

RE: Import of Leather Thickness Measuring Gauges by Air from Italy

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Kind Attn: Mr.P.R. Aqeel Ahmed (President)

A word of caution to all our fellow importers in the country.

Import of any type of Gauge (or) instruments irrespective of what it is designed to measure, say volume, weight, linear measurement, thickness, air pressure, oil pressure, vacuum, temperature etc., - Import of this either as individual or attached to a machine is not permitted as per the recent interpretation by Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Air Cargo (Chennai) under the provisions of Section -19, 20 & 22 (reproduced herebelow) of the Metrology Act. The Importer, if he does not have a registration under this act is called upon to re-export the goods and will not be allowed to clear the goods even with fine or penalty.

Section -19 - Registration for import of weight or measure:

No person shall import any weight or measure unless he is registered with the Director in such manner and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed.

Section -20 - Non-standard weight and measures not to be imported:

No weight or measure whether singly or as a part or component of any machine shall be imported unless it conforms to a standard of weight or measure established by or under this act.

Section - 22 - Approval of model :

Every person before manufacturing or importing any weight or measure shall seek the approval of model of such weight or measure in such manner on payment of such fee and from such authorities as may be prescribed.

I would like to share my experience with our Members this as a matter of adequate advance caution since we have suffered heavily under this interpretation.

This interpretation will have serious and damaging consequences for the Leather industry who do import a large number of Thickness Gauges / instruments.

The rule also insists on the importer seeking a prior approval of the model of the instruments with the local weight and measures department. This is going to be just impossible.

Kind Regards

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