



**केंद्रीय कर एवं सीमा शुल्क के मुख्य आयुक्त का कार्यालय**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CENTRAL TAX & CUSTOMS**  
 केन्द्रीय वस्तु एवं सेवाकर विशाखापट्टणम क्षेत्र CENTRAL GST VISAKHAPATNAM ZONE  
 जीएसटी भवन, पत्तन क्षेत्र, विशाखपट्टणम  
 GST Bhavan, Port Area, Visakhapatnam – 530 035

Dt. 06.05.2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 01/2021**

SUBJECT :- Ad hoc Exemption No. 04/2021 valid till 30.06.2021 from IGST on imports of certain COVID-19 relief material authorized by State Governments subject to specified Condition - Reg.

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Kind attention of Importers/Custom Brokers and others stakeholders is drawn to the Central Government Ad hoc Exemption order No.04/2021-Customs dated 03.05.2021 (Annexure-A) and CBIC Instruction No.09/2021-Customs dated 03.05.2021 (Annexure-B).

2. The Ad hoc exemption from IGST is provided to certain goods when received free of cost for free distribution anywhere in India for COVID relief. The said goods are to be imported free of cost for purpose of COVID relief by a State Government or any entity or entity, relief agency or statutory body, authorized in this regard by any State Government.

3. The Ad-hoc exemption is applicable only to goods specified in Notification No.27/2021-Customs as amended by Notification No.29/2021-Customs (Annexure-C) and Notification No.28/2021-Customs (Annexure-D). Vide Notification No.27/2021-Customs Basic and Notification No.28/2021-Customs, Customs Duty and Health Cess was exempted whereas the IGST was exempted vide Ad hoc Exemption order No.04/2021-Customs dated 03.05.2021.

4. At the time of import, the importer shall before clearance of goods from Customs, produce a Certificate in the prescribed format (Annexure-E) from the Nodal Authority of the State Government. Andhra Pradesh State Government ORDER G.O.Rt.No.194 Dated:05.05.2021 (Annexure-F) has nominated the following officer as Nodal officers who will issue the authorization certificate for free of cost import of COVID relief items:-

S.no	Name of the officer	Designation	Mail ID	Mobile no.
1	Shri Muddada Ravichandra, IAS	Pr.Secretary to Government, HM&FW Department.	nodalaphmfw@gmail.com	9676444448

5. The following officers are appointed as Nodal officers for import of such relief materials in Visakhapatnam Customs and Central Tax Zone are as under:

S.No	Name of the Formation	Name of the officer & Designation	Mail ID	Mobile no.
1.	Visakhapatnam Zone	Shri Y. Bhaskara Rao, IRS Joint Commissioner	y.bhaskararao@gov.in	8297974912
2.	Custom House, Visakhapatnam	Shri. Joseph Gouda Patil, IRS Deputy Commissioner.	joseph.gouda@gov.in	9000511327
3	Krishnapatnam Custom House	Ms. P. Madhuree, IRS Deputy Commissioner.	Perumalla.madhuree@gov.in	8096943746
4.	Kakinada Custom House	Shri Rama Krishna Raju Yadav, IRS Joint Commissioner	Ramakrishnarajuyadav@gmail.com	9440135324

6. The relevant importer authorized by the Nodal Authority /such importer's Customs Broker may approach the Nodal Officer for any assistance and the Nodal officer shall coordinate the ground level facilitation as necessary in the relevant case for the purpose of import. In addition, all the Customs officers and staff concerned dealing with such imports shall ensure seamless clearance without loss of time and would for this purpose also coordinate as necessary with other stakeholder.

7. This shall be the standing order to all the concerned officers of Customs, to the extent relevant to ensure immediate clearances of the COVID relief goods covered by the subject notifications, by effective coordination with the state nodal officers and all the concerned stakeholders.

8. All trade associations are requested to give it wide publicity. Any difficulties faced by the Trade may be brought to the notice to the undersigned.

9. This issues with the approval of the Principal Chief Commissioner

**Signed by Yenneti**

**Bhaskara Rao**

**Date: 06-05-2021 20:34:28**

**Reason: Approved**

**(Y. BHASKARA RAO)**  
**JOINT COMMISSIONER (CCO)**

Copy to :

1. The Principal Commissioner, Custom House, Visakhapatnam.
2. The Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate(Preventive), Vijayawada
3. Notice Board
4. Technical Section for uploading in CC office website

# ANNEXURE - A

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)

**Ad hoc Exemption Order No. 4/2021-Customs**

New Delhi, the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021

G.S.R. (E)...- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, under exceptional circumstances prevailing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts the goods of the description as specified in the notifications listed in the Appendix below, falling within the Chapter, heading, sub-heading or tariff item of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) as specified in the said notifications, when imported into India, from the whole of the integrated tax leviable thereon under sub-section (7) of section 3 of the said Customs Tariff Act, read with section 5 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017), subject to the conditions specified in the Annexure to this exemption order.

2. This exemption order shall remain in force upto and inclusive of the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021 and shall also apply to goods which are pending for clearance on the date of issue of this order.

## Appendix

S.No.	Notification
1.	Notification No. 27/2021-Customs, dated the 20 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021 [G.S.R. 284(E), dated the 20 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021]
2.	Notification No. 28/2021-Customs, dated the 24 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021 [G.S.R. 286(E), dated the 24 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021]

## Annexure

Condition No.	Condition
1.	The said goods are imported free of cost for the purpose of Covid relief by a State Government or, any entity, relief agency or statutory body, authorised in this regard by any State Government.

2.	The said goods are received from abroad for free distribution in India for the purpose of Covid relief.
3.	Before clearance of the goods, the importer produces to the Deputy or Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, a certificate from a nodal authority, appointed by a State Government, that the imported goods are meant for free distribution for Covid relief, by the State Government, or the entity, relief agency or statutory body, as specified in such certificate.
4.	The importer produces before the Deputy or Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, at the port of import within a period of six months from the date of importation, or within such extended period not exceeding nine months from the said date as that Deputy or Assistant Commissioner of Customs may allow, a statement containing details of goods distributed free of cost duly certified by the said nodal authority of the State Government.

[F.No. CBIC-190354/2/2021-TO(TRU-I)-CBEC]

*Gaurav Singh*  
(Gaurav Singh)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

# ANNEXURE - B

Instruction No. 09/2021-Customs

**F. No. CBIC-190354/2/2021-TO (TRU-I)-CBEC**

**Ministry of Finance**

**Department of Revenue**

**Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs**

**(Tax Research Unit)**

Room No. 146-J, North Block

New Delhi, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021

To

**All Principal Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners of Customs/Customs (Preventive),**

**All Principal Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners of Customs & Central tax,**

**All Principal Commissioners/Commissioners of Customs/Customs (Preventive),**

**All Principal Commissioners/Commissioners of Customs & Central tax,**

**All Principal Director Generals/Director Generals under CBIC.**

Madam/Sir

**Subject: Ad hoc Exemption from IGST on imports of specified COVID-19 relief material donated from abroad – regarding**

Kind attention is drawn to the Ad hoc Exemption Order No. 4/2021-Customs, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021 wherein exemption from IGST has been granted, in circumstances of exceptional nature, to goods specified in the following Customs notifications:

- i. 27/2021-Customs dated 20.04.21 (as amended by notification No.29/2021-Customs dated 30.4.21)
- ii. 28/2021-Customs dated 24.04.21,

when received free of cost for free distribution anywhere in India for COVID relief.

2. This exemption shall be subject to the following conditions specified therein:

(i) State Government shall appoint a nodal authority in the State for the purpose of this exemption. As per section 2 (103) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, state include a Union territory with Legislature.

(ii) The Nodal authority so appointed shall authorise any entity, relief agency or statutory body, for free distribution of such Covid-relief material.

(iii). The said goods can be imported free of cost by a State Government or, any entity/ relief agency/ statutory body, authorized in this regard for free distribution anywhere in India.

(iv) The importer shall before clearance of goods from Customs produce a certificate from the said nodal authorities that goods are meant for free distribution for Covid relief.

(v) After imports, the importer shall produce, to the Deputy or Assistant Commissioner of Customs at the port within a period of six months from the date of importation or within such extended period not exceeding nine months, a simple statement containing details of goods imported and distributed free of cost. This statement shall be certified by the said nodal authority of the State Government.

3. Field formations may take special note that the exemption order shall apply to all the such consignments pending clearance from Customs as on date of issue of order, i.e., the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021.

4. Revenue Secretary has also written to all the Chief Secretaries for creation of a State/Union Territory Nodal Agency for taking immediate action for the purpose of imports of such relief material. The State Governments, importers, relief agencies, may approach the customs formation in case they face any difficulty. Chief Commissioners may suitably sensitize the Nodal officers already appointed in their formation for facilitating the expeditious clearance of COVID-relief material so that they are aware of this exemption and deal pro-actively with issues, if any, in their smooth clearance.

5. A large number of such consignments are anticipated to arrive in the coming days and certain consignments may be pending for clearance as on date. The customs formation, may proactively, take action for speedy clearance of such consignments. It is requested that necessary instructions be issued to the assessing officers to clear all such Covid-19 relief material expeditiously. Also, field formation make every possible effort to work in close coordination with the State Authorities.

6. In case of any difficulty, in implementing the order, the field formations may approach the Joint Secretary (TRU-1) or other officers on email [gd.lohani@nic.in](mailto:gd.lohani@nic.in), [gaurav.singh80@nic.in](mailto:gaurav.singh80@nic.in), or [swasif.haider@gov.in](mailto:swasif.haider@gov.in).

7. Hindi version will follow.

(Gaurav Singh)  
Deputy Secretary (TRU-I)

# ANNEXURE - C

[TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE OF INDIA, EXTRAORDINARY, PART II, SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION (ii)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)

Notification No. 27/2021- Customs

New Delhi, the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts the goods of the description specified in column (3) of the Table below, falling within the Chapter, heading, sub-heading or tariff item of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) specified in column (2) of the said Table, when imported into India, from the whole of the duty of customs leviable thereon under the said First Schedule, namely-

**Table**

S.No.	Chapter or heading or sub-heading or tariff item	Description of goods
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	29	Remdesivir Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients.
2.	29	Beta Cyclodextrin (SBEB CD) used in manufacture of Remdesivir, subject to the condition that the importer follows the procedure set out in the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017.
3.	30	Injection Remdesivir.

2. This notification shall remain in force upto and inclusive of the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021.

[F.No. 354/3/2021-TRU]

(Gaurav Singh)  
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India



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SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION (i)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)

**Notification No. 29/2021-Customs**

New Delhi, the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

G.S.R. (E)...- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following amendment in the notification of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 27/2021-Customs, dated the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), *vide* number G.S.R. 284(E), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, namely:-

In the said notification, in the Table, after S.No.3 and the entries relating thereto, the following S.No. and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

(1)	(2)	(3)
"4.	3822	Inflammatory Diagnostic (marker) kits, namely- IL6, D-Dimer, CRP(C-Reactive Protein), LDH (Lactate De-Hydrogenase), Ferritin, Pro Calcitonin (PCT) and blood gas reagents."

[F.No. 354/52/2021-TRU]

(Rajeev Ranjan)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

# ANNEXURE - D

[TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE OF INDIA, EXTRAORDINARY, PART II, SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION (i)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)

Notification No. 28/2021–Customs

New Delhi, the 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), read with section 141 of Finance Act, 2020 (12 of 2020), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts the goods of the description specified in column (3) of the Table below, falling within the Chapter, heading, sub-heading or tariff item of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) specified in column (2) of the said Table, when imported into India, from the whole of the duty of customs leviable thereon under the said First Schedule and the whole of health cess leviable thereon under section 141 of the said Finance Act, namely-

Table

S.No.	Chapter, heading, sub-heading or tariff item	Description
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	9019 20, 9804	Oxygen concentrator including flow meter, regulator, connectors and tubings.
2.	2804 40	Medical Oxygen
3.	8421 39	Vacuum Pressure Swing Absorption (VPSA) and Pressure Swing Absorption (PSA) oxygen plants, Cryogenic oxygen Air Separation Units (ASUs) producing liquid/gaseous oxygen.
4.	7311	Oxygen canister.
5.	9018	Oxygen filling systems.
6.	7311	Oxygen storage tanks
7.	9018	Oxygen generator
8.	7311	ISO containers for Shipping Oxygen
9.	7311, 8418 or 8419	Cryogenic road transport tanks for Oxygen
10.	7311, 8418 or 8419	Oxygen cylinders including cryogenic cylinders and tanks
11.	Any Chapter	Parts of goods at S.No.1 and 3 to 10 above, used in the manufacture of equipment related to the production,

		transportation, distribution or storage of Oxygen, subject to the condition that the importer follows the procedure set out in the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017.
12.	9019	Any other device from which oxygen can be generated
13.	9018 or 9019	Ventilators, including ventilator with compressors; all accessories and tubings; humidifiers; viral filters (should be able to function as high flow device and come with nasal canula).
14.	9018	High flow nasal canula device with all attachments; nasal canula for use with the device.
15.	6506 99 00	Helmets for use with non-invasive ventilation.
16.	9019	Non-invasive ventilation oronasal masks for ICU ventilators.
17.	9019	Non-invasive ventilation nasal masks for ICU ventilators.
18.	3002	COVID-19 vaccine.

2. This notification shall remain in force upto and inclusive of the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021.

[F.No. 354/3/2021-TRU]

(Gaurav Singh)  
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

# ANNEXURE - E

**On the official stationery of any nodal authority appointed by a State Government**

**To,**

**The Commissioner of Customs.....**

This is to certify the M/s ....., [address], has been authorised as the relief agency for free distribution of covid relief material received free of cost from outside India availing the exemption from IGST under the customs adhoc exemption order 4/2021-Cus, date the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021.

The said M/s ..... shall import covid relief supply free of cost for free distribution in India as per details in the Annexure (attached), at..... Customs Station. Exemption from IGST is recommended for such imports by M/s..... under the said adhoc exemption order.

The relief agency shall provide the details of items so imported and distributed free of cost to the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Customs at the Port/Airport of import within the period prescribed in the said order, after due certification by this authority.

## **Annexure**

1. Country of exports:
2. Exporters details
3. Items

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Description of goods with specification</b>	<b>of with</b>	<b>Customs-Tariff heading/sub-heading</b>	<b>Quantity</b>

[Signatures]

with official seal

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

HM&FW Department- Liberalized Policy on International Assistance during Covid-19 - Sri Muddada Ravichandra, IAS., Prl.Secy to Government, HM&FW Department is nominated as Nodal Officer for issue of Authorization certificates for free of cost import of Covid relief items - Orders - Issued.

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**HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE(B2) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.194**

**Dated:05.05.2021**  
**Read the following:**

1. Ad-hoc Exemption order No.04/2021-customs, Ministry of Finance, dated, 03.05.2021
2. From the CEO, National Institute for Transforming India, GOI, dt.03.05.2021.

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**ORDER:**

In advert to directives of Government of India in the reference 2nd read above, Government after examination, hereby nominate Sri Muddada Ravi chandra, IAS., Prl.Secy to Government, HM&FW Department as Nodal Officer on behalf of Government of Andhra Pradesh for issue of Authorization certificates for free of cost import of Covid relief items as specified in the reference 1st read above.

2. The officer nominated at Para- (1) shall take necessary action as per the directives of the Government of India in this regard.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**ADITYA NATH DAS**  
**CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
Sri Muddada Ravichandra, IAS.,  
Prl.Secy to Government, HM&FW Department.

**Copy to :**

The CEO., NIFTI,  
NITI Aayog,  
New Delhi - 110001.  
The OSD to Dy.C.M(H,FW&ME).  
PS to Prl.Secy to Government, HM&FW Department.  
SC/SF.

**//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**