

**Finance Act, 2007**

**Section 138 - Secondary and Higher Education Cess on excisable goods**

SECTION 137: Definition: 1) The Secondary and Higher Education Cess levied under section 136, in the case of goods specified in the First Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985(5 of 1985), being goods manufactured or produced, shall be a duty of excise (in this section referred to as the Secondary and Higher Education Cess on excisable goods), at the rate of one per cent., calculated on the aggregate of all duties of excise (including special duty of excise or any other duty of excise but excluding Education Cess chargeable under section 93 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2004(2 of 2004) and Secondary and Higher Education Cess on excisable goods) which are levied and collected by the Central Government in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under the provisions of the Central Excise Act, 1944(1 of 1944) or under any other law for the time being in force. (2) The Secondary and Higher Education Cess on excisable goods shall be in addition to any other duties of excise chargeable on such goods, under the Central Excise Act, 1944(1 of 1944) or any other law for the time being in force and the Education Cess chargeable under section 93 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2004(23 of 2004). (3) The provisions of the Central Excise Act, 1944(1 of 1944) and the rules made thereunder, including those relating to refunds and exemptions from duties and imposition of penalty shall, as far as may be, apply in relation to the levy and collection of the Secondary and Higher Education Cess on excisable goods as they apply in relation to the levy and collection of the duties of excise on such goods under the Central Excise Act, 1944(1 of 1944) or the rules made thereunder, as the case may be.