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F.No.278A/33/2014-Legal
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise and Customs
(Legal Cell)

C-Wing, 5th floor Hudco Vishala Bldg.,
Bhikaji Cama Place, R.K. Puram,
New Delhi, the 19th Feb., 2015

To

All the Chief Commissioners of Customs,
All the Chief Commissioners of Customs, Central Excise and
Service Tax.
Director General, DRI/CEI.

**Sub: Continuance of services beyond 31.12.2014 of Special Counsels who were
on the panel as on 31.12.2014 to conduct CBEC cases before CESTAT etc.
till a regular/fresh panel is constituted - reg.**

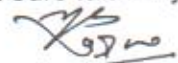
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Board's letters issued from F.No.278A/86/2004-Legal dated 13.09.2012, 21.11.2012, 26.03.2013, 07.03.2014 & 17.04.2014, wherein the tenure of Special Counsels was made upto 31.12.2014.

2. In this regard, I am further directed to say that it has been decided with the approval of the Hon'ble Finance Minister that the services of the Special Counsels, who have been on the panel of CBEC as on 31.12.2014 vide above referred letters may be availed of beyond 31.12.2014, to conduct cases before CESTAT/Settlement Commission and other quasi-judicial authorities, till a fresh panel of Counsels is formed.

3. It is clarified that on issue of the order on fresh panel of Counsels by the Board, this mechanism of availing services of Special Counsels (as provided above) for the transitional period shall cease to exist.

Yours faithfully,



(Y.S. Karoo)
Under Secretary (Legal)
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