





Tax Bulletin

Update publication for our clients

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-  Income Tax
-  Goods & Services Tax ['GST']
-  Customs
-  Foreign Trade Policy ['FTP']



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FOREWORD

In the beginning of the new year we hope that all our readers have a great 2020! May we all grow together and have a successful decade!

While we all welcome 2020 with zeal, we hope that the people and the Government can come to consensus peacefully on the prevalent issues.

Amidst all the tension, the Central Government extended further relief to businesses and deferred the due date for GST Annual Return for FY 2017-2018 to January 31, 2020. The GST Council was also convened for the 38th time and deliberated on various issues for which clarifications and Notifications have been released. Further, many changes proposed during the Budget 2019-2020 have been made effective from January 1.

With a snippet of the above updates and more, we hope that this **20th Edition of the Tax bulletin** in relation to Direct Tax (i.e. Income Tax) and Indirect Tax (i.e. GST, Customs law and FTP) will be of value to all those interested in keeping abreast with tax developments.

Warm Regards,

Team VK&S

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Income Tax updates

- Recent Updates
- Legal Snippets

Updates and Legal snippets

CBDT prescribes electronic modes of payment for Section 269SU

- The Finance (No. 2) Act, 2019 had introduced Section 269SU which required every person with a business turnover, sales or gross receipts exceeding Rs. 50 crores to mandatorily provide facilities for accepting payments through prescribed electronic modes. The CBDT vide its Notification dated 30th December 2019 has prescribed such electronic modes, which needs to be provided from 1 January 2020. Details are as under:
- Every person with a business turnover of more than Rs. 50 crores has to mandatorily provide all the following modes for the purpose of acceptance of payment, which is in addition to the facility for other electronic modes of payment, if any, being provided by such person:
 - ✓ Debit Card powered by RuPay;
 - ✓ Unified Payments Interface (UPI) (BHIM-UPI); and
 - ✓ Unified Payments Interface Quick Response Code (UPI QR Code) (BHIM-UPI QR Code).
- Every person who fails to offer the prescribed modes (installation & operationalization of the facilities) by 31st January 2020 would be subjected to a penalty of Rs. 5,000 per day of default with effect from 1st February, 2020.



Legal Snippets

Whether excess stock unearthed during the course of survey has to be brought to tax as 'undisclosed income' – YES

[SVL Oil Mills Vs ACIT, Chennai 2019-TIOL-2098-HC-MAD-IT]



Whether investment in shares made for strategic business purposes & by utilising borrowed capital, merits being allowed u/s 36(1)(iii) & if no evidence is put forth to establish otherwise - YES

[CIT Chennai Vs KEC International Limited 2019-TIOL-2801-HC-MAD-IT]

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GST updates

- Notifications & Circulars
- Legal Snippets
- GST Advance Rulings

GST - Due Dates, Late Fee Waiver & E-way Bill

IMP!

GSTR 3B Due Date – For November 2019 was extended up to **December 23, 2019**

Annual
Return &
Audit

Due Date for submission of
Annual return in FORM GSTR-9 /
GSTR 9C – for F.Y 2017-18



January 31, 2020



GSTR-1
Late Fee
Waiver

For month/quarter from July
2017 – November 2019

Provided

Delayed GSTR-1 is filed between
December 19, 2019 to January
10, 2020

**Blocking of E-way
bill facility**

Restriction of generating E-Way Bill will be extended to persons **not filing GSTR-1** for 2 consecutive tax periods (month or quarter) with effect from **January 11, 2020**



Due Dates For J&K Registered Persons

All due dates
aligned

Month	GSTR – 1 (Turnover > 1.5 Cr)	GSTR – 7 (Who deducts TDS)	GSTR – 3B
July '19	December 20, 2019	December 20, 2019	December 20, 2019
August '19	December 20, 2019	December 20, 2019	December 20, 2019
September '19	December 20, 2019	December 20, 2019	December 20, 2019
October '19	December 20, 2019	December 20, 2019	December 20, 2019

Due dates for Assam, Manipur & Tripura

Month	GSTR – 1 (Turnover > 1.5 Cr)	GSTR – 7 (Who deducts TDS)	GSTR – 3B
November '19	December 31, 2019	December 25, 2019	December 31, 2019

Also applicable
for MEGHALAYA

GST – RCM & Rate changes

RCM on renting of motor vehicle

- From October 1, 2019, renting of motor vehicle to a body corporate was included under Reverse Charge Mechanism. Due to the words of the Notification, confusion prevailed.
- *Clarificatory Notification and circular has been issued and renting of motor vehicle will attract **GST @ 5% under RCM** in the following scenario:*

Nature of Service

Renting of any Motor vehicle

- designed to carry passengers
- cost of fuel included in the consideration

Supplier

Any person

- other than a body-corporate
- does not issue an invoice charging GST @12%

Recipient

Body corporate

- Located in the taxable territory



Amendment in Rate Notification for goods

Chapter Heading/ Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Previous Rate	Current Rate
3923 or 6305	Woven and non-woven bags and sacks of polyethylene or polypropylene strips or the like, whether or not laminated, of a kind used for packing of goods;	12%	18%
6305 3200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers.	12%	18%

Amendment in Service Exemption Notification

- **Exemption from upfront amount payable for long term lease of industrial/ financial infrastructure plots extended when such land provided by an entity having 20% or more ownership of Central or State Govt. w.e.f. January 01, 2020.**
 - Earlier 50% or more ownership was of Govt was required
 - Additional conditions prescribed regarding utilization of land for industrial or financial activity only

GST – Input Tax Credit

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Restriction of Input Tax Credit

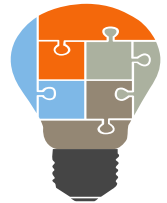
- As per Rule 36(4) inserted w.e.f. 9.10.2019, a taxpayer was eligible to avail ITC only for the amount reflecting in GSTR-2A plus 20% of the said amount
- **From January 1, 2020, the capping has been further reduced to 10%**
- While availing ITC in GSTR-3B of December 2019, a taxpayer can avail:
Eligible ITC in GSTR-2A + 10% of the said amount

w.e.f. December
26, 2019

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Disallowance of debit in Electronic Credit ledger ('ECL') for tax payment

- **Commissioner or officer authorized by him (not below rank of Assistant Commissioner) empowered to disallow debit in ECL**
- **Conditions to disallow utilization of ITC:**
 1. Officer must have "reason to believe" that ITC has been fraudulently availed or is ineligible
 1. He must record such reasons in writing
- Circumstances to believe that ITC has been incorrectly availed:
 - ITC taken where supplier or recipient is non-existent
 - ITC taken basis documents where supplier or recipient have not conducted business for which registration was obtained
 - ITC taken without receipt of goods and services
 - ITC availed on document on which tax charged but not paid to the Government
 - Registered person not in possession of a tax invoice/debit note
- Such restriction shall cease to have effect after the expiry of a **period of one year** from the date of imposing such restriction



The taxpayer will neither be able to use blocked ITC nor claim refund.

Drastic powers of blocking / unblocking credit with the authorities may cause undue hardship to taxpayers

As a caution, recipient need to be alert while dealing with the suppliers



GST – E-invoicing & QR Code

E-invoicing : Applicable from April 1, 2020

What is E – Invoicing?

E-invoicing' or 'electronic invoicing' is a system in which **B2B invoices are authenticated electronically** by GSTN for further use on the common GST portal.

System will prescribe an identification number which will be issued against every invoice by the Invoice Registration Portal (IRP) to be managed by the GSTN.

Myth about E-Invoicing

"Preparing Tax invoice on GST Portal"

CLARIFICATION: Invoices will continue to be prepared on ERP software and then JSON file from software will be created which will be uploaded on notified portals.

Applicability of E-Invoicing system

- **Applicable to – registered person whose aggregate turnover > 100 Crore in a F.Y**
- E-invoice to be prepared for B2B supplies only

Common Notified Portal for E-invoice

- www.einvoice1.gst.gov.in;
- www.einvoice2.gst.gov.in;
- www.einvoice3.gst.gov.in;
- www.einvoice4.gst.gov.in;
- www.einvoice5.gst.gov.in;
- www.einvoice6.gst.gov.in;
- www.einvoice7.gst.gov.in;
- www.einvoice8.gst.gov.in;
- www.einvoice9.gst.gov.in
- www.einvoice10.gst.gov.in

QR Code on B2C invoices : Applicable from April 1, 2020

Applicability



- **Applicable to – registered person whose aggregate turnover > 500 Crore in a F.Y**
- Dynamic Quick Response (QR) available to the recipient through a digital display, shall also be deemed to be having Quick Response (QR) code

Key takeaway

Businesses need to prioritize mapping of current invoicing system vis-a-vis the new requirement. Requisite changes will have to be undertaken in IT processes to be ready for this new change

GST Notifications

Amendments in CGST Act made through Finance (No.2) Act, 2019 notified

To be effective from January 1, 2020

- Changes relating to Composition Levy
- Power to prescribe separate Registration threshold for States
- Requirement of Aadhar No. for Authentication of GST Registration
- Power to Notify persons who need to provide facility of digital payment to recipient
- Power to extend due date of Annual Return
- Provision regarding transfer of amount in Cash Ledger of CGST to SGST . UTGST

To be implemented from a later date

- **Amendment clarifying that Interest on Delayed Payment is to be calculated on net amount paid in cash**
- Return related changes
- Changes in Refund Section
- Changes pertaining to Definitions for Advance Rulings, constitution of National Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling, Rectification, Applicability, powers & procedures of AAR, AAAR, NAAAR)

Central Goods & Service Tax (Amendments) Rules, 2020

Extension of Due Dates of transitional forms for persons who could not submit the same due to technical difficulties

Form	Previous Due Date	Amended Due Date
TRAN - 01	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020
TRAN - 02	March 31, 2020	April 30, 2020

Format changes

- FORM REG-01 for Registration
- FORM GSTR - 3A viz. Notice to non-filers
- FORM INV - 01 - New Form Notified

Amendments in Due Dates for J&K – transition plan

- Notification No. 62/2019 was issued in November to provide for transition procedure for GSTIN holders in State of Jammu & Kashmir who are required to take obtain GSTIN for J&K Union Territory. Transition plan specified the tax period and Procedure to transfer ITC from GSTIN of J&K State to GSTIN of J&K Union Territory.
- Certain due dates in that regard have been extended.

GST – Other updates

ITeS Services



Circular No. 107/26/2019 dated 18.07.2019 issued in respect of clarifications for IT services supplied by Call Centers, Business process outsourcing services, etc withdrawn *ab-initio*. The said Circular had created unrest with the Industry due to its implications on qualification as 'intermediary' services.

Quoting of Document Identification Number

- DIN quoting has been made mandatory for **all communications**, including e-mails (effective from December 24, 2019)
- Standardized documents issued which will bear a pre-populated DIN
- **Forms to be used w.e.f. January 01,2020**
- Documents not bearing DIN to be invalid, except when covered under exceptions



Removal of Difficulty Order

Extension of Limitation period for filing Appeal

Due to non-constitution of benches of the Appellate Tribunal the last date for filing of appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal has been extended.

Limitation for appeal filing is to be calculated from the **later of the following:**

- date of communication of order; or
- date on which the President /State President, of the Appellate Tribunal enters office

Standard Operating Procedure for non-filers of Returns

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- CBIC has issued SOP to be followed when GSTR-3B, Annual Return or Final Return (required on cancellation of Registration) is not filed within the due date
 - Notice in GSTR-3A is to be issued directing furnishing of Return within 15 days
 - Where return is still not filed, officer may proceed with Best Judgement Assessment – No separate Notice will be issued
 - Assessment Order in Form ASMT-13 will be issued
- Commissioner may resort to provisional attachment before issuance of ASMT-13
- Proper Officer may initiate cancellation of registration where returns not furnished for a continuous period of 6 months

Refer next slide for detailed procedure

SOP for non-filers of Returns

Steps with example of timeline for the month of January 2020



GST – Advance Rulings



Advance ruling is binding only on the applicant who has sought the advance ruling and on the concerned officer or the jurisdictional officer in respect of the applicant

However, the Rulings help us to ascertain the mind-set and interpretation that may be adopted by the Department. Accordingly, we have discussed a few Advance rulings issued recently.

*M/s Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Ltd
[Madhya Pradesh AAR]*

Transportation &
Beneficiation of Coal

Issue: Applicability of GST rate when transportation and beneficiation of coal provided together. **Whether charging separate rates i.e. GST @5% under RCM for transportation services by GTA and @18% on coal beneficiation and loading charges is in compliance with provisions of GST?**

Ruling – Services of Coal beneficiation and transportation held to be two different supplies and stated to attract GST @18% (SAC 9997) and @5% (under reverse charge if supplier does not avail ITC) or @12% (paid by transporter) under SAC 9965 respectively.

**No observations given on whether loading/unloading and transportation services are a composite supply or not.*

Infobase Services Pvt. Ltd [West Bengal AAR]

Mixed Supply or
Composite Supply

Issue: Applicant engaged by a club for supplying services of printing Directory of members and marketing of advertisement space for Directory. **Whether such service is a composite supply or mixed supply and applicability of GST?**

Ruling – Applicant making a bundled supply for a single price as the project cost for printing. The two services are not naturally bundled and bound by an obligation. Therefore, not a composite supply. Hence, it is a mixed supply and therefore attracts highest rate of tax which is @18% for selling of space for advertisement, when made as an intermediary

GST – Advance Rulings

Ex Servicemen Resettlement Society [West Bengal AAR]

Bonus for security personnel

Issue: The Applicant is a registered society providing security services and scavenging services to various hospitals under the State Government. The Applicant receives bonus to be paid to security personnel and prepares a separate bill on which no GST is charged. **Whether GST applicable on such amount?**

Ruling –

- Security personnel provided by the Applicant are not employees of the recipient hospitals run by State Government.
- Bonus to such security personnel therefore does not fall within the ambit of “employer-employee” relationship
- As a result, payment received by the Applicant from the recipient will attract GST

Applicant A: M/s Vijai Electricals Ltd [Andhra Pradesh AAR]
Applicant B: Sealwel Corporation Pvt Ltd [Andhra Pradesh AAR]

Works Contract Services

Issue: Applicants were awarded works contract by M/s Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Ltd. (‘EPDCAPL’) and are engaged in execution of works contract relating to electrical works and electrical infrastructure. **Whether concessional tax rate @12% applicable to the said Contracts ?**

- Applicability of lower rate of GST@12% was sought under the Entry: ‘Construction services of ‘a civil structure or any other original works meant predominantly for use other than for commerce, industry, or any other business or profession’ when provided to specified Government recipients
- EPDCAPL held to be Government Entity as it is wholly owned by Govt. of AP
- Works taken up by the Applicant A was to execute/implement various Schemes for construction of substations, erection of distribution transformers, implementation of World Bank Projects.
- Work taken by Applicant B was i) Conversion of existing LT network into HDVS ii) supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 11KV autoclears and sectionalisers to full turn key basis (with and without IPDS)
- Since the construction in the present case undertaken for EPDCAPL was for business purpose., benefit of concessional rate not applicable.



GST – Advance Rulings

M/s PKR Projects & Engineers [Andhra Pradesh AAR]

GST on Royalty /
Dead Rent

Issue: Applicant was granted road metal quarry for extraction of road metal by Dy. Director of Mines and Geology. Applicant has to discharge his liability on the amounts paid to the mines department towards royalty paid/dead rent etc. for such mining rights. **Ruling sought on classification of service and applicable rate of GST**

Ruling –

- Applicant required to pay dead rent or Royalty (whichever is higher). Such activity is a supply of service wherein the Government of Andhra Pradesh is a supplier and Applicant is a Recipient.
- Activity undertaken by the Applicant classifiable under Heading 9973 and sub heading 99737 and attracts 18% GST w.e.f. January 01, 2019

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd [Andhra Pradesh AAR]

Liquidated Damages
for delay

Issue: **Whether liquidated damages are liable for GST, if yes, at what rate? Time of Supply on such liquidated damages.**

Ruling –

- Liquidated Damages attract GST@18% and are covered under Entry No. 35 of Notification No. 11/2017 CT(R) dated June 28, 2017
- **Time Of Supply:** levy of liquidated damages to be at the time where it is successfully established that the delay has been caused on behalf of the contractor

M/s Mcnally Bahart [Andhra Pradesh AAR]

Composite Supply of
Works Contract

Issue: Applicant entered into 3 contracts which are: 1) Supply Contract 2) Erection Contract 3) Operation & Maintenance Contract; for establishment of Solar PV Power Project. All the 3 contracts have separate consideration however, there is a clause in all the above contracts that a breach in one contract will automatically be construed as a breach in other. **Whether the Supply is a Composite Supply or not and its classification and applicable rate of GST.**

Ruling –

- Contract held to be a Composite Supply as the intention of the Contractee is to procure a completely functional solar panel and wherein the applicant takes end to end responsibility for its functioning.
- Supply to be classified under Heading 9954 attracting GST @18%

GST – Advance Rulings

M/s Indian Potash Ltd [Andhra Pradesh AAR]

Ocean Freight

Issue: Applicant engaged in import handling, promotion & marketing of fertilizer in the entire country.. Ruling sought on **Whether 1) ocean freight liable to GST? 2) supply qualify as import of service? 3) transaction qualify as an inter-state supply? 4) Applicant a recipient of service 5) Applicant liable under RCM**

Ruling –

- 1) Ocean freight leviable to IGST as an inter-state supply of service
- 2) Supply qualifies as an import of service
- 3) Supply qualifies as inter-state supply of service
- 4) Consideration paid by the Applicant is inclusive of both for goods and transport of those goods by vessel (i.e. freight). Therefore, Applicant is a recipient under Section 2(93) of the CGST Act.
- 5) Importer liable to pay under RCM as per Notification No. 10/2017 – IT (R) dated June 28, 2017

Further, it was held that issues raised on double taxation, subsidies and cascading effect leading to accumulation of credit are issues beyond the purview of Authority.

M/s Chitra Transport [Andhra Pradesh AAR]

GST on GTA
Commission

Issue: Applicant is an Agent carrying the activity of engaging lorries from lorry owners and providing transport facility to their customers. Applicant collects transport charges from their customers and pays requisite amount to the lorry owners while keeping some commission. **Whether such Commission is liable to GST or the entire amount charged to their customers without deducting any GST will be liable for GST? Applicable rate of tax.**

Ruling –

- Applicant issuing lorry receipts containing all requisite information shall mean issuance of consignment note and therefore qualifies as a GTA.
- Customer of Applicant to pay GST under RCM @ 5% or Applicant may charge GST @12%
- Commission obtained by procuring trucks from lorry owners not taxable in the hands of GTA. *(Lack of clarity in Order in relation to this aspect)*

GST – Advance Rulings

M/s Siemens Ltd [West Bengal AAR]

Appellate AAR

GST on Mobilization
Advance

Issue: Clarity is sought whether GST to be applicable on gross or net amount after adjusting the mobilization advance?

Ruling –

- Mobilization advance has not suffered tax under Pre-GST regime.
- Two characteristics examined i.e. (i) assessee did not pay interest to Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Limited (KMRCL) for holding the lump-sum amount for long period and (ii) assessee was not at liberty to utilize the lump-sum amount in any venture of their own;
- Accordingly, inferred that said amount qualifies as “advance only and not as a deposit”
- Unadjusted part of Mobilization advance received as on July 01 taxable under GST

Outside the purview of AAR

- *M/s Tech Mech Global Interface Pvt. Ltd [Andhra Pradesh AAR]*

Clarification on “**place of supply**” sought for liaison services extended by Applicant to overseas manufacturers without any Indian Subsidiary/Indian Liaison Office

- *M/s Venkat Rao Tirupathi [Andhra Pradesh AAR]*

Sought Ruling on issue of **applicability of interest** for intervening period in the context of payment done under one Head (i.e. Head of Cess) instead of other Head (i.e. Head of CGST) with a time gap of eight months between two payment.

- *Barbeque Nation Hospitality Ltd [West Bengal AAR]*

Applicant taken a lease on certain premises on which the licensor charges and collects electricity charges along with GST claiming that the Licensor is supplying electricity to the Applicant. The question is on component of amount charged by the Licensor on leasing of an immovable property and is **not related to the supplies made by the Applicant is making**. Therefore, outside the purview of AAR.



Recipient cannot apply

- *M/s Divisional Forest Officer, Logging Division [Andhra Pradesh AAR]*

Applicant engaged in the activities of extraction/cutting of Timber & Bamboo from natural forests, its transportation to Government Depots and maintenance works. Applicant do not make any of the supplies in question but is in fact **a recipient of various supplies** made by the Contractors. Not covered under Section 97(2) of the CGST Act, 2017.

- *Maneckji Cooper Education Trust [Maharashtra AAR]*

Query raised by Applicant whether they should **surrender GST Registration**. Not covered under Section 97(2) of the CGST Act, 2017.

Legal snippets

Interim Bail allowed – Rajasthan HC

- Rajasthan HC allows the interim bail application on humanitarian grounds directing release of the petitioner for 15 days subject to furnishing of a personal bond in the sum of Rs. 10 Lac together with two sureties in the sum of Rs. 5 lac each and surrendering his passport with the concerned Jail Superintendent.
- Matter involved claiming fake currency inputs to the tune of Rs.33 crore

Recovery upheld – MP HC

- Petitioner cannot escape his GST liability when it has quantified the tax payable while submitting the GSTR-1:
- Rejected assessee's plea that in absence of determination of tax u/s 73, no recovery could have been initiated u/s 79 as no notice of demand was ever issued
- Clarifies that tax determination has already been done as the assessee quantified its tax liability under GSTR-1 returns

Price variation due to GST – Kerala HC

- Kerala HC holds the Petitioner not entitled to any relief under the tender on account of introduction of GST noting that the preliminary agreement provided for payment of tax at the rate prevailing at the time of execution of work”
- Explicates that, “the tender is to be submitted by a bidder taking into account various factors and components and a little bit of speculation is also required” while emphasizing that “necessarily, petitioner ought to have visualised such a situation and the rates should have been quoted only in accordance with the same

Benefit cannot be denied due to lack of IT system– Delhi HC

- Delhi HC grants partial refund of ITC paid in cash noting that assessee had to pay the tax as it could not use and exploit the ITC while making exports in the months of July and August, 2017
- Observes that, “Petitioner cannot be made to suffer on account of failure on the part of the Respondents in devising smooth transition to GST regime w.e.f. 01.07.2017, from the erstwhile indirect taxation structure”
- Clarifies that software systems have to be in tune with the law, and not vice versa and system limitations cannot be a justification to deny the relief, to which the Petitioner is legally entitled;

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Customs updates

- Notifications
- Circulars

Notifications & Circulars

Non-Tariff & Tariff Notifications

Changes in First Schedule to Customs Tariff as per proposals of Finance Act 2019 made effective from **January 1, 2020**

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Corresponding changes made in other relevant Notifications such as:

- 50/2017 – Exemptions to various goods
- 82/2017- Effective rate for Ch. 50 - 63
- Notification for rate of Petroleum Crude, etc
- Certain Anti-dumping Notifications

Anti-dumping Duty ('ADD') Notifications

45/
2019

Imposes ADD on imports of Clear float glass originating in or exported from Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and UAE in pursuance of Final findings of Designated Authority in sunset review of notification No. 48/2014-Customs (ADD) dated 11.12.2014

Circulars

Mandatory DIN

Generation and quoting of Document Identification Number (DIN) on any communication issued by the officers of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to tax payers and other concerned persons has been made mandatory from November 8, 2019 for search, summons, etc.

- **As per new circular, DIN is to be used for all communications including emails w.e.f. December 24, 2019**
- In exceptional circumstance, requirement of DIN may be relaxed

Customs Refund - Standing Order

Customs Commissionerate,
Maharashtra

Re-assessment of Bills of Entry involving Refund Claim of Excess Duty paid:

- Reliance placed on Order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ITC Ltd. Vs C.C.E, Kolkata-IV dated 18.09.2019 wherein it is held that the claim of refund cannot be entertained unless the order of assessment or self-assessment (i.e. Bill of Entry) is modified in Appeal
- **Clarified that claim of refund cannot be entertained without the outcome of the appellate order and consequent re-assessment.**
- Where refund is sanctioned without appellate order, SCN is to be issued for recovery

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FTP updates

- Notifications
- Public Notices

Notifications and Public Notice

Subject	Details
Clearance as 'gifts' (Amendment in Para 2.25 of Foreign Trade Policy)	Import of goods, including those purchased from e-commerce portals, through post or courier, where Customs clearance is sought as 'gifts' is prohibited, except for life saving drugs / medicines and Rakhi (but not gifts related to Rakhi). Rakhi will be exempted as under Section 25(6) of Customs Act, 1962. Further, import of goods as gifts with payment of full applicable duty is permissible.
Amendment in import policy conditions of gold and silver	Import policy of gold, other than monetary gold and silver in any form, is amended from "Free" to "Restricted" hence import is allowed only through nominated agencies as notified by RBI (incase of bank) and DGFT (for other agencies). However, Import under Advance Authorization and supply of gold directly by the foreign buyers to exporters under Para 4.45 of Foreign Trade Policy against export orders are exempted.
Amendment in Import Policy and Policy condition under HS Code 07131000	Import of Peas (Pisum Sativum) including Yellow Peas, Green peas, Dun Peas and Kaspas peas (having HS Code 07131000) is restricted and import is subject to MIP of Rs. 200/- CIF per kilogram. Import is allowed only through Kolkata Sea Port.
Amendment in Para 2.54 of the Handbook of Procedures, 2015-2020	Para 2.54: The period for installation and operationalization of Radiation Portal Monitors and Containers Scanner in the designated ports has been extended up to 31.03.2020.
Extension of Validity of Pre-shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs)	Validity of the Pre-shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs) as listed in Appendix 2G and A&ANF, whose validity expires on 31.12.2019 is further extended up to 31.03.2020.
Amendments in Para 4.68 (a) of the Handbook of Procedures 2015-20.	Proof of Export i.e. Para 4.68 (a) of Handbook of Procedures 2015-20 stands amended to allow submission of self attested copy of Exporter's copy of Shipping Bill in place of Export Promotion (E.P) copy of shipping bill.



Notifications and Public Notice

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