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**File No.127/2023-Opinion**

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Madam,

**Sub.: Import of 4G Device.**

1. With regard to your further query as contained in the mail sent on 13.6.2023, it is clarified that the Import policy condition for import of SIM cards which fall under heading 8523 5210 is “**Free**”. This means that these SIM cards can be imported without any restrictions.

2. Similarly, SIM cards falling under heading 8523 5210 in the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act do not attract any duty and the statutory rate of duty (basic customs) is “**Nil**”. There is no separate policy provision with regard to recorded media or blank media.

3. At the same time, it may be noted that for import of international SIM cards for foreign operators in India, there are guidelines issued by the Department of Telecommunications. Such foreign operators are required to take NOC from the Department of Telecommunications. It will be difficult to call your company as a cellular operator and therefore, in our view, these restrictions should not affect the import. However, by way of precaution, you can apply online to Department of Telecommunications for issue of NOC for import of these SIM cards which will be incorporated in the 4G device and which are ultimately meant for export. Copy of the Instruction dated 14.1.2022 issued by the Department of Telecommunications in this regard is attached.

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