times.

(7) For the purposes of sub-section (1), the Central Government shall have and shall be deemed to have the power to amend the said notifications with retrospective effect as if the Central Government had the power to amend the said notifications under sub-section (1) of section 5A of the Central Excise Act, 1944(1 of 1944), retrospectively, at all material times.

> Explanation.--For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that no act or omission on the part of any person shall be punishable as an offence which would not have been so punishable if the said notifications had not been amended retrospectively.