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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Finance**  
**Department of Revenue**  
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Room No. 48-C, North Block,  
New Delhi the February 2014

To,

The Narcotics Commissioner,  
Central Bureau of Narcotics,  
19, The Mall, Morar,  
Gwalior

**Subject: Guidelines for registration of import contracts for import of poppy seeds in India, pursuant to the judgment dated 29.11.2013 of the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court Allahabad, in PIL No. 22067 of 2013 filed by Ayurveda Sewashram Kalyan Samiti, Allahabad – C/Reg.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to the judgment dated 29.11.2013 of the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court Allahabad, in PIL No. 22067 of 2013 filed by Ayurveda Sewashram Kalyan Samiti, Allahabad and the subsequent discussions held on this subject held under the chairpersonship of Additional Secretary (Revenue) on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014.

2. The competent authority has approved the following guidelines for registering of import contracts by the Narcotics Commissioner:

- (i) For the current financial year (2013-14), in which there are less than 2 months left, imports may be permitted on the basis of valid import contracts, subject to country caps. The caps for the countries may be determined by the Narcotics Commissioner after ascertaining the production and stocks of the respective countries. No imports would be allowed from a particular country, once the cap for the said country is reached.

*To implement this decision, Narcotics Commissioner will have to be in regular touch with the Customs authorities of the ports of import about the quantum of imports of poppy seeds already made in the year. He will also need to inform the ports when the cap for any particular country is reached so that no further imports from the said country take place from any port.*

(ii) For the FY 2014-15 onwards, the following steps will be taken by the Narcotics Commissioner:

- a. He will determine the exportable surplus of the exporting countries of poppy seeds so as to arrive at the country caps.
- b. Poppy seeds import contracts will be registered on first come first served basis, till the caps for the respective countries is reached.
- c. The Import contracts will be valid for only 3 months. If the quantity mentioned in the contract is not imported in this period, or only partly imported, the said quantity or the balance quantity will be released and can be allotted to other importers, again on first come first served basis.
- d. The Narcotics Commissioner will seek the country of origin certificate, even at the time of registering of import contracts.

3. Receipt of this communication may please be acknowledged.

  
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- (1) The Chairperson, Central Board of Excise & Customs. It is requested that the aforesaid instructions may please be communicated to all the Customs formations from where poppy seeds are being imported with the direction to maintain the necessary liaison with the Narcotics Commissioner to implement the individual country caps.
- (2) The Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi, for kind information.