

Customs Act, 1962

Section 131B - TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

1) Every appeal which is pending immediately before the appointed day before the Board under section 128, as it stood immediately before that day, and any matter arising out of or connected with such appeal and which is so pending shall stand transferred on that day to the Appellate Tribunal and the Appellate Tribunal may proceed with such appeal or matter from the stage at which it was on that day: PROVIDED that the appellant may demand that before proceeding further with that appeal or matter he may be re-heard. (2) Every proceeding which is pending immediately before the appointed day before the Central Government . under section 131, as it stood immediately before that day, and any matter arising out of or connected with such proceedings and which is so pending shall stand transferred on that day to the Appellate Tribunal and the Appellate Tribunal may proceed with such proceeding or matter from the stage at which it was on that day as if such proceeding or matter were an appeal filed before it: PROVIDED that if any such proceeding or matter relates to an order where- (a) the value of the goods confiscated without option having been given to the owner of the goods to pay a fine in lieu of confiscation under section 125; or (b) in any disputed case, other than a case where the determination of any question having a relation to the rate of duty of customs or to the value of goods for purposes of assessment is in issue or is one of the points in issue, the difference in duty involved or the duty involved; or (c) the amount of fine or penalty determined by such order, does not exceed ten thousand rupees, such proceeding or matter shall continue to be dealt with by the Central Government as if the said section 131 had not been substituted. PROVIDED FURTHER that the applicant or the other party may make a demand to the Appellate Tribunal that before proceeding further with that proceeding or matter, he may be re-heard. (3) Every proceeding which is pending immediately before the appointed day before the Board or the 111[Commissioner of Customs] under section 130, as it stood immediately before that day, and any matter arising out of or connected with such proceeding and which is so pending shall continue to be dealt with by the Board or the 111[Commissioner of Customs], as the case may be, as if the said section had not been substituted. (4) Any person who immediately before the appointed day was authorised to appear in any appeal or proceeding transferred under sub-section (1) of sub-section (2) shall notwithstanding anything contained in section 146A, have the right to appear before the Appellate Tribunal in relation to such appeal or proceeding.