

IMPORT OF AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

Notification No. 21 / 2002-Customs dt 01-03-2002

S. No.	Chapter or Heading or sub-heading	Description of goods	Standard rate	Additional duty rate *	Condition No.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
283.	85 or any other Chapter	The wireless apparatus, accessories and parts specified in List 35 , imported by a licensed amateur radio operator	5%	- **	60

* Additional Duty of Customs (equal to excise duty)

** when nothing is mentioned in this column you have to refer to Central Excise Tariff for the similar goods (the relevant extract from the CE Tariff is reproduced below)

Central Excise Tariff

CHAPTER 85

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF; SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS, TELE-VISION IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS, AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF SUCH ARTICLES

Heading No.	Sub-heading No.	Description of goods	Rate of duty
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
85.25	8525.00	Transmission apparatus for radio-telephony, radiotelegraphy, radio-broadcasting or television, whether or not incorporating reception apparatus or sound recording or reproducing apparatus; television cameras	16%

To expect that govt will remove this additional duty on their own is to expect a lot. I have been reiterating the fact that we have to make a strong representation to the Ministry of Finance to drop this duty for ham operators; the argument for charging additional custom duty equivalent to central excise duty is to protect Indian industry which clearly is absurd in case of ham equipments.

List 35 (See S. No.283 of the Table)

<p>(A) Wireless Apparatus and accessories - (1) HF, VHF, or UHF transreceiver (combination of transmitter and receiver) meant for amateur frequencies with accessories in assembled or kit form (2) VHF/VHF or VHF/UHF Repeater (combination of transmitter and receiver) meant for amateur frequencies with accessories in assembled or kit form (3) Transvertor for amateur frequencies in assembled or kit form</p>	<p>(4) Grid Dip Oscillator, Radio Frequency Interference Filter, Balun Transformer, SWR bridge or reflectometer, Morse reader or Noise bridge (5) Antenna with or without feeders/Antenna rotators for amateur frequencies (6) Digital Frequency counter (upto 600 MHz) with accessories (B) Parts - (1) Transistors, diodes, integrated circuits/ chips, thermionic valves or vacuum tubes</p>	<p>(2) Toroidal cores, quartz crystals, relays, rotatory switches, ferrite beads (3) Variable condensers, air-dielectric type (4) Precision capacitors (fixed type) value (s) between 1pF to 5000 pF (5) Spare nicad cells or pack, as required or used with thermionic valves or vacuum tubes or toroidal cores (in the case of hand held transreceiver) (6) Slow motion tuning mechanism with or without dials.</p>
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Condition:

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60	<p>If, -</p> <p>(a) the total C.I.F. value of the wireless apparatus, accessories and parts, imported under this notification does not exceed seventy-five thousand rupees;</p> <p>(b) the total value of the parts imported under this exemption does not exceed Rs.1,000;</p> <p>(c) the importer, i.e. the Licensed amateur radio operator, at the time of clearance, produces a certificate from an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Wireless Adviser to the Government of India in the Ministry of Communications to the effect that the wireless apparatus, accessories and parts in respect of which this exemption is claimed are within the value limit specified above, and also recommending the grant of this exemption.</p> <p><i>Explanation.</i> - "Licensed amateur radio operator" means a person duly authorised under the Indian Wireless Telegraphs (Amateur Service) Rules, 1978, made under sections 4 and 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (13 of 1885).</p>

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO IMPORT WIRELESS TRANSMITTING AND / OR TRANSCEIVING APPARATUS INTO INDIA

To

Date :

The Assistant Wireless Advisor to Govt. of India,
 Ministry of Communication & Information Technology,
 Department of Telecommunications, (WPC Wing),
 619, Sanchar Bhavan,
 Parliament Street,
 NEW DELHI – 110 001.

1. Name of Applicant (in block letters) :
2. Permanent Address in India :
3. Licence No. and date of expiry :
4. Callsign : VU
5. Port at which it is desired to import apparatus :
6. Probable date of importation :
7. Reference of Ministry of Communication Import Licence (Last year`s and / or current)
8. Whether first licence wanted now (Annexure to be filled up)
9. Purpose for which required :

Item No.	Manufacturer's Name	Whether Transmitter or Components thereof	Model or Type No.	Qty	Tuned Spot Frequency(ies) in case of Main Equipment under import & Frequency Tolerance	C.I.F.Value in foreign Currency	Equivalent Indian Rupees
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Place:
 Date.....

Signature of the Applicant.....
 Address

PIN.....

Enclosures:

1. Technical literature to be enclosed.
2. Bank Draft for Rs.50/- (fifty only) should be obtained from any branch of the SBI, in favour of "Pay & Accounts Officer (HQ), D.O.T, New Delhi" payable at Service Branch no. 7687, New Delhi.
3. Photocopy of the proforma invoice for the equipment / accessories you wish to import.
4. Photocopy of your Ham Licence (with renewal slip)