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Mr.J.Harikrishna, learned Junior Panel Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. He seeks time to file counter.

2. The petitioner has challenged the impugned order-in-original on the following grounds:-

- (a) The Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations, 2018 are mandatory in nature, which have to be strictly followed. However, in the impugned order-in-original, the respondents have held the same to be directory by following a decision of Karnataka High Court. However, the Division Bench of this Court has held that the Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations are mandatory in nature.
- (b) The time lines fixed under the Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations have to be strictly followed by the respondents. However, according to the petitioner, the same has not been followed. The time lines fixed under the



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Regulation 17(5) of the Customs Brokers Licensing

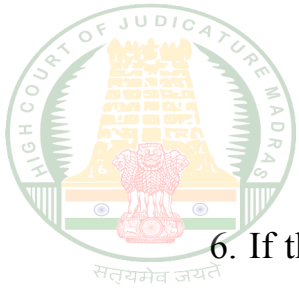
Regulations has not been adhered to by the respondents.

- (c) The requests for cross-examination of witnesses made by the petitioner has not been granted by the respondents, which amounts to violation of principles of natural justice.
- (d) The documents relied upon by the respondents for passing the impugned order-in-original have not been furnished to the petitioner.

3. However, as seen from the affidavit filed in support of this petition, the petitioner's CBLR license was suspended at the first instance and only thereafter, the impugned order-in-original came to be passed revoking the license of the petitioner.

4. Since the petitioner's license was suspended at the first instance, this Court deems it fit to direct the respondents to file counter.

5. The learned Junior Panel Counsel for the respondents seeks three weeks time for filing counter.



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6. If the counter is not filed by the respondents on the next hearing date, this Court shall consider the interim application filed by the petitioner seeking for interim stay on the next hearing date.

7. Post these matters along with W.P. No. 39314 of 2024 on 01.08.2025.

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