



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Disaster Management Department - Covid 19 – Surge in positive cases – Relief activities – Import of materials – Guidelines - Orders issued

DISASTER MANAGEMENT(A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.401/2021/DMD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 05/05/2021

Read 1 Order No. 4/2021- Customs dated 03/04/2021

ORDER

In light of surge in covid cases in the country,the Central Government has decided to exempt IGST on all import of covid related relief materials (Remdesivir injection/Inflammatory diagnostic (markers) kits, medical grade oxygen, oxygen therapy related equipment, cryogenic transport tanks, covid-19 vaccines etc) vide Adhoc Exemption vide order read above. The import could be made either by the State Government itself or any entity, organization, statutory authority or relief agency for free distribution anywhere in India.

For this, the importer needs to produce a certificate from the concerned state government authorizing the import and stating that the goods are meant for free distribution. Dr.S. Karthikeyan IAS, Special Commissioner of State Goods and Services Tax Department has been appointed as State Nodal Officer to authorize and certify such relief agencies for the purpose of duty free import.

Such institutions desirous of availing customs/IGST exemption as per the notification shall furnish application in **Annexure A** to the State Nodal Officer.

The State Nodal Officer shall then grant the authorisation in the form appended **Annexure B** and the same shall be communicated to the officer specified.

Distribution of the Relief Materials so imported under such certificate shall be handed over to the KMSCL official specified for the purpose for further distribution to the hospitals/beneficiaries as per the need assessment done by the Government. The specified KMSCL official shall send a report about the receipt of such material to the State Nodal Officer within 24 hours on receipt of the same with a copy to the importer applicant. Nodal officer shall be appointed from NORKA department to coordinate with associations/agencies abroad to facilitate the said certification for them.

(By order of the Governor)
DR. A JAYATHILAK IAS
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To:

The Commissioner ,GST,Thiruvananthapuram
The Commissioner, Disaster Management,Thiruvananthapuram
All District Collectors
Managing Director, KMSCL
CEO, Norka-Roots
The Finance Department
The Taxes Department
The Industries Department
The Norka Department
I&PRD(Web &New Media)

Copy to:
Special Secretary to Chief Secretary
PA to Principal Secretary

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Section Officer

Annexure A

**Application for authorisation of import of Covid Relief
Materials for availment of Customs duty and IGST
exemption by any entity/organisation/relief
agency/statutory authority for free of cost distribution
in the State of Kerala**

1	Name of the entity/organisation/relief agency/statutory authority	
2	Address	
3	Email id	
4	Mobile number	
5	Address in the State	
6	Name of contact person in the State	
7	Mobile no of the contact person in the State	
8	Address of the contact person in the State	

SELF DECLARATION

**(on the letter head of the department/entity/relief
agency/statutory body)**

I,, (Name & Designation), M/s (Registration No. (in case of NGO)/GST No. (if available)) do hereby declare as under: -

1. That the goods imported are among the specified goods as per notification No. 27/2021-Customs dated 20.04.21 (as amended by notification no. 29/2021- Customs dated 30.4.21) and 28/2021-Customs dated 24.04.21.
2. That the said goods are imported free of cost for the purpose of Covid relief.

3. That the said goods are received from abroad for free distribution in India for the purpose of Covid relief.
4. That a statement containing details of goods distributed free of cost will be submitted to the State Nodal Officer within a period of six months (or such extended period) or earlier from the date of importation.
5. That all the conditions as mentioned in the said notifications/guidelines/ adhoc exemption order shall be complied time to time.
6. That the Country of exports is.....
7. That the Exporters details are.....
8. That the tentative date of Import (arrival in India) is
9. That the items are as per the description below: -

S. No.	Description of goods with specification	Customs-Tariff heading/sub-heading	Quantity

10. That the items imported as above will be handed over the Government representative for free distribution as per need assessment of the Government.

Signature with Stamp

Annexure B

On the official stationery of any nodal authority appointed by a State Government

To,

The Commissioner of Customs.....

This is to certify the M/s, [address], has been authorised as the relief agency for free distribution of covid relief material received free of cost from outside India availing the exemption from IGST under the customs adhoc exemption order 4/2021-Cus, date the 3rd May, 2021.

The said M/s shall import covid relief supply free of cost for free distribution in India as per details in the Annexure (attached), at..... Customs Station. Exemption from IGST is recommended for such imports by M/s under the said adhoc exemption order.

The relief agency shall provide the details of items so imported and distributed free of cost to the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Customs at the Port/Airport of import within the period prescribed in the said order, after due certification by this authority.

Annexure

1. Country of exports:
2. Exporters details
3. Items

S. No.	Description of goods with specification	of with	Customs-Tariff heading/sub-heading	Quantity

[Signatures]

with official seal