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F. No. 495/16/2012-Cus.VI(pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs

New Delhi, North Block
15th December, 2017

To,

Regional Officer
Animal Quarantine and Certification Service(NR),
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries
Old Delhi Gurgaon Road, Kapashera, New Delhi - 110037

Subject: Re-import of pets under baggage as per Customs Circular 25/2013- Customs

Please refer to your letter F. no 2-12/2016-17/AQCS (ND)/1780 dated 26.07.2017.

2. In this regard, please refer CBEC Circular 15/2013 dated 8th April, 2013 (copy enclosed) wherein it was stated that the import of pets under baggage is allowed only to persons transferring their residence to India after two years of continuous stay abroad. As the re-import of pets was not covered in the said Circular, the Circular 25/2013 clarified that re-import of pets as baggage is allowed subject to establishment of identity of pets by Customs authorities, production of the required health certificate from the country of export and examination of said pets by the concerned Quarantine officer.

3. The spirit of baggage rules is to give concessions/ entitlements to bona fide passenger baggage and therefore it appear incorrect to extend the provision to allow the re-import of pets to dog handlers after authorization of owners for carrying the pets for dog shows or any other purpose. The import of animals (pets) in general is governed by DGFT policy and matter may please be taken up with the Directorate General of Foreign Trade.

Yours faithfully,

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15.12.17

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