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Imposition of restrictions to prevent evasion and default in payment of Excise duty

The Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has come out with a series of notifications to introduce provisions regarding imposition of restrictions to prevent misuse of CENVAT credit, evasion and default in payment of excise duty by a manufacturer, first stage and second stage dealer or an exporter. (*Refer Central Excise Notification No. 3/2012*, *4/2012 & 5/2012 all issued on 12 March 2012*)

The notifications lists a number of offences such as removal of goods without the cover of an invoice and without payment of duty, under valuation, taking of CENVAT credit without receiving goods or against an invoice which a person has reason to believe as not genuine, etc.

The notification empowers the Chief Commissioner of Central Excise or Director General of Central Excise Intelligence to recommend to the CBEC the withdrawal of various facilities, which could include withdrawal of monthly payment facility and restrictions on utilisation of CENVAT credit for a manufacturer; withdrawal of self sealing/removal facility for an exporter and suspension of registration for a first and second stage dealer.

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