

In the

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Foreign Exchange Department Secretariat Road Saifabad, Hyderabad 500 004

Present

Shri. P Kalyan Chakravarthy Assistant General Manager

Date: November 15, 2019 C.A. HYD 459

In the matter of

M/s. Heritage Novandie Foods Private Limited No. 6-3-541/C, Punjagutta Hyderabad - 500 082

(Applicant)

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section 1 of Section 15 of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the Regulations/ Rules/ Notifications/ Orders made thereunder, I pass the following

Order

The applicant has filed the compounding application dated September 23, 2019 received by us on September 24, 2019 for compounding of contraventions of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) and the regulations issued thereunder. The contravention sought to be compounded is delay in receipt of share application money from the person resident outside India after allotment of shares in terms of Paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a person resident outside India) Regulations, 2017 notified vide Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB dated November 07, 2017 as amended time to time.



The relevant facts of the case are as follows:

- a) The applicant is a resident company incorporated as Private Limited Company (CIN: U74999TG2017PTC120860) under the Companies Act, 2013 on November 28, 2017. The company is engaged in the business of "Manufacture of other dairy products n.e.c."
- b) The applicant had received inward remittances amounting to ₹ 8,59,98,820/from M/s Novandie SNC, had allotted 22,80,298 equity shares amounting to
 ₹ 8,59,98,780/- and filed forms FC-GPR to the Regional Office of Reserve
 Bank of India. There are no contraventions existing with respect to reporting of
 inward remittances and reporting of allotment of shares as on date.
- c) The applicant has received inward remittance amounting to ₹ 51,180/- after allotment of shares with delays ranging from 2 months to 2 months 27 days approximately in contravention of Paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20(R) /2017-RB dated November 07, 2017 as amended time to time as indicated below.

SI	Name of	Total	Date of	Number of	Amount for	Date of
No	Remitter	Amount	Receipt	shares	which shares	allotment
		(INR)		allotted	allotted (INR)	
1	Novandie	9,98,820	28.03.2018	5,000	50,000	28.11.2017
	SNC			95,000	9,50,000	30.03.2018
2		1,180	25.06.2018			30.03.2018
Total					10,00,000	

3. (a) The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing vide Reserve Bank's letter No. HY.FE.FID/ 112 /14.66.003/2018-19 dated November 13, 2019 for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application.



- (b) The applicant vide e-mail dated November 14, 2019 stated that they are foregoing appearing for the personal hearing and requested that the compounding application may be disposed of on the basis of merits in terms of the facts and documents made therein along with the compounding application. The application for compounding is, therefore, being considered on the basis of the averments made in the application.
- 4. I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record. Accordingly, I hold that the applicant has contravened the following FEMA provision issued in terms of :
- (a) Paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB for delay in receipt of share application money from the person resident outside India after allotment of shares. Here, the amount of contravention is ₹ 51,180/- and the period of contravention ranges from 2 months to 2 months 27 days approximately.
- 5. It has been declared in the compounding application dated September 23, 2019, that the particulars given by the applicant in the application are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief. It has been declared in the declaration dated September 23, 2019 furnished with the compounding application that the applicant was not under any enquiry/investigation/adjudication by any agency as on the date of the application and has, in this regard, not informed of initiation of any such enquiry/investigation/adjudication proceedings against it thereafter. It has further been declared that the applicant has not filed any appeal under section 17 or section 19 of FEMA 1999. Accordingly, the above contraventions which are being compounded under this Order are subject to the veracity of the above declarations made by the applicant and this order is without prejudice to any other action which may be taken by any authority under the extant laws if the said declarations are subsequently discovered to be false and/or incorrect.



6. In terms of Section 13 of the FEMA, any person contravening any provision of the Act shall be liable to a penalty up to thrice the sum involved in such contravention upon adjudication. However, taking into account the relevant facts and circumstances of the case as stated in the foregoing paragraphs, I am persuaded to take a lenient view on the amount for which the contravention is to be compounded and I consider that an amount of ₹ 50,256/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six Only) will meet the ends of justice.

7. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contravention, namely, the contravention of Paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20(R)/2017-RB by the applicant on the facts discussed above in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 on payment of an amount ₹ 50,256/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six Only) which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, 1st Floor, Saifabad, Hyderabad - 500004 by a demand draft drawn in favour of the "Reserve Bank of India" and payable at Hyderabad within a period of 15 days from the date of this order. In case of failure to deposit the compounded amount within the above mentioned period, Rule 10 of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 dated May 3, 2000 shall apply.

The application is disposed of accordingly. Dated this 15th day of November 2019.

Sd/-

(P. Kalyan Chakravarthy) Assistant General Manager