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Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Revenue  
(Central Board of Excise and Customs)

Room No. 227-B, North Block  
New Delhi, dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

To,  
All Chief Commissioners of Customs  
All Chief Commissioners of Customs and Central Excise  
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All Director Generals under CBEC

Sir / Madam,

**Subject: Import of Ammonium Nitrate-Compliance of Ammonium Nitrate Rules, 2012- reg.**

Attention is invited to provisions of Ammonium Nitrate (AN) Rules, 2012 which lays down the guidelines for import /export of Ammonium Nitrate.

2. Rule 8 of the AN Rules, 2012 stipulates standard and procedure for packing of Ammonium Nitrate as under:-

No person shall import, export, transport, possess or sell Ammonium Nitrate unless;

- (i) it is duly packed in a suitable waterproof bag or container or is suitably bagged by stevedore or converter;
- (ii) the container or package is marked in accordance with the provisions of rule 8;
- (iii) the package conform to the relevant standard of Bureau of Indian Standards or other standards accepted and approved by the Chief Controller; and
- (iv) the packages of Ammonium Nitrate for export or import conform to the requirements of the tests as specified under International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (hereinafter referred to as the IMDG Code in these rules) or United Nations recommendations on the transport of Dangerous Goods.

3. Further, Rules 16 to 19 under Chapter IV of the said Rules lay down restrictions on transport, delivery/dispatch, handling and also provide for recovery of spillage during handling for import and export of Ammonium Nitrate.

4. Considering the sensitive nature of import/export of Ammonium Nitrate, Board desires that guidelines contained in Ammonium Nitrate Rules, 2012 for import/export of ammonium nitrate be scrupulously followed by the field formations. All Commissioners of Customs concerned should ensure that consignment of Ammonium Nitrate is allowed clearance only in bagged form as specified in the subject Rules and not in loose form.

5. Difficulty, if any, in implementation of these guidelines may be brought to the notice of the Board.

Yours faithfully,

( R.P.Singh)  
Director (Customs)