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Dear Mr. Abhinav,

1. This product will be covered by the Compulsory Registration Requirement Order 2021 issued by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology in terms of powers granted under sub-section (1) and (2) of Section 16 read with sub-section (3) of Section 25 of Bureau of Indian Standards Act 2016. Thus, for importing this product, the registration requirement has to be complied with.

2. There are certain exceptions mentioned in para 2 of the above order and also the subsequent amendment for highly specialized equipment in terms of S.O.2844(E) dated 01.07.2021.

3. Import of this equipment for testing purposes, as such, does not find any mention in these orders. However, on an earlier occasion you have made available a circular dated 26.04.2022 issued by a Scientist from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. This circular permits import of goods covered by the Compulsory Registration Requirement Order for testing, demonstration, research and development purposes without any mandatory registration.

4. In our view, this circular may not override the order issued in 2021.

5. Further, as per para 2(C) of General Notes regarding Import Policy currently in force (2023), in respect of Electronic and IT goods covered by the Compulsory Registration Order, import can be made without registration only on specific exemption letter from Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for a particular consignment. The relevant para reads as follows:

“**(C) Import policy for electronics and IT Goods:**

The import of Goods (new as well as second hand, whether or not refurbished, repaired or reconditioned) notified under the “Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012, as amended from time to time, is prohibited unless they are registered with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and comply to the ‘Labelling Requirements’ published by BIS, as amended from time to time”, or on specific exemption letter from Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for a particular consignment, as per provisions of Gazette Notification SO No.3022 dated 11.09.2013.

The importer shall re-export such prohibited Goods reaching Customs Ports else the Customs Authorities shall deform the goods beyond use and dispose of the goods as scrap under intimation to MeitY.”

 The relevant General Notes referred to above are attached.

6. Under these circumstances, in our view, if this product / model under reference is already registered with BIS as per the above order, then only it can be imported for testing purposes.

7. The HS Code for this product will be **8517 6290** with **20% BCD**.

Regards,

S. Murugappan

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