#### **ANNEXURE-A**

BOND EXECUTED IN PURSUANCE OF REGISTRATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WITH INDIAN CUSTOMS [See Rule 5(a) and 5(b) of Intellectual Property Rights (Imported Goods) Enforcement Rules, 2007]

## [To be executed by the Right Holder(s)] (General Bond)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I/we ..... hereinafter referred to as "Right Holder" (which expression shall include its successors / heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives) am/are held and firmly bound unto the President of India hereinafter called the "President" (which expression shall include his successors and his representative officers like Commissioner of Customs and his authorized officers) in a sum as may be determined at the time of interdiction and suspension of release of suspect goods imported in violation of the Intellectual Property Rights (hereinafter abbreviated as "IPR" ) held by me / us, to be paid to the President for which payment well and truly to be made, I / we bind myself / ourselves, my / our successors / heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives firmly by these presents.

#### WHEREAS

The Commissioner of Customs or his authorized Officer at ........... (hereinafter called the "Proper Officer") has agreed to register the IPR held by me/us and to suspend clearance of goods suspected to be infringing the IPR held by me/us, depending on the information furnished by me/us and on the basis of the declarations made by the Importers in the course of importation, I/we the Right Holder hereby agree to furnish such bond, security and surety, as may be prescribed by the Proper Officer, in terms of Rule 5 (a) of the Intellectual Property Rights (Imported Goods) Enforcement Rules, 2007 and also agree to indemnify the Customs as detailed under Rule 5(b) of the ibid Rules.

NOW, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED that -

- (i) The Right holder shall execute proper consignment specific bond(s) with the proper officer of customs at the port/airport/land customs station, where suspect goods have been interdicted and clearances of the same have to be suspended, along with such amount of surety and security, as may be determined at that time in terms of Rule 5(a) of the Intellectual Property Rights (Imported Goods) Enforcement Rules, 2007 within three days from the date of interdiction of the import consignments failing which the consignment shall be released.
- (ii) The Right Holder shall keep the Customs abreast of validity of registration obtained by him under the IPR laws namely The Copyright Act, 1957; The Trade Marks Act, 1999; The Patents Act, 1970; The Designs Act, 2000 and The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 ; expiry of the term of registration and renewal thereof, if any; cancellation; grant of compulsory licence in accordance with the law etc
- (iii) The Right holder, having recognized limitations of international trade and understood the general functioning of Customs, shall share the trends and information with Customs on an on-going basis, about suspected imports of infringing goods violating the IPR laws, as may be required to interdict consignments and to suspend the clearance thereof.
- (iv) The Right Holder undertakes to protect the importer, consignee

and owner of the goods as well as the competent authorities against all liabilities that are incidental and ancillary to the act of suspension of clearance of allegedly infringing goods, in case it is established that the suspension is vexatious.

- (v) The Right Holder shall bear all the costs towards sampling, destruction, demurrage and detention charges incurred till the time of destruction or disposal of such infringing goods, upon being confirmed.
- (vi) The Right Holder shall join the proceedings as per the time lines prescribed in terms of the ibid Rules, failing which, they agree, to not to object to the release of the goods.
- (vii) This bond shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of completion of registration under Rule 4(2) and the liability of the Right holder shall be in respect of all such interdicted consignments, whose clearance has been suspended by the Customs in bonafide exercise of their duties.
- (viii) The President or the Proper Officer, without prejudice to any other mode of recovery may, inter alia, adjust the security deposit / securities in part or full towards the dues arising out of clause (iv) and (v) supra.
- (ix) \*This bond shall be enforceable against the surety notwithstanding that proceedings have not been undertaken against me/us.

IN THE WITNESS WHEREOF the Right Holder has herein set and subscribed its hands and seals the day, month and year first above written.

SIGNED AND DELIVERED by the Right Holder at ..... in the presence of :-

1.....

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### Accepted

# For and on behalf of the President of India (Signature of the Proper Officer with Official Stamp and Seal )

Note: \* Mandatory in case any surety has been prescribed. Strike off, if irrelevant.