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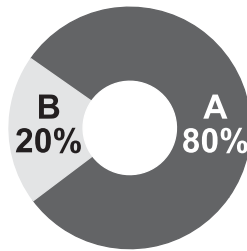
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# Syllabus

## PAPER 18: INDIRECT TAX LAWS & PRACTICE

### Syllabus Structure

A	Advanced Indirect Tax and Practice	80%
B	Tax Practice and Procedures	20%



### ASSESSMENT STRATEGY

There will be examination of three hours.

### OBJECTIVES

To gain expert knowledge about the indirect tax laws in force and the relevant rules and principles emerging from leading cases, to provide an insight into practical aspects and apply the provisions of laws to various situations and to understand the various external auditing requirements under tax laws.

### Learning Aims

The syllabus aims to test the student's ability to:

- Tax planning and management under Indirect Taxes
- Explain case laws governing core provisions of the relevant Acts
- Explain foreign trade policy related issues
- Explain powers of various assessing authorities

### Skill Set Required

Level C: Requiring skill levels of knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation.

### Syllabus Structure

#### Paper 18: Indirect Tax Laws and Practice

<b>Section A : Advanced Indirect Tax and Practice</b>		
1. Goods and Services Tax Act & Rules		50%
2. Customs law		20%
3. Foreign Trade Policy		10%
<b>Section B : Tax Practice and Procedures</b>		
4. Case Study Analysis		20%

## SECTION A: ADVANCED INDIRECT TAX AND PRACTICE

### 1. Goods and Services Tax Act & Rules

#### 1.1 Introduction

What is GST

Need for GST in India

- ▶ Cascading effect of tax
- ▶ Non-integration of VAT and Service Tax causes double taxation
- ▶ No CENVAT Credit after manufacturing stage to a dealer:
- ▶ Cascading of taxes on account of levy of CST Inter-State purchases:
- ▶ The existing Indirect Tax frame work in India suffer from various duties and taxes at Central as well as at State level:
- ▶ Non Availment of Seamless ITC
- ▶ Tedious Process of Issuance and collection of CST Forms and losses suffered due to them
- ▶ Sharing of Data between Centre and States and various Boards

One Nation-One Tax

Dual GST Model

- ▶ Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (CGST)
- ▶ State Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (SGST)/
- ▶ Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (UTGST)
- ▶ Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (IGST)

Methodology of Flow of Revenue between Centre and States

Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN)

- ▶ The functions of the GSTN (i.e. Role assigned to GSTN)
- ▶ Constitution (101st Amendment) Act, 2016 GST Council
- ▶ Guiding principle of the GST Council
- ▶ Functions of the GST Council
- ▶ Body of GST Law

Definitions under CGST Laws

#### 1.2 Levy and Collection of Tax

Scope of supply (Section 7 of CGST Act, 2017)

Section 7(1)(a) all forms of supply of goods or services or both such as sale, transfer, barter, exchange, licence, rental, lease or disposal made or agreed to be made for a consideration by a person in the course or furtherance of business;

Section 7(1)(b) of CGST Act, 2017, import of services for a consideration whether or not in the course or furtherance of business

Section 7(1)(c) of the CGST Act, 2017 the activities specified in Schedule I, made or agreed to be made without a consideration

- ▶ Permanent transfer/disposal of business assets
- ▶ Supply between related persons or distinct persons
- ▶ Supply to agents or by agents
- ▶ Importation of Services

Section 7(1)(d) the activities to be treated as supply of goods or supply of services as referred to in Schedule II

- ▶ Un-divided share in goods
- ▶ Job work
- ▶ Transfer of business assets
- ▶ Renting of Immovable Property
- ▶ Construction Service
- ▶ Information Technology software
- ▶ Agreeing to the obligation to refrain from an act, or to tolerate an act or a situation, or to do an act
- ▶ Transfer of the right to use any goods for any purpose
- ▶ Composite supply
- ▶ Supply of goods, by any unincorporated association or body of persons to a member thereof for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration.

Non-taxable Supplies under CGST Act, 2017

- ▶ Section 7(2) (a) activities or transactions specified in Schedule III;
- ▶ Section 7(2)(b) such activities or transactions undertaken by the Central Government, a State Government or any local authority in which they are engaged as public authorities, as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council,

Section 7(3) the transactions that are to be treated as —

(a) a supply of goods and not as a supply of services; or

(b) a supply of services and not as a supply of goods.

Composite and Mixed Supplies (Section 8 of CGST Act, 2017)

- ▶ Meaning of Composite and Mixed Supplies
- ▶ Composite Supply
- ▶ Mixed supply, Levy and Collection, Composition Levy, Exemption from tax, Person liable to pay tax

Forward Charge

Reverse Charge

Person who are required to pay tax under section 9(5) of CGST (i.e. Electronic Commerce Operator)

Exempt Supply, Non Taxable Supply and Non-GST Supply

Rates of GST

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Demand and recovery Offence and Penalties

Appeals and Revision Advance Ruling Miscellaneous Provisions

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**1.24 Replying to Department Notices under GST – Sample Cases**

**1.25 Operation of GST Portal – A Walkthrough**

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Circumstance under which no duty will be levied

Tax Planning v Tax Management

Remission/ Abatement of Duty – Pilfered Goods, Damaged or Deteriorated Goods, Lost or Destroyed Goods

Derelict, Flotsam etc., Denatured or Mutilated Goods, Re-imported Goods

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Customs Tariff Act, 1975

General Rules for the Interpretation of Import Tariff

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Types of Duties

When can provisional measures are imposed

Refund on anti-dumping duty

Project Imports and Eligible Projects

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Export Procedures

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- ▶ Service Exports From India Scheme (SEIS)
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- ▶ Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG)
- ▶ EOU, EHTP, STP & BTP Schemes
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# **GOODS & SERVICES TAX (GST)**

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# Study Note-1

## INTRODUCTION



### This Study Note includes

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- 1.2 Constitution [101st Amendment] Act, 2016
- 1.3 What is GST
- 1.4 Advantages of GST
- 1.5 Need for GST in India
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- 1.7 Dual GST Model
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- 1.9 Goods and Services Tax Network [GSTN]
- 1.10 GST Council
- 1.11 Body of GST Law
- 1.12 Important Definitions under CGST Law

### 1.1 FUNDAMENTALS OF GST

Difference between Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes– illustrative list:

Direct Taxes	Indirect Taxes
1. Payer of tax and sufferer of tax one and same (i.e. impact and incidence on the same person)	1. Payer of tax not sufferer of tax whereas sufferer of tax is not paying directly to the Government (i.e. impact on one head and incidence on other head)
2. Income based taxes	2. Supply based taxes
3. Rate of taxes are different from person to person	3. Rate of duties are not differ from person to person
4. Entire revenue goes to Central Government of India	4. Revenue source to Central Government of India as well as State Governments (i.e.CGST and SGST)
5. Previous year income assessed in the assessment year	5. There is no previous year and assessment year concept
6. Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) is an important part of Department of Revenue.	6. Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) is an important part of Department of Revenue. w.e.f. 1-2-2019, The Central Board of Excise & Customs is being renamed as the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC). (i.e. CBEC renamed as CBIC).
7. Progressive nature.	7. Regressive nature.



## 1.2 CONSTITUTION [101<sup>ST</sup> AMENDMENT] ACT, 2016

Constitution (122nd Amendment) Bill, 2014 received the assent of the President of India on 8th September, 2016 and became Constitution (101st Amendment) Act, 2016, which paved the way for introduction of GST in India.

Constitution (101st Amendment) Act, 2016 was enacted on 8th September, 2016, with following significant amendments:

- (a) Concurrent powers on Parliament and State Legislatures to make laws governing goods and services. It means there will be dual control of State and Central authorities for all assesseees.
- (b) As per Article 246A, the power to levy GST has been given to the Parliament as well as to Legislature of every State.
  - a. CGST– enacted by Central Government of India.
  - b. IGST– enacted by Central Government of India.
  - c. SGST– enacted by respective State Governments
  - d. UTGST– enacted by Central Government of India
- (c) IGST will be apportioned between Centre and the States in the manner provided by Parliament by Law as per their commendation of the GST Council.
- (d) GST will be levied on all supply of goods and services except alcoholic liquor for human consumption.
- (e) The explanation to Article 269A of Constitution of India provides that the import of goods or services will be deemed as supply of goods or services or both in the course of inter-State trade or commerce. In case of import of goods IGST will be levied along with the Basic Customs duty. It means IGST is levied in replacement of CVD + Spl. CVD. In case of import of services only IGST will be levied.
- (f) Principles for determining the place of supply and when a supply takes place in the course of inter-state trade or commerce shall be decided by the Parliament.
- (g) The power to levy Central Excise duty on goods manufactured or produced in India is available in respect of the following products:
  - a. Petroleum crude;
  - b. High speed diesel;
  - c. Motorspirit (commonly known as petrol);
  - d. Natural gas;
  - e. Aviation turbine fuel; and
  - f. Tobacco and tobacco products.However, once GST is imposed there will be no duty on manufacture of these goods.
- (h) The power to impose tax on sale of the following products is still provided to the State Governments:
  - a. Petroleum crude;
  - b. High speed diesel;
  - c. Motorspirit (commonly known as petrol);
  - d. Natural gas;
  - e. Aviation turbine fuel; and
  - f. Alcoholic liquor for human consumption.

However, once GST Council is recommended the date from which GST is imposed on these products (except alcoholic liquor for human consumption), and no sales tax will be imposed on these products.

## Introduction

As per definition given in article 366(12A), GST covers all the goods except alcoholic liquor for human consumption. It means no GST can be levied on Alcoholic liquor for human consumption. Present system of State Excise duty and sales tax on Alcoholic liquor for human consumption will continue.

As a result, the following bills became an Act on 12th April 2017:

- Central Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
- Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
- Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017
- Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017

The Central Government notified 1st July, 2017 as the date from which the much awaited indirect tax reform in India, i.e., Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be implemented.

Accordingly, Goods and Services Tax (GST) has been implemented in India w.e.f. 1st July, 2017.

### 1.3 WHAT IS GST

- Goods and services tax means a tax on supply of goods or services, or both, except taxes on supply of alcoholic liquor for human consumption (Article 366 (12A) of Constitution of India).
- GST is a value added tax levy on sale or service or both.
- GST is a destination-based consumption tax.
- GST offers comprehensive and continuous chain of tax credit.
- GST where burden borne by final consumer.
- GST eliminate cascading effect of tax.
- GST brings uniform tax structure all over India.

### 1.4 ADVANTAGES OF GST

- (a) One Nation One Tax.
- (b) Removal of bundled indirect taxes such as VAT, CST, Service tax, CAD, SAD and Excise.
- (c) Removal of cascading effect of taxes i.e. removes tax on tax.
- (d) Increase ease of doing business;
- (e) Lower cost of production, increases demand will lead to increase supply. Hence, this will ultimately lead to rise in the production of goods. Resultantly boost to make in India initiative.
- (f) It will boost export and manufacturing activity, generate more employment and thus increase GDP with gainful employment leading to substantive economic growth;

### 1.5 NEED FOR GST IN INDIA

The following deficiencies in the existing Indirect Tax Laws cause need to bring GST in India as a cure for ills of existing Indirect Tax regime.





**GST is a Cure for ills of existing Indirect Tax:**

The given statement is true. Cascading affect of tax is one of the vital cause-to-cause ill of existing Indirect Tax. It means, a tax that is levied on a good a teach stage of the production process upto the point of beings old to the final consumer. It is also known as tax on tax.

One of the fundamental features of GST is the seamless flow of input credit across the chain (from the manufacture of goods fill it is consumed) and across the country.

Let us understand it in the following cases:

**(1) Non-integration of VAT and Service Tax causes double taxation:**

In the present regime, restaurant services provider is liable to pay VAT on sale of food and service tax on supply of services. There is no set-off. It means VAT is not allowed as input tax credit against service tax and vice versa.

<b>Example 1:</b>	
<b>Service Tax and VAT on Restaurant Bill:</b>	
<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount (₹)</b>
<b>TotalFood Bill</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Service charges @10%</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>VAT@14.5%on ₹ 1,100</b>	<b>159.50</b>
<b>Total Bill (before Service Tax)</b>	<b>1,259.50</b>
<b>Service Tax @14%on ₹ 440 (i.e.,1,100 × 40%)</b>	<b>61.60</b>
<b>Add: Swachh Bharat Cess 0.5% on ₹ 440</b>	<b>2.20</b>
<b>Add: KrishiKalyan Cess 0.5% on ₹ 440</b>	<b>2.20</b>
<b>Total Bill payable by customer</b>	<b>1,325.50</b>
<b>Rounded off</b>	<b>1,326.00</b>

**Case Law: 1**

**Whether section 66E(i) of the Finance Act,1994 which levies service tax on the service portion of activity whether in goods being food or any other article for human consumption or any drink (whether or not in toxicating) is supplied in any manner as a part of activity, is ultra vires the Article 366(29A) (f) of the Constitution?**

**Hotel East Park v. UOI 2014 (35) STR 433 (Chhatisgarh)**

**Decision:**

The quantum of services to be taxed is explained under rule 2C of the Service Tax (Determination of Value) Rules, 2006.

The High court held that section 66E(i) of the Finance Act,1994 is intra vires (i.e. within the legal power) the Article 366(29A)(f) of the Constitution of India.

Further, the High Court held that no VAT can be charged over the amount meant for service and that the amount over which service tax has been charged should not be subject toVAT.

The High Court directed the State Government to frame such rules and issue clarifications to this effect to ensure that the customers are not double taxed over the same amount. The rules may be in conformity with the bifurcation as provided under the Finance Act, 1994 or ensure that the Commercial Tax authorities do not charge VAT on that part of the value of the food and drink on which service tax is being assessed.

**(2) No CENVAT Credit after manufacturing stage to a dealer:**

In the present regime, a manufacturer of dutiable goods charge excise duty and value added tax on intra-state sale of goods or CST on inter-state sale of goods. VAT or CST is levied inclusive of excise duty.

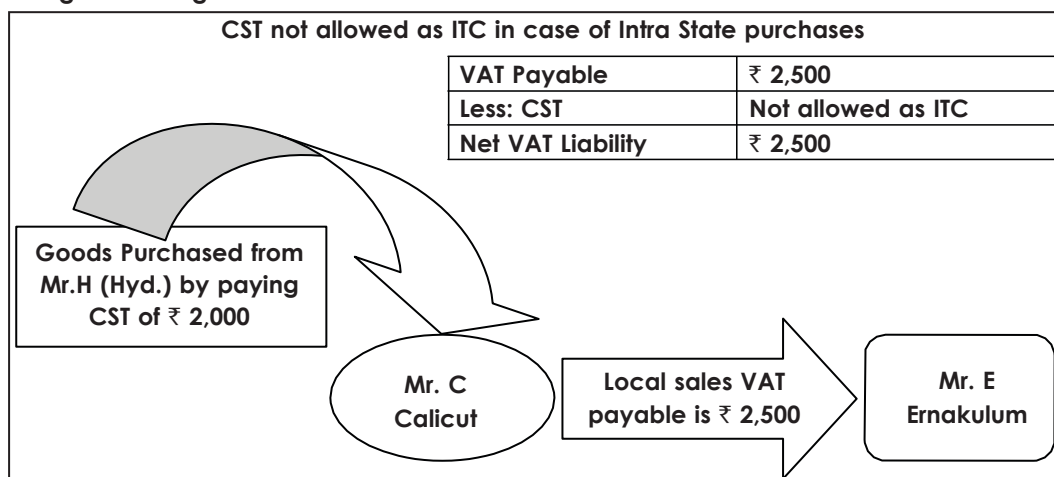
**Example 2:**  
**Invoice of a manufacturer cum seller:**

Particulars	Value in (₹)
Value of Goods	1,00,000
Add: Excise duty 12.5%	12,500
Taxable Turnover	1,12,500
Add: VAT 14.5%	16,313
Invoice Price	1,28,813

**(3) Cascading of taxes on account of levy of CST Inter-state purchases:**

**Example 3:**

Mr. C of Calicut being a dealer purchased goods from Mr. H of Hyderabad by paying central sales tax of ₹ 2,000. Since, CST is not allowed as Input Tax Credit against VAT payable on local sales, VAT is calculated inclusive of CST causing cascading of tax.



**(4) The existing Indirect Tax frame work in India suffer from various duties and taxes at Central as well as at State level:**

Central Indirect taxes	State Indirect Taxes
Central Excise duty	State Value Added Tax
Excise duty levied under Medicinal and Toilet preparations (Excise duty) Act, 1955	Entertainment tax
Service Tax	Central Sales Tax
CVD on import	Entry tax
Spl. CVD on import	Purchase tax
Central surcharge	Luxury tax
Central Cesses	Betting and Gambling tax
	State surcharges
	State Cesses

In the GST regime, all the above taxes have been subsumed in the ambit of GST.



**(5) Non Availment of Seamless ITC** – VAT dealers were not able to take credit of excise duty charged by manufacturers. Duties paid under excise law were subsumed into cost beyond the manufacturing level. Like excise duty, VAT dealers were not able to take credit of service tax charged by the service providers on various input services.

Since GST is a destination based consumption tax, revenue of SGST ordinarily accrues to the consuming States. The inter-state supplier in the exporting State is allowed to set off the available credit of IGST, CGST and SGST / UTGST against the IGST payable on inter-state supply made by him.

**(6) Tedious Process of issuance and collection of CST Forms and losses suffered due to them:**

To avoid cascading effects of CST and to avail concessions or exemptions, various forms, like 'C Form', 'F Form', 'H Form', etc. had been prescribed which were issued / utilized by adhering to certain procedures. The forms prescribed under central sales tax rules 1957, include form C for making inter state purchase at lower rate, form F used to transfer goods from one branch to other indifferent state. The industry faced a lot of problems regarding the collection of forms and other procedural aspects. Therefore, they had to suffer losses due to the same. These are now done away with the introduction of GST in India.

**(7) Sharing of Data between Centre and States and various Boards:**

The division of assesses between Centre and State is decided by the Centre and State Governments. GSTN got an application developed using which Central and State tax authorities have uploaded the data on allocation of migrated tax payers in the GST System database. In order to ensure single interface for assesses under GST, the State Level Committees comprising of Chief Commissioner/Commissioner of Central Tax and Commissioner of State tax have assigned the tax payers to be under either the Central Tax or State Tax administration based on the turn over of the assesses on a proportionate basis. The assesses having turn over above ₹ 1.5 crores are to be assigned in the ratio of 50:50 between the Centre and there spective State while those having turn over less than ₹ 1.5 Crores have to be assigned in the ratio of 10:90 between the Centre and there spective State. No choice has been given to assesses to opt for a particular tax administration i.e. Centre and State.

## 1.6 ONE NATION - ONE TAX

GST will extend to whole of India including the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

On 7th July, 2017, the Jammu and Kashmir Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017 was passed by the State Legislature, empowering the State to levy State GST on intra-state supplies with effect from 8th July, 2017.

Concomitantly, the President of India has promulgated two ordinances, namely, the Central Goods and Services Tax (Extension to Jammu and Kashmir) Ordinance, 2017 and the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Extension to Jammu and Kashmir) Ordinance, 2017 extending the domain of Central GST Act and the Integrated GST Act to the State of Jammu and Kashmir, with effect from 8th July, 2017.

With this, the State of Jammu and Kashmir has be come part of the GST regime, making GST truly a "one nation, one tax" regime.

## 1.7 DUAL GST MODEL

India adopted a dual GST where tax imposed concurrently by the Centra land States.

### Dual GST model

<b>SGST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State GST</li> <li>• Collected by the State Government</li> </ul>
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<b>CGST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central GST</li> <li>• Collected by the Central Government</li> </ul>
<b>IGST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated GST</li> <li>• Collected by the Central Government on inter-state supply of Goods and Services</li> </ul>

**Central Goods and Services Tax Act,2017 (CGST):**

CGST levied and collected by Central Government. It is are venue source to the Central Government of India, on intra-state supplies of taxable goods or services or both.

**State Goods and Services Tax Act,2017 (SGST):**

SGST levied and collected by State Governments/Union Territories with State Legislatures (namely Delhi and Pondicherry)on intra-state supplies of taxable goods or services or both.

It is a revenue source of the respective State Government.

**Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (UTGST):**

UTGST levied and collected by Union Territories without State Legislatures, on intra-state supplies of taxable goods or services or both.

**Note:** India is a Union of States. The territory of India comprises of the territories of the States and the Union territories. Currently, there are 28 States and 8 Union territories; of which, three (Delhi, Pondicherry and Jammu & Kashmir) are having Legislature.

**Methodology ofFlowofRevenue between Centrand States**

Under GST, the tax levied on consumption of goods or rendering of service is split 50:50 between the Centre and the state (where the goods are consumed).

GST, being a consumption-based tax, the state where the goods are consumed (i.e., recipient State) will receive the GST amount and the state from where goods are sold (i.e., supplier State) should not get any taxes.

**Let us try to understand there venue sharing methodology between the Centre and State with the help of an example.**

Suppose that goods worth ₹ 10,000 are sold by manufacturer A from Maharashtra to Dealer B in Maharashtra. Dealer B resells them to Trader C in Rajasthan for ₹ 17,500. Suppose the applicable tax rates for the goods sold are CGST=9%, SGST=9%, and IGST=9+9=18%.

Since A is selling this to B in Maharashtra itself, it is an intra-state sale and so, CGST@9% andSGST@9% will apply. Dealer B (Maharashtra) is selling to Trader C (Rajasthan). Hence, this is an inter state sale, with IGST@18%. Trader C (Rajasthan)is selling to end user D also in Rajasthan. Once again, it is an intra-state sale and hence, CGST@9% and SGST@9% will apply.

GST being a consumption-based tax the state where the goods were consumed (Rajasthan) will receive GST. By that logic, Maharashtra (where goods were sold)should not get any taxes. State Rajasthan and Central Government should have got  $(30,000*9\%) = 2,700$  each. Thus, Maharashtra (exporting state) will have to transfer credit of SGST of ₹ 900 (used in payment of IGST) to the Centre. [Any IGST credit will first be applied to set off in this order: First set off against IGST liability, then CGST and the balance credit will be used to set off SGST].

In turn, Centra IGovernment will transfer to state Rajasthan (importing state) ₹ 450 IGST.



Step		Sale Price	Amount Received as Tax by				
			Maharashtra	Rajasthan		Central	
I	A to B	10,000	10,000 * 9% = 900	—		10,000 * 9% = 900	
II	B to C	17,500	—	—		17,500*IGST@18%	3150
						(-) CGST Credit	900
						(-) SGST Credit	900
						Net	1350
III	C to D	30,000	—	30,000 * SGST@9%	2,700	30,000*CGST@9%	2,700
				(-) IGST Credit balance (3150-2700)	450	(-) IGST Credit ***	2,700
				Net	2,250	Net	0
				Total Receipt	900	2,250	2,250
IV	Adjustment		(-) 900	(+) 450		(+) 450	
			Going to Centre	Coming from Centre			
	Final		0	2,700		2,700	

**GST- in Union Territories without Legislature:**

Supplies within such Union territory, Central GST will apply to whole of India and hence, it would be applicable to all Union Territories, with or without Legislature.

To replicate the law similar to State GST to Union Territories without Legislature, the Parliament has the powers under Article 246(4) to make such laws. Alternatively, the President of India may use his general powers to formulate such laws.

Hence, law same as similar to State GST can be formulated for Union Territory without Legislature, by the Parliament. The following are Union Territories without Legislature:

1. Lakshadweep
2. Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli
3. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
4. Ladakh
5. Chandigarh

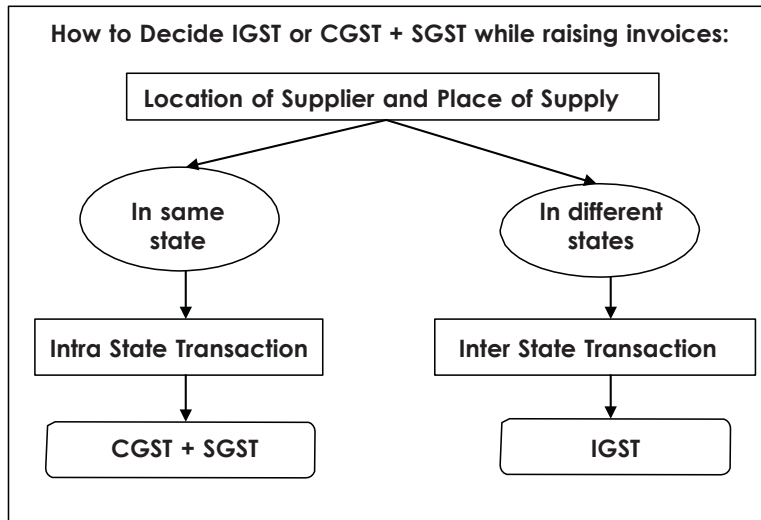
**Definition of Union Territory has been amended w.e.f. 30.6.2020 (Section 2(114) of CGST Act, 2017):**

Union Territory of Dadra Nagar Haveli and Union Territory of Daman and Diu have been merged in one single Union Territory w.e.f. 26-1-2020. Ladakh has been made Union Territory w.e.f.31.10.2019.

**Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act,2017 (IGST):**

IGST is a mechanism to monitor the inter-state trade of goods and services and ensure that the SGST component accrues to the Consumer State. It would maintain the integrity of ITC chain in inter-state supplies. The IGST rate would broadly be equal to CGST rate plus SGST rate. IGST would be levied and collected by the Central Government on all inter-State transactions of taxable goods or services.

The revenue of inter-state sales will not accrue to the exporting state and the exporting state will be required to transfer to the Centre the credit of SGST/UTGST used in payment of IGST.

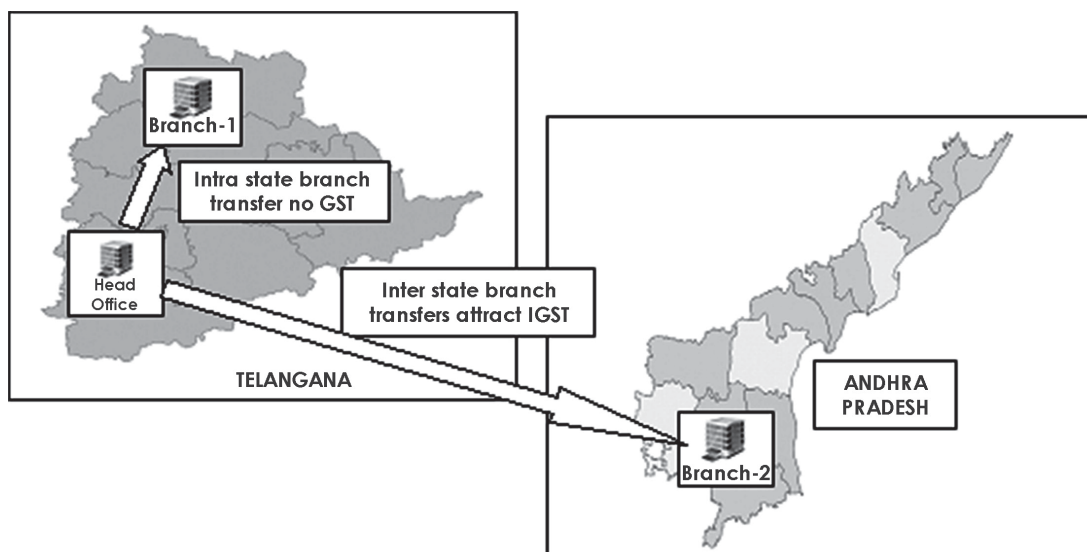


**1.8 INTER-STATE VS INTRA-STATE STOCK TRANSFERS**

Intra-state stock transfer is taxable only when entity has more than one registration in one state. For example, Factory located in Tamil Nadu and warehouse is also located in the same state (i.e. Tamil Nadu) however, registered separately under GST, transfers between them treated as supply. Hence, CGST plus SGST will be levied. Inter-State stock transfer is taxable. It means IGST will be levied.

**Example 4:**  
**Ganesh Trading has head office in Telangana and two branches (i.e. Branch office-I in Telangana and Branch office-II in Andhra Pradesh). Stock transfers between Head office and Branch office within the same state where no separate registrations, GST is not levied. Whereas stock transfers between Head office and Branch office at inter state level, IGST will be levied.**

**GST Inter / Intra State Branch Transfers**





**Conclusion:**

From the above it is evident that revenue of inter-State sale will not accrue to the exporting State and the exporting State will be required to transfer to the Centre the credit of SGST/UTGST used in payment of IGST. The Centre will transfer to the importing State the credit of IGST used in payment of SGST/UTGST.

The inter-state adjustment will be made by central clearing agency, hence assesseees will not be concerned with such adjustment at all.

**Intra-state supply of goods or services or both:**

**Example 5:**

Mr. C of Chennai supplied goods/services for ₹ 20,000 to Mr. M of Madurai. SGST and CGST rate on supply of goods and services is 9% each. IGST rate is 18%. Find the following:

- (a) Total price charged by Mr. C.
- (b) Who is liable to pay GST?

**Answer:**

Particulars	Value in (₹)
Supply of goods/services	20,000
Add: CGST 9%	1,800
Add: SGST 9%	1,800
(a) Total price charged by Mr. C from Mr. M for local supply of goods or services. (b) Mr. C is liable to pay GST.	23,600
<b>Note:</b> (1) Location of supplier and place of supply both within the same State of Tamil Nadu. Therefore, CGST & SGST applicable. (2) The CGST & SGST charged on Mr. M for supply of goods/services will be remitted by Mr. C to the appropriate account of the Central and State Government respectively.	

**Example 6:**

Mr. M of Madurai supplied goods/services for ₹ 24,000 to Mr. S of Selam. Mr. M purchased goods/services for ₹ 23,600 (inclusive of CGST 9% and SGST 9%) from Mr. C of Chennai. Find the following:

- (a) Total price charged by Mr. M for supply of goods/services and
- (b) Who is liable to pay GST.
- (c) Net liability of GST.

**Answer:**

Particulars	Value in (₹)
Value charged for supply of goods/services	24,000
Add: CGST 9%	2,160
Add: SGST 9%	2,160
(a) Total price charged by Mr. M from Mr. S for local supply of goods/services. (b) Mr. M is liable to pay GST.	28,320

Particulars	CGST (₹)	SGST (₹)
Output tax	2,160	2,160
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC)	(1,800)	(1,800)
(c) Net tax liability of Mr. M	360	360

**Note:**

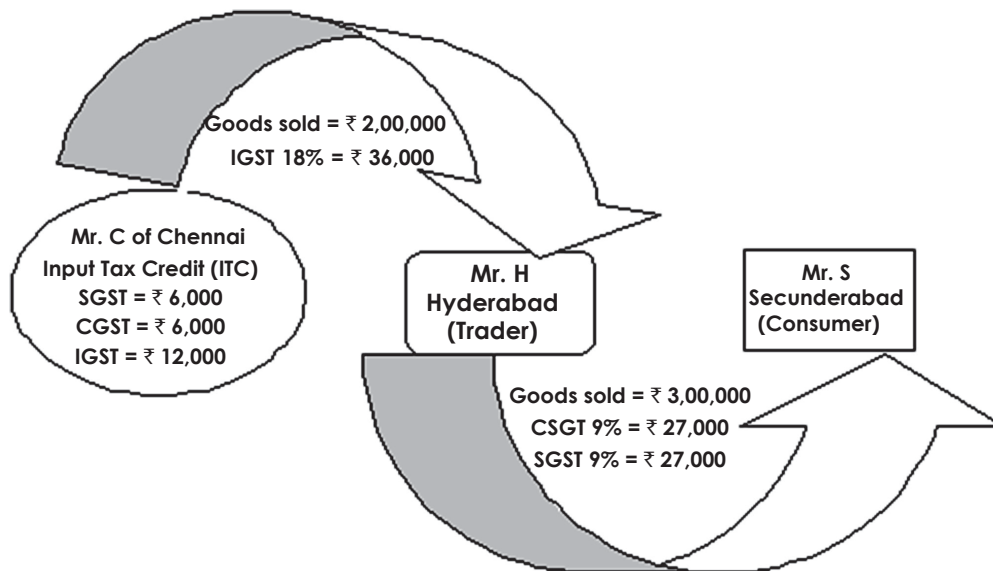
(1) By giving input tax credit, Government is not loser of revenue.

Particulars	Revenue to Central Government (₹)	Revenue to State Government (₹)
Supply of goods/services by Mr. C to Mr. M	1,800	1,800
Add: supply of goods/services by Mr. M to Mr. S	360	360
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>2,160</b>

**Inter-state supply of goods or services or both:**

**Example 7:**  
 Mr. C of Chennai purchased goods at intra state as well as at inter state level by paying SGST ₹ 6,000, CGST ₹ 6,000 and IGST ₹12,000. Subsequently Mr. C sold these goods to Mr. H of Hyderabad (Trader) for ₹ 2,00,000 (IGST applicable @18%). Thereafter Mr. H of Hyderabad sold these goods to Mr. S of Secunderabad (Consumer) for ₹ 3,00,000 (CGST & SGST @18%). Find the Net GST liability of Mr. C and Mr. H. Also find net revenue to the State and Central Government.

**Answer:**



Particulars of Mr. C of Chennai	Value in (₹)	ITC ALLOWED
Output tax IGST	36,000	
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC)		
IGST	(12,000)	1st IGST





CGST	(6,000)	2nd CGST
SGST	(6,000)	3rd SGST
Net tax paid to Central Government by Mr. C	12,000	

Since, dealer has used SGST of Tamil Nadu to the extent of ₹ 6,000/- in pyament of IGST, Tamil Nadu State (i.e. exporting State) has to transfer ₹ 6,000/- to the credit of the Centre.

IGST of ₹ 36,000/- is availed as credit by Telangana buyer (i.e. Mr. H of Hyderabad).

Particulars of Mr. H of Hyderabad	CGST (₹)	SGST (₹)	ITC ALLOWED
Output tax	27,000	27,000	
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC)			
W.e.f. 1-4-2019 section 49A of CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 88A of CGST Rules, 2017: IGST credit can be adjusted equally between CGST and SGST or any other proportion at the option of the assessee.	(27,000)	(9,000)	
Net tax paid to State Government by Mr. H	Nil	18,000	

Since, dealer has used IGST of ₹ 9,000/- to pay the SGST of Telangana State, the Centre has to transfer ₹ 9,000/- to the Telanaga State (i.e importing State).

Revenue to the Centre = ₹ 36,000 – 9,000 = ₹ 27,000 (i.e. 9%)

Revenue to the State = ₹ 18,000 + 9,000 = ₹ 27,000 (i.e. 9%)

Total Revenue to the Government = 18% (One Nation-One Tax)

**Example 8:**

Mr. A registered person under GST located in Tamil Nadu, sold goods worth ₹ 10,000 after manufacture to Mr. C of Chennai. Subsequently, Mr. C sold these goods to Mr. H of Hyderabad for ₹ 17,500. Mr. H being a trader finally sold these goods to customer Mr. S of Secunderabad for ₹ 30,000.

Applicable rates of CGST= 9%, SGST=9% and IGST=18%.

Find the net tax liability of each supplier of goods and revenue to the government.

**Answer:**

Since, Mr. A supplied goods to Mr. C in Tamil Nadu itself, it is an intra-state sale and both CGST @ 9% and SGST @ 9% will apply.

Mr. C of Chennai supplied goods to Mr. H of Hyderabad. Since, it is an interstate sale, IGST @ 18% will apply.

Mr. H of Hyderabad (Telangana) supplied goods to Mr. S of Secunderabad (Telangana). Once again it is an intra-state sale and both CGST @ 9% and SGST @ 9% will apply.

Statement showing Net tax liability of Mr. A and revenue to Government:

Particulars	Value in (₹)	CGST in (₹)	SGST in (₹)	IGST in (₹)	Remarks
Mr. A to Mr. C	10,000	900	900	Nil	Value addition ₹ 10,000
Less: ITC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Net liability of Mr. A		900	900	Nil	
		Revenue to Centre ₹ 900	Revenue to Tamil Nadu ₹ 900		

**Statement showing net tax liability of Mr. C and revenue to the Government**

Particulars	Value in (₹)	CGST in (₹)	SGST in (₹)	IGST in (₹)	Remarks
Mr. C to Mr. H	17,500	Nil	Nil	3,150	
Less: ITC		(900)	(900)	(1,800)	1st CGST
					[2nd SGST]
Net liability of Mr. C		Nil	Nil	1,350	Value added ₹ 7,500 × 18%

Since, Mr. C a dealer has used SGST of Tamil Nadu to the extent of ₹ 900/- in payment of IGST, Tamil Nadu State (i.e. exporting State) has to transfer ₹ 900/- to the credit of the Centre.

Tamil Nadu (exporting state) revenue = ₹ 0 (i.e. 900 -900)

Total revenue to the Centre = ₹ 3,150

(i.e. ₹ 1,350 + 900 received from Tamilnadu + 900 CGST already collected from Mr. A in 1st intra-state supply)

**Statement showing net tax liability of Mr. H and revenue to the Government**

Particulars	Value in (₹)	CGST in (₹)	SGST in (₹)	IGST in (₹)	Remarks
Mr. H to Mr. S	30,000	2,700	2,700	Nil	
Less: ITC		(2,700)	(450)	(3,150)	W.e.f. 1-4-2019 section 49A of CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 88A of CGST Rules, 2017: IGST credit can be adjusted equally between CGST and SGST or any other proportion at the option of the assessee after payment of IGST.
Net liability of Mr. H		Nil	2,250	Nil	

Since, Mr. H a dealer has used IGST of ₹ 450/- to pay the SGST of Telangana State, the Centre has to transfer ₹ 450/- to the Telanaga State (i.e., importing State).

Net revenue to the Telanaga State = ₹ 2,700 (i.e. 2,250 + 450)

Net Revenue to the Centre = ₹ 2,700 (i.e. 3,125 – 450)

Total revenue to the Government = ₹ 5,400 (i.e. 30,000 x 18%) This is called as one nation one tax.

**Example 9:**

Mr. C of Tamil Nadu supplied goods/services for ₹ 20,000 to Mr. M of Maharashtra. SGST and CGST rate on supply of goods and services is 9% each. IGST rate is 18%. Find the following:

- Total price charged by Mr. C.
- Who is liable to pay GST?

**Answer:**

Particulars	Value in (₹)
Supply of goods/services	20,000
Add: IGST 18%	3,600
(a) Total price charged by Mr. C from Mr. M for inter-state supply of goods or services.	23,600
(b) Mr. C is liable to pay GST.	

**Note:**

- Location of supplier and place of supply are in different States. Therefore, IGST is applicable.
- The IGST charged on Mr. M for supply of goods/services will be remitted by Mr. C to the account of the Central Government.



**Example 10:**

Mr. M of Maharashtra supplied goods/services for ₹ 35,000 to Mr. P of Pune. Mr. M purchased goods/services for ₹ 23,600 (inclusive of IGST 18%) from Mr. C of Tamil Nadu. SGST and CGST rate on supply of goods and services is 9% each. Find the following:

- (a) Total price charged by Mr. M for supply of goods/services and
- (b) Who is liable to pay GST.
- (c) Net liability of GST.

**Answer:**

Particulars	Value in (₹)
Value charged for supply of goods/services	35,000
Add: CGST 9%	3,150
Add: SGST 9%	3,150
(a) Total price charged by Mr. M from Mr. P for local supply of goods/services.	41,300
(b) Mr. M is liable to pay GST.	

Particulars	CGST (₹)	SGST (₹)	
Output tax	3,150	3,150	W.e.f. 1-4-2019 section 49A of CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 88A of CGST Rules, 2017: IGST credit can be adjusted equally between CGST and SGST or any other proportion at the option of the assessee.
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC) IGST	(3,150)	(450)	
(c) Net tax liability of Mr. M	Nil	2,700	

**Note:**

(1) By giving input tax credit Government is not loser of revenue.

Particulars	Revenue to Central Government (₹)	Revenue to Tamil Nadu State Government (₹) (Exporting State)	Revenue to Maharashtra State Government (₹) (Importing State)
Supply of goods/services by Mr. C to Mr. M	3,600	-	-
Add: Supply of goods/services by Mr. M to Mr. P	Nil	-	2,700
Add: Transfer by Centre to Maharashtra State	(450)	-	450
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,150</b>

**Example 11:**

Mr. Raman, a supplier of goods, pays GST under regular scheme. The amount of input tax credit (ITC) available and output tax liability under different tax heads is as under:

Head	Output tax liability (₹)	ITC (₹)
IGST	2,000	4,000
CGST	800	2,000
SGST/UTGST	2,500	500

Compute the minimum GST payable in cash by Mr. Raman. Make suitable assumptions as required.

Answer:

Particulars	IGST (₹)	CGST (₹)	SGST/UTGST (₹)	Remark
Output tax	2,000	800	2,500	W.e.f. 1-4-2019 section 49A of CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 88A of CGST Rules, 2017: IGST credit can be adjusted equally between CGST and SGST or any other proportion at the option of the assessee.
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC) IGST	(2,000)	Nil	(2,000)	
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC) CGST	Nil	(2,000)	NA	
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC) SGST	Nil	NA	(500)	
Net cash payable by Mr. Raman	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Excess ITC c/f	Nil	(1,200)	Nil	

### 1.9 GOODS AND SERVICES TAX NETWORK (GSTN)

Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) is a [Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, (i.e. not for profit companies)], non-Government, private limited company. Technology backbone for GST in India. GST being a destination based tax, the inter- state trade of goods and services (IGST) would need a robust settlement mechanism amongst the States and the Centre. This is possible only when there is a strong IT Infrastructure and Service back bone which enables capture, processing and exchange of information amongst the stakeholders (including tax payers, States and Central Governments, Accounting Offices, Banks and RBI).

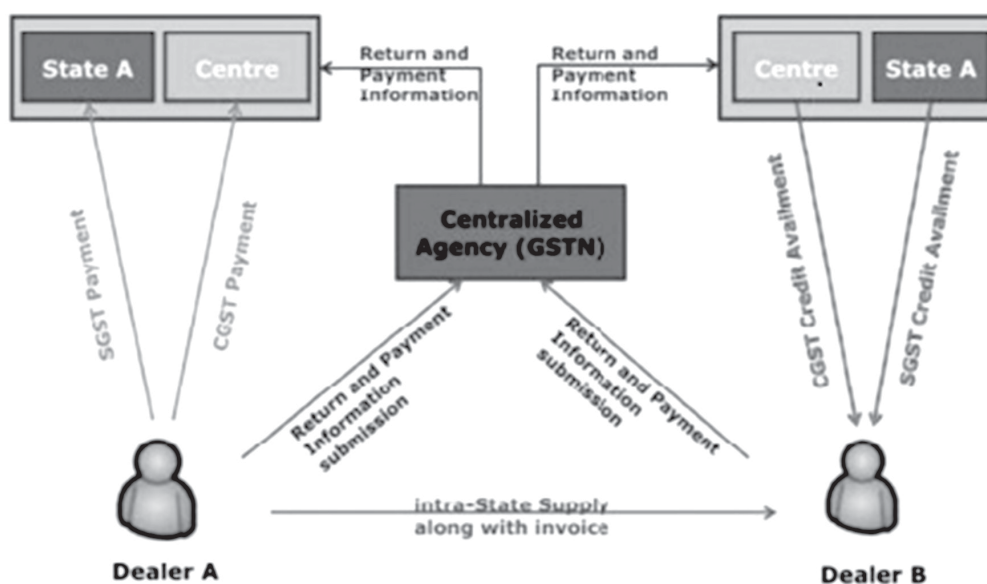
As a result Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) has been set up.

**GST Network is a 100% govt-owned company:**

Cabinet consider converting GSTN to government entity on September 26, 2018.

**Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN):**

Intra-state transaction - Tax payment and credit flow

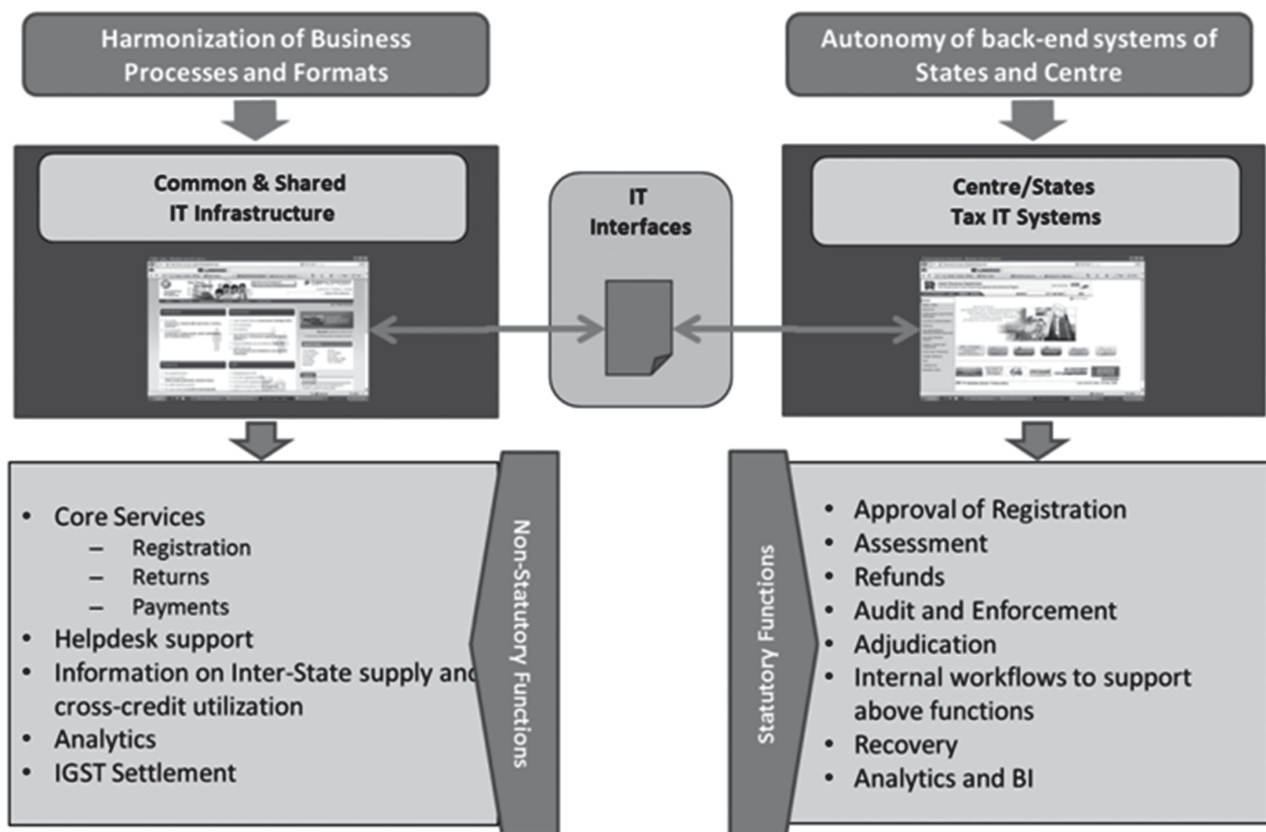


**Functions of the GSTN (i.e. Role assigned to GSTN):**

Creation of common and shared IT infrastructure for functions facing taxpayers has been assigned to GSTN and these are:

- filing of registration application,
- filing of return,
- creation of challan for tax payment,
- settlement of IGST payment (like a clearing house),
- generation of business intelligence and analytics etc.

All statutory functions to be performed by tax officials under GST like approval of registration, assessment, audit, appeal, enforcement etc. will remain with the respective tax departments.



**1.10 GST COUNCIL**

As per Article 279A of the Constitution of India, the President of India is empowered to constitute Goods and Services Tax Council. The President of India constituted the GST Council on 15th September, 2016.

The GST Council shall consist of Union Finance Minister as a Chairperson, Union Minister of State in charge of Finance as a member, the State Finance Minister or State Revenue Minister or any other Minister nominated by each State as a member of the Council. The GST Council shall select one of them as Vice Chairperson of Council.

**Guiding principle of the GST Council:**

The mechanism of GST Council would ensure harmonization on different aspects of GST between the Centre and the States as well as among States. It has been provided in the Constitution (101st Amendment) Act, 2016 that the GST Council, in its discharge of various functions, shall be guided by the need for a harmonized structure of GST and for the development of a harmonized national market for goods and services.

**Functions of the GST Council:**

GST Council is to make recommendations to the Central Government and the State Governments on

- tax rates,
- exemptions,
- threshold limits,
- dispute resolution,
- GST legislations including rules and notifications etc.

**1.11 BODY OF GST LAW**

1.	Acts	GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (COMPENSATION TO STATES) ACT, 2017 UNION TERRITORY GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ACT, 2017 INTEGRATED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ACT, 2017 CENTRAL GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ACT, 2017
2.	Rules	Goods and services Tax Settlement of funds Rules, 2017. Integrated Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 Goods and Services Tax Compensation Cess Rules, 2017 Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 Union territory Goods and Services Rules, 2017. State goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017 (for 29 States and 2 Union territories deemed to be States)
3.	Notifications	IGST Notifications IGST (Rate) Notifications CGST Notifications CGST (Rate) Notifications UT GST Notifications UT GST (Rate) Notifications Cess Notifications Cess (Rate) Notifications
4.	Circulars	CGST IGST UTGST SGST GST COMPENSATION CESS



## 1.12 IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS UNDER CGST LAW

### (1) Sec 2(6), “aggregate turnover” means:

The aggregate value of all taxable supplies (excluding the value of inward supplies on which tax is payable by a person on reverse charge basis), exempt supplies, exports of goods or services or both and inter-State supplies of persons having the same Permanent Account Number, to be computed on all India basis but excludes central tax, State tax, Union territory tax, integrated tax and cess;

### (2) Sec 2(17), “business” includes:

- (a) any trade, commerce, manufacture, profession, vocation, adventure, wager (i.e. bet, gamble) or any other similar activity, whether or not it is for a pecuniary benefit;
- (b) any activity or transaction in connection with or incidental or ancillary to sub-clause (a);
- (c) any activity or transaction in the nature of sub-clause (a), whether or not there is volume, frequency, continuity or regularity of such transaction;
- (d) supply or acquisition of goods including capital goods and services in connection with commencement or closure of business;
- (e) provision by a club, association, society, or any such body (for a subscription or any other consideration) of the facilities or benefits to its members;
- (f) admission, for a consideration, of persons to any premises;
- (g) services supplied by a person as the holder of an office which has been accepted by him in the course or furtherance of his trade, profession or vocation;
- (h) services provided by a race club by way of totalisator (i.e. computer that registers bets and divides the total amount bet among those who won) or a licence to book maker in such club; w.e.f. 1-2-2019, activities of a race club including by way of totalisator or a license to book maker or activities of a licensed book maker in such club; and”;
- (i) any activity or transaction undertaken by the Central Government, a State Government or any local authority in which they are engaged as public authorities;

**Note:** Book maker means: a person whose job is to take bets (especially on horse races), calculate odds, and pay out winnings; the manager of a betting shop.

**As per CSGT (Amendment) Act, 2018, “business” includes –**

**(h) activities of a race club including by way of totalisator or a license to book maker or activities of a licensed book maker in such club;**

**Changes are being made to ensure that all activities related to a race club are included. It may be noted that (vide Notification No 3/2018 Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018,) the Government had notified that the value of supply of actionable claim in the form of chance to win in betting , gambling or horse racing in a race club is amended to 100% of the face value of the bet or the amount paid into the totalisator.**

### (3) Sec 2(18), “business vertical” means:

A distinguishable component of an enterprise that is engaged in the supply of individual goods or services or a group of related goods or services which is subject to risks and returns that are different from those of the other business verticals.

**Explanation –** For the purposes of this clause, factors that should be considered in determining whether goods or services are related include—

- (a) the nature of the goods or services;
- (b) the nature of the production processes;
- (c) the type or class of customers for the goods or services;
- (d) the methods used to distribute the goods or supply of services; and

- (e) the nature of regulatory environment (wherever applicable), including banking, insurance, or public utilities;

**The said definition, however, has been omitted vide the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018.**

**(4) Sec 2(20), “casual taxable person” means:**

A person who occasionally undertakes transactions involving supply of goods or services or both in the course or furtherance of business, whether as principal, agent or in any other capacity, in a State or a Union territory where he has no fixed place of business;

**(5) Sec 2(30), “composite supply” means:**

A supply made by a taxable person to a recipient consisting of two or more taxable supplies of goods or services or both, or any combination thereof, which are naturally bundled and supplied in conjunction with each other in the ordinary course of business, one of which is a principal supply;

**Illustration — Where goods are packed and transported with insurance, the supply of goods, packing materials, transport and insurance is a composite supply and supply of goods is a principal supply;**

**(6) Sec 2(31), “consideration” in relation to the supply of goods or services or both includes—**

- (a) any payment made or to be made, whether in money or otherwise, in respect of, in response to, or for the inducement of, the supply of goods or services or both, whether by the recipient or by any other person but shall not include any subsidy given by the Central Government or a State Government;
- (b) the monetary value of any act or forbearance, in respect of, in response to, or for the inducement of, the supply of goods or services or both, whether by the recipient or by any other person but shall not include any subsidy given by the Central Government or a State Government;

Provided that a deposit given in respect of the supply of goods or services or both shall not be considered as payment made for such supply unless the supplier applies such deposit as consideration for the said supply.

**(7) Sec 2(32), “Continuous supply of goods” means:**

A supply of goods which is provided, or agreed to be provided, continuously or on recurrent basis, under a contract, whether or not by means of a wire, cable, pipeline or other conduit, and for which the supplier invoices the recipient on a regular or periodic basis and includes supply of such goods as the Government may, subject to such conditions, as it may, by notification, specify;

**(8) Sec 2(33), “Continuous supply of services” means:**

A supply of services which is provided, or agreed to be provided, continuously or on recurrent basis, under a contract, for a period exceeding three months with periodic payment obligations and includes supply of such services as the Government may, subject to such conditions, as it may, by notification, specify;

**(9) Sec 2(45), Electronic Commerce Operator means:**

Any person, who owns, operates or manages digital or electronic facility or platform for electronic commerce.

**(10) Sec 2(50), “Fixed establishment” means:**

A place (other than the registered place of business) which is characterised by a sufficient degree of permanence and suitable structure in terms of human and technical resources to supply services, or to receive and use services for its own needs;

**(11) Sec 2(52), Goods means:**

Every kind of movable property other than money and securities but includes actionable claim, growing crops, grass and things attached to or forming part of the land which are agreed to be served before supply or under a contract of supply.

**(12) Section 2(56), “India” means:**

The territory of India as referred to in Article 1 of the Constitution, its territorial waters, seabed and sub-soil





underlying such waters, continental shelf, exclusive economic zone or any other maritime zone as referred to in the Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and other Maritime Zones Act, 1976, and the air space above its territory and territorial waters;

**(13) Sec 2(62), “input tax” in relation to:**

A registered person, means the central tax, State tax, integrated tax or Union territory tax charged on any supply of goods or services or both made to him and includes —

- (a) the integrated goods and services tax charged on import of goods;
- (b) the tax payable under the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of section 9;
- (c) the tax payable under the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of section 5 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act;
- (d) the tax payable under the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of section 9 of the respective State Goods and Services Tax Act; or
- (e) the tax payable under the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of section 7 of the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, but does not include the tax paid under the composition levy;

**(14) Section 2(78), “non-taxable supply” means:**

a supply of goods or services or both which is not leviable to tax under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act;

**Example 11:**

**(1) Alcoholic Liquor for human consumption is Non-taxable Supply.**

**(2) Sale of Land etc.**

**(15) Sec 2(84), “person” includes—**

- (a) an individual;
- (b) a Hindu Undivided Family;
- (c) a company;
- (d) a firm;
- (e) a Limited Liability Partnership;
- (f) an association of persons or a body of individuals, whether incorporated or not, in India or outside India;
- (g) any corporation established by or under any Central Act, State Act or Provincial Act or a Government company as defined in clause (45) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013;
- (h) any body corporate incorporated by or under the laws of a country outside India; (i) a co-operative society registered under any law relating to co-operative societies; (j) a local authority;
- (k) Central Government or a State Government;
- (l) society as defined under the Societies Registration Act, 1860;
- (m) trust; and
- (n) every artificial juridical person, not falling within any of the above;

**(16) Sec. 2(90), “principal supply”** means the supply of goods or services which constitutes the predominant element of a composite supply and to which any other supply forming part of that composite supply is ancillary;

**(17) Sec. 2(93), “recipient”** of supply of goods or services or both, means—

- (a) where a consideration is payable for the supply of goods or services or both, the person who is liable to pay that consideration;
- (b) where no consideration is payable for the supply of goods, the person to whom the goods are delivered or made available, or to whom possession or use of the goods is given or made available; and

(c) where no consideration is payable for the supply of a service, the person to whom the service is rendered,

and any reference to a person to whom a supply is made shall be construed as a reference to the recipient of the supply and shall include an agent acting as such on behalf of the recipient in relation to the goods or services or both supplied;

**(18) Section 2(98), “reverse charge” means:**

The liability to pay tax by the recipient of supply of goods or services or both instead of the supplier of such goods or services or both under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of section 9, or under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of section 5 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act;

**(19) Section 2(102), “services” means:**

Anything other than goods, money and securities but includes activities relating to the use of money or its conversion by cash or by any other mode, from one form, currency or denomination, to another form, currency or denomination for which a separate consideration is charged;

**w.e.f. 1-2-2019:**

**Explanation [inserted vide the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018] –**

**For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that the expression “services” includes facilitating or arranging transactions in securities.**

**Example - Some service charges or service fees or documentation fees or broking charges or such like fees or charges are charged in relation to transactions in securities.**

**(20) Section 2(105), “supplier” in relation to:**

Any goods or services or both, shall mean the person supplying the said goods or services or both and shall include an agent acting as such on behalf of such supplier in relation to the goods or services or both supplied;

**(21) Section 2(107), “taxable person” means:**

A person who is registered or liable to be registered under section 22 (i.e. registration required if turnover exceed threshold limit and so on) or section 24 (i.e. Compulsory registration under GST).

**(22) Section 2 (108), “taxable supply” means:**

A supply of goods or services or both which is leviable to tax under this Act;



# Study Note - 2

## LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAX



### This Study Note includes

- 2.1 Supply
- 2.2 Scope of Supply
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- 2.6 Exemptions
- 2.7 Person Liable to pay GST
- 2.8 Supply of Goods or Services or both to or by Special Economic Zone
- 2.9 Exempt Supply, Non Taxable Supply and Non-GST Supply
- 2.10 Rates of GST

### 2.1 SUPPLY

#### Taxable Event:

Taxable event under GST law is supply of goods or services or both. It means no supply no GST.

The term, "supply" has been inclusively defined in the Act. The meaning and scope of supply under GST can be understood in terms of following six parameters, which can be adopted to characterize a transaction as supply:

1. Supply of goods or services. Supply of anything other than goods or services does not attract GST.
2. Supply should be made for a consideration.
3. Supply should be made in the course or furtherance of business.
4. Supply should be made by a taxable person.
5. Supply should be a taxable supply.
6. Supply should be made within the taxable territory

#### Exceptions:

- (1) Any transaction involving supply of goods or services without consideration is not a supply, barring few exceptions, in which a transaction is deemed to be a supply even without consideration.
- (2) Further, import of services for a consideration, whether or not in the course or furtherance of business is treated as supply.



**2.2 SCOPE OF SUPPLY**

**Scope of Supply [Section 7 of CGST Act, 2017]**

As per Section 7(1) <b>Supply includes</b>	As per Section 7(2) <b>Supply excludes</b>
<p>(a) all forms of supply of goods or services or both such as sale, transfer, barter, exchange, licence, rental, lease or disposal made or agreed to be made for a consideration by a person in the course or furtherance of business;</p> <p>(aa) the activities or transactions, by a person, other than an individual, to its members or constituents or vice versa, for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration (w.r.e.f. 1-7-2017, inserted in the Finance Act, 2021)</p> <p>(b) import of services for a consideration whether or not in the course or furtherance of business; <b>(‘and’ w.e.f. 29th Aug 2018 inserted retrospectively from 1.7.2017)</b></p> <p>(c) the activities specified in <b>Schedule I</b>, made or agreed to be made without a consideration; <b>(w.e.f. 29th Aug 2018 ‘and’ omitted retrospectively from 1.7.2017)</b></p> <p>(d) <b>w.e.f. 29th Aug 2018, omitted retrospectively from 1.7.2017:</b> the activities to be treated as supply of goods or supply of services as referred to in <b>Schedule II</b>. <b>w.e.f. 29th Aug 2018, applicable retrospectively from 1.7.2017</b></p> <p><b>(1A)</b> where certain activities or transactions constitute a supply in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1), they shall be treated either as supply of goods or supply of services as referred to in Schedule II."</p>	<p>(a) activities or transactions specified in <b>Schedule III</b>; or</p> <p>(b) such activities or transactions undertaken by the Central Government, a State Government or <b>(Union territory w.e.f. 27th June 2018)</b> any local authority in which they are engaged as public authorities, as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council,</p> <p><b>Note: Activities specified in Schedule III (i.e. Negative list):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Services by employee to employer in the course of or in relation to his employment.</li> <li>2. Services by court or Tribunal</li> <li>3. Services by Member of Parliament and others</li> <li>4. Services by funeral, burial etc.</li> <li>5. Sale of land/Building</li> <li>6. Actionable claim other than lottery, betting and gambling.</li> </ol> <p><b>w.e.f. 1-2-2019:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Supply of goods from a place in the non-taxable territory to another place in the non-taxable territory without such goods entering into India.</li> <li>8. (a) Supply of warehoused goods to any person before clearance for home consumption; (b) Supply of goods by the consignee to any other person, by endorsement of documents of title to the goods, after the goods have been dispatched from the port of origin located outside India but before clearance for home consumption." <p><b>Explanation 1:</b> For the purpose of paragraph 2, the term "court" includes District Court, High Court and Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>Explanation 2:</b> For the purpose of this paragraph, the expression "warehoused goods" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Customs Act, 1962</p> </li></ol>
<p>As per Section 7(3) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections (1), (1A) and (2), the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, specify, by notification, the transactions that are to be treated as—</p> <p>(a) a supply of goods and not as a supply of services; or</p> <p>(b) a supply of services and not as a supply of goods.</p>	

Amendment of Schedule II of CGST Act, 2017: (Activities or transactions to be treated as supply of goods or supply of services)	Consequent to the amendment in section 7 of the CGST Act, paragraph 7 of Schedule II to the CGST Act has been omitted retrospectively, with effect from the 1st July, 2017.
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**w.e.f. 1-10-2019: Alcoholic liquor licence – Grant thereof not to treated as supply of goods/services:**

As per section 7(2) of CGST Act, 2017 Central Government of India on the recommendation of the GST Council notifies that the following activities or transaction under taken by the State Governments in which they are

engaged as public authorities, shall be treated neither as a supply of goods nor a supply of service namely:-  
"services by way of grant of alcoholic liquor licence, against consideration in the form of licence fee or application fee or by whatever name it is called".

**Supply made in the course or furtherance of business:**

**(a) In the course of business:** Every person carries out certain activities regularly for running trade or commerce.

**Example: 1**

**CMA Ram a practicing Cost Accountant carries out the activity of Accounting, Auditing, Filing returns, Certifying documents and so on so forth. These activities can be considered as performed in the course of business.**

**(b) Furtherance of business:** Every business person use to think how to develop his business or carrying out new activities. Such activities called as furtherance of business.

**Example: 2**

**M/s X Ltd. manufacturing of motor cars. Company use to sell more number of cars in Southern India. In view of demand in Southern India, company intends to establish manufacturing unit in Chennai. M/s X Ltd. appointed Mr. Y as a consultant for searching, evaluating and shorting places for prospective targets. Finally company decided to establish unit at Ambattur Industrial Estate Chennai. Hence, Mr. Y carried out various activities is in furtherance of business of M/s X Ltd.**

GST is essentially a tax only on commercial transactions. Hence, only those supplies that are in the course or furtherance of business qualify as supply under GST. Hence, any supplies made by an individual in his personal capacity do not come under the ambit of GST unless they fall within the definition of business as defined in the Act.

Sale of goods or service even as a vocation is a supply under GST. Therefore, even if a famous politician paints paintings for charity and sells the paintings even as a one-time occurrence, the sale would constitute supply.

**(1) Section 7(1)(a) of CGST Act, 2017:** all forms of supply of goods or services or both such as

- (i) sale,
- (ii) transfer,
- (iii) barter,
- (iv) exchange,
- (v) licence,
- (vi) rental,
- (vii) lease or
- (viii) disposal

made or agreed to be made for a consideration by a person in the course or furtherance of business;

**Note:** The above activities are specified as an example as they are preceded by words 'such as'.

- **Sale:** The term sale is defined under various states VAT laws. Sale means a sale of goods made within the State for cash or deferred payment or other valuable consideration but does not include a mortgage, hypothecation, charge or pledge.

Sale involves transfer of property in goods from one person to another person for consideration.

Under CGST Law sale is treated as supply leviable to GST. However, the definition of Sale has not been provided under the GST Law.

**Note:** mortgage, hypothecation, charge or pledge is not supply and hence GST will not be levied.



**Example : 3**

Mr. X sold laptop worth ₹ 1,00,000 and issued invoice in favour of Mr. Y. Now ownership in laptop transferred to Mr. Y. Such transaction shall be covered in sale. It is a supply of goods leviable to GST.

**Example : 4**

**Illegal Activity vs Prohibited Activity:**

1. Mr. T, a thief has stolen motorbike and sells the motorbike to Mr. Q. It is illegal to steal a motorbike Sale of motorbike considered as supply of goods liable to be taxed.
2. Mr. T sold Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, to Mr. Q for ₹ 3 Lakhs. These goods are prohibited goods. Such activity cannot constitute supply. Mr. T is punishable under the law.

**Example : 5**

Mr. X is an official liquidator provided various services like valuation of assets with the help of valuers, inviting and evaluating the tenders, selling assets, making payment to borrowers/creditors and so on. Activities of Mr. X are treated as supply of service and the commission earned by him is subject to GST.

**Example : 6**

Mr. A being a dealer of furniture deliver the goods to the branch office of M/s X Ltd., upon directions of M/s X Ltd., head office. The contract to supply furniture is between Mr. A and M/s X Ltd., head office. Mr. A is liable to pay GST on the consideration received from M/s X Ltd. head office.

- **Transfer:** the term transfer means, where the ownership may not be transferred but the right in the goods is transferred.

**Example : 7**

**Goods sent for a demonstration on returnable basis. Is it supply?**

**Answer:**

**No. It would not be considered as supply, as there is no transfer of title involved.**

**Example : 8**

Mr. A is the owner of Xerox machine. He transferred the right to operate the Xerox machine to Mr. B for a consideration of ₹ 10,000 per month for four months. Hence, ownership of the machine is not transferred but the right in the machine is transferred. It is supply of service leviable to GST.

- **Barter:** it means, the exchange of goods and productive services for other goods and productive services, without the use of money.

**Example : 9**

Mr. C, a practicing Cost Accountant provided services to M/s A Ltd., dealer of laptops. In return M/s A Ltd., given to Mr. C two laptops. Here, two-way supply takes place. Mr. C is making taxable supply of service and M/s A Ltd., is making taxable supply of goods. Hence, tax is payable by both.

**Example : 10**

Mr. X a dealer in laptops. He supplied a laptop for ₹ 40,000 to Mr. Y along with a barter of printer. The value of the printer known at the time of supply is ₹ 4,000 but the open market value of the laptop is not known. The value of the supply of laptop is ₹ 44,000. Hence, Mr. X is liable to pay GST on ₹ 44,000. At the same time Mr. Y is also is liable to pay GST on ₹ 4,000 if he is registered person.

- **Exchange:** when two persons mutually transfer the ownership of one thing for the ownership of another, neither thing nor both things being money only, the transaction is called an exchange. Exchange offers on products such as televisions, mobile phones and refrigerators are leviable under GST.

**Example : 11**

Mr. A is a dealer of new phones. He supplied for ₹ 20,000 to Mr. B along with exchange of an old phone and if the price of the new phone without exchange is ₹ 24,000, the open market value of the new phone is ₹ 24,000. Mr. A is liable to pay GST on ₹ 24,000. Mr. B also liable to pay GST on ₹ 4,000 if he is registered person.

**Example : 12**

Mr X is a dealer of new cars. He sells new cars for ₹ 8,25,000 agrees to reduce ₹ 1,25,000 on surrendering of old car Mr. Y who intends to buy new car worth ₹ 8,25,000 agreed to exchange his old car with new car. Under GST law, it will be treated as Mr. Y has made supply of old car to dealer Mr. X and Mr. X has made supply of new car to Mr. Y.

If Mr. Y is registered person, he will be liable to pay GST on ₹ 1,25,000. Mr. X will be liable to pay GST on ₹ 8,25,000 whether Mr. Y is a registered person or not.

- **Licence:** where one person grants to another, or to a definite number of other persons, a right to do or continue to do in or upon the immovable property of the granter, the right is called a licence.

**Example : 13**

Mr. X, a developer of information technology software and holder of licence thereon. License to use software was given to different clients: ₹ 18 lakhs; hence, Mr. X is liable to pay GST whether he transfer such right permanently or temporarily as the case may be.

**Example : 14**

A Chennai based company has been awarded mineral exploration contract for 18 months in respect of specific sites in Mumbai by a Mumbai based corporation (i.e. local authority). As a result Chennai based company got licence to extract mineral exploration for a period of 18 months. Mumbai based company supplied taxable services. GST is liable to pay by Chennai based company on licence fee paid to supplier under Reverse Charge.

- **Rentals:** Periodical payment for use of another's property. Rent is to pay on monthly.

**Example : 15**

Mr. A owns a residential building in a prime commercial locality. Large vacant land in the backyard is given on rent of ₹1,80,000 per month to a parking contractor, Mr. B who has set up a parking facility on the said land. It is a taxable supply of service and hence, Mr. A is liable to pay GST.

**Example : 16**

Mr. X, the owner of a residential building in a commercial locality, Ground Floor is given on rent to Mr. Y for a monthly rent of ₹ 60,000. Mr. Y uses the same as his residence. It is a supply of service. However, specifically exempted from GST. Hence, Mr. X is not liable to pay GST.

- **Lease:** A lease is an agreement whereby the lessor conveys to the lessee in return for a payment or series of payments the right to use an asset for an agreed period of time. A lease may be financial lease or operating lease.

**Example : 17**

M/s M Bank Ltd., given an asset under financial lease to M/s N Ltd. Repayment of financial lease made by the customer to the bank ₹ 80 lakhs which includes a principal amount of ₹ 50 lakhs.

Financial leases shall be taxed as supply of services. M/s M Bank Ltd., is liable to pay GST.





- **Disposal:** Disposal normally considered as selling of assets when the organization is about to close down and various assets are required to be disposed of. Such transactions will also be considered as supply of liable to tax under GST Law.

**Consideration:**

As per Section 2(31) of the CGST Act, 2017 "consideration" in relation to the supply of goods or services or both includes—

- (a) any payment made or to be made, whether in money or otherwise, in respect of, in response to, or for the inducement of, the supply of goods or services or both, whether by the recipient or by any other person but shall not include any subsidy given by the Central Government or a State Government;
- (b) the monetary value of any act or forbearance, in respect of, in response to, or for the inducement of, the supply of goods or services or both, whether by the recipient or by any other person but shall not include any subsidy given by the Central Government or a State Government;

Provided that a deposit given in respect of the supply of goods or services or both shall not be considered as payment made for such supply unless the supplier applies such deposit as consideration for the said supply;

**Donation or charity does not attract GST:**

**Example : 18**

Alia Travels Pvt. Ltd., a travel agent books ticket for a customer Mr. Z. Travel agent raises invoice on customer Mr. Z for transportation of passenger by air of ₹ 10,000 and his commission of ₹ 500. The entire amount of ₹ 10,500 is not his consideration. The amount of ₹ 500 retained by the air travel is to be considered as his consideration.

**Example : 19**

M/s L Ltd., being an authorized dealer of the TT brand, rendered services to buyer of car, but payment is made to authorized dealer by the TT Company. It is called as consideration is given by third person. Therefore, it is treated as supply of service and liable to tax in the hands of M/s L Ltd.

Consideration includes non-monetary consideration.

Aggregate of payments received in money and monetary value of the act or forbearance will constitute consideration:

**Example : 20**

A Sports Club agrees to hire services of cricket player Mr. C for a consideration of ₹ 2 crores. In addition to this, the agreement provides that the player shall be provided with the car valued for ₹ 20 lakhs. The entire value of ₹ 2.20 crores will be considered as consideration and subject to tax.

**Example : 21**

Mr. X sells office furniture to Mr. Y on the condition that donation of ₹10,000 is payable by Mr. Y to a trust. The amount of ₹10,000 is paid by Mr. Y by reason of purchase of furniture. Hence, ₹10,000 will be treated as consideration for sale of furniture. Thereby Mr. X is liable to pay GST on ₹10,000 in addition to the value of furniture.

**Example : 22**

M/s Dev Ltd. agreed to sell its business to M/s RN Ltd., for a consideration of ₹50,00,000. M/s Dev Ltd. further agrees that it will not conduct same or similar business for a period of 10 years, for which M/s RN Ltd., paid ₹20,00,000. Hence, M/s Dev Ltd., consideration is ₹70,00,000.

**No consideration:****Example : 23**

Mr. A during long drive with his wife Bela violated traffic rules and was imposed fine of ₹1,000. The amount received as fine or penalty for violation of statutory provisions will not be considered as consideration.

**Example : 24**

the following generally not considered as consideration:

- Grant of pocket money
- Gift or reward (which has not been given in terms of reciprocity) or
- Amount paid on alimony for divorce

**Example : 25**

Subsidy given by the Government to benefit the farmers cannot be considered an additional consideration: The Government provides subsidy, for the benefit of farmers but it is given to the manufacturer of fertilizers will not be considered as consideration.

**Example : 26**

Deposits: If refunded then, it is not a consideration. Therefore the same does not attract GST. If tax has already been paid the taxpayer would be entitled to refund.

If not refunded then, it is relating to a service, attract GST.

**Clarifications of the CBIC:****Example : 27**

Equipment and instruments sent to manufacturers' factory for repairs and calibration within India on a returnable basis. Is it supply?

**Answer:**

It is not a supply. Since, no sale has taken place. It is sufficient to issue a challan for movement of goods without supply.

**Example : 28**

X Ltd. supplied spare parts freely to replace during warranty period. Is it supply and chargeable to GST?

**Answer:**

It is not supply.

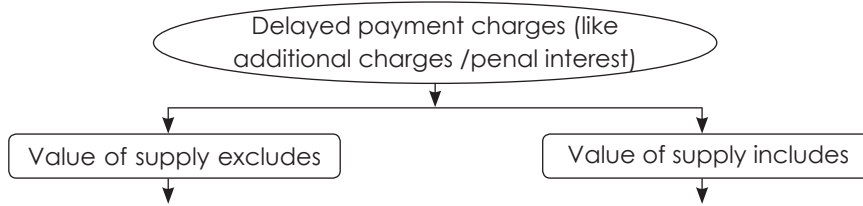
GST is not chargeable if free replacement is provided by a business to customers without consideration under warranty.

**Example : 29**

Penalties levied on late or delayed payment of loans and advances are taxable supply?

**Answer:**

No. These are exempted supply under GST (Circular No. 102/21/2019 GST dated 28.06.2019)



Nature of supply	Value in ₹	Taxability	Nature of supply	Value in ₹	Taxability
Loan given by Bank	xxxx	Not taxable	Goods sold or supplied services on credit basis	xxxx	Taxable supply
Interest on loan	xxxx	Exempted supply	Interest charged by supplier of goods or services on periodic payment	xxxx	Taxable supply
Penal interest on delay in repayment of loan	xxxx	Exempted supply	Penal interest on delay in repayment of value of goods or service	xxxx	Taxable supply

[Circular No. 102/21/2019-GST dated 28.06.2019]

**Conclusion:** any transaction involving supply of goods or services or both without consideration is not a supply unless it is deemed to be a supply under GST Law (i.e. Schedule I of the CGST Act, 2017, Activities to be treated as supply even if made without consideration).

**(2) Section 7(1)(b) of CGST Act, 2017, import of services for a consideration whether or not in the course or furtherance of business:**

- (a) it is applicable only for services and not for goods
- (b) It should be import of service (as referred under Section 2(11) of IGST Act, 2017), where
  - i. The supplier of service is located outside India;
  - ii. The recipient of service is located in India; and
  - iii. The place of supply of service is in India.
- (c) Services shall be provided with consideration
- (d) Services may be in the course or furtherance of business or not in the course or furtherance of business.

**Important Points:**

- (1) As per the provisions contained in Section 21 of the IGST Act, 2017, all imports of services made on or after the appointed day (i.e. 1st July 2017) will be liable to IGST regardless of whether the transactions for such import of services had been initiated before the appointed day.
- (2) If the tax on such import of services had been paid in full under the existing law [i.e. as per Finance Act, 1994(Service Tax)], no tax shall be payable on such import under the IGST Act.
- (3) In case the tax on such import of services had been paid in part under the existing law, the balance amount of tax shall be payable on such import under the IGST Act.

**Example : 30**  
 Suppose a supply of service for ₹ 1 crore was initiated prior to the introduction of GST, a payment of ₹ 20 lacs has already been made to the supplier and service tax has also been paid on the same, then IGST shall have to be paid on the balance ₹ 80 lacs.

**Example : 31**  
 Online information and data base access or retrieval services, where import of free services from Google and Facebook by Mr. Gopal located in India, without any consideration. Is it subject to GST?

**Answer:**

These are not considered as supply and hence not attract GST.

**Note:** GST will be levied only when services are provided with consideration.

**Example : 32**

Import (Downloading) of a song for consideration for personal use by Mr. Sen. Is it supply of service? Answer: Yes. It is supply of service and IGST will be levied.

**Note:** Services may be in the course or furtherance of business or not.

**Example : 33**

Mr. C of Chennai paid fees for online coaching obtained from a teacher located in USA for coaching of Accountancy course for his son.

Is it supply. If so who is liable to pay GST. Answer:

Yes, it is supply. Even if receipt of this service is not for business or furtherance of business. Mr. C is not liable to pay GST under reverse charge mechanism.

It is exempt from GST. Since, it is not OIDAR service.

**Example : 34**

Micro Apparels in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, avails fashion designing services of ₹ 50,00,000 from Prabhu Designs in Singapore.

Is it supply. If so who is liable to pay GST.

**Answer:**

Yes. It is supply (i.e. import of service).

Micro Apparels in Chennai being recipient of service is liable to pay IGST.

**Example : 35**

Import of some services by an Indian branch from their parent company, in the course or furtherance of business, without consideration. Is it taxable supply in India?

**Answer:**

Yes. It is a taxable supply in India and hence IGST will be levied.

**Note:** Import of services by a taxable person from a related person or from any of his other establishments outside India, in the course or furtherance of business will be subject to GST even if made without consideration (as per Schedule I of CGST Act, 2017).

- (3) Section 7(1)(c) of the CGST Act, 2017 the activities specified in Schedule I, made or agreed to be made without a consideration:

**SCHEDULE I****ACTIVITIES TO BE TREATED AS SUPPLY EVEN IF MADE WITHOUT CONSIDERATION**

1. Permanent transfer or disposal of business assets where input tax credit has been availed on such assets.
2. Supply of goods or services or both between related persons or between distinct persons as specified in section 25, when made in the course or furtherance of business:  
Provided that gifts not exceeding ₹ 50,000/- in value in a financial year by an employer to an employee shall not be treated as supply of goods or services or both.



3. Supply of goods—
  - (a) by a principal to his agent where the agent undertakes to supply such goods on behalf of the principal;
  - or
  - (b) by an agent to his principal where the agent undertakes to receive such goods on behalf of the principal.
4. Import of services by a taxable [omitted vide CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018] person from a related person or from any of his other establishments outside India, in the course or furtherance of business.

**(A) Permanent transfer/disposal of business assets:**

All kind of disposal or transfer of business assets made by an entity on permanent basis even without consideration will be treated as supply provided input tax credit has been availed on such assets.

**Example : 36**

M/s Z Ltd., upgrades the computer system. The existing computers and laptops, which do not support the upgraded version, donated to a Trust. This amounts to permanent transfer of business assets. The same will be treated as supply of goods and liable to GST in the hands of Z Ltd., provided if company availed input tax credit on such computers and laptops.

**Example : 37**

M/s Sankar Pvt. Ltd., being a trader in clothes permanently transfers 50% of its stock to a Society free of cost. In this case, transfer of business stock would amount to supply if the company had availed input tax credit on purchase of clothes.

**Example : 38**

Mr. Das purchased a car for personal use and after a year sold it to a car dealer for ₹ 2 lac. Will the transaction be a supply in terms of GST Act?

**Answer:**

This transaction is not a supply. Moreover, supply is made by the individual is not in the course or furtherance of business. Further, no input tax credit was admissible on such car at the time of its acquisition as it was meant for non-business use.

**Example : 39**

Mr. Rahim purchased a car for Business use and after 2 years transferred car for personal consumption to use at home. Will the transaction be a supply in terms of GST Act?

**Note:** ITC not availed by Mr. Rahim. **Answer:**

No, because supply is not made by the individual in the course or furtherance of business. Further, input tax credit will not be admissible on such car at the time of its acquisition and it is not be a supply under GST as per schedule I.

**Example : 40**

M/s M & Co., a sole proprietor, is in the business of selling furniture. Its owner took a set of furniture to furnish his house permanently. Will the transaction be a supply in terms of GST Act?

**Note:** ITC on such furniture not availed. **Answer:**

No, the transfer of the furniture by the owner without consideration is not a supply of goods, because credit is not allowed in case of personal consumption of business assets under sec 17(5) (g) of CGST Act.

**Example : 41**

M/s T Ltd., is in the business of Hotel. He purchase AC for business purpose and after 2 years, he transfer the

**AC to director without consideration. Will the transaction be a supply in terms of GST ACT?**

**Note: AC machines on which ITC availed.**

**Answer:**

**Yes, it shall be a deemed supply (as per schedule I).**

**Section 7(1)(b) vs Section 7(1)(c) of CGST Act, 2017**

Section	Nature of Service	Consideration	Business Test
Section 7(1)(b) of CGST Act	Import of service	Necessarily required	Not required
Section 7(1)(c) of CGST Act	Import of services by a taxable person from a related person or from any of his other Establishments outside India (i.e. distinct person).	Not Required.	Necessarily required.

**(B) Supply between related persons or distinct persons:**

As per Explanation to Section 15,

- (a) persons shall be deemed to be "related persons" if—
- (i) such persons are officers or directors of one another's businesses;
  - (ii) such persons are legally recognized partners in business;
  - (iii) such persons are employer and employee;
  - (iv) any person directly or indirectly owns, controls or holds 25% or more of the outstanding voting stock or shares of both of them;
  - (v) one of them directly or indirectly controls the other;
  - (vi) both of them are directly or indirectly controlled by a third person;
  - (vii) together they directly or indirectly control a third person; or
  - (viii) they are members of the same family;
- (b) the term "person" also includes legal persons;
- (c) persons who are associated in the business of one another in that one is the sole agent or sole distributor or sole concessionaire, howsoever described, of the other, shall be deemed to be related.

**Example : 42**

**Any person directly or indirectly owns, controls or holds 25% or more of the outstanding voting stock or shares of both of them:**

**M/s Beta & Co., holds 30,000 shares in M/s A Ltd. and 25,000 shares in B Ltd.**

**Share Capital of M/s A Ltd: 1,00,000 Equity Shares of ₹10 each.**

**Share Capital of M/s B Ltd: 80,000 Equity Shares of ₹10 each.**

**Since, M/s Beta Ltd., holds more than 25% of the share in the company A Ltd. and B Ltd., they will be considered as related persons.**

**Example : 43**

**Reliable group has three companies namely M/s T Ltd., M/s L Ltd., and M/s O Ltd., as group companies and M/s Reliable Ltd., as a parent company. M/s Reliable Ltd., holds 25% of the shares in each group company. Therefore, T, L & O companies will be considered as related persons.**

**Example : 44**

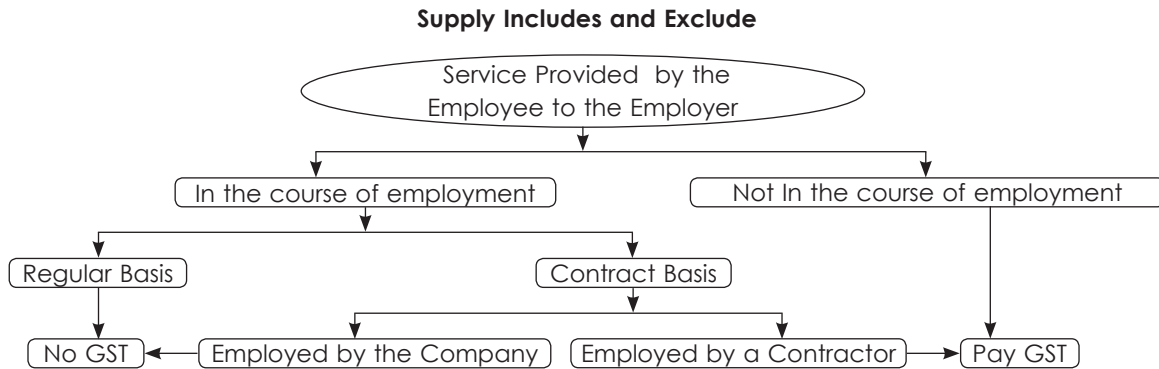
**Ravi & Co., (a CMA firm) employer who is represents his employee before the Income Tax authorities but does not charge any professional fee in respect of the same. Is it supply? Liable to GST?**



**Answer:**

It would constitute a taxable supply under GST and be subject to levy and collection of taxes.

**Employee to the employer:**



**Example : 45**

Ram has received a sum of ₹ 5,00,000 from his employer on premature termination of his contract of employment. Ram needs your advice as to whether such receipts are liable to GST.

**Answer:**

It is not a supply. As per Section 7(2)(a) of CGST Act, 2017 supply excludes services provided by the employee to the employer in the course of employment (covered under Schedule III of CGST Act, 2017).

Hence, amounts so paid would not be chargeable to GST.

**Example : 46**

Mr. Raju, an employee provides his service on contract basis to an associate company of Vikram Enterprises, the employer.

The above activity is being carried out in lieu of specific monetary consideration. Is it supply? If so who is liable to pay GST?

**Answer:**

Yes. It is supply of service.

Liability to pay GST is in the hands of associate company of Vikram Enterprises [as per Sec. 9(4) of the CGST Act, 2017].

**Note:**

(i) Since, Mr. Raju supplied services for consideration to associate company of Vikram Enterprises but not to his employer.

(ii) However, section 9(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 is suspended till 31st March 2018.

**Example : 47**

Salary paid to partners by partnership firm is liable to GST?

**Answer:**

No. It is not supply.

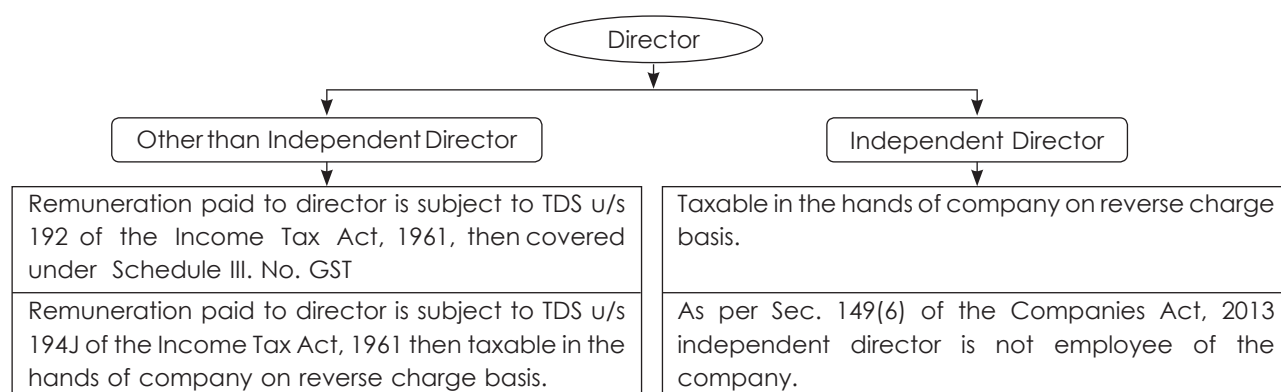
It is merely an appropriation of profit.

Whether all the directors including managing director is an employee of the company?

Director	Contractual relationship of master and servant	GST is liable to pay	Who is liable to pay
Managing Director	No	Yes	Company (under RCM)
Whole-time Director	Yes	No	Nil
Executive Director	Yes	No	Nil
Non-Executive Directors	No	Yes	Company (under RCM)
Independent Directors / Nominee Director	No	Yes	Company (under RCM)

**Director Remuneration (CBIC Circular No. 140/10/2020 – GST, dated 10-6-2020):**

Remuneration paid to Director (Circular No. 140/10/2020 - GST, dated 10-6-2020):



**Fringe benefits - GST**

“The compensation to employees in the form of money is not a supply.

However, fringe benefits are supply of goods or services and are liable to tax if not exempted,” as per the CBIC clarification.

The fringe benefits are transactions in furtherance of business. “Even if supplied without consideration, the same are deemed supply” and will attract GST.

**Fringe Benefits-Reverse Charge (RCM) under section 9(4) of the CGST Act, 2017:**

Reimbursement to staff is an expense in the course or furtherance of business and if same is against a taxable supply taken from unregistered supplier, reverse charge mechanism will apply.

**Note:** Section 9(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 is suspended till 30th September 2019.

**Distinct persons specified under section 25 of CGST Act, 2017:**

Every place of business of a person where separate registration is obtained for output supply will be considered as distinct person.

Section 25(4), A person who has obtained or is required to obtain more than one registration, whether in one State or Union Territory or more than one State or Union Territory shall, in respect of each such registration, be treated as distinct persons for the purposes of this Act.

Section 25(5), Where a person who has obtained or is required to obtain registration in a State or Union Territory in respect of an establishment, has an establishment in another State or Union Territory, then such establishments shall be treated as establishments of distinct persons for the purposes of this Act.





**Example : 48**

CMA Ram, a Practicing Cost Accountant, has a registered head office in Chennai. He has also obtained registration in the State of Andhra Pradesh in respect of his branch office. CMA Ram shall be treated as distinct persons in respect of registrations in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Transactions between head office and branch office will be considered as supply of service even though there is no consideration.

**Example : 49**

Mr. C of Chennai makes taxable supply from Tamil Nadu exceeds ₹ 20 lakhs. Therefore, Mr. C will be required to obtain registration in Tamil Nadu. Such person may have establishment in the State of Telangana where no taxable supplies are made but only the establishment in Telangana helps in handling of materials like procuring and storing. Hence, establishment in Tamil Nadu and establishment in Telangana will be considered as distinct person even when establishment in Telangana is not registered (Sec. 25(5) of CGST Act, 2017).

**Example : 50**

M/s C Ltd. has 3 branches A, B & Z in different states. A in Telangana has run out of stock and B from Andhra Pradesh transfers its excess stock.

Is it supply of goods? GST will be levied?

Answer:

Yes. It is supply of goods and liable to IGST.

**Gifts not exceeding ₹ 50,000/- in value in a financial year by an employer to an employee:**

Services by employee to an employer in the course of or in relation to his employment shall not be treated as supply of services (Schedule III).

However, Gift not exceeding ₹ 50,000 in value in a financial year by an employer to employee shall not constitute supply of goods or services or both.

**Example : 51**

M/s Guidelines Academy Pvt. Ltd., gives Diwali Gifts to each employee worth ₹ 75,000/-. Since, an employee and employer are considered to be related persons, such gift treated as supply and would be leviable to GST on the entire value.

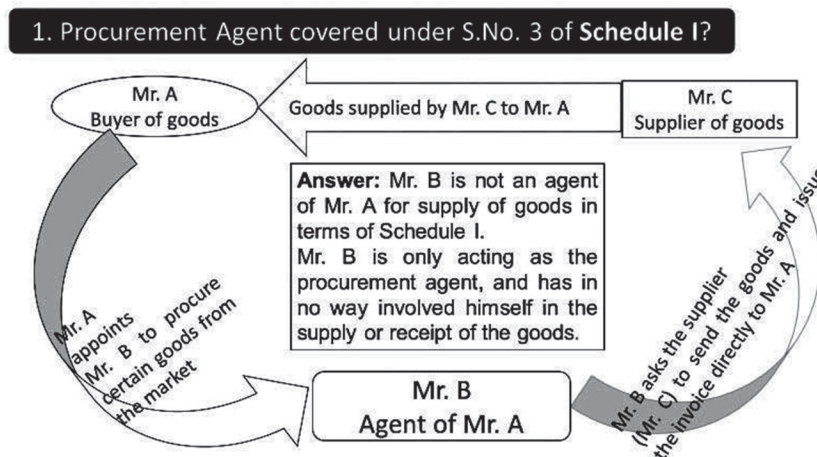
**(C) Supply to agents or by agents:**

Supply of goods by the principal to an agent or by the agent to principal will be considered as a supply even if without consideration. The said transactions are leviable under GST.

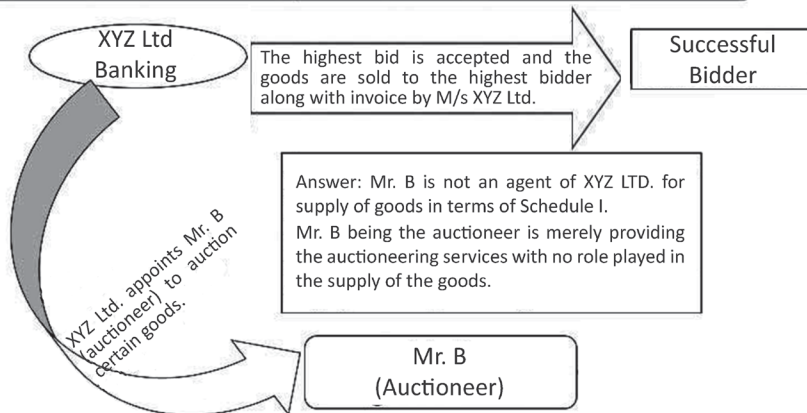
**Circular No. 57/31/2018-GST, dated 4th September, 2018:**

**Scope of Principal-agent relationship in the context of Schedule I of the CGST Act, 2017**

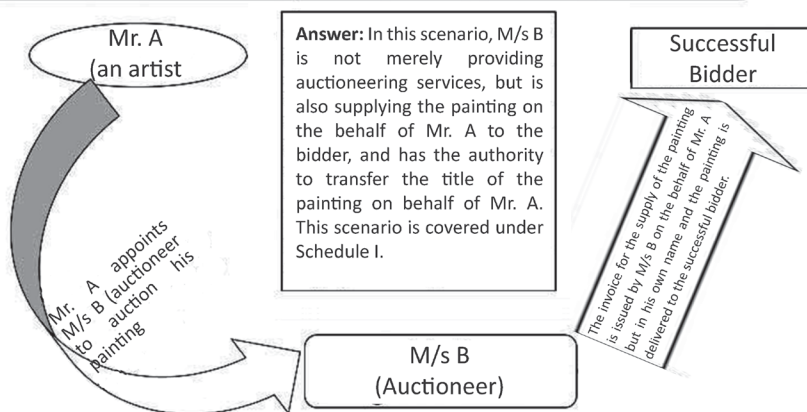
Simplified approach:



**2. Auctioneer covered under S. No. 3 of Schedule I?**

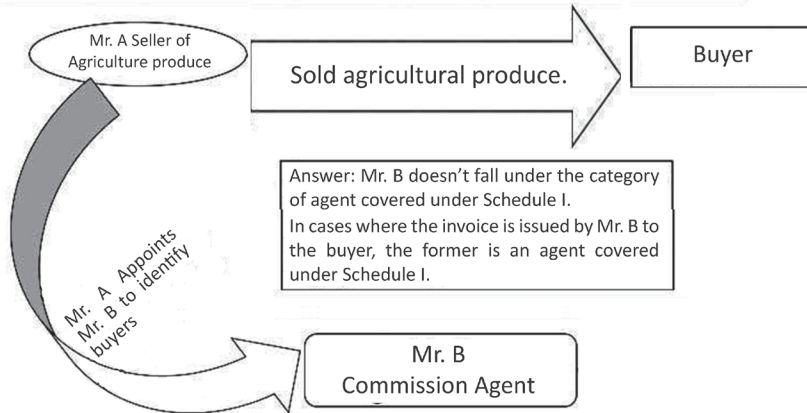


**3. Auctioneer covered under S. No. 3 of Schedule I?**



**Note:** A similar situation can exist in case of supply of goods as well where the C&F agent.

**4. Procurement Agent covered under S. No. 3 of Schedule I?**





**Summary:**

The key ingredient for determining relationship under GST would be whether the invoice for the further supply of goods on behalf of the principal is being issued by the agent or not.

However, it may be noted that in cases where the invoice is issued by the agent to the customer in the name of the principal, such agent shall not fall within the ambit of Schedule-I of the CGST Act, 2017.

**MCQ-1: Mr. JB is a registered person under GST in the State of Maharashtra who sells footwear to his customers locally within the same State. He has been appointed as an agent by M/s TS Ltd., a company registered under GST in the State of Karnataka. During a financial year, M/s TS Ltd., sends taxable goods worth ₹ 5.00 crore from its Bengaluru stores to Mr. JB who sells such goods for ₹ 5.00 crore by raising invoices using the GSTIN of M/s. TS Ltd. Mr. JB receives a commission of ₹ 60.00 lakh from M/s TS Ltd., during the said financial year.**

**Compute the value of supply of TS Ltd. and Mr. JB for the financial year.**

- (a) M/s TS Ltd.: Nil and JB ₹ 5.60 crore
- (b) M/s TS Ltd.: ₹ 5 crore and JB ₹ 5.60 crore
- (c) M/s TS Ltd.: ₹ 5 crore and JB: ₹ 60 lakh
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) M/s TS Ltd.: ₹ 5 crore and JB: ₹ 60 lakh**

**Example : 52**

M/s P Ltd., registered person located in Cochin and having a godown in Cochin transfers the goods to clearing and forwarding agent (C&F Agent) located in Chennai. Such activity of transfer shall be considered as supply even if there is no consideration for such transfer and hence, leviable to GST.

**Example : 53**

Paul & Co. engages Honda Cars Ltd. as an agent to sell cars on its behalf. Honda Cars Ltd. has supplied 50 cars to the showroom of Paul & Co., located in Chennai. Supply of cars by Honda Cars Ltd. to Paul & Co., will qualify as supply and the same is leviable to GST.

**Example : 54**

M/s M Ltd. being a garment manufacturer appoints Mr. Ram as an agent, who stores garments manufactured by M Ltd. and sends to dealers whenever M Ltd. asks Mr. Ram to do so. Is it a supply?

**Answer:**

**Yes. Transfer of garments from M Ltd. to Mr. Ram is taxable supply under GST. GST will be levied.**

**(D) Importation of Services:**

Import of services by a taxable person from a related person or from his establishments located outside India, in the course or furtherance of business shall be treated as "supply".

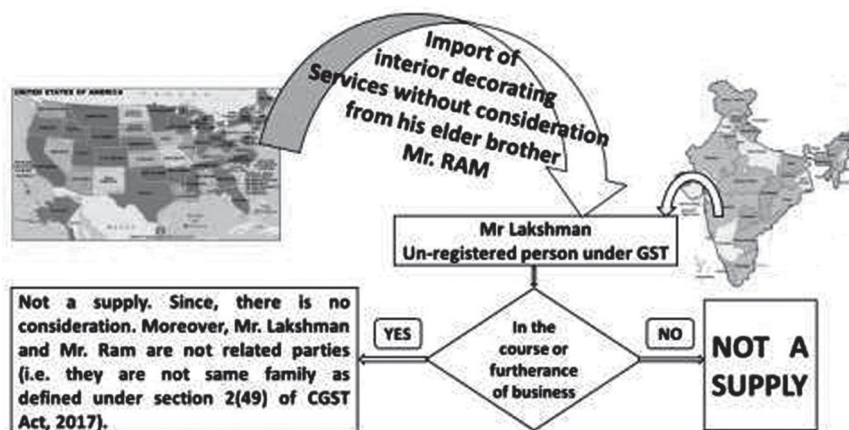
**Example : 55**

Apte & Apte Ltd is located in India and holding 51% of shares of Wilson Ltd, a USA based company. Wilson Ltd provides Business Auxiliary Services to Apte & Apte Ltd., will be treated as supply.

**Example : 56**

Sparsh Ltd. of Mumbai imports business support services from its head office located in USA. The head office has rendered such services free of cost to its branch office. Services received by Sparsh Ltd. will qualify as supply even though the head office has not charged anything from it.

Example :



**Section 2(49) of CGST Act, 2017, Family means:-**

- (i) The spouse and children of the person, and
- (ii) The parents, grand-parents, brothers and sisters of the person if they are wholly or mainly dependent on the said person.

**Supply by employees of a unit to another of a company is taxable:**

Recently, M/s Columbia Asia Hospitals Pvt. Ltd. (AAR No.-KAR ADRG 15/2018) filed an application to sought an answer to the question whether the services provided by the employee of corporate office to the other units of the company is taxable plus charging consideration against allocation of common expenditure of units would tantamount to levy GST or not. The Karnataka AAR held the ruling in favour of revenue, briefing the findings in relation with the Entry 2 of Schedule I of CGST Act, 2017.

In the instance case, the applicant is a private limited company engaged in providing health care services categorizing them as In-patient (IP) and Out-patient (OP) services. The applicant is also engaged in supply of medicines (pharmacy) to in-patients and out-patients. The relevant facts on the basis of which ruling have been sought after are:—

As clarified by the applicants through the facts that the person delivering the service are employed by the corporate office & not by the other units of the applicant. Hence there is an employer-employee relationship with corporate office only and no relationship exists with the employees of the corporate office & other units of the applicant. Therefore, the entry no. 1 of schedule III of CGST Act, 2017 would not be applicable.

The services provided by such employees to the other units would be treated as the transaction between the corporate office & its units located in other states. Though the corporate office & its units are the distinct person u/s 25 of CGST Act, 2017, the transaction would be covered under the Entry no. 2 of Schedule I of CGST Act, 2017 i.e. "Supply of goods or services or both between related persons or between distinct persons as specified in section 25, when made in the course or furtherance of business" & therefore becomes taxable. The valuation of the transaction includes all cost incurred by the corporate office after considering employee cost in the form of salary, incentive & perquisites.

Additionally, corporate office raises an invoice for the allocation of the expenses such as rent, travel expense, consultancy, etc. incurred on behalf of other units. Such reimbursement from the other units would be covered under the term 'TRANSFER' u/s 7(1)(a) of CGST Act, 2017. Furthermore, the transaction between the distinct person without consideration is covered under the definition of the SUPPLY under Entry No. 2 of Schedule I of CSGT Act, 2017. Hence the reimbursement of the expenditure would be attracting the tax liability.

**Example:** Whether various perquisites provided by the employer to its employees in terms of contractual agreement entered into between the employer and the employee are liable for GST?  
**Answer:** Perquisites provided by the employer to the employee in terms of contractual agreement entered into between the employer and the employee, will not be subjected to GST (CBIC Circular No. 172/04/2022 GST dt. 6th July 2022).



**(4) Section 7(1)(d) the activities to be treated as supply of goods or supply of services as referred to in Schedule II:**

Schedule II of the CGST Act, 2017 has certain activities clearly classified as goods or services under GST to avoid any such confusion.

However, the above-mentioned clause (d) of Section 7(1) has been omitted vide the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 along with the insertion of a new clause 7(1A):

Section 7(1A) where certain activities or transactions, constitute a supply in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1), they shall be treated either as supply of goods or supply of services as referred to in Schedule II.

The objective to amend Section 7 of the Act is to clarify the scope of supply; It Inserts a new sub-section (1A) in section 7 and omit clause (d) of sub-section (1). Now, first an activity has to be "supply" as per Sch(1) only then it will be tested as per Schedule II. The recent AAR whereby supply of canteen services by employer to employee is a supply and hence taxable as per Sch II, clause No 6 (b), will be tested now.

S.No.	Transaction	Supply of Goods	Supply of Service
1	Transfer		
	(a) Transfer of the title in goods.	Yes	No
	(b) Transfer of right in goods or share (undivided) in goods without the transfer of title.	No	Yes
	(c) Transfer of title in goods under an agreement which stipulates that property in goods shall pass at a future date upon payment of full consideration as agreed	Yes	No
2	Land and Building		
	(a) Lease, tenancy, easement, licence to occupy land	No	Yes
	(b) Lease or letting of any building including for business or commerce. (Building might be a commercial, industrial or residential complex rent out wholly or partly)	No	Yes
3	Treatment or process		
	Any treatment or process which is applied to another person's goods	No	Yes
4	Transfer of business assets		
	(a) Goods forming part of business are transferred or disposed off by the owner whether or not for a consideration. These words "whetherornotforaconsideration" have been omitted retrospectively effect from 1-7-2017 (as per Finance Act, 2020). <b>Example:</b> M/s Ram & Co taxable person has availed ITC of furniture. After 2 years, he donated same to a Trust. This activity amounts to supply (ITC availed business asset disposed of (without consideration) Sec 7(1)(c) + Schedule I (Para 1))	Yes	No
	(b) The owner (person carrying on business) uses or allows to use business assets for personal use whether or not for a consideration. These words "whetherornotforaconsideration" have been omitted retrospectively effect from 1-7-2017 (as per Finance Act, 2020).		

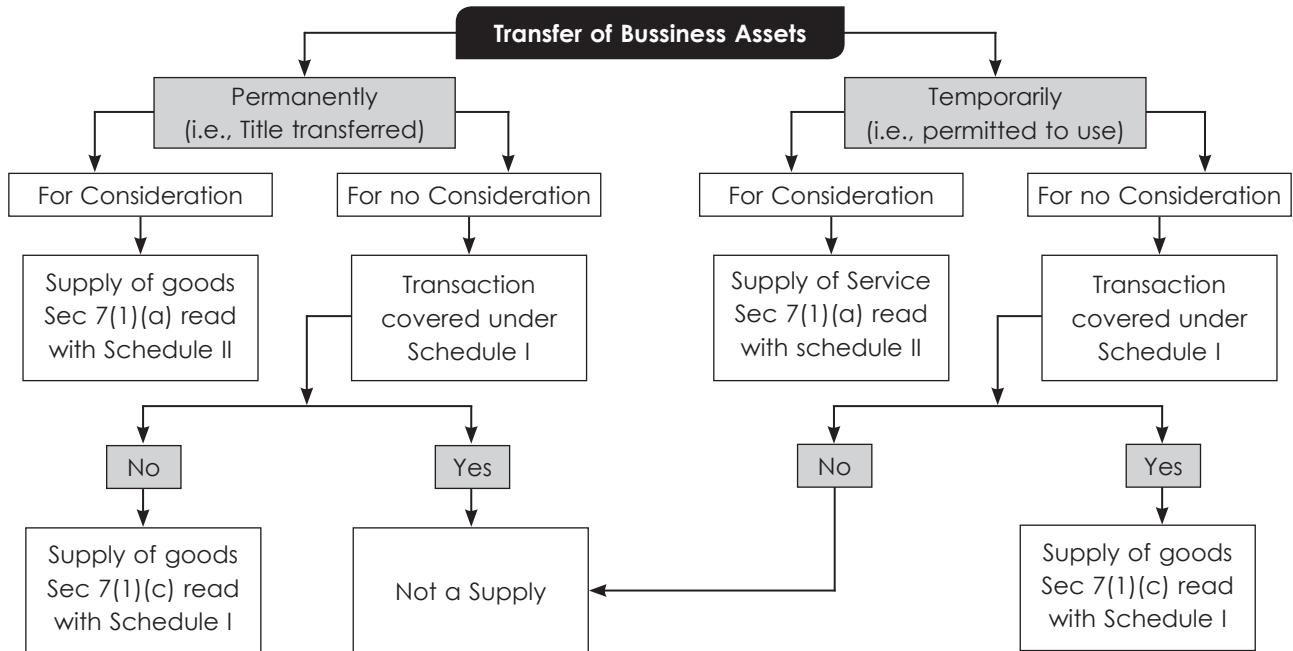
## Levy and Collection of Tax

	This covers use of property or taxable person like motor vehicles, residence premises, guest house, telephone, laptops etc. for private use of partners/directors/executives/employees.	No	Yes
	(c) If the owner ceases to be a taxable person then business assets will be assumed to be supplied by him in the course or furtherance of his business immediately before he ceases to be a taxable person. This is not applicable when:- (i) the business is transferred as a going concern to another person; or (ii) the business is carried on by a personal representative who is deemed to be a taxable person.	Yes	No
5	Supply of services		
	(a) Renting of immovable property (however, residential dwelling is exempted from GST)	No	Yes
	(b) Construction of a complex, building, civil structure or a part thereof, including a complex or building intended for sale to a buyer, wholly or partly, except where the entire consideration has been received after issuance of completion certificate, where required, by the competent authority or after its first occupation, whichever is earlier.	No	Yes
	(c) Temporary transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of any intellectual property right;	No	Yes
	(d) Development, design, programming, customization, adaptation, upgradation, enhancement, implementation of information technology software;	No	Yes
	(e) Agreeing to the obligation to refrain from an act, or to tolerate an act or a situation, or to do an act	No	Yes
	(f) Transfer of the right to use any goods for any purpose (whether or not for a specified period) for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration.	No	Yes
6	Composite supply		
	(a) Works contract services;	No	Yes
	(b) Supply by way of or as part of any other service or in any other manner whatsoever, of goods being food or any other article for human consumption or any drink (other than alcoholic liquor for human consumption)	No	Yes
7	Supply of Goods (omitted retrospectively, with effect from the 1st July, 2017).		
	Supply of goods by any unincorporated association or body of persons to a member thereof for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration.	Yes	No



**As per the Finance Act, 2020**

Schedule II Point 4(a) & (b): whether or not for consideration Omitted with effect from 1-7-2020 retrospectively:



**Consultancy Services v State of AP 2004 (178) ELT 22 (SC).** In the said case, it was held that goods may be tangible property or an intangible one. It would become goods provided that attributes thereof having regard to

- (a) utility
- (b) capable of being bought and sold
- (c) capable of being transmitted,
- (d) transferred,
- (e) delivered
- (f) stored and
- (g) possessed.

If a software, whether customised or non-customised, satisfies these attributes, the same would be goods.

**(A) Un-divided share in goods:**

**Example : 57**

A shopping complex owned by M/s X Ltd and M/s Y Ltd. At a latter date M/s X Ltd. sold his share in shopping complex to M/s Z Ltd. and hence, ownership is not transferred to M/s Z Ltd., but only share in property is transferred to M/s Z Ltd. It is a supply of service.

Transfer of title in future:

**Example : 58**

Mr. A provides machine to Mr. B and he permits Mr. B to use the machine, provided Mr. B pays for the machine after two months, when the property of goods will be transferred to Mr. B. It will be considered as a transaction in goods and service. Therefore, it is a supply of goods.

**Example : 59**

If a residential premise is used for residential purposes as well as for some business purpose, the said activity of leasing of residential complex would be covered in the definition of supply and eligible to GST.

Such activities could be:

- coaching by teacher at his residence or
- carrying out professional activities from the residence of an Advocate or Chartered Accountant or Cost Accountant etc.
- even storing of business goods in the residential premise.

**(B) Job work:**
**Example : 60**

Any activity carried out on the product whether for bringing change in the product or not will be considered as processing of the product.

- Job-work performed by a job worker like cleaning and painting.
- Job-work performed by a job worker like converting raw material into finished goods.

**Example : 61**

Mr. A a trader of steel articles purchases steel bars of 10 meters for ₹ 1,00,000. He gave these steel bars to Mr. B (job worker) for cutting the bars. Mr. B charged ₹ 20,000 as his job work charges. Mr. B seeks clarification whether he will be liable to pay GST on the cut bars and if so, find the value?

Answer:

Mr. B being a job worker is liable to pay GST. Value of job work charges is ₹ 20,000. It is called as supply of service.

**Example : 62**

Crown Beers India Pvt Ltd., supplies raw material to a job worker Kareena Ltd. for manufacture of alcoholic liquor for human consumption. After completing the job-work, the finished product of 5,000 beer bottles are returned to Crown Beers India Pvt Ltd., putting the retail sale price as ₹ 200 on each bottle (inclusive of duties and taxes). Kareena Ltd., charged ₹100 per bottle as job work charges of carrying out of intermediate production process of alcoholic liquor for human consumption from Crown Beers India Pvt. Ltd.

Find the GST liability if rate is 18% (CGST 9% and SGST 9%) any in the hands of Kareena Ltd.

Answer:

Carrying out of intermediate production process of alcoholic liquor for human consumption on job work basis attract GST.

CGST (5,000 bottles x ₹100 x 9%)	₹ 45,000
SGST (5,000 bottles x ₹100 x 9%)	₹ 45,000
<b>Total tax liability of Kareena Ltd.</b>	<b>₹ 90,000</b>

**Note:** GST not attract on manufacture of alcoholic liquor. Since, it is the State subject, which will attract State Excise Duty.

**(C) Transfer of business assets:**
**Example : 63**

Sale of office computers or furniture is supply of goods.





**Example : 64**

Free samples freely supplied to others are also supply of goods.

**Example : 65**

Mr. Raj purchased a car for Business use and after one year sold it to a car dealer for ₹ 2 lac. Will the transaction be a supply in terms of GST Act?

**Answer:**

Transfer for a consideration shall be supply of goods, even if credit is not claim (as per Schedule II).

**Business assets used for personal purpose:**

Schedule I of the CGST Act, 2017 does not provide that use of goods for private or personal purpose, whether without consideration will be considered as supply. Hence, no GST is payable on use of the goods for private or personal purpose. However, ITC proportionately will be denied.

**Example : 66**

Mr. A is engaged in the business of transportation of passengers. He provides vehicle for the marriage of his Accounts Manager free of cost. It is supply of service, but no GST is payable (provided business not claiming Input Tax Credit).

If Mr. A charged ₹ 2,500 it will be subject to GST.

**Example : 67**

Mr. X is engaged in the business of selling furniture. He organizes function in his house. As a result he used business furniture for the function. It is supply of service. Since, there is no consideration and hence no GST will be levied provided business not claiming ITC.

**Example : 68**

M/s X Ltd. provided car to one of its director for his personal purposes and charge fee ₹ 30,000 per month. It is supply of service and the same is taxable under GST.

**Example : 69**

A director takes a computer home for his private use. This computer is the company's business asset. It is supply of service.

GST is accountable on the use of the computer based on its cost.

However, if the company chose not to claim input tax on the computer purchased, the private use of the computer will not attract GST.

**Example : 70**

A director uses the company's car for his family outing.

It is supply of service.

The company was not entitled to claim the input tax incurred on the purchase of the car as it is disallowed.

The company does not need to account for GST on the private use of the car as no input tax was claimed.

**Example : 71**

X Ltd. and Y Ltd. are related companies. Y Ltd. uses X Ltd. business asset namely large format printer to print high-resolution architectural plans for its client.

GST is accountable on the use of the printer based on its cost.

However, if X Ltd. chose not to claim input tax on the asset purchased, the use of this asset by another person will not attract GST.

**Business Discontinued:****Example : 72**

M/s Ravan & Co a partnership firm decided to dissolve the partnership firm. Goods left in stock taken over by partners. Taking over of goods by partners will be considered as a supply of goods. Since, business is not continued further.

**Exceptions:**

- (i) the business is transferred as a going concern to another person; or
- (ii) the business is carried on by a personal representative who is deemed to be a taxable person.

In both the above cases, the business is continued. Therefore, it will not be considered as supply of goods.

**Example : 73**

Mr. Raj being a owner of shop is a registered person under GST. He has decided to close the business. At the time of deregistration he has closing stock of ₹ 15,00,000. Mr. Raj final GST return will show his supplies made during the last taxable period plus Stock in hand of ₹ 15,00,000 during the deregistration. Find the amount of supply. Is it supply of goods or services?

**Answer:**

Amount to supply = ₹ 15,00,000

It is treated as supply of goods.

**Note:**

- (1) Mr. Raj has to pay GST on ₹ 15 lac.
- (2) However, Mr. Raj is not required to pay to GST on closing stock of ₹ 15 lac, provided ITC not availed on such stock.

**(D) Renting of Immovable Property:****Example : 74**

Renting of vacant land to a stud farm for ₹ 1,50,000. Is it a supply of service. Will GST be leviable?

**Answer:**

It is supply of service.

GST is liable to pay.

**Example : 75**

Leasing of vacant land to a poultry farm for ₹ 76,000. Is it supply of service?

**Answer:**

It is a supply of service.

However, specifically exempted from GST.

**Note:** It is an agricultural activity.

**(E) Construction Service:****Example : 76**

A builder has entered into agreement to sale a flat (carpet area 1900 sq ft) to customer. The additional information is as follows:

- (a) Price of flat (including apportioned value of cost of land): ₹ 42,00,000 (includes Prime Location Charges namely charges for getting sea view ₹ 2,00,000).



**(b) Charges for providing space for covered parking: ₹ 1,25,000.**

The builder received part payment before construction was completed and balance amount was received after obtaining completion certificate from the Corporation. Find the GST liability (CGST 6% and SGST 6%)?

**Answer:**

It is supply of service. Builder is liable to pay GST.

CGST (₹ 42,00,000 + 1,25,000) x 6%	= ₹ 2,59,500
SGST (₹ 42,00,000 + 1,25,000) x 6%	= ₹ 2,59,500
<b>Total liability</b>	<b>= ₹ 5,19,000</b>

**(F) Information Technology Software:**

The issue was raised whether software is a goods or services. Clause 5(d) Schedule II of the CGST Act provides that development, design, programming, customization, adaptation, upgradation, enhancement, implementation of Information Technology software shall be treated as service. This explanation removes the uncertainty as to whether such software is goods or service.

As Information Technology software has been declared as service, place of supply of IT software can easily be determined. Place of supply of software shall always be the location of the recipient.

**Consultancy Services v State of AP 2004 (178) ELT 22 (SC).**

In the said case, it was held that goods may be tangible property or an intangible one. It would become goods provided that attributes thereof having regard to

- (a) utility
- (b) capable of being bought and sold
- (c) capable of being transmitted,
- (d) transferred,
- (e) delivered
- (f) stored and
- (g) possessed.

If a software, whether customised or non-customised, satisfies these attributes, the same would be goods.

**Example: 77**

M/s. ABC Ltd. provides the following relating to information technology software. Compute the value of taxable service and GST liability (Rate of CGST 9% and SGST 9%)?

- (a) Development and Design of information technology software: ₹ 15 lakhs;**
- (b) Sale of pre-packaged software, which is put on media: ₹ 52 lakhs.**

**Answer:**

**(a) and (b) both are treated as supply of Service.**

**Value of Taxable supply of service is ₹ 67 Lakhs [i.e. ₹ 15 Lakhs + 52 Lakhs]**

**CGST is ₹ 6.03 lakhs**

**[i.e. ₹ 67 Lakhs x 9%].**

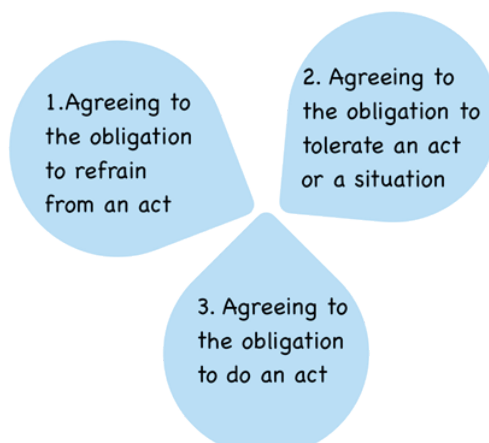
**SGST is ₹ 6.03 lakhs**

**[i.e. ₹ 67 Lakhs x 9%].**

**(G) Agreeing to the obligation to refrain from an act, or to tolerate an act or a situation, or to do an act:**

Para (e) of Schedule II of CGST Act, 2017, Agreeing to the obligation to refrain from an act, or to tolerate an act or a situation, or to do an act; specifically declared to be a supply of service:

The said expression has following three limbs (CBIC Circular No. 178/10/2022 GST Dt. 03.08.2022):



**Situation 1:** Agreeing to the obligation to refrain from an act:-

**Examples:**

1. Non-compete agreements, where one party agrees not to compete with the other party in a product, service or geographical area against a consideration paid by the other party.
2. A builder refraining from constructing more than a certain number of floors, even though permitted to do so by the municipal authorities, against a compensation paid by the neighbouring housing project, which wants to protect its sunlight, or
3. An industrial unit refraining from manufacturing activity during certain hours against an agreed compensation paid by a neighbouring school, which wants to avoid noise during those hours.

**Situation 2:** Agreeing to the obligation to tolerate an act or a situation:-

**Examples:**

1. A shopkeeper allowing a hawker to operate from the common pavement in front of his shop against a monthly payment by the hawker, or
2. An Residential Welfare Association (RWA) tolerating the use of loud speakers for early morning prayers by a school located in the colony subject to the school paying an agreed sum to the RWA as compensation.

**Situation 3:** Agreeing to the obligation to do an act:

**Example:**

An industrial unit agrees to install equipment for zero emission/discharge at the behest of the RWA of a neighbouring residential complex against a consideration paid by such RWA, even though the emission/discharge from the industrial unit was within permissible limits and there was no legal obligation upon the industrial unit to do so.

Issue	Clarification
1. Liquidated damages	1. Where the amount paid as 'liquidated damages' is an amount paid only to compensate for injury, loss or damage suffered by the aggrieved party due to breach of the contract and there is no agreement, express or implied, by the aggrieved party receiving the liquidated damages, to refrain from or tolerate an act or to do anything for the party paying the liquidated damages, in such cases liquidated damages are mere a flow of money from the party who causes breach of the contract to the party who suffers loss or damage due to such breach. Such payments do not constitute consideration for a supply and are not taxable.



2. Amounts paid for acceptance of late payment, early termination of lease or for pre-payment of loan or the amounts forfeited on cancellation of service by the customer as contemplated by the contract as part of commercial terms agreed to by the parties, constitute consideration for the supply of a facility, namely, of acceptance of late payment, early termination of a lease agreement, of pre-payment of loan and of making arrangements for the intended supply by the tour operator respectively. Therefore, such payments, even though referred to as fine or penalty, are actually payments that amount to consideration for supply, and are subject to GST, in cases where the principal supply is taxable. Since these supplies are ancillary to the principal supply for which the contract is signed, they shall be eligible to be assessed as the principal supply. Hence, such payments will not be taxable if the principal supply is exempt.

**Example : 78**

M/s X Ltd. paid penalty under section 49 of the CGST Act, 2017, ₹ 2,00,000 to the Department in the month of October 20XX. Is it taxable under the GST law?

**Answer:**

It is not a supply of service. The fine or penalty chargeable by Government or local authority imposed for violation of statute, bye-laws, rules or regulations are not leviable to GST. Such fines or penalty are not recovered for tolerating non-performance of a contract.

**Refrain means restricting oneself to do or not to do one act:**

**Example : 79**

Mr. C is a Practicing Cost Accountant given appointment to a client Mr. B representing the company for 10AM on Tuesday. Mr. B cancel the appoinment at 9AM on Tuesday (i.e. one hour before appointment time). Advance paid by Mr. B for seeking the appointment is forfeited by Mr. C for cancelling the appointment. In the given case Mr. C, refraining from entering any other person at the given appointment time.

However, forfeiture is a mere flow of money, as such payments being merely flow of money are not a consideration for any supply and are not taxable.

**Tolerate an act or a situation:**

Services provided by Government or a local authority by way of tolerating non-performance of a contract for which consideration in the form of fines or liquidated damages is payable to the Government or the local authority under such contract; is exempted from GST.

**Example : 80**

A contract awarded by Bombay Municipal Corporation (BMC) for repair of a particular road to M/s B Ltd., with terms and conditions that the entire work should be completed within 30 days. However, there is a delay of 10 days to complete the work. BMC charged liquidated damages of ₹1,20,000 and the same recovered from M/s B Ltd. Applicable rate of CGST 9% and SGST 9%. Previous year turnover of M/s B Ltd. ₹2 crores.

**Find the following:**

- (a) Is it taxable supply?
- (b) who is liable to pay GST on what amount?
- (c) total tax liability if any?

**Answer:**

- (a) It is not taxable supply of service.
- (b) M/s B Ltd. being recipient of service is liable to pay GST if it is taxable supply. In this case it is exempted supply. Since, main service is exempt and hence ancillary service is also exempt (vide CBIC Circular No. 178/10/2022 GST dt. 03.08.2022). Since, the contractor has performed the contract, but there is a delay of 10 days.
- (c) tax liability is nil.

**(H) Transfer of the right to use any goods for any purpose**

In the case of *Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. v Union of India* 2006 (2) STR 161 (SC), transfer of right to use goods is not transaction of service but transaction of sale of goods. However, the clause 5(f) of Schedule II of CGST Act, 2017 specifically provides that transfer of right to use goods for any purpose shall constitute supply of service. As a result the above judgment will not be helpful under GST.

**Example : 81**

Ram has given his tempos on hire to Gupta Brothers for transportation of foodstuff for ₹ 40,00,000. He has also transferred the right to use such tempos to Gupta Brothers. Discuss whether Ram is liable to pay GST on the said transaction.

**Answer:**

**It is treated as supply of service. Ram is liable to pay GST.**

**Tenancy rights taxability under GST – CBEC Circular No. 44/18/2018-CGST, dated 2-5-2018):**

**Example 3:** You are required to answer the following:

(i) Whether transfer of tenancy rights to an incoming tenant, consideration for which is in form of tenancy premium, shall attract GST when stamp duty and registration charges is levied on the said premium, if yes what would be the applicable rate? (ii) Further, in case of transfer of tenancy rights, a part of the consideration for such transfer accrues to the outgoing tenant, whether such supplies will also attract GST?

**Answer:**

- (i) The activity of transfer of 'tenancy rights' is squarely covered under the scope of supply and taxable perse. Transfer of tenancy rights to a new tenant against consideration in the form of tenancy premium is taxable. However, renting of residential dwelling for use as residence dwelling against tenancy premium or periodic rent or both is exempt.
- (ii) As regards services provided by outgoing tenant by way of surrendering the tenancy rights against consideration in the form of a portion of tenancy premium is liable to GST.

**Note: The applicable rate of GST 18%.**

**(I) Composite supply :**

- (a) Works contract.  
 (b) Supply of food or any other article for human consumption (other than alcoholic liquor for human consumption).

**Section 2(119) of CGST Act, 2017 “works contract”** means a contract for building, construction, fabrication, completion, erection, installation, fitting out, improvement, modification, repair, maintenance, renovation, alteration or commissioning of any immovable property wherein transfer of property in goods (whether as goods or in some other form) is involved in the execution of such contract;

**Example : 82**

S Pvt. Ltd. was awarded a contract in July 2017 for providing flooring and wall tiling services in respect of a building located in Delhi by N Ltd. As per the terms of contract, S Pvt. Ltd. was to provide all the required material for execution of the contract. However, N Ltd also provided a portion of the material.

**Whether the services provided by S Pvt. Ltd. are subject to GST? If yes, determine the GST liability of S Pvt. Ltd. from the following particulars-**

Particulars	₹
(i) Gross amount charged by the S Pvt. Ltd.	6,00,000
(ii) Fair market value of the material supplied by N Ltd.	1,00,000
(iii) Amount charged by N Ltd. for the material [included in (i) above]	60,000

**Note: CGST 6% and SGST 6%.**



**Answer:**

Works contract is treated as supply of service

Gross amount charged by the S Pvt. Ltd.	6,00,000
Add: Fair market value of the material supplied by N Ltd.	1,00,000
Less: Amount charged by N Ltd. for the material	(60,000)
Total value subject to GST	6,40,000

CGST 6% × 6,40,000 =	₹ 38,400
SGST 6% × 6,40,000 =	₹ 38,400
Total GST liability =	₹ 76,800

**Supply of food or any other article for human consumption** (other than alcoholic liquor for human consumption).

<b>Example : 83</b>	
Food supplied in a restaurant has the facility of air-conditioning:	
<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount (₹)</b>
Total Food Bill	1,000
Service charges @10%	100
Total bill (before GST)	1,100
Add: CGST 9% on ₹ 1,100	99
Add: SGST 9% on ₹ 1,100	99
Total Bill payable by customer (rounded off)	1,298

**Note:** Supply of alcoholic liquor for human consumption will not be considered as a service. It will continue to be taxed by the State in the manner currently being taxed.

**(J) Supply of goods, by any unincorporated association or body of persons to a member thereof for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration.**

<b>Examples : 84</b>
(a) A club has opened up a shop. The members can purchase various goods from such shops. It is a supply of goods.
(b) A local association supplies tea and snacks to its members during its meeting for a nominal payment. It is also called as supply of goods.

**(5) Non-taxable Supplies under CGST Act, 2017**

As per Section 7(2), Supply excludes :

Activities specified in Schedule III (Negative list)

- Services by an employee to the employer in the course of or in relation to his employment.

**Question:**

Whether various perquisites provided by the employer to its employees in terms of contractual agreement entered into between the employer and the employee are liable for GST?

**Answer:**

Perquisites provided by the employer to the employee in terms of contractual agreement entered into between the employer and the employee, will not be subjected to GST (CBIC Circular No. 172/04/2022 GSTdt. 6th July 2022).

- Services by court or Tribunal established under any law for the time being in force.

**Explanation 1:** For the purposes of paragraph 2, the term "court" includes District Court, High Court and Supreme Court.

**Example:**

Is GST leviable on the fee/amount charged in the following situations/cases: –

- (1) A customer pays fees while registering complaints to Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission office and its subordinate offices. These fees are credited into State Customer Welfare Fund's bank account.
- (2) Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission office and its subordinate offices charge penalty in cash when it is required.
- (3) When a person files an appeal to Consumers Disputes Redressal Commission against order of District Forum, amount equal to 50% of total amount imposed by the District Forum or ₹ 25,000/- whichever is less, is required to be Paid.

**Answer:**

As per CBEC Circular No. 32/06/2018-GST dated 12th February 2018, fee paid by litigants in the Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions are not leviable to GST.

Any penalty imposed by or amount paid to these Commissions will also not attract GST.

Thus, GST will not be levied in case of (1), (2) and (3) above.

3. (a) The functions performed by the Members of Parliament, Members of State Legislatures, Members of Panchayats, Members of Municipalities and Members of other local authorities;
- (b) The duties performed by any person who holds any post in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution in that capacity; or
- (c) The duties performed by any person as a Chairperson or a Member or a Director in a body established by the Central Government or a State Government or local authority and who is not deemed as an employee before the commencement of this clause.



4. Services of funeral, burial, crematorium or mortuary including transportation of the deceased.



5. Sale of land and, subject to clause (b) of paragraph 5 of Schedule II, sale of building.





**CBIC Circular No. 177/09/2022 TRU dt 03.08.2022:**

It has been clarified that sale of a land after some development such as levelling, laying down of drainage lines, water lines, electricity lines, etc., is also a sale of land and is covered by Sr. No. 5 of Schedule III and thus, does not attract GST.

However, it may be noted that any service provided for development of land, like levelling, laying of drainage lines (as may be received by developers) shall attract GST at applicable rate for such services.

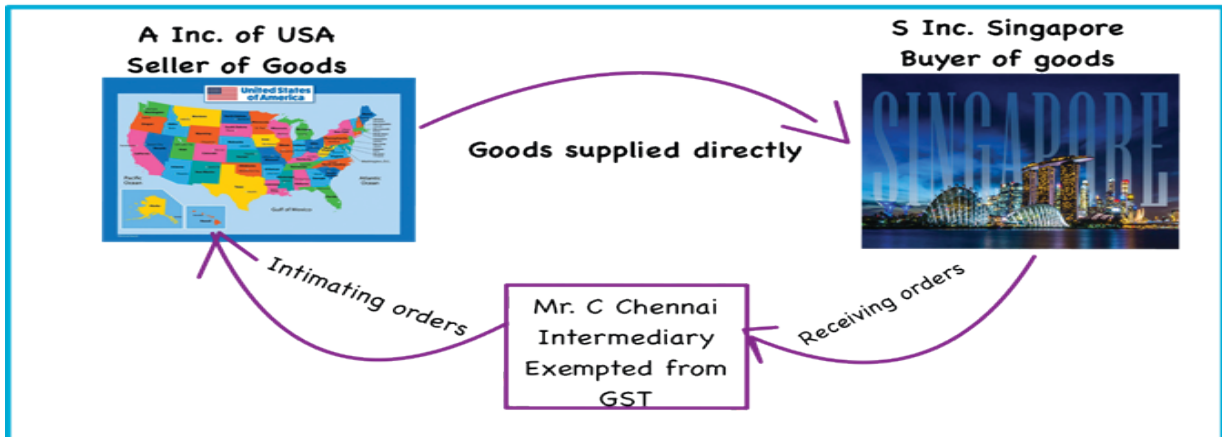
6. Actionable claims, other than lottery, betting and gambling.

**Examples:**

- Right to recover insurance money,
- Claim for arrears of rent,
- Unsecured debentures or unsecured loans,
- Bills of exchange, promissory notes, bank guarantee, Fixed Deposit Receipts etc.

7. Supply of goods from a place in the non-taxable territory to another place in the non-taxable territory without such goods entering into India.

w.e.f. 1-10-2019, Notification No. 20/2019- (IT Rate) dated September 30, 2019: so as to exempt "Services provided by an intermediary when location of both supplier and recipient of goods is outside the taxable territory".



**Example:**

Mr. Zombi, a supplier registered in Hyderabad (Telangana), procures goods from China and directly supplies the same to a customer in US. With reference to the provisions of GST law, examine whether the said activity of supply of goods by Mr. Zombi to customer in US is taxable under GST. If yes, determine the place of supply of the same.

**Answer:**

w.e.f. 1-2-2019 it is treated as supply exclude "Supply of goods from a place in the non-taxable territory to another place in the non-taxable territory without such goods entering into India".

8. (a) supply of warehoused goods to any person before clearance for home consumption;

**Example:** X Ltd. supplied warehoused goods to Y Ltd. for consideration before clearance for home consumption. Transaction between X Ltd. and Y Ltd. is not a supply

The map shows India in the center, surrounded by neighboring countries: Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar. A red box labeled 'Goods Imported By X Ltd.' points to the Indian coast. Another red box labeled 'Warehousing of Imported Goods' points to a warehouse in Mumbai. A small inset image shows a stack of goods in a warehouse.

(b) Supply of goods by the consignee to any other person, by endorsement of documents of title to the goods, after the goods have been dispatched from the port of origin located outside India but before clearance for home consumption.



Sec 7(2)(b) of the CGST Act, 2017, such activities or transactions undertaken by the Central Government, a State Government or (Union territory w.e.f. 27th June 2018) any local authority in which they are engaged as public authorities, as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council, also be treated as not a supply.

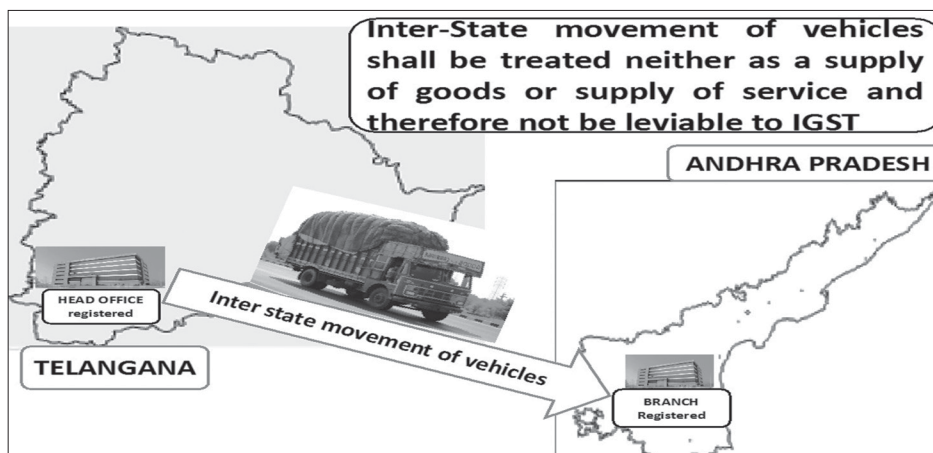
**(6) Section 7(3) of the CGST Act, 2017**

As per Section 7(3) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2), the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, specify, by notification, the transactions that are to be treated as—  
 (a) a supply of goods and not as a supply of services; or  
 (b) a supply of services and not as a supply of goods.

As per the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018, the words “sub-sections (1) and (2)” shall be read as “sub-sections (1), (1A) and (2)”

**CBEC clarification on inter-State movement of Vehicles:**

Clarification on Inter-state movement of various modes of conveyance, carrying goods or passengers or for repairs and maintenance (vide Circular No. 1/1/2017 IGST, dated 07/072017):





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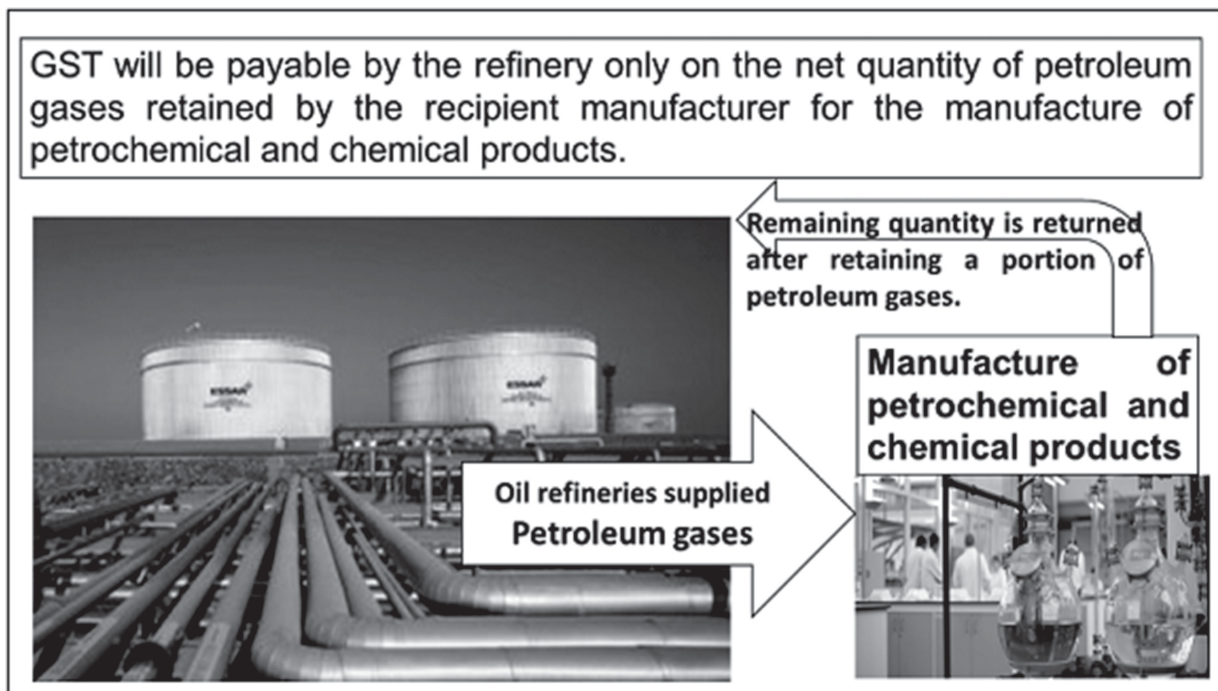
- (i) Inter-State movement of vehicles are treated as supply if it is meant for further supply.
- (ii) However, applicable CGST/SGST/IGST, as the case, may be shall be leviable on repairs and maintenance done for such conveyance.

**CBEC Circular No. 53/27/2018-GST, dated 9th August 2018.**

**Clarification regarding applicability of GST on the petroleum gases retained for the manufacture of petrochemical and chemical products:**


Applicability of GST on petroleum gases, which are supplied by oil refineries to them on a continuous basis through dedicated pipelines, while a portion of the raw material is retained by these manufacturers (recipient of supply), and the remaining quantity is returned to the oil refineries. In this regard, an issue has arisen as to whether in this transaction GST would be leviable on the whole quantity of the principal raw materials supplied by the oil refinery or on the net quantity retained by the manufacturers of petrochemical and chemical products.

It is hereby clarified that, in the aforesaid cases, GST will be payable by the refinery only on the net quantity of petroleum gases retained by the recipient manufacturer for the manufacture of petrochemical and chemical products. Though, the refinery would be liable to pay GST on such returned quantity of petroleum gases, when the same is supplied by it to any other person. It is reiterated that this clarification would be applicable mutatis mutandis on other cases involving supply of goods, where feed stock is retained by the recipient and remaining residual material is returned back to the supplier. The net billing is done on the amount retained by the recipient.



**Clarification on issues regarding treatment of supply by an artist in various States and supply of goods by artists from galleries**

[Circular No. 22/22/2017-GST, dated 21-12-2017]

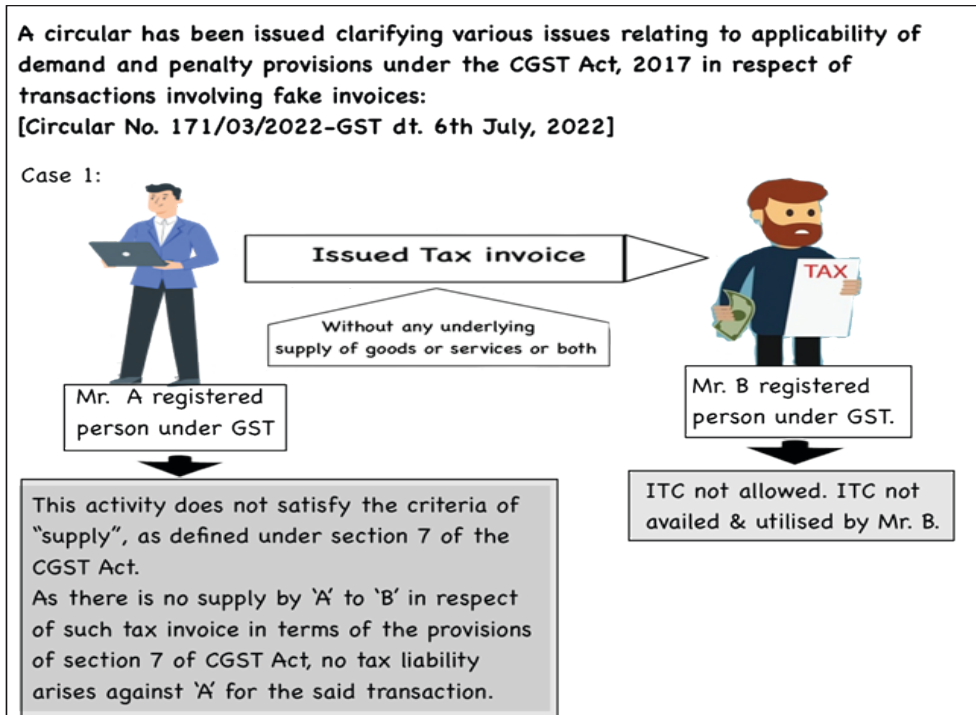


The art work for supply on approval basis can be moved from the place of business of the registered person (artist) to another place within the same State or to a place outside the State on a delivery challan along with the e-way bill wherever applicable and the invoice may be issued at the time of actual supply of art work.

In case of supply by artists through galleries, there is no consideration flowing from the gallery to the artist when the art works are send to the gallery for exhibition and therefore, the same is not a supply. It is only when the buyer selects a particular art work displayed at the gallery, that the actual supply takes place and applicable GST would be payable at the time of such supply.

**Goods sent on Sale or Approval Basis:**





#### LEVY of GST on Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA):

GST will be levied on extra-neutral alcohol (ENA), which is used for manufacturing alcoholic liquor for human consumption, ENA is a derivative of sugarcane molasses (95% high-purity ethyl alcohol) and is not an alcoholic liquor for human consumption but can be used as raw material or input, after processing and substantial dilution, in the production of whisky, gin, country liquor etc.

### 2.3 COMPOSITE AND MIXED SUPPLIES

#### Composite and Mixed Supplies (Section 8 of CGST Act, 2017):

Composite supply is when two or more goods are sold in a combination, it becomes difficult to identify the rate of tax to be levied. For such goods or services, CGST Act, 2017 has provided with two terms:

- (i) Composite supply and
- (ii) Mixed supply.

Composite supply is similar to the concept of "bundled service" as under service tax laws in the existing regime. Both Composite supply and Mixed supply consist of two or more taxable supplies of goods or services or both but the main difference between the two is that Composite supply is naturally bundled i.e., goods or services are usually provided together in normal course of business and cannot be separated. Whereas in Mixed supply, the goods or services can be sold separately.

**(1) Composite Supply :** Composite supply consists of two or more goods/services, which is naturally supplied with each other in the ordinary course of business and one of them is a principal supply. The items cannot be supplied separately.

**Note:** Principal supply means the supply of goods or services, which constitute the predominant element of a composite supply and to which another supply is ancillary/secondary.

Following two conditions are necessary for composite supply:

- (a) Supply of two or more goods or services together, AND
- (b) It should be a natural bundle and they cannot be separated.

**Example : 85**

Booking of Air Tickets which involves cost of the meal to be provided during travel will be Composite supply and tax will be calculated on the principle supply which in this case is transportation of passengers through flight.

**Example : 86**

M/s P Ltd. entered into a contract with M/s Z Ltd. for supply of goods. Where goods are packed and transported with insurance. The supply of goods, packing materials, transport and insurance is a composite supply and supply of goods is a principal supply.

**Example : 87**

A Five-star hotel provides four days and three-night package, with breakfast. This is a composite supply as the package of accommodation facilities and breakfast is a natural combination in the ordinary course of business for a hotel. In this case, the hotel accommodation is the principal supply, and breakfast is ancillary to the hotel accommodation.

The hotel accommodation attracts 18% tax and the restaurant service attracts 28% tax. As per the example, hotel accommodation is the principal supply, and the entire supply will be taxed at 18%.

**Example : 88**

Mr. Ravi being a dealer in laptops, sold a laptop bag along with the laptop to a customer, for ₹ 55,000. CGST and SGST for laptop @18% and for laptop bag @28%. What would be the rate of tax leviable? Also find the GST liability.

**Answer:**

If the laptop bag is supplied along with the laptop in the ordinary course of business, the principal supply is that of the laptop and the bag is an ancillary.

Therefore, it is a composite supply and the rate of tax would that as applicable to the laptop. Hence, applicable rate of GST 18% on ₹ 55,000.

CGST is ₹ 4,950 and SGST is ₹ 4,950

- (2) **Mixed supply** : In Mixed supply two or more individual supplies combination of goods or services with each other for a single price. Each of these items can be supplied separately and is not dependent on each other. In other words, the combination of goods or services are not bundled due to natural necessities, and they can be supplied individually in the ordinary course of business.

For tax liability purpose, mixed supply consisting of two or more supplies shall be treated as a supply of that item which has the highest tax rate.

**Example : 89**

Diwali gift hamper which consist of different Items like sweets, chocolates, cakes, dry fruits packed in one pack is Mixed supply as these items can be sold separately and it shall be treated as a supply of that particular item which attracts the highest rate of tax.

**Example : 90**

M/s X Ltd. a dealer offer combo packs of shirt, watch, wallet, book and they are bundled as a kit and this kit is supplied for a single price and the supply of one item does not naturally necessitate the supply of other elements. Hence the supply is a mixed supply. Tax rate for a shirt, watch, wallet and book are 12%, 18%, 5% and Nil respectively. In this case, watch attracts the highest rate of tax in the mixed supply i.e., 18%. Hence, the mixed supply will be taxed at 18%.

**Example : 91**

**Mr. A booked a Rajdhani train ticket, which includes meal. Is it composite supply or mixed supply?**

**Answer:**

**It is a bundle of supplies. It is a composite supply where the products cannot be sold separately. The transportation of passenger is, therefore, the principal supply.**

**Rate of tax applicable to the principal supply will be charged to the whole composite bundle.**

**Therefore, rate of GST applicable to transportation of passengers by rail will be charged by IRCTC on the booking of Rajdhani ticket.**

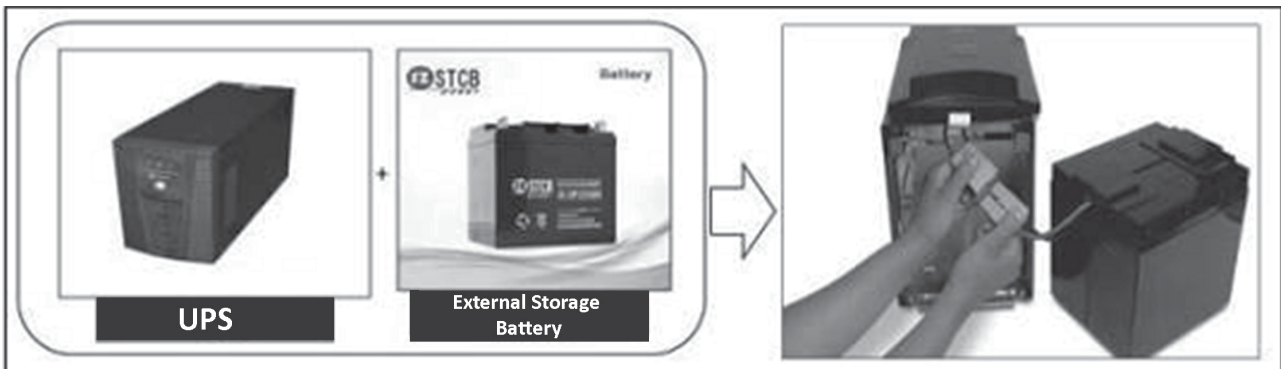
**Supply of external storage battery with UPS, constitutes as 'Mixed Supply'**

In the case of **Switching Avo Electro Power Ltd.** (2018) 96 taxmann.com 106 (AAAR-West Bengal), the Appellant Authority for Advance Ruling upheld the ruling of Authority for Advance Ruling that when the storage battery or electric accumulator is supplied separately with the static converter (UPS), it would be considered as a mixed supply or not naturally bundled supply.

Here the appellant contended that the UPS cannot function without battery as the same is an integral part of UPS and it is naturally bundled and supplied in conjunction with each other, therefore the supply of static converter along with the external battery should be considered as a composite supply and not mixed supply.

However, the AAAR opined that when a UPS is supplied with built-in batteries in a manner that the supply of the battery is inseparable from the supply of the UPS, and the two items are 'naturally bundled' then it should be treated as a composite supply under Section 2(30) of the CGST Act, but when the storage batteries having multiple uses is supplied with the static converter i.e. UPS, it cannot be said that they are naturally bundled even if the same is supplied under a single contract at a combined single price. **Therefore, the supply of external storage battery supplied with UPS would be considered as a 'mixed supply'.**

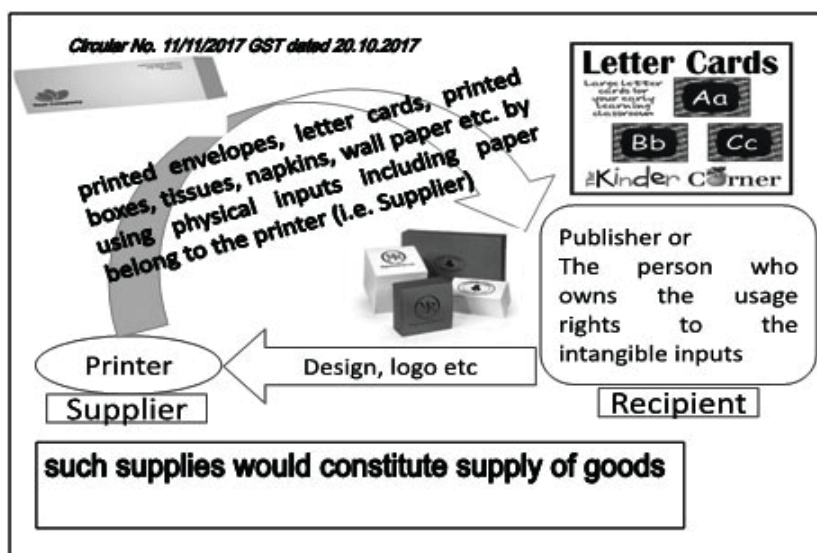
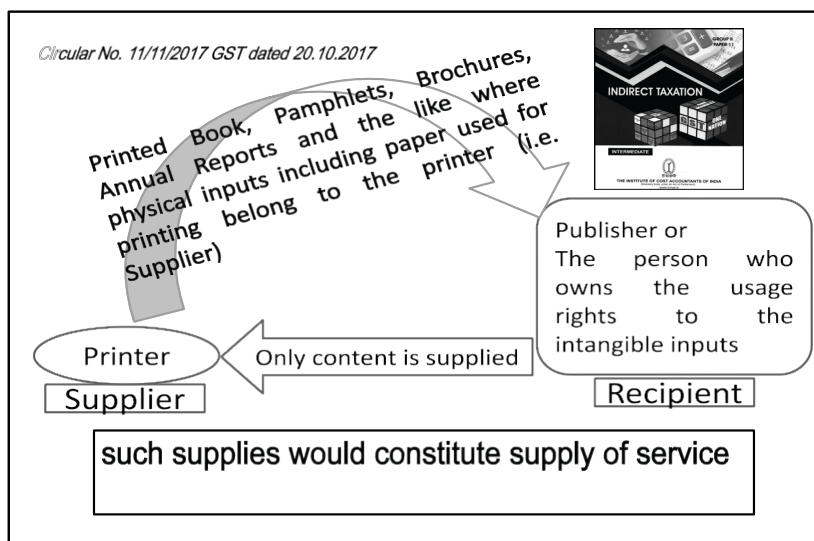
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**CBIC Clarifications:**

**1. Clarification on taxability of printing contracts:**



**For an example:** “RA” a professional training institute gets its training material of “Aptitude Quotient” printed from “Devi printing House” a printing press. The content of the material is provided by the RA who owns the usage rights of the same while the physical inputs including paper used for printing belong to the Devi Printing House.

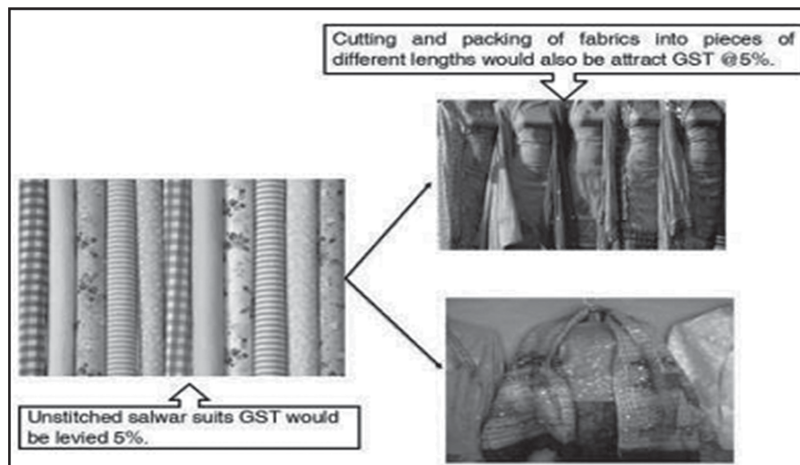
Ascertain whether supply of training material by the Devi Printing House constitutes supply of goods or supply of services.

Answer: Devi Printing House made supply of service.

**2. Clarification on Unstitched Salwar Suits:**

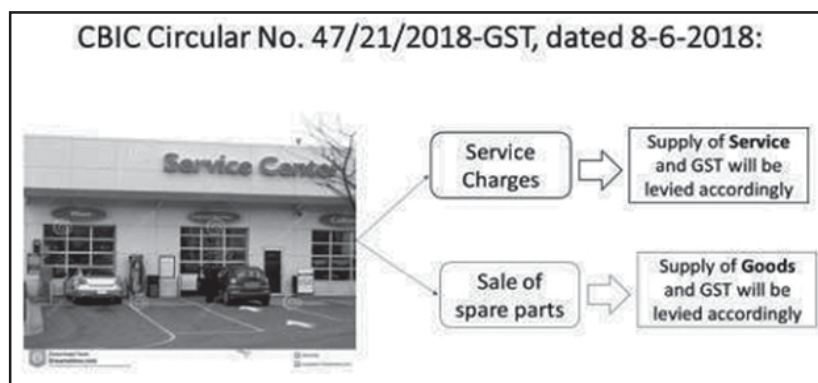
The following GST Circular No. 13/13/2017-GST was issued on 27/10/2017 to clarify the GST rate on unstitched Salwar Suits. Through this GST Circular the GST Department has clarified that the GST rate for unstitched salwar suits would be 5%. Also, cutting and packing of fabrics into pieces of different lengths will not change the nature of goods and the fabric would continue to attract 5% GST rate.



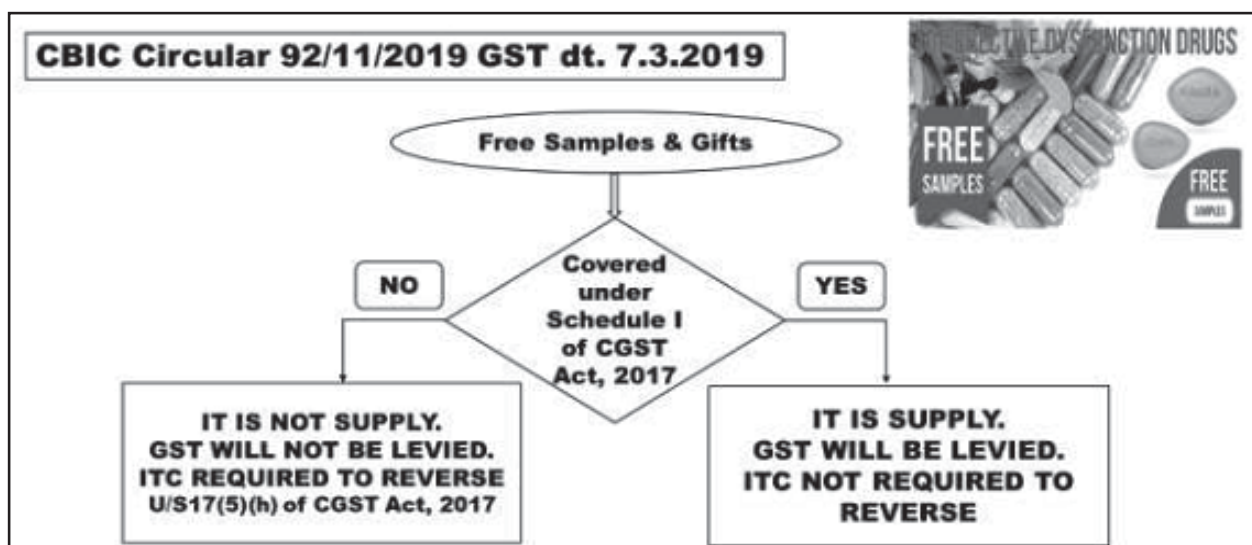


**CBEC Circular No. 47/21/2018-GST, dated 8-6-2018:**

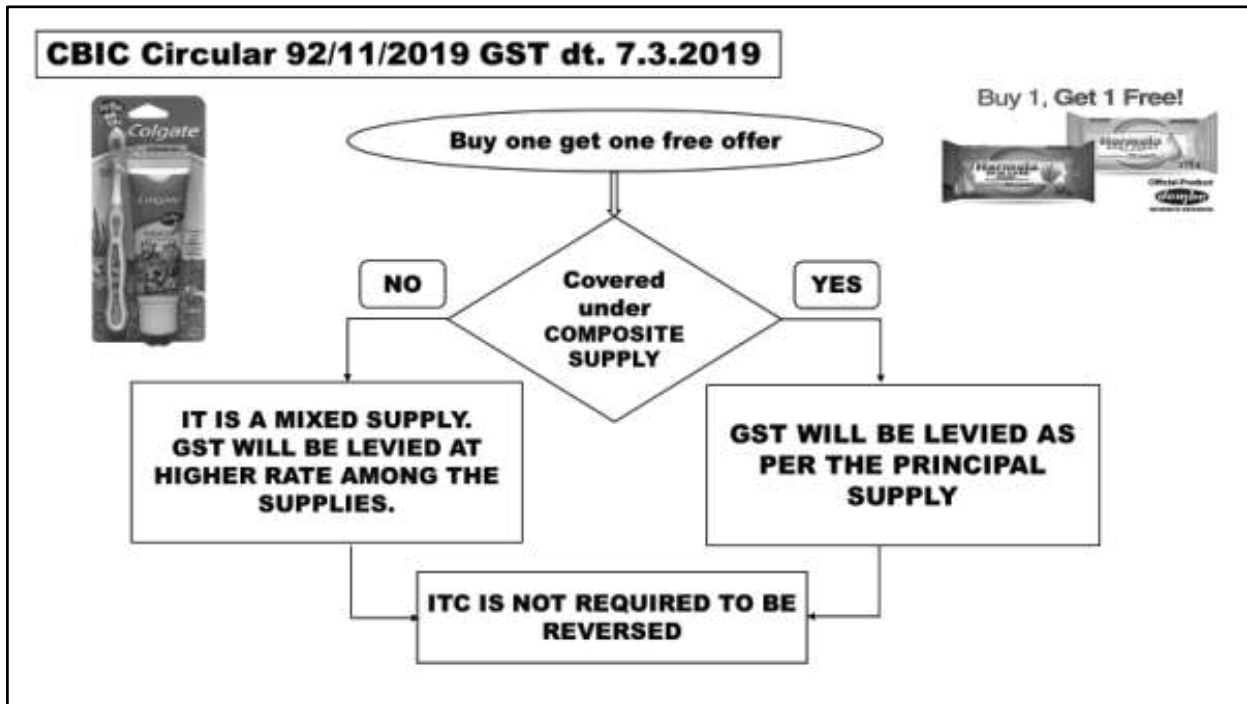
In case of servicing of cars involving both supply of goods (spare parts) and services (labour), where the value of goods and services are shown separately, the goods and services would be liable to tax at the rates as applicable to such goods and services separately.



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**Example : 92**

Space Bazar offers a free bucket with detergent purchased. Is it composite supply or mixed supply? Assume rate of GST for detergent @28% and bucket @18%.

**Answer:**

**This is a mixed supply. These items can be sold separately.**

**Product which has the higher rate, will apply on the whole mixed bundle.**

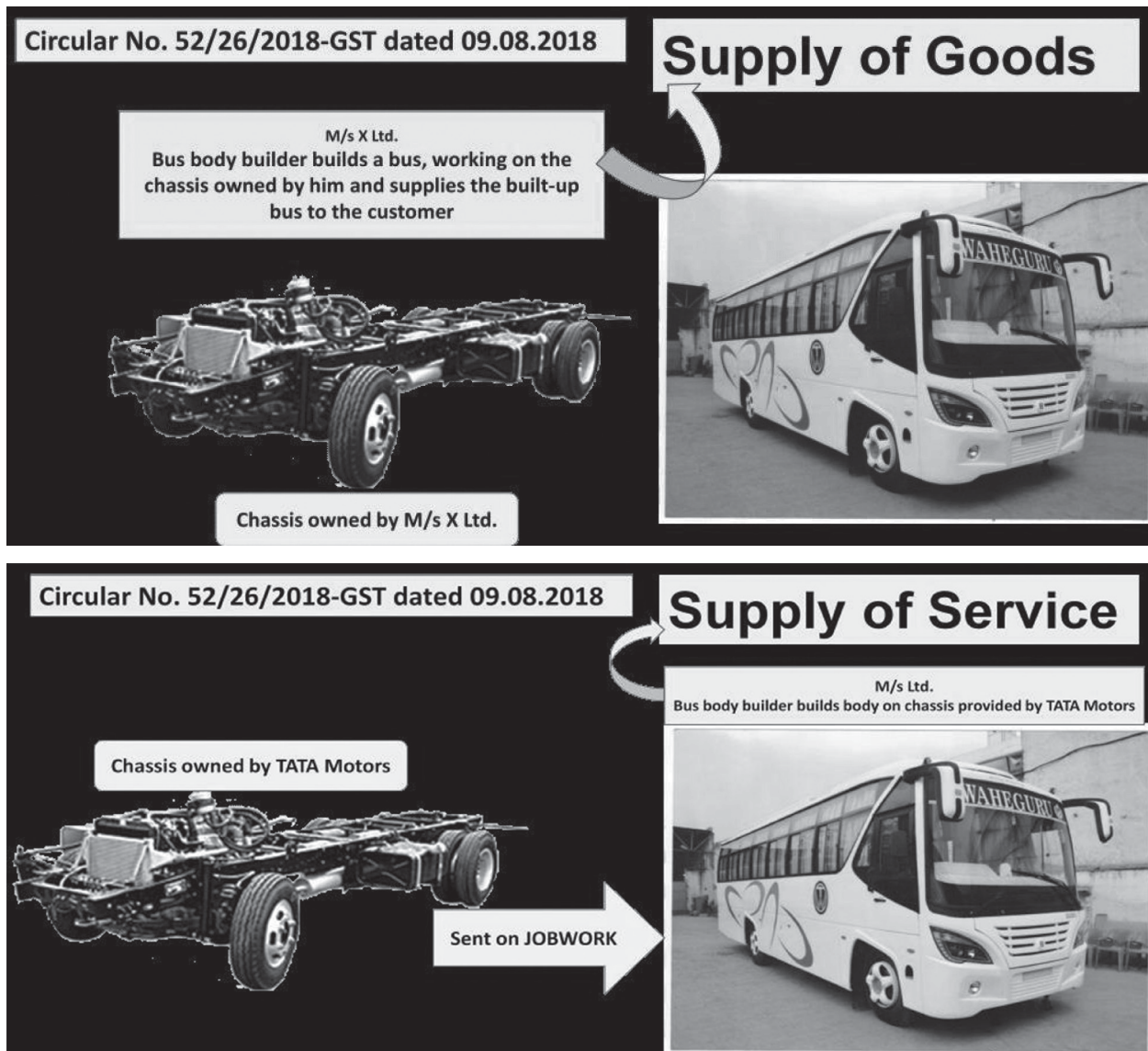
Bus body building activity is a supply of goods or services? As per CBEC Circular No. 52/26/2018-GST, dated 09.08.2018,

Thus, fabrication of buses may involve the following two situations:

- (a) Bus body builder builds a bus, working on the chassis owned by him and supplies the built-up bus to the customer, and charges the customer for the value of the bus.
- (b) Bus body builder builds body on chassis provided by the principal for body building, and charges fabrication charges (including certain material that was consumed during the process of job-work).

In the above context, it is hereby clarified that in case as mentioned (a) above, the supply made is that of bus, and accordingly supply would attract GST @28%.

In the case as mentioned at (b) above, fabrication of body on chassis provided by the principal (not on account of body builder), the supply would merit classification as service, and 18% GST as applicable will be charged accordingly.



**GST on 'pre-packaged and labelled' goods w.e.f. 18-07-2022:**

For the purposes of GST, the expression 'pre-packaged and labelled' means a 'pre-packaged commodity' as defined in Clause (l) of section 2 of the Legal Metrology Act reads as below:

"pre-packaged commodity" means a commodity which without the purchaser being present is placed in a package of whatever nature, whether sealed or not, so that the product contained therein has a pre-determined quantity.

Thus, supply of such specified commodity having the following two attributes would attract GST:

- i. It is pre-packaged; and
- ii. It is required to bear the declarations under the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (1 of 2010) and the rules made thereunder.

However, if such specified commodities are supplied in a package that do not require declaration(s)/ compliance(s) under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (1 of 2010), and the rules made thereunder, the same would not be treated as pre-packaged and labelled for the purposes of GST levy.

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For example, items like pulses, cereals like rice, wheat, and flour (atta), etc., earlier attracted GST at the rate of 5% when branded and packed in unit container. With effect from 18.7.2022, these items would attract GST when “pre-packaged and labelled”. Additionally, certain other items such as Curd, Lassi, puffed rice etc. when “prepackaged and labelled” would attract GST at the rate of 5% with effect from the 18th July, 2022.



In the context of food items (such as pulses, cereals like rice, wheat, flour etc), the supply of specified pre-packaged food articles would fall within the purview of the definition of 'pre-packaged commodity' under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, and the rules made thereunder, if such pre-packaged and labelled packages contained a quantity upto 25 kilogram [or 25 litre] in terms of rule 3(a) of Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, subject to other exclusions provided in the Act and the Rules made thereunder.

For such commodities (food items- pulses, cereals, flour, etc.), rule 3 (a) of Chapter-II of Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, prescribes that package of commodities containing quantity of more than 25 kg or 25 litre do not require a declaration to be made under rule 6 thereof. Accordingly, GST would apply on such specified goods where the pre-packaged commodity is supplied in packages containing quantity of less than or equal to 25 kilograms.

### Example:

Supply of pre-packed atta meant for retail sale to ultimate consumer of 25 Kg shall be liable to GST. However, supply of such a 30 Kg pack thereof shall be exempt from levy of GST. Thus, it is clarified that a single package of these items [cereals, pulses, flour etc.] containing a quantity of more than 25 Kg/25 litres would not fall in the category of pre- packaged and labelled commodity for the purposes of GST and would therefore not attract GST.

### Question 1.

**Whether GST would apply to a package that contains multiple retail packages. For example, a package containing 10 retail packs of flour of 10 Kg each?**

### Answer:

**Yes, if several packages intended for retail sale to ultimate consumer, say 10 packages of 10 Kg each, are sold in a larger pack, then GST would apply to such supply. Such package may be sold by a manufacturer through distributor. These individual packs of 10 Kg each are meant for eventual sale to retail consumer. However, a package of say rice containing 50 Kg (in one individual package) would not be considered a pre-packaged and labelled commodity for the purposes of GST levy, even if rule 24 of Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, mandates certain declarations to be made on such wholesale package.**

### Question 2.

**Whether tax is payable if such goods are purchased in packages of up to 25 kg/25liters by a retailer, but the retailer sells it in loose quantities in his shop for any reason?**



**Answer:**

**GST applies when such goods are sold in pre-packaged and labelled packs. Therefore, GST would apply when prepackaged and labelled package is sold by a distributor/ manufacturer to such retailer. However, if for any reason, retailer supplies the item in loose quantity from such package, such supply by retailer is not a supply of packaged commodity for the purpose of GST levy.**

**Question 3.**

**Whether tax is payable if such packaged commodities are supplied for consumption by industrial consumers or institutional consumers?**

**Answer:**

**Supply of packaged commodity for consumption by industrial consumer or institutional consumer is excluded from the purview of the Legal Metrology Act by virtue of rule 3 (c) of Chapter-II of Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011. Therefore, if supplied in such manner as to attract exclusion provided under the said rule 3(c), it will not be considered as pre-packaged and labelled for the purposes of GST levy.**

**Example:**

Pluses/rice is supplied to an industrial consumers or institutional consumers, tax at the rate of 5% will not be charged on same.

As per Legal Metrology Act: "industrial consumer" means the consumer who buys packaged commodities directly from the manufacturer or from an importer or from wholesale dealer for use by that industry and the package shall have declaration 'not for retail sale';

"institutional consumer" means the institution which buys packaged commodities bearing a declaration 'not for retail sale', directly from the manufacturer or from an importer or from wholesale dealer for use by that institution and not for commercial or trade purposes;

Hence, exemption w.r.t sale made to industrial consumer shall be available only if: It is a prepackaged commodity Bought directly from manufacturer or from an importer or from wholesale dealer Package shall have a declaration – not for retail sale Vic-a-vic exemption w.r.t sale made to institutional consumer shall be available only if: It is a packaged commodity Package shall have a declaration – not for retail sale Bought directly from manufacturer or from an importer or from wholesale dealer used by that institution and not for commercial or trade purposes;

**Question 4.**

'X' is a rice miller who sells packages containing 20 kg rice but not making the required declaration under legal metrology Act and the Rules made thereunder (although the said Act and the rules requires him/her to make a declaration), would it still be considered as pre-packaged and labelled and therefore be liable to GST?

**Answer:**

Yes, such packages would be considered as pre-packaged and labelled commodity for the purposes of GST as it requires making a declaration under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 (rule 6 thereof). Hence, miller 'X' would be required to pay GST on supply of such package(s).

Circular No. 164/20/2021-GST dt. 06.10.2021 has clarified that ice-cream parlours do not have the character of restaurants as they sell already manufactured ice-creams. Hence ice cream sold by such parlours or outlets attracts GST @ 18% with ITC (and not 5% without ITC).

A per CBIC Circular No. 177/09/2022-TRU dt. 03.08.2022, the activity of selling of space for advertisement in souvenirs published in the form of books by different institutions/organizations like educational institutions, social, cultural and religious organizations including clubs etc., is eligible for concessional rate of 5%.

Usually in such cases the vehicles such as tippers, dumpers, loader, trucks etc., are given on hire to the mining lease operator. Expenses for fuel are generally borne by the recipient of service.

## Levy and Collection of Tax

It has been clarified that renting of trucks and other freight vehicles with driver for a period of time is a service of renting of transport vehicles with operator falling under Heading 9966 and not service of transportation of goods by road. This being so, it is not eligible for exemption under Sl. No. 18 of notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 (i.e. transport of goods by road). On such rental services of goods carriages where the cost of fuel is included in the consideration charged from the recipient of service, GST rate has been reduced from 18% to 12% with effect from 18.07.2022. Prior to 18.07.2022, it attracted GST at the rate of 18%.

Circular No. 177/09/2022 TRU Dt 3.7.2022, It has been clarified that a contract of the nature described here for construction, installation and commissioning of a dairy plant constitutes a composite supply of works contract. GST prior to 18.7.2022 is 12%. GST w.e.f. 18.7.2022 is 18%



### 2.4 LEVY AND COLLECTION

Section 9(1) of CGST Act, 2017 provides that there shall be levied of tax called Central Goods and Services Tax on all intra-State supplies of goods or services or both, except on the supply of alcoholic liquor for human consumption, on the value determined under section 15 of the CGST Act, 2017 and at such rates, not exceeding 20%, as may be notified by the Government on the recommendation of the Council and collected in such manner as may be prescribed and shall be paid by the taxable person.

It means maximum GST rate not exceeding 40% (i.e. CGST 20% and SGST 20%) on all intra-state supplies of goods or services.

Section 5(1) of IGST Act, 2017, provides that there shall be levied of a tax called Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) on all inter-State supplies of goods or services or both at such rates not exceeding 40%.

IGST on goods imported into India shall be levied and collected in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

Section 9(2) of CGST Act, 2017, GST will be levied on the supply of:

- Petroleum crude,
- High speed diesel,
- Motor spirit (commonly known as petrol),
- Natural gas and
- Aviation turbine fuel

Shall be levied with effect from such date as may be notified by the Government of India on the recommendation of the GST Council (similar provision under section 5(2) of IGST Act, 2017).

Section 9(3) of CGST Act, 2017 the Government may, on the recommendation of the GST Council, may notify categories of supply of goods or services or both, the tax on which shall be paid on reverse charge basis (similar provision under section 5(3) of IGST Act, 2017).

Section 9(4) of CGST Act, 2017, central tax (i.e. CGST) in respect of the supply of taxable goods or services or both by a supplier, who is not registered, to a registered person shall be paid by such person on reverse charge basis as the recipient (Similar provision under section 5(4) of IGST Act, 2017).



Section 9(4) has been amended vide the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018, as "The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify a class of registered persons who shall, in respect of supply of specified categories of goods or services or both received from an unregistered supplier, pay the tax on reverse charge basis as the recipient of such supply of goods or services or both, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such recipient as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to such supply of goods or services or both."

The same was amended in order to empower the Central Government is to notify classes of registered persons to pay the tax on reverse charge basis in respect of receipt of supplies of certain specified categories of goods or services or both from unregistered suppliers;

It is to be noted that this provision suspended till 30.09.2019.

Note: Reverse charge provisions would not be applicable if the aggregate value of such supplies of goods or services or both received by a taxable person from any or all the suppliers, who are not registered, does not exceeds ₹ 5,000 in a day (Vide Notification No. 8/2017 Dt. 28.06.2017).

Section 9(5) of CGST Act, 2017 Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO) is liable to pay tax. If ECO does not have a physical presence in the taxable territory, any person representing such electronic commerce operator for any purpose in the taxable territory shall be liable to pay tax. Provided further that where an ECO does not have a representative in the taxable territory, such ECO shall appoint a person in the taxable territory for the purpose of paying tax and such person shall be liable to pay tax (similar provision under section 5(5) of IGST Act, 2017)

**Summary:**

CGST Act, 2017	IGST Act, 2017
Section 9(1): CGST will be levied and collected on all intra-State supplies of goods or services or both, except on the supply of alcoholic liquor for human consumption.	Section 5(1): IGST will be levied and collected on all inter- State supplies of goods or services or both, except on the supply of alcoholic liquor for human consumption. IGST also be levied on import of goods.
Section 9(2): CGST yet to be levied on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petroleum crude,</li> <li>• High speed diesel,</li> <li>• Motor spirit (commonly known as petrol),</li> <li>• Natural gas and</li> <li>• Aviation turbine fuel</li> </ul>	Section 5(2): IGST yet to be levied on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petroleum crude,</li> <li>• High speed diesel,</li> <li>• Motor spirit (commonly known as petrol),</li> <li>• Natural gas and</li> <li>• Aviation turbine fuel.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>w.e.f. 1-2-2019:</b></p> <p>Section 9(4) of the CGST Act, 2017, The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify a class of registered persons who shall, in respect of supply of specified categories of goods or services or both received from an unregistered supplier, pay the tax on reverse charge basis as the recipient of such supply of goods or services or both, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such recipient as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to such supply of goods or services or both".</p>	<p><b>w.e.f. 1-2-2019:</b></p> <p>Section 5(4) of the IGST Act, 2017, The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify a class of registered persons who shall, in respect of supply of specified categories of goods or services or both received from an unregistered supplier, pay the tax on reverse charge basis as the recipient of such supply of goods or services or both, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such recipient as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to such supply of goods or services or both".</p>
<p>Section 9(5): Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO) is liable to pay tax.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Any person representing such electronic commerce operator for any purpose in the taxable territory shall be liable to pay tax provided ECO not located in taxable territory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Where an ECO does not have a representative in the taxable territory, such ECO shall appoint a person in the taxable territory for the purpose of paying tax and such person shall be liable to pay tax.</p>	<p>Section 5(5): Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO) is liable to pay tax.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Any person representing such electronic commerce operator for any purpose in the taxable territory shall be liable to pay tax provided ECO not located in taxable territory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Where an ECO does not have a representative in the taxable territory, such ECO shall appoint a person in the taxable territory for the purpose of paying tax and such person shall be liable to pay tax.</p>

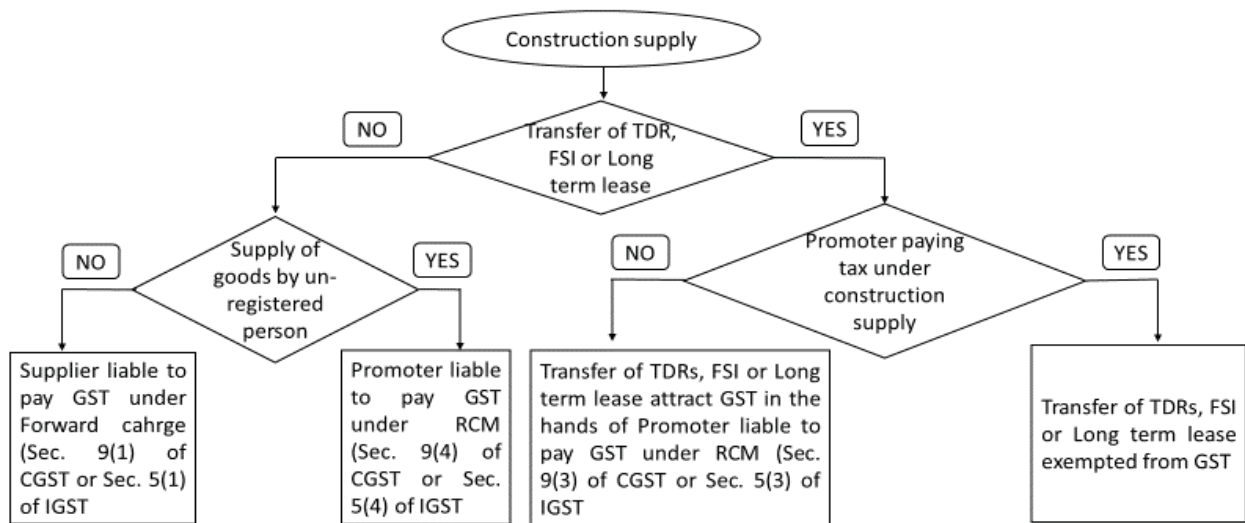
**Notified services taken from unregistered person liable to tax on reverse charge basis w.e.f. 1st April, 2019**

The Central Government vide Notification No. 07/2019-Central Tax(R), dated 29th March 2019 has notified that the registered person specified below shall in respect of supply of specified goods or services or both received from an unregistered supplier shall pay tax on reverse charge basis as recipient of such goods or services.

Sl. No.	Category of supply of goods and services	Recipient of goods and services
1.	Supply of such goods and services or both other than services by way of grant of development rights, long term lease of land or FSI which constitute the shortfall from the minimum value of goods or services or both required to be purchased by a promoter for construction of project, in a financial year.	Promoter
2.	Cement falling in chapter heading 2523 in the first schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) which constitute the shortfall from the minimum value of goods or services or both required to be purchased by a promoter for construction of project, in a financial year (or part of the financial year till the date of issuance of completion certificate or first occupation, whichever is earlier)	Promoter
3.	Capital goods falling under any chapter in the first schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) supplied to a promoter for construction of a project	Promoter



**Simplified Approach:**

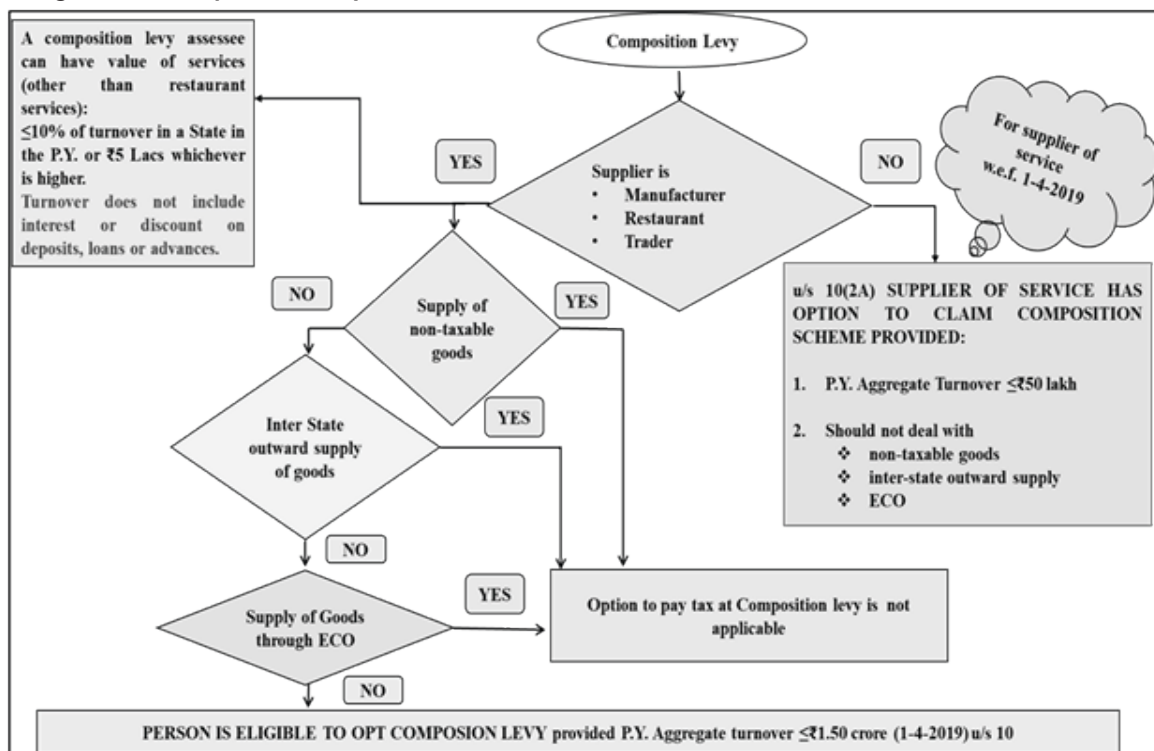


**2.5 COMPOSITION LEVY**

**Composition Scheme**

The Government of India provides for simplified and easy of doing business scheme for payment of taxes and filling of returns to certain categories of taxable person. As a result such taxable person is not required to maintain elaborate records and filing detailed returns. Section 10 of the CGST Act, provides for composition levy to such person.

**Person eligible for Composition Levy u/s 10 of CGST Act:**



**For the purpose of determination of 10% of turnover in a State or UT in the preceding financial year or ₹ 5,00,000 whichever is higher: -**

**w.e.f. 1-8-2019, explanation inserted with regard to turnover:—**

the value of exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount shall not be taken into account for determining the value of turnover in a State or UT.

**Example:** Ram & Co. being a trader of cell phones registered under GST in the State of Tamil Nadu and furnished the following information relating to preceding financial year:

Particulars	Value (₹ in lakhs)
Intra-State supply of taxable goods	120
Intra-State supply of exempted goods	10
Intra-State Supply of taxable services	5
Intra-State supply of exempted services	3
Interest earned on deposits/loans/advances	15.50

Whether Ram & Co. is eligible for composition scheme in the current financial year?

**Answer:**

Aggregate turnover of Ram & Co. of Ram & Co. in the preceding financial year:

Particulars	Value (₹ in lakhs)	Remarks
Intra-State supply of taxable goods	120	Addable into the aggregate turnover
Intra-State supply of exempted goods	10	-do-
Intra-State Supply of taxable services	5	-do-
Intra-State supply of exempted services	3	
Interest earned on deposits/loans/advances	Nil	Not addable into the aggregate turnover
Aggregate turnover	138	Not exceeded ₹150 lakh.

**Value of services not exceeded 10% of turnover or ₹ 5,00,000 whichever is higher:**

Value of taxable output supply of service = ₹ 5 lakh

Add: value of exempted output supply of service = ₹ 3 lakh

Total value of services = ₹ 8 lakh

Supply of service as % on turnover =  $(₹ 8 \text{ lakh} / ₹ 138 \text{ lakh}) \times 100 = 5.80\%$

Permissible limit:

10% of turnover = ₹ 13.80 lakh (i.e. ₹ 138 lakh x 10%)

w.e.f 1-8-2019, Interest earned on deposits/loans/advances shall not be taken into account for determining the value of turnover in a State or UT.

Or

₹ 5 lakh

Whichever is higher

Therefore, the value of service upto ₹ 13.80 lakh can be supplied by Ram & Co.

In the given case supply of services (excluding interest earned on deposits/loans/advances) did not exceed the permissible limit and hence, Ram & Co. is eligible for composition scheme in the current financial year.

**w.e.f. 1-4-2019 Extension in the limit of threshold of aggregate turnover for availing Composition Scheme to ₹1.5 crores:**



The Central Government vide Notification No. 14/2019-Central Tax, dated 07th March, 2019 notified that an eligible registered person, whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year did not exceed ₹ 1.5 Crores, may opt to pay tax under Composition scheme. However, the said aggregate turnover shall be ₹ 75 lakh in case of persons registered under following States:

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Manipur
3. Meghalaya
4. Mizoram
5. Nagaland
6. Sikkim
7. Tripura
8. Uttarakhand

### **Aggregate turnover as per Section 2(6) of CGST Act, 2017:**

The term “aggregate turnover” means the aggregate value of all taxable supplies (excluding the value of inward supplies on which tax is payable by a person on reverse charge basis), exempt supplies, exports of goods or services or both and inter-state supplies of persons having the same Permanent Account Number, to be computed on all India basis but excludes central tax, state tax, union territory tax, integrated tax and cess.

<b>Aggregate turnover includes</b>	<b>Aggregate turnover excludes</b>
The value of exported goods/services	Inward supplies on which the recipient is required to pay tax under Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM).
Exempted goods/services or both which attracts nil rate of tax or wholly exempt from tax and includes non-taxable supply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Central tax (CGST),</li><li>• State tax (SGST),</li><li>• Union territory tax and</li><li>• Integrated tax (IGST)</li></ul>
Inter-state supplies between distinct persons having same PAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compensation Cess</li></ul>
Supply on own account and on behalf of principal.	

### **Important points:**

- (i) The turnover will be computed PAN wise.
- (ii) The partner and partnership firm will have different PAN Nos. Thus the turnover of the partner and partnership firm will not be aggregated.
- (iii) The HUF and individual coparcener of the family have different PAN Nos. Hence, turnover of Karta of HUF in his individual capacity and turnover of Karta as a Karta of HUF will not be aggregated.

Supply of goods, after completion of jobwork, by a registered jobworker shall be treated as the supply of goods by the principal referred to in Sec. 143 of the CGST Act, 2017, and the value of such goods shall not be included in the aggregate turnover of the registered jobworker. It will be included in the turnover of principal.

**Persons not entitled to avail Composition Scheme:**

The Section 10(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 specifies the benefit of composition scheme shall not be granted if a taxable person is:

- engaged in the supply of services (other than restaurant and outdoor catering service), except supply services (other than those referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II), of value not exceeding 10% of turnover in a State or Union territory in the preceding financial year or ₹ 5,00,000, whichever is higher;
- engaged in making any supply of goods which are not leviable to tax under this Act;
- engaged in making any inter-state outward supplies of goods;
- engaged in making any supply of goods through an electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52; and
- a manufacturer of such goods as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council:

<b>Example : 93</b>	
<b>M/s X Ltd. being a manufacturer of laptops has four factories in Chennai, Salem, Coimbatore and Madurai.</b>	
<b>Place</b>	<b>P.Y. Turnover ₹ in lakhs (Including Taxes @ 18%)</b>
Chennai -I	57.91
Salem	12.00
Coimbatore	8.00
Madurai	30.00
Chennai -II	43.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>151.51</b>
<b>M/s X Ltd. eligible for composition levy in the current year.</b>	

**Answer:**

Aggregate turnover =  $151.51 \times 100/118 = ₹ 128.39831$  lakh

**Note:** Since, Aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year does not exceed ₹ 1.50 crore and hence, M/s X Ltd. is eligible for Composition Scheme.

<b>Example : 94</b>	
<b>M/s Paul Ltd. being a trader of laptops has two units in Chennai and in Mumbai.</b>	
<b>Place</b>	<b>P.Y. Turnover ₹ in lakhs (Excluding taxes)</b>
Chennai	52.00
Mumbai	12.00
<b>You are required to answer the following:</b>	
<b>(a) Is M/s Paul Ltd. is eligible for composition levy in the current year?</b>	
<b>(b) If so, can M/s Paul Ltd. opt composition scheme for Chennai location and normal scheme for Mumbai?</b>	
<b>(c) Need to give separate intimations for opting composition scheme in each State.</b>	



**Answer:**

- (a) Yes. M/s Paul Ltd. is eligible to avail the composition scheme in both the states namely Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.  
Since, M/s Paul Ltd. has same PAN, and his aggregate turnover does not exceeds rupees 1.50 crore, it is eligible for composition levy, even though the company has multiple registrations under GST.
- (b) No. M/s Paul Ltd. cannot opt composition scheme for one location and normal scheme for another location.  
Where more than one registered persons are having the same Permanent Account Number (issued under the Income-tax Act, 1961), the registered person shall not be eligible to opt for the scheme under sub-section (1) of Section 10 of CGST Act, 2017 unless all such registered persons opt to pay tax under that sub-section.
- (c) Intimation to opt composition scheme in respect of any place of business in any State or Union Territory shall be deemed to be intimation in respect of all other places of business registered on the same Permanent Account Number (PAN).

**Example : 95**

M/s X & Co., sells electrical cables, motors and wires. Company also undertake repair of switches, motor sets. Turnover during preceding financial from sale of goods is ₹59 lakhs, whereas repairing unit is ₹1 lakh.

M/s X & Co., is eligible for composition scheme. Advice.

**Answer:**

Yes.

Since, supply services (other than those referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II), of value not exceeding 10% of turnover in a State or Union territory in the preceding financial year or ₹5,00,000, whichever is higher

Therefore, the benefit of composition scheme will be extended to M/s X & Co.

**Working Note:**

Value of service = ₹1 L / 60 L × 100 = 1.67%

**Example 96:**

Mr. A is a paper merchant own 5,000 sq ft., shop at Chennai. Mr. A offered extra space available in their shop to supplier to put up their advertisement. His turnover in the previous year from sale of goods ₹20 lakhs and advertising services ₹2 lakhs. Mr. A is eligible for composition scheme in the current year.

**Answer:**

Yes.

Value of service = ₹2 L / ₹22 L × 100 = 9.09%

Mr. A being a paper merchant whose supply of services do not exceed 10% of total supply or ₹5 L whichever is higher. Hence, the benefit of composition scheme is allowed.

**Example 97:**

Hotel King Pvt., Ltd. provider of restaurant services in New Delhi. They also serve beer, whisky and so on. Turnover in the preceding previous year is ₹67 lakhs. Hotel King Pvt. Ltd. is eligible for composition scheme in the current year.

**Answer:**

Hotel King Pvt. Ltd., is not eligible for composition scheme. Since they are supplying the product, which is not levied to GST (namely beer, whisky called as non-taxable supply).

**Example 98:**

Mr. C of Chennai is a retailer dealing with cell phones. He supplies goods to the person located in Chennai and Pondicherry. Aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year is ₹45 lakhs. Mr. C wants to opt for composition scheme in the current financial year.

**Answer:**

No. When the person makes inter-State supply of goods benefit of composition scheme is prohibited. Therefore, Mr. C will not be entitled to the benefit of composition scheme.

**Example 99:**

Peter England is a trader who sells his ready-made clothes online on Amazon India (an Electronic Commerce Operator). He received an order for ₹12, 00,000 in the previous year. Peter England also supplied goods from there out lets. Aggregate turnover of the company in the previous year was ₹21,00,000.

Peter England is eligible for composition scheme.

**Answer:**

No. Peter England engaged in making supply of goods through an electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52 of CGST Act, 2017. Hence, Peter England is not eligible for composition scheme.

**Example 100:**

Hot Breads Pvt. Ltd is the supplier of bakery products registered in the current financial year (2017-18) w.e.f. 1st Oct. 2017. In the month of Oct. 2017 total taxable supplies ₹88 lakhs.

**Answer the following:**

- (a) Company is eligible for Composition Scheme?
- (b) If so company wants to pay tax @1% being a trader. However, the Deputy Commissioner of Central Tax contended that the assessee is liable to pay tax @5% under the Food and Restaurant Services category? Advise.

**Answer:**

- (a) Hot Breads Pvt. Ltd. is eligible for composition levy in the current year.
- (b) The supply of food and restaurant services category is the only service included under the composition scheme. For a business to be categorised as food and restaurant services, there needs to be an element of service involved.

In the given case, supply of bakery products, there is only a supply of goods i.e. food items but there is no element of supply of service. Hence supply of bakery products is eligible to pay GST @1%, under the Traders category and not Food and Restaurant Services category.

Therefore, department contention is not correct.

**Example 101:**

Hotel King Pvt. Ltd. is a registered person under GST. P.Y. turnover was ₹100 lakhs. Applicable GST 18%. Inputs cost ₹7,80,000 (exclusive of GST 18%). Profit margin is 40% on cost. Find the invoice price and advice the best option to pay tax if any. There is no opening balance and closing balance for the tax period.



**Answer:**

Composition Levy	
Particulars	Value in ₹
Cost of inputs	7,80,000
Add: GST 18% on inputs	1,40,400
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>9,20,400</b>
Add: Profit margin 40%	3,68,160
<b>Invoice Price</b>	<b>12,88,560</b>
CGST 2.5%	32,214
SGST 2.5%	32,214
<b>Total GST Liability</b>	<b>64,428</b>

Normal Provision		
Particulars	Value in ₹	
Cost of inputs	7,80,000	
Add: GST 18% on inputs	Not Cost	
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>7,80,000</b>	
Add: Profit margin 40%	3,12,000	
Add: GST 18% CGST & SGST	1,96,560	
<b>Invoice Price</b>	<b>12,88,560</b>	
	CGST 9%	SGST 9%
<b>Output Tax</b>	<b>98,280</b>	<b>98,280</b>
<b>Less: ITC</b>	<b>-70,200</b>	<b>-70,200</b>
<b>Net Liability</b>	<b>28,080</b>	<b>28,080</b>
<b>Total Tax is ₹56,160</b>		

**Advise:**

Normal scheme is economical.

**Example 102:**

**Example:** M/s ABC & Co., made the following supplies during the month of October 20XX:

- (a) Restaurant, mobile dealership and textile manufacturing unit.
- (b) Rework, in the following restaurant, supply of mobile through an ecommerce operator.

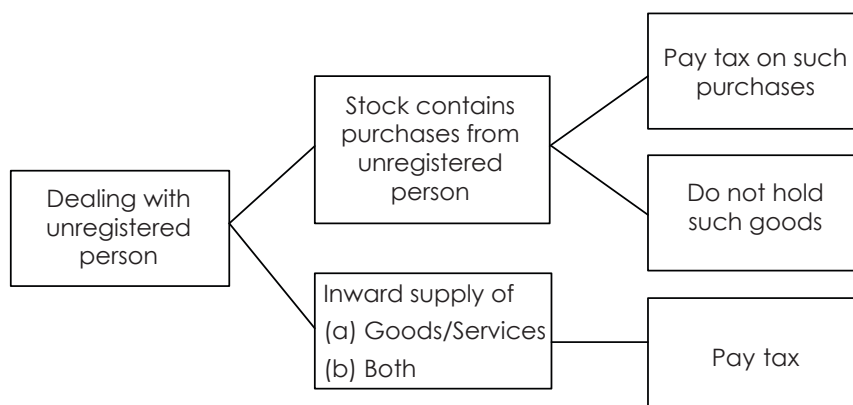
**Answer:**

- (a) Yes. M/s ABC & Co., is eligible for composition scheme in the current year
- (b) No. M/s ABC & Co., is not eligible for composition scheme in the current year

**Conditions and Restrictions for Composition Levy (Rule 5 of Chapter II of the CGST Rules, 2017):**

- (a) The person opting for the scheme must neither be a casual taxable person nor a non-resident taxable person.
- (b) The goods held in stock by him on the appointed day have not been -
  - purchased in the course of inter-state trade or commerce or
  - imported from a place outside India or
  - received from his branch situated outside the State or
  - from his agent or principal outside the State, where option is exercised under rule 3(1) of the CGST Rules, 2017 (i.e. who opted composition scheme at the time of migrating into GST).
- (c) The goods held in stock by him have not been purchased from an unregistered supplier and where purchased, he pays the tax under reverse charge (i.e. Section 9(4) of CGST).
- (d) He shall pay tax as per normal rates, in case of inward supply of goods and services or both received under Section 9(3) or (4) of CGST Act, 2017. These sub-sections provides for payment of tax by recipient of goods or services.

Where the taxpayers deals with unregistered person, tax must be paid or no stock must be held.



(e) He was not engaged in the manufacture of goods as notified u/s 10(2)(e) of the CGST Act, 2017 during the preceding financial year.

The registered person shall not be eligible to opt for composition levy under clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 10 of the said Act if such person is a manufacturer of the following goods:

S.No.	Tariff item, sub-heading, or heading or Chapter	Description
1	2105 00 00	Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa.
2	2106 90 20	Pan masala
3	24	All goods, i.e. Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes
4	2202 10 10	w.e.f. 1-10-2019 AERATED WATER
5	6815	<b>w.e.f. 1-4-2022 NT No. 14/2019 dated 7.3.2019</b> <b>Fly ash bricks or fly ash aggregate with 90% or fly ash content; Fly ash</b>
6	6901 00 10	<b>w.e.f. 1-4-2022 NT No. 14/2019 dated 7.3.2019</b> <b>Bricks of fossil meals or similar siliceous earths</b>
7	6904 10 00	<b>w.e.f. 1-4-2022 NT No. 14/2019 dated 7.3.2019</b>
8	6905 10 00	<b>w.e.f. 1-4-2022 NT No. 14/2019 dated 7.3.2019</b> <b>Earthen or roofing tiles</b>

a registered person making supplies of the above goods is also not eligible to pay concessional tax under the said notification (i.e. However, traders who deals with above goods are eligible for composition scheme).

a registered person making supplies of the above goods is also not eligible to pay concessional tax under the said notification (i.e. in the case of Gulab Singh Chauhan (GST AAR Madhya Pradesh) held that preparation of Gutka in the Pan Shop is akin to manufacture on account of the process of preparation being that of mixing of different bought out ingredients and the resultant product having a distinct name and use. Thus the preparation of Gutka at the Pan Shop for sale is covered in the Second Proviso of Notification No. 14/2019 CT In the Table given in Notification No. 14/2019 CT both Pan Masala and goods covered under Chapter 24 are listed as goods for which composition cannot be obtained).

(f) Mandatory display on invoices of the words "composition taxable person, not eligible to collect tax on supplies".

(g) Mandatory display of the words "Composition Taxable Person" on every notice and signboard displayed at a prominent place.

**Intimation for Composition levy and Effective Date:**

Procedure for opting for composition levy is provided in Rule 3 and 4 of CGST Rules, 2017. The assessee can be divided into three categories as follows:





**Intimation for Composition Levy**

Persons already registered under Pre-GST regime who opts to pay tax under section 10 (i.e. composition scheme)	Any registered person who opts to pay tax under section 10 of CGST Act, 2017 (i.e. composition scheme)	Any Persons who applied for registration
Shall electronically file an intimation in FORM GST CMP-01, prior to the appointed day, but not later than 30 days after the said day, or such further period as may be extended by the Commissioner in this behalf:	Switches from Normal Scheme to Composition Scheme: shall electronically file an intimation in FORM GST CMP-02, prior to the commencement of the financial year for which the option to pay tax under the aforesaid section is exercised and shall furnish the statement in FORM GST ITC-03 in accordance with the provisions of subrule (4) of rule 44 within a period of 60 days from the commencement of the relevant financial year.	Option to pay tax under section 10 in Part B of FORM GST REG-01, which shall be considered as an intimation to pay tax under the said section.
where the intimation in FORM GST CMP-01 is filed after the appointed day, the registered person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shall not collect any tax from the appointed day</li> <li>shall issue bill of supply for supplies made after the said day</li> </ul>	NT. No. 30/2020-CT, dated 03.04.2020 w.e.f. 31.03.2020: [Provided that any registered person who opts to pay tax under section 10 for the financial year 2020-21 shall electronically file an intimation in FORM GST CMP-02, on or before 30th day of June, 2020 and shall furnish the statement in FORM GST ITC-03 in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (4) of rule 44 upto the 31st day of July, 2020.]	
shall furnish the details of stock, including the inward supply of goods received from unregistered persons, held by him on the day preceding the date from which he opts to pay tax under the said section, electronically, in FORM GST CMP-03 within a period of 90 days from the date on which the option for composition levy is exercised		

Section 10(3)	Lapse of Option availed by Composition dealers	Option availed u/s 10(1)/(2A) by a composition dealer wrt composition levy shall stands lapsed wef date on which his aggregate turnover exceeds the specified limits. If such date falls between 20.3.20 to 30.06.2020, there shall be no extension for such person for switching to regular person.
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As per rule 3(5) of CGST Rules 2017 intimation sent by any place of business in any State shall be deemed to be intimation in respect of other place of business under same PAN.

Rule 5(2) of the CGST Rules, 2017: Intimation in every year is not required.

**Effective date for opting composition Scheme:**

Assessee filing intimation	Effective date of composition levy
Form GST CMP-01	Appointed Date
Registered person	Beginning of financial year

Form GST REG-01	<p>Effective date shall be from the date fixed under Rule 10(2) or Rule 10(3) of Chapter III of CGST Rules, 2017.</p> <p>Rule 10(2) provides that if person has applied for registration within 30 days from the date when he is liable to obtain registration, the effective date is when he is liable to be registered.</p> <p><b>Example : 102</b></p> <p><b>If a person is liable to be registered on 1st Oct 2017 and he has applied for registration on 17th Oct 2017, the date of registration will be 1st Oct 2017. As a result effective date of registration for composition levy is 1st Oct 2017.</b></p> <p>Rule 10(3) provides that the applicant has submitted an application for registration after the expiry of 30 days from the date of his becoming liable to registration; the effective date of registration shall be the date of the grant of registration.</p> <p><b>Example : 103</b></p> <p><b>If a person is liable to be registered on 1st Oct 2017 and he has applied for registration on 17th Nov 2017. Registration granted on 20th Nov 2017.</b></p> <p>The effective date of registration will be the date of grant of registration (i.e. 20th Nov 2017). As a result effective date of registration will be effective date for opting for composition scheme (i.e. 20th Nov 2017).</p>
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**Summary:**
**Effective date for Composition Levy**

For persons already registered under pre-GST regime Effective Date: Appointed Date	Registered under GST and person switches to Composition Scheme: Effective Date: Filing of Intimation	For persons who applied for fresh register under GST to opt scheme: Effective Date: Option to pay tax under Composition Scheme shall be effective from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where the application for registration has been submitted within thirty days from the day it becomes liable for registration, such date.</li> </ul> In the above case, the effective date of registration shall be the date of grant of registration. Otherwise, actual date of grant of registration.
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**Example : 104**

**If a person is liable to be registered on 11th Oct 2017 and he has applied for registration on 17th Oct 2017, what is the effective date of registration for composition levy.**

**Answer:**

**Effective date of registration for composition levy is 11th Oct 2017.**

**Example : 105**

**A person is liable to be registered on 1st Oct 2017 and he has applied for registration on 17th Nov 2017. Registration granted on 20th Nov 2017.**

**What is the effective date of registration if he wants to opt composition levy.**

**Answer:**

**The effective date of registration will be the date of grant of registration.**

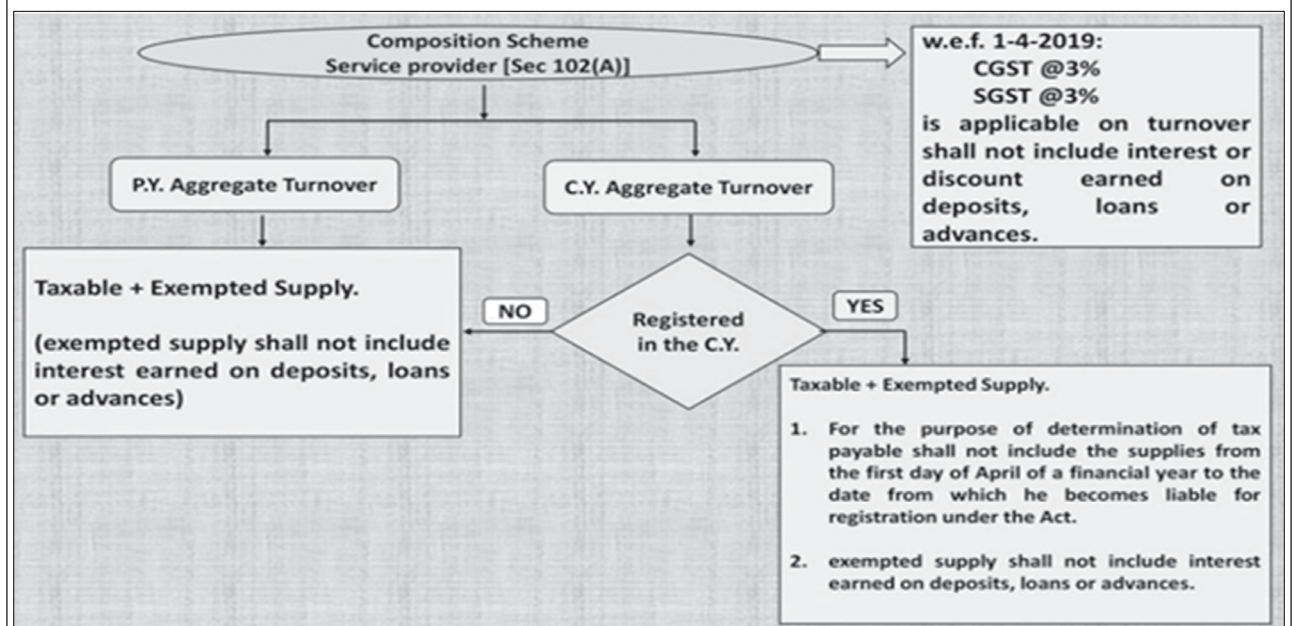
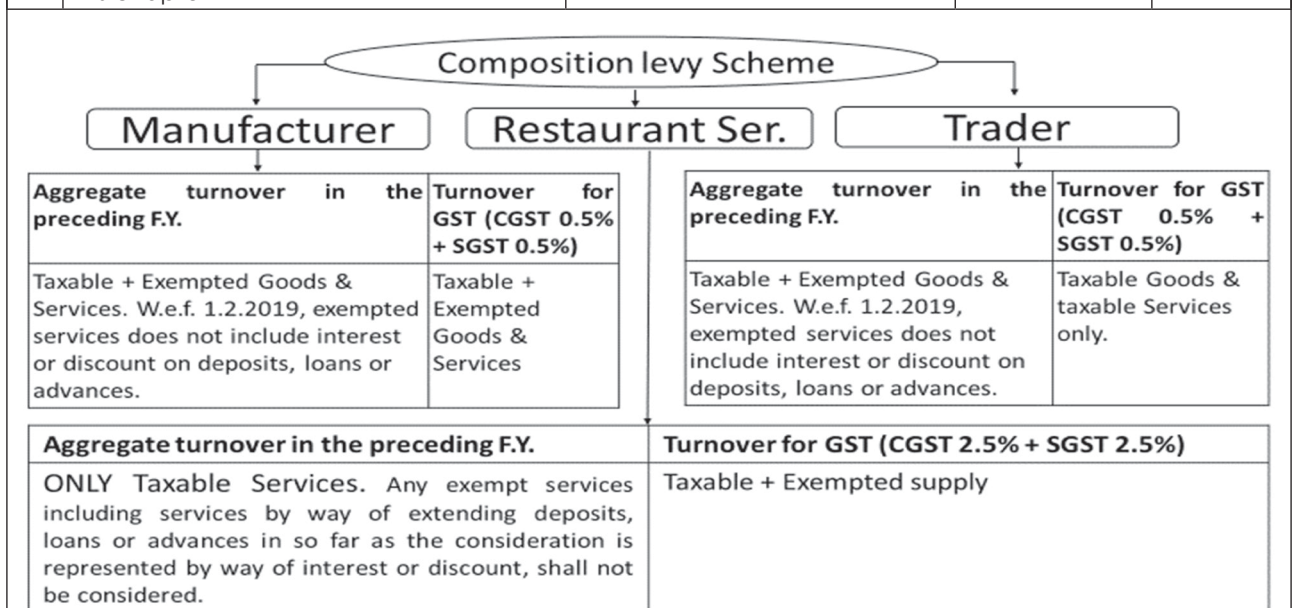
**As a result effective date of registration will be effective date for opting for composition scheme (i.e. 20th Nov 2017) provided no discrepancies found.**



**Composition Rate of Tax:**

The applicable tax rates are as follows:

S. No.	Category of registered persons	Rate of tax (As per Rule 7 of Chapter II of CGST Rules, 2017)	Rate of tax (As per SGST Rules)	Effective rate of tax
1	Manufacturers, other than manufacturers of such goods as may be notified by the Government.	0.5%	0.5%	1%
2	Restaurant services and outdoor catering services	2.5%	2.5%	5%
3	Any other supplier eligible for composition levy under Section 10 and the provisions of this chapter	0.50%	0.50%	1%



**Example 1:**

X Ltd. supplier of following services:

Turnover during the P.Y.:

- restaurant services ₹ 90 lac
- Interest earned from loans ₹ 20 lac

Whether X Ltd. is eligible for composition scheme in the C.Y.

**Answer:**

Restaurant service and also supplies any exempt services including services by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount, the said person shall not be ineligible for the composition scheme under section 10 of CGST Act.

In order to determine his eligibility for composition scheme, value of supply of any exempt services shall not be taken into account while determining aggregate turnover.

Therefore, X Ltd. is eligible for composition scheme in the C.Y.

**[Order No. 01/2017-CT, dated 13.10.2017]**
**Example 2:**

Mr. C of Chennai is running a Kirana business. He furnished the following:

Supply of goods	P.Y turnover	Current Year turnover
Wheat & rice (exempted supply)	₹ 80 lakhs	₹ 88 lakhs
Packed products (taxable supply)	₹ 8 lakhs	₹ 2 lakhs
Rent from commercial property	₹ 10 lakhs	₹ 2 lakhs
Rent from residential dwelling	₹ 2 lakhs	₹ 6 lakhs

You are required to answer the following:

- (a) Mr. C of Chennai is eligible for composition levy scheme in the current year?
- (b) If so, find the GST under composition levy in the current year?

**Answer:**

- (a) Turnover in the previous year does not exceed ₹ 1.50 crore (i.e. in the given case it is ₹ 100 lakhs). However, Mr. C is not eligible for composition scheme since, supply of service in the P.Y. exceeds 10% of total turnover (i.e. ₹ 12 L/₹ 100 x 100 = 12%).
- (b) GST will not be levied as composition scheme.

**Composition Scheme (latest amendment):**
**New scheme for supplier of services with a tax rate of 6% w.e.f April 1, 2019**

The Central Government vide Notification No. 2/2019-Central Tax (Rate) dated 07th March, 2019 notified Composition scheme in case of **intra-State supply** of goods or services or both, at the rate along with the conditions specified below:

Description of supply	CGST Rate	Conditions
First supplies of goods or services or both upto an aggregate turnover of ₹50 lakhs made on or after the 1st day of April in any financial year, by a registered person.	3%	10. Supplies are made by a registered person,— (i) whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year was ₹50 lakh or below; (ii) who is not eligible to pay tax under sub-section (1) of section 10;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(iii) who is not engaged in making any supply which is not leviable to tax;</li><li>(iv) who is not engaged in making any inter-State outward supply;</li><li>(v) who is neither a casual taxable person nor a non-resident taxable person;</li><li>(vi) who is not engaged in making any supply through an electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52; and</li><li>(vii) who is not engaged in making supplies of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa.</li><li>(b) Pan masala</li><li>(c) Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes</li></ul></li></ul> <p>2. Where more than one registered persons are having same PAN, central tax on supplies by all such registered persons is paid at the given rate.</p> <p>3. The registered person shall not collect any tax from the recipient nor shall he be entitled to any credit of input tax.</p> <p>4. The registered person shall issue, instead of tax invoice, a bill of supply.</p> <p>5. The registered person shall mention the following words at the top of the bill of supply, namely: - 'Taxable person paying tax in terms of Notification No. 2/2019-Central Tax (Rate) dated 07.03.2019, not eligible to collect tax on supplies'.</p> <p>6. Liability to pay central tax at the rate of 3% on all outward supplies notwithstanding any other notification issued under section 9 or section 11 of said Act.</p> <p>7. Liability to pay central tax on inward supplies on reverse charge under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of section 9 of said Act.</p> <p>Explanation: For the purposes of this notification, the expression "first supplies of goods or services or both" shall, for the purposes of determining eligibility of a person to pay tax under this notification, include the supplies from the first day of April of a financial year to the date from which he becomes liable for registration under the said Act but for the purpose of determination of tax payable under this notification shall not include the supplies from the first day of April of a financial year to the date from which he becomes liable for registration under the Act.</p>
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It may be noted that while computing aggregate turnover in order to determine eligibility of a registered person to pay central tax at the rate of 3%, value of supply of exempt services by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount, shall not be taken into account.

### Amendment in scheme for supplier of services with a tax rate of 6%:

The Central Government vide Notification No. 9/2019-Central Tax (R) dated 29th March, 2019 has made following amendments in the Composition scheme in case of intra-State supply of goods or services or both:

- One more condition to avail the scheme has been provided where any registered person who has availed of input tax credit opts to pay tax under this notification, he shall pay an amount, by way of debit in the electronic credit or cash ledger, equivalent to the credit of ITC in respect of inputs held in stock and inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods in stock and on capital goods as if the supply made under this notification attracts the provisions of section 18(4) of the Act and the rules made there-under and after payment of such amount, the balance of input tax credit, if any, lying in his electronic credit ledger shall lapse.
- Further explanation has been inserted to provide that the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, as applicable to a person paying tax under section 10 of the said Act shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to a person paying tax under this notification.

**Example:** X & Co. being a supplier of taxable and exempted services registered under GST law in the State of Maharashtra and furnished the following information pertaining to the preceding financial year:

Particulars	Value (₹ in lakh)
Intra-State supply of taxable output services	22
Intra-State supply of exempted supplies	28
Interest earned on deposits/loans/advances	5

Turnover during 1st quarter of the current financial year of X & Co. is as follows:

Particulars	Value (₹ in lakh)
Intra-State supply of taxable output services	2
Intra-State supply of exempted supplies	8
Interest earned on deposits/loans/advances	5

Find the following:

- X & Co. is eligible to opt composition scheme in the current financial year?
- If so, find the CGST & SGST liability of X & Co. for the 1st quarter of the current financial year?

**Answer:**

**w.e.f. 1-8-2019**

- For the purpose of computing aggregate turnover of a person for determining his eligibility to pay tax under section 10(2A) of CGST Act, 2017, shall not include the value of exempted supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans, or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount.
- For the purpose of determining the tax payable by a person under Section 10(2A) of the CGST Act, 2017 on "turnover" shall not include the value of exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans, or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount.



In the given case turnover in the preceding financial year is as follows:

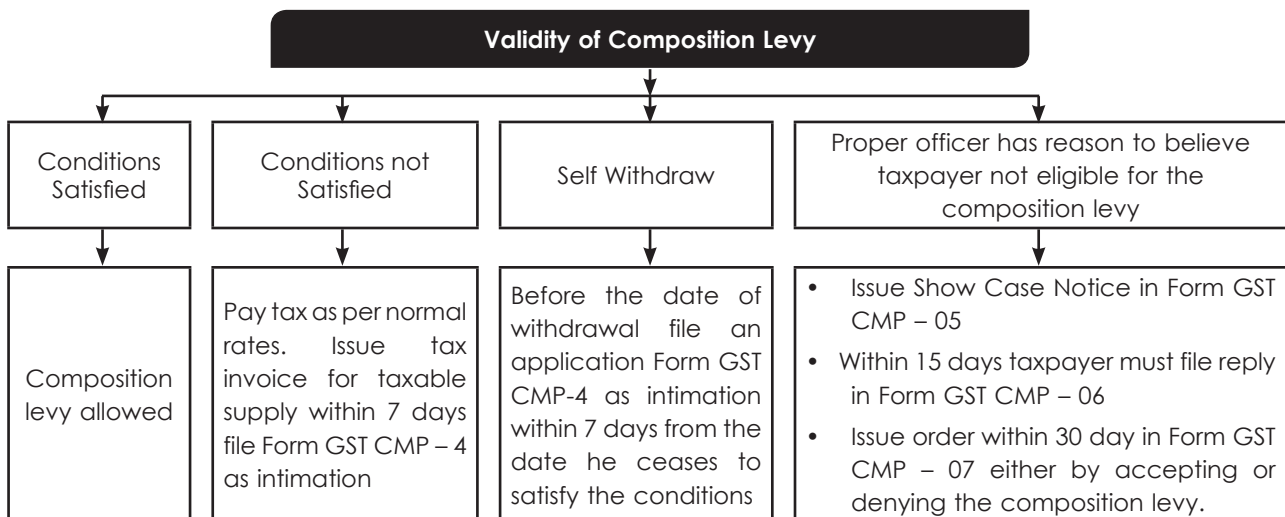
Particulars	Value (₹ in lakh)
Intra-State supply of taxable output services	22
Intra-State supply of exempted supplies	28
Aggregate turnover	50

- (a) Since, aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year did not exceed ₹50 lakh, X & Co. may opt to pay tax under composition scheme in the current financial year.
- (b) GST liability of X & Co., during the 1st quarter of the current financial year:

Particulars	Value (₹ in lakh)
Intra-State supply of taxable output services	2
Intra-State supply of exempted supplies	8
Aggregate turnover	10
CGST 3% on ₹10 lakh	0.30
SGST 3% on ₹10 lakh	0.30

**Validity of Composition Levy**

As per Rule 6 of Chapter II of CGST Rules, 2017 provides that option exercised by the person to pay tax on composition basis remain valid as long as he satisfies the conditions.



**Filing of Return under composition levy:**

- Filing of Form GSTR-4 on quarterly basis electronically on common portal.
- Due date of filing GSTR-4: 18th of the month following the quarter.

The last date for filing the return in FORM GSTR-4 by a taxpayer under composition scheme for the quarter July-September, 2017 shall be extended to 15.11.2017.

**Penalty for delay in filing GSTR - 4:**


**Note:** if the GSTR - 4 is not filed for a given quarter, then the taxpayer cannot file the next quarter's return either.

If there is no issue regarding the tax payment and person is missed out the GSTR filing due dates, in this case, the person is again liable to pay penalty under GST Council, which is ₹100 for CGST and ₹100 for SGST per day. The maximum amount in the case of missing the filing is INR 5000.

**GSTR – 4 can be revised?**

GSTR-4 cannot be revised after filing on the GSTN Portal. Any mistake in the return can be revised in the next month's return only.

It means that, if a mistake is made in the GSTR-4 filed for the July-September quarter, the rectification for the same can be made only when filing the next quarter's GSTR-4.

**Various Forms for Composition levy assessee:**

Sl. No.	Form Required	Purpose	Due date
1.	Form GST CMP-01	To opt for scheme by provisional registration holder	Prior to appointed date or within 30 days of the said date
2.	Form GST CMP-02	Intimation of willingness to opt for scheme by registered person	Prior to the Commencement of Financial Year
3.	Form GST CMP-03	Details of stock and inward supplies from unregistered person	Within 90 days of exercise of option
4.	Form GST CMP-04	Intimation of withdrawal from scheme.	Within 7 days of occurring of event. Details of stock and capital goods, are required to file in FORM GST ITC-01 within 30 days of occurring of event.
5.	Form GST CMP-05	SCN on contravention of rules or Act, issued by Proper Officer	On contravention
6.	Form GST CMP-06	Reply to show cause notice	Within 15 days
7.	Form GST CMP-07	Issue of order	Within 30 days
8.	Form GST CMP-08	w.e.f. 1-4-2019: Details of payment of self-assessed tax	18th day of the month succeeding such quarter

The amended rule 62 whose heading has been changed to "Form and manner of submission of statement and return" provides as under:

- (i) Every registered person paying tax under section 10 or paying tax by availing the benefit of Notification No. 02/2019 CT (R) dated 07.03.2019 shall electronically furnish -





- (a) **a statement in the prescribed form (i.e. w.e.f. 1-4-2019 FORM GST CMP-08) containing details of payment of self-assessed tax, for every quarter (or part of the quarter), by 18th day of the month succeeding such quarter; and**
- (b) a return (GSTR 4) for every financial year (or part of the financial year), on or before 30th day of April following the end of such financial year.
- (ii) Every registered person furnishing the statement under sub-rule (1) shall discharge his liability towards tax or interest payable by debiting the electronic cash ledger.
- (iii) The return furnished under sub-rule (1) shall include the- (a) invoice wise inter- State and intra-State inward supplies received from registered and un- registered persons; and (b) consolidated details of outward supplies made.
- (iv) A registered person who has opted to pay tax under section 10 or by availing the benefit of Notification No. 02/2019 CT (R) dated 07.03.2019 from the beginning of a financial year shall, where required, furnish the details of outward and inward supplies and return under rules 59, 60 and 61 relating to the period during which the person was liable to furnish such details and returns till the due date of furnishing the return for the month of September of the succeeding financial year or furnishing of annual return of the preceding financial year, whichever is earlier.
- Here, the person shall not be eligible to avail ITC on receipt of invoices or debit notes from the supplier for the period prior to his opting for the composition scheme or paying tax by availing the benefit of Notification No. 02/2019 CT (R), dated 07.03.2019.
- (v) A registered person opting to withdraw from the composition scheme at his own motion or where option is withdrawn at the instance of the proper officer shall, where required, furnish a statement in the prescribed form for the period for which he has paid tax under the composition scheme till the 18th day of the month succeeding the quarter in which the date of withdrawal falls and furnish GSTR 4 for the said period till the 30th day of April following the end of the financial year during which such withdrawal falls.
- (vi) A registered person who ceases to avail the benefit of Notification No. 02/2019 CT (R), dated 7.03.2019, shall, where required, furnish a statement in the prescribed form for the period for which he has paid tax by availing the benefit under the said notification till the 18th day of the month succeeding the quarter in which the date of cessation takes place and furnish GSTR 4 for the said period till the 30th day of April following the end of the financial year during which such cessation happens.

**[Notification No. 20/2019-CT, dated 23.04.2019]**

### Practical Problems

**Q1: Mr. Ram is running a consulting firm and also a readymade garment show room, registered in same PAN. Turnover of the showroom is ₹60 lakh and Receipt of the consultancy firm is ₹12 Lakh in the preceding financial year.**

**You are required to answer the following:**

- (a) **Mr. Ram is eligible for Composition Scheme?**
- (b) **Whether it is possible for Mr. Ram to opt for composition only for Showroom?**
- (c) **Rework, if Mr. Ram is running a restaurant as well as readymade garment show room, whether he is eligible for composition?**
- (d) **If the turnover of garment showroom is 75 Lakh in the preceding financial year and there is no consulting firm whether he is eligible for Composition?**

**Answer:**

- (a) Mr. Ram is providing services in consulting firm where value of service exceeds 10% of turnover. Hence, he is not eligible for composition scheme.
- (b) If one unit of a business is ineligible to opt for composition then all other business units registered under the same PAN shall automatically be ineligible for the composition scheme. So Mr. Ram is not eligible for composition scheme only for showroom.
- (c) Restaurant services and readymade garments showroom are eligible for the composition scheme. Hence Mr. Ram is eligible for Composition Scheme. Since, his aggregate turnover is ₹72 lakhs (i.e. less than ₹1.5 crore).
- (d) Yes, Mr. Ram is eligible for composition scheme as turnover of his firm does not exceed ₹1.50 crore in the preceding F.Y.

**Q2: Mr. Rahim is dealer who is selling taxable goods, exempted goods and non-taxable goods (i.e. Liquor). His turnover in the preceding financial year is ₹35 lakh, ₹10 lakh, ₹15 lakh goods which are leviable to GST, exempted and non-taxable respectively. Whether MR. Rahim is eligible for Composition Scheme?**

**Answer:**

Under the revised system, tax of 1% will be charged only on taxable turnover and not on exempt turnover. However, to decide the turnover limit for eligibility under composition scheme, total turnover will be considered.

Turnover in the preceding financial year is ₹60 lakhs.

In this case aggregate turnover does not exceed ₹ One crore. Hence, Mr. Rahim is not eligible for composition Scheme since, he is dealing with non-taxable goods (i.e. liquor).

**Q3: Mr. H registered in Hyderabad, who is selling goods from Telangana to Tamil Nadu. Turnover of Mr. H is ₹73 Lakh in the preceding financial year. Whether Mr. H is eligible for Composition?**

**Whether your answer will change if Mr. H is making purchase from Tamil Nadu and selling goods in Telangana?**

**Answer:**

Mr. H is not eligible for composition as he is making interstate outward supply.

If Mr. H is making purchase from Tamil Nadu, then he is eligible for composition as there is restriction on outward interstate supply not on inward interstate supply.

**Q4: Turnover of Mr. X in the preceding financial year is ₹49 Lakh. Mr. A has opted for Composition Scheme. During the current financial year on 18th February 2022, turnover of Mr. X exceeds ₹1.5 crore. What compliances are required to carry by Mr. X.**

**Answer:**

Mr. X is required to do the following compliances:

File a FORM GST CMP-04 within 7 days i.e. before 25th February 2022.

Details of stock and capital goods, as on the 18th February 2022, are required to file in FORM GST ITC-01 within 30 days i.e. before 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to take the credit of input on the same.

**Q5: M/s X Pvt. Ltd. is a manufacturer having two units namely Unit – A in Andhra Pradesh and another Unit – B in Tamil Nadu. Total turnover of two units in last Financial Year was ₹95 lakh (₹10 lakh of Unit – A + ₹85 lakh of Unit – B).**

**Total turnover of two units in the second quarter of this financial year was ₹15 lakh (₹5 lakh of Unit – A + ₹10 lakh of Unit – B). Applicable rate of CGST 9% and SGST 9%. Find the Net liability of X Pvt. Ltd.**

**Note: M/s X Pvt. Ltd., is not availing input tax credit.**



**Answer:**

Since, the company is not availing the benefit of input tax credit the said company can pay GST under composition levy under section 10(1) of the CGST Act, 2017.

Applicable rate of CGST 0.5% and SGST 0.5%.

Unit	Location	Turnover in the previous F.Y.	Turnover in 2nd Quarter of the F.Y.	Total tax (@1%)	
				0.5% CGST	0.5% SGST
A	AP	10 lakhs	5 lakhs	2,500	2,500
B	TN	85 lakhs	10 lakhs	5,000	5,000

**Note:** w.e.f 1st January 2018, manufacturer is liable to pay CGST @0.5% and SGST @0.5%.

**Q6. Bansal and Chandiook is a partnership firm of Chartered Accountants in Jaipur (Rajasthan). The firm specialises in bank audits providing services to banks across India. It has an annual turnover of ₹110 lakh in the preceding financial year.**

**With reference to the provisions of the CGST Act, 2017, examine whether the firm can opt for the composition scheme. Will your answer change, if—**

- (a) the turnover of the firm is ₹90 lakhs?**
- (b) Bansal and Chandiook is not a partnership firm of Chartered Accountants but a partnership firm providing support services to restaurants like booking tables, advertisement etc.?**

**Answer:**

- (a) A firm of Chartered Accountants, being a supplier of professional services (other than restaurant services) is not eligible to apply for composition scheme. Moreover, the turnover also exceeds ₹50 lakhs. Therefore, it has to discharge its tax liability under regular provisions at the applicable rates.
- (b) The answer will not change even if the firm is providing support services to restaurants as only the supplier providing restaurant services per se are eligible for composition scheme under section 10(1) of CGST Act, 2017.

**Q7. Mr. Riju, registered in Himachal Pradesh is engaged in making inter-State outward supplies of apparels. The aggregate turnover of Mr. Riju in the financial year 2021-22 is ₹70 lakh. He opted for composition levy in the year 2022-23 and paid tax for the quarter ending June 2022 under composition levy. The proper officer has levied penalty on Mr. Riju in addition to the tax payable by him.**

**You are required to examine the validity of the action taken by proper officer.**

**Answer:**

As per section 10(5) of the CGST Act, 2017 if a person who has paid tax under composition scheme is found as not being eligible for composition then such person shall be liable to penalty to an amount equivalent to the tax payable by him under the provisions of the Act. i.e. as a normal taxable person and that this penalty shall be in addition to the tax payable by him. Thus, levy of penalty on Mr. Riju is valid in law.

Therefore, the action taken by proper officer is valid in law.

**Q8. Mr. CMA Ram is a practicing Cost Accountant in Patna (Bihar). He commenced profession on 1st April 20XX and his annual turnover (intra-State) of ₹70 lakh in the financial year. Find the tax liability under composition scheme (vide Notification No. 2/2019-Central Tax (Rate) dated 07thMarch, 2019) if any?**

**Answer:**

Aggregate turnover:	₹ Lakh
Total Aggregate turnover	70
Less: turnover from 1st April to the date liable for registration	(20)
Taxable turnover under composition scheme	(30)

## Levy and Collection of Tax

Taxable Turnover under normal scheme	20
GST liability under composition scheme:	₹ Lakh
Taxable turnover under composition scheme	30.0
CGST @3% on ₹30 lakh	0.90
SGST @3% on ₹30 lakh	0.90
GST liability under normal scheme:	₹ Lakh
Taxable turnover under normal scheme	30.0
CGST @9% on ₹20 lakh	1.80
SGST @9% on ₹20 lakh	1.80

### Note:

- (1) For the purposes of this Notification No. 2/2019-Central Tax (Rate) dated 07th March, 2019, the expression "first supplies of goods or services or both" shall, for the purposes of determining eligibility of a person to pay tax under this notification, include the supplies from the first day of April of a financial year to the date from which he becomes liable for registration under the said Act but for the purpose of determination of tax payable under this notification shall not include the supplies from the first day of April of a financial year to the date from which he becomes liable for registration under the Act.
- (2) In the next financial year, Mr. CMA Ram is not eligible for composition scheme vide Notification No. 2/2019-Central Tax (Rate), dated 07th March, 2019.

**Q9. M/s C Ltd. of Chennai being a trader provided the following information relating to the preceding financial year is as follows:**

Particulars	Value (₹ in lakh)
Intra-State supply taxable goods	20
Intra-State supply of exempted goods	30
Intra-State supply of taxable services	5
Intra-State outward supply of services on which recipient is liable to pay GST	4
Export of goods	35
Inter-State inward supply of goods	200
CGST & SGST paid	2

M/s C Ltd. is eligible for composition scheme in the current financial year?

### Answer:

Statement showing aggregate turnover of M/s C Ltd. in the preceding financial year

Particulars	Value (₹ in lakh)	Remarks
Intra-State supply taxable goods	20	Addable into aggregate turnover as per section 2(6) of the CGST Act, 2017
Intra-State supply of exempted goods	30	-do-
Intra-State supply of taxable services	5	-do-
Intra-State outward supply of services on which recipient is liable to pay GST	4	-do-
Export of goods	35	Treated as inter-State Supply of goods and hence addable in to the aggregate turnover.



Inter-State inward supply of goods	Nil	Not addable. Since, it is not the turnover of M/s C Ltd.
CGST & SGST	Nil	Not addable
Aggregate Turnover	94	

**Working note (1):**

Service portion on aggregate turnover = ₹ 9.40 lakhs

₹ 9.40 lakh (i.e. 10% on ₹ 94 lakh) or

₹ 5 lakhs

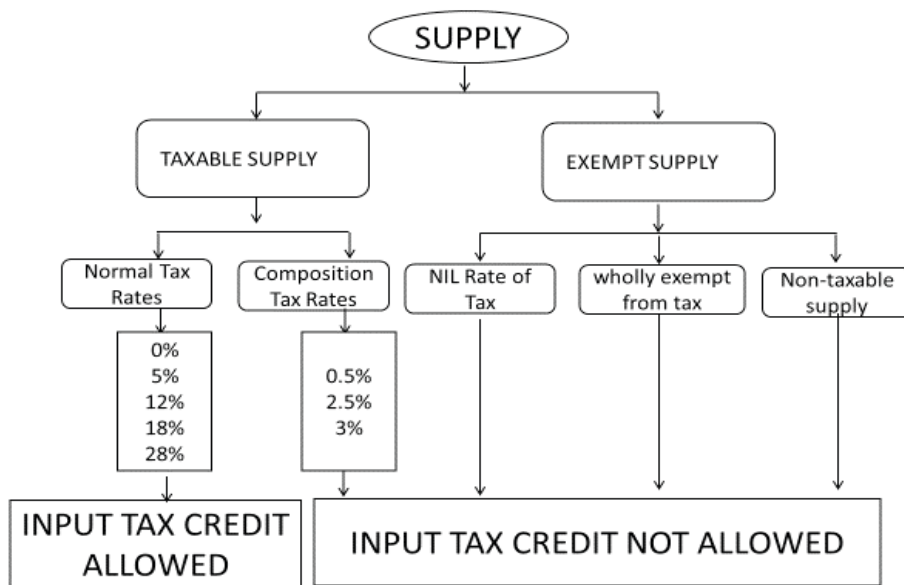
Whichever is higher

In the given case total services supplied is ₹9 lakh only (which is well within the limits)

M/s C Ltd. being trader dealing in intra-State as well as Inter-State (i.e. export of goods) supplies and hence, not eligible for composition levy in the current year, even though aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year does not exceeds ₹1.50 crore.

**2.6 EXEMPTIONS**

**Taxable Supply vs Exempted Supply:**



**Power to grant exemption from tax:**

CGST Act, 2017	IGST Act, 2017	Provision
Section 11(1)	Section 6(1)	Power to grant exemption with the Central Government by Notification; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General exemption</li> <li>• Absolute exemption</li> <li>• Conditional exemption</li> </ul> Upon recommendation of the GST Council
Section 11(2)	Section 6(2)	Exemption by special order
Section 11(3)	Section 6(3)	Explanation in such notification issued u/s 11(1) or 6(1) of CGST or IGST or order issued u/s 11(2) or 6(2) of CGST or IGST as the case may be.

As per Section 11 of the CGST Act, 2017 and Section 6 of the IGST provides power to Central Government of India to exempt on recommendation of the GST Council either absolutely or subject to such condition, as may be specified goods or services of specified description from the whole or any part of the tax leviable thereon.

### Exempt Supply:

As per Section 2(47) of CGST Act, 2017 "exempt supply" means supply of any goods or services or both which attracts nil rate of tax or which may be wholly exempt from tax under section 11, or under section 6 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, and includes non-taxable supply;

Exempt supply includes the supply of following type of goods and services:

- (a) Supply attracting nil rate of tax;
- (b) Supplies wholly exempt from tax;
- (c) Non-taxable supply;

### General Exemptions:

As per sec. 11(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 and Sec. 6(1) of the IGST Act, 2017 the Government of India on the recommendations of the GST Council by notification, exempt generally, either absolutely or subject to such conditions as may be specified therein, goods or services or both of any specified description from the whole or any part of the tax leviable thereon with effect from such date as may be specified in such notification.

#### Example : 106

- (1) **General exemption granted where supply is in relation to supply of Indian National Flag [vide Notification No.2/2017-Central Tax (Rate) Dt. 28-06-2017]. It is called as absolutely exempt. GST rate is Nil.**
- (2) **Services provided by a goods transport agency, by way of transport in a goods carriage for - agricultural produce were exempted from GST [vide Notification No. 12/2017- Central Tax (Rate) Dt 28-06-2017]. It is called as general exemption subject to such condition where supply of service is in the nature of transport of agricultural produce.**

### Absolute Exemption vs Conditional Exemption:

Absolute Exemption	Conditional Exemption
The taxable person must avail all the benefits of notification, which are absolute (i.e. without any condition).	In case of conditional exemption, this is upto the registered person to avail or not to avail the benefit.
<b>Example : 107</b> <b>Applicability of Sec. 9(3) of CGST Act, 2017 where Reverse Charge Mechanism is mandatory.</b>	<b>Example : 108</b> <b>Applicability of Sec 10 of CGST Act is at the option of the eligible assessee.</b>

### Exemption by Special Order:

As per sec. 11(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 and Sec. 6(2) of the IGST Act, 2017 the Government of India on the recommendations of the GST Council by Special Order, in each case, under circumstances of an exceptional nature to be stated in such order, exempt from the payment of tax any goods or services or both on which tax is leviable.

#### Example : 109

**Exemption granted by special order to all assesses registered in one State, from payment of GST by reason, earthquake or assesseees are affected in tsunami. Such special order can be issued only in exceptional nature to be stated in such order.**



**Explanation in such notification or order:**

As per sec 11(3) of the CGST Act, 2017 or sec 6(3) of the IGST Act, 2017, Government is empowered to clarify the scope of applicability of any notification or special order by inserting an explanation in such notification or order. Such clarification shall only be issued by notification within ONE year of issuing of notification or special order and every such explanation shall have effect as if it had always been the part of the first such notification or order, as the case may be.

**Example: 110**

**Assume a notification issued on 28th June 2017 may specify that it will be effective from 1st July 2017. In such case an explanation is inserted (i.e. subsequently) within one year reckoned from 1st July 2017 but not from 28th June 2017. If so such an explanation is effective from 1st July 2017.**

**Sec. 11(3) of CGST Act, 2017**

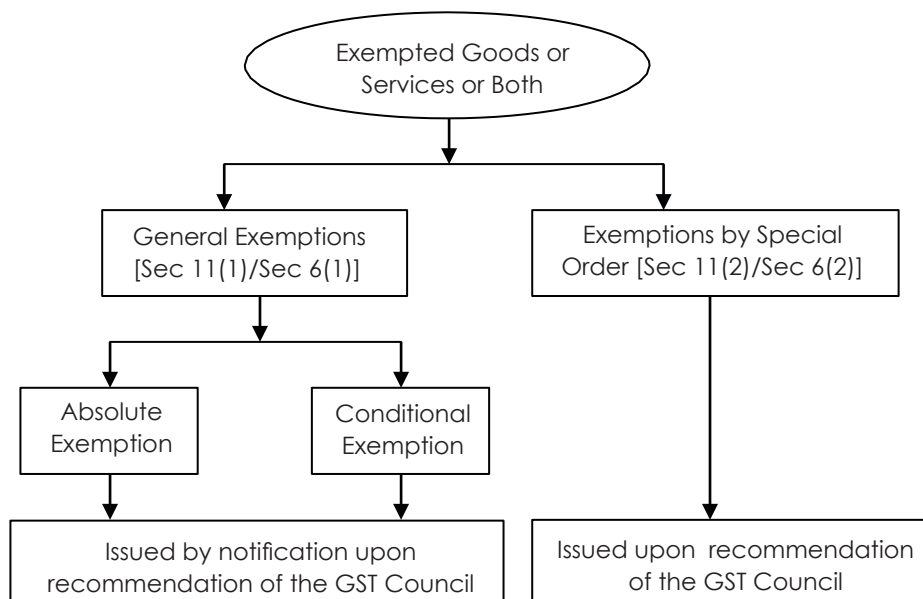
**[Circular No. 120/39/2019-GST, dated 11.10.2019]:**

Section 11(3) of CGST Act provides that the Government may insert an explanation in any notification issued under section 11, for the purpose of clarifying its scope or applicability, at any time within 1 year of issue of the notification and every such explanation shall have effect as if it had always been the part of the first such notification.

It is hereby clarified that the explanation having been inserted under section 11(3) of the CGST Act, is effective from the inception of the entry in notification and not from the date from which the notification (that inserted said explanation) becomes effective.

**Example 110A:** the principal Notification No. 11/2017 CT (R) dated 28.06.2017 came into force with effect from 1.07.2017. Thereafter, a new entry - Entry no. 10(A) is inserted w.e.f. 21.09.2017. Subsequently, an explanation is also inserted with respect to entry no. 10(A) on 26.07.2018. Although the effective date mentioned in the notification which inserted said explanation is 27.07.2018, said explanation will be effective from the inception of entry in notification i.e.21.09.2017 and not 27.07.2018.

**Summary:**



**The following goods and services are exempted from GST:**

Sl. No.	Exempted goods (Notification No.2/2017-Central Tax (Rate) Dt. 28-06-2017)
1	Live animals other than live horses
2	Meat and edible meat offal
3	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs & other aquatic invertebrates
4	Dairy produce; bird's eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified
5	1. Human hair, unworked, whether or not washed or scoured; waste of human hair 2. Semen including frozen semen
6	Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage
7	Edible vegetables, roots and tubers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potatoes, fresh or chilled.</li> <li>• Tomatoes, fresh or chilled.</li> <li>• Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled.</li> <li>• Cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled etc.,</li> </ul>
8	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons, Coconuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled Bananas, including plantains, fresh or dried, Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mango teens, fresh etc.,
9	Coffee beans, not roasted. Unprocessed green leaves of tea
10	Cereals All goods [other than those put up in unit container and bearing a registered brand name]. Fresh ginger, other than in processed form etc.,
11	Products of milling industry; malt; starches; insulin; wheat gluten
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts Lac and Shellac,
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products, not elsewhere specified or included Betel leaves
15	Sugar and sugar confectionery Cane jaggery
16	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Puffed rice, commonly known as Muri, flattened or beaten rice, commonly known as Chira, parched rice, commonly known as khoi, parched paddy or rice coated with sugar or gur, commonly known as Murki</li> <li>2. Pappad, by whatever name it is known, except when served for consumption</li> <li>3. Bread (branded or otherwise), except when served for consumption and pizza bread.</li> </ol>
17	Miscellaneous edible preparations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prasadam supplied by religious places like temples, mosques, churches, gurudwaras, dargahs, etc.</li> </ol>
18	Beverages, spirit and vinegar. Water [other than aerated, mineral, purified, distilled, medicinal, ionic, battery, de-mineralized and water sold in sealed container
19	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder
20	Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement
21	Pharmaceutical products Human Blood and its components





22	1. Organic manure, other than put up in unit containers and bearing a brand name.
23	Essential oils and resinoids perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations 1. Kumkum, Bindi, Sindur, Alta
24	Miscellaneous chemical products, Municipal waste, sewage sludge, clinical waste
25	Plastics and articles thereof Plastic bangles
26	Rubber and articles thereof Condoms and contraceptives
27	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal Firewood or fuel wood
28	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard
29	Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry, manuscripts, typescripts and plans
30	Raw Silk
31	Wool, fine or coarse animal hair; horse hair yarn and woven fabric
32	Cotton 1. Gandhi Topi, 2. Khadi yarn
33	Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn, woven fabrics of paper yarns 1. Coconut, coir fibre 2. Jute fibres, raw or processed but not spun
34	Other made up textile articles, sets, worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags Indian National Flag
35	Ceramic products
36	Glass and glassware 1. Bangles (except those made from precious metals)
37	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks of base metal; parts thereof of base metal 1. Agricultural implements manually operated or animal driven
38	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof 1. Handloom [weaving machinery]
39	Aircraft; spacecraft and parts thereof
40	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof
41	Musical instruments; parts and accessories of such articles 1. Indigenous handmade musical instruments
42	Miscellaneous manufactured articles 1. Slate pencils and chalk sticks. 2. Slates
43	Project imports, laboratory chemicals, passengers' baggage, personal importation, ship stores Passenger baggage

**Example : 111**

**Mr. Param (register person under GST) being a dealer furnished the following business transactions took place during the February 2020. Find the GST liability.**

- (a) Sale of plastic bangles for ₹ 20,000.  
 (b) Supply of mobile phones for ₹ 3,20,120  
 (c) Sale of printed books and newspapers for ₹ 1,25,500 (d) Sale of Dates for ₹ 13,500  
 (e) Sale of Salt for ₹ 9,180  
 (f) Sale of Organic manure worth ₹ 2,00,000  
 (g) Sale of Chemical Fertilizers ₹ 5,75,000 (out of which 30% subsidy received from Government of India).  
**Note: Taxable supply attracts GST @5% (CGST 2.5% and SGST 2.5%).**

**Answer:**

**Statement showing tax liability of Mr. Param**

S.No.	Particulars	Taxability	CGST 2.5%	SGST 2.5%
(a)	Plastic bangles	Exempted	Nil	Nil
(b)	Mobile phone	3,20,120	8,003	8,003
(c)	Books	Exempted	Nil	Nil
(d)	Dates	Exempted	Nil	Nil
(e)	Salt	Exempted	Nil	Nil
(f)	Organic manure	Exempted	Nil	Nil
(g)	Che. Fertilizers 70%	4,02,500	10,063	10,063
	<b>Total</b>		<b>18,066</b>	<b>18,066</b>

**The following services are exempted from GST:**

Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017
1	Services by an entity registered under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 by way of charitable activities.
2	Services by way of transfer of a going concern, as a whole or an independent part thereof.
3	<p>Pure services (excluding works contract service or other composite supplies involving supply of any goods) provided to the Central Government, State Government or Union territory or local authority (Omitted w.e.f. 1-1-2022 or a Governmental authority or Govt. Entity) by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a Panchayat under article 243G of the Constitution or in relation to any function entrusted to a Municipality under article 243W of the Constitution.</p> <p><b>“Government Entity”</b> means an authority or a board or any other body including a society, trust, corporation,—</p> <p>(i) set up by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature; or</p> <p>(ii) established by any Government,</p> <p>with 90% or more participation by way of equity or control, to carry out a function entrusted by the Central Government, State Government, Union Territory or a local authority”.</p>



Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>3A</b>	w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Composite supply of goods and services in which the value of supply of goods constitutes not more than 25 per cent. of the value of the said composite supply provided to the Central Government, State Government or Union territory or local authority (Omitted w.e.f. 1-1-2022 or a Governmental authority or a Government Entity) by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a Panchayat under article 243G of the Constitution or in relation to any function entrusted to a Municipality under article 243W of the Constitution
<b>4</b>	Services by governmental authority by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a municipality under article 243W of the Constitution.
<b>5</b>	Services by a governmental authority by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a Panchayat under article 243G of the Constitution. "Governmental Authority" means an authority or a board or any other body,— (i) set up by an Act of Parliament or a State Legislature; or (ii) established by any Government, with 90% or more participation by way of equity or control, to carry out any function entrusted to a Municipality under <b>article 243W</b> of the Constitution or to a Panchayat under <b>article 243G</b> of the Constitution [Notification No. 32/2017-CT (R), dated 13.10.2017].
<b>6</b>	Services by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority excluding the following services— (a) services by the Department of Posts (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union territory); (b) services in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport; (c) transport of goods or passengers; or (d) any service, other than services covered under entries (a) to (c) above, provided to business entities.
<b>7</b>	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority to a business entity with an aggregate turnover of upto ₹20 lakh (₹10 lakh in case of a special category state) in the preceding financial year. Explanation: For the purposes of this entry, it is hereby clarified that the provisions of this entry shall not be applicable to— (a) services— (i) by the Department of Posts (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union territory); (ii) in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport; (iii) of transport of goods or passengers; and (b) services by way of renting of immovable property. <b>w.e.f. 1-10-2019:</b> Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority to a business entity with an aggregate turnover of up to "such amount in the preceding financial year as makes it eligible for exemption from registration under the (12 of 2017)" is exempt. Earlier the turnover was specified as "twenty lakh rupees (ten lakh rupees in case of a special category state) in the preceding financial year" which has now been rationalised.

Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>8</b>	<p>Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority to another Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority:</p> <p>Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply to services—</p> <p>(i) by the Department of Posts (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union territory);</p> <p>(ii) in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport; (iii) of transport of goods or passengers</p>
<b>9</b>	<p>Services provided by Central Government, State Government, Union territory or a local authority where the consideration for such services does not exceed ₹5,000:</p> <p>Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply to—</p> <p>(i) services by the Department of Posts (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union territory);</p> <p>(ii) services in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport;</p> <p>(iii) transport of goods or passengers:</p> <p>Provided further that in case where continuous supply of service, as defined in sub-section (33) of section 2 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, is provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or a local authority, the exemption shall apply only where the consideration charged for such service does not exceed ₹5,000 in a financial year.</p>
<b>9A</b>	<p><b>Entry No. 9A:</b></p> <p><b>Notification No. 21/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 22nd Aug 2017:</b></p> <p>Services provided by and to Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and its subsidiaries directly or indirectly related to any of the events under FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 to be hosted in India have been exempted from GST.</p> <p>Provided that Director (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports certifies that the services are directly or indirectly related to any of the events under FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017.";</p>
<b>9AA</b>	<p><b>w.e.f. 1-10-2019:</b></p> <p><b>services provided by and to Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) and its subsidiaries directly or indirectly related to any of the event under FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2020 to be hosted in India is exempted from GST. W.e.f. 1-10-2021 the words "hosted in India", the words "whenever rescheduled" shall be inserted.</b></p> <p>Provided that Director (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports certifies that the services are directly or indirectly related to any of the events under FIFA U-17 World Cup 2020.</p>
<b>9AB</b>	<p><b>w.e.f. 1-10-2021:</b></p> <p><b>Services provided by and to Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and its subsidiaries directly or indirectly related to any of the events under AFC Women's Asia Cup 2022 to be hosted in India exempt from GST.</b></p> <p>Provided that Director (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports certifies that the services are directly or indirectly related to any of the events under AFC Women's Asia Cup 2022."</p> <p><b>Notification No. 07/2021- Central Tax (Rate) dt 30th September 2021.</b></p>



Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>9B</b>	<p><b>Entry No. 9B</b></p> <p><b>Notification No. 30/2017-CT(R), dated 29.9.2017:</b></p> <p>Supply of services associated with transit cargo to Nepal and Bhutan (landlocked countries) have been exempted from GST.</p>
<b>9C</b>	<p>Supply of service by a <b>Government Entity</b> to Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority or any person specified by Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority against consideration received from Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority, in the form of grants [vide Notification No. 33/2017 Central Tax (Rate) Dt 13.10.2017].</p>
<b>9D</b>	<p><b>w.e.f. 27th July, 2018:</b></p> <p>Services by an old age homes run by Central Government, State Government or entity under section 12AA or <b>12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021)</b> of the Income Tax Act, 1961, to residents for consideration upto ₹25,000 per month per member is exempted from GST [vide Notification No. 14/2018 –Central Tax (rate)]</p>
<b>10</b>	<p>Services provided by way of pure labour contracts of construction, erection, commissioning, installation, completion, fitting out, repair, maintenance, renovation, or alteration of a civil structure or any other original works pertaining to the beneficiary-led individual house construction or enhancement under the Housing for All (Urban) Mission or Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.</p>
<b>10A</b>	<p><b>w.e.f. 27th July, 2018:</b></p> <p>Services supplied by electricity distribution utilities by way of construction, erection, commissioning, or installation of infrastructure for extending electricity distribution network upto the tube well of the farmer or agriculturalist for agricultural use exempt from GST [vide Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (rate)].</p>
<b>11</b>	<p>Services by way of pure labour contracts of construction, erection, commissioning, or installation of original works pertaining to a single residential unit otherwise than as a part of a residential complex.</p>
<b>11A</b>	<p>Service provided by Fair Price Shops to Central Government by way of sale of wheat, rice and coarse grains under Public Distribution System (PDS) against consideration in the form of commission or margin.</p> <p><b>Notification No. 21/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 22nd Aug 2017.</b></p> <p><b>w.e.f 15th November 2017:</b></p> <p>“Service provided by Fair Price Shops to Central Government, State Government or Union territory by way of sale of food grains, kerosene, sugar, edible oil, etc. under Public Distribution System against consideration in the form of commission or margin” is exempt from GST [vide Notification No. 47/2017-Central Tax (Rate)]</p>
<b>11B</b>	<p>Service provided by Fair Price Shops to State Governments or Union territories by way of sale of kerosene, sugar, edible oil, etc. under Public Distribution System (PDS) against consideration in the form of commission or margin.</p> <p><b>Notification No. 21/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 22nd Aug. 2017.</b></p> <p><b>w.e.f. 15th November 2017 Entry No. 11B omitted.</b></p>
<b>12</b>	<p>Services by way of renting of residential dwelling for use as residence. (w.e.f. 18-07-2022, “except where the residential dwelling is rented to a registered person” shall be inserted);</p>

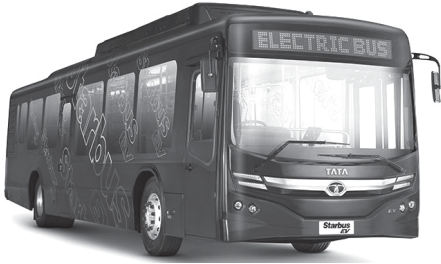
Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017
13	<p>Services by a person by way of—</p> <p>(a) conduct of any religious ceremony;</p> <p>(b) renting of precincts of a religious place meant for general public, owned or managed by an entity registered as a charitable</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p>religious trust under section 12AA or <b>12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021)</b> of the Income-tax Act, 1961 or a trust or an institution registered under sub clause (v) of clause (23C) of section 10 of the Income-tax Act or a body or an authority covered under clause (23BBA) of section 10 of the said Income-tax Act:</p> <p>Provided that nothing contained in entry (b) of this exemption shall apply to,—</p> <p>(i) renting of rooms where charges are ₹1,000 or more per day;</p> <p>(ii) renting of premises, community halls, kalyanmandapam or open area, and the like where charges are ₹10,000 or more per day;</p> <p>(iii) renting of shops or other spaces for business or commerce where charges are ₹10,000 or more per month.</p>
14	<p>Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Services by a hotel, inn, guest house, club or campsite, by whatever name called, for residential or lodging purposes, having declared tariff of a unit of accommodation below ₹1,000 per day or equivalent.</p> <p><b>w.e.f. 1-10-2019 clarification given by Govt. of India:</b></p> <p>Amendment has been brought under S. No. 14 of Services exemption notification to clarify that services by way of residential or lodging purposes, having value of supply of a unit of accommodation below or upto one thousand rupees per day is exempt.</p>
15	<p>Transport of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by—</p> <p>(a) air, (inserted w.e.f 18-07-2022 in economic class), embarking from or terminating in an airport located in the state of—</p> <p>(i) Arunachal Pradesh,</p> <p>(ii) Assam,</p> <p>(iii) Manipur,</p> <p>(iv) Meghalaya,</p> <p>(v) Mizoram,</p> <p>(vi) Nagaland,</p> <p>(vii) Sikkim, or</p> <p>(viii) Tripura or</p> <p>(ix) at Bagdogra located in West Bengal;</p> <p>(b) non-airconditioned contract carriage other than radio taxi, for transportation of passengers, excluding tourism, conducted tour, charter or hire; or</p> <p>(c) stage carriage other than airconditioned stage carriage.</p>



Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017
	<p>w.e.f. 1-1-2022, Notification No, 16/2021 CT (R) dated 18.11.2021, "Provided that nothing contained in items (b) and (c) above shall apply to services supplied through an electronic commerce operator and notified under sub-section (5) of Section 9 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017)."</p> <p>It means, w.e.f. 1-1-2022, the exemption on services of transport of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings,</p> <p>a. by non-air-conditioned contract carriage other than radio taxi, for transportation of passengers, excluding tourism, conducted tour, charter or hire, or</p> <p>b. stage carriage other than air-conditioned stage carriage;</p> <p>shall not be available if such services are supplied through an electronic commerce operator and are notified under sub-section (5) of section 9 of the CGST Act, 2017.</p>
16	<p>Services provided to the Central Government, by way of transport of passengers with or without accompanied belongings, by air, embarking from or terminating at a regional connectivity scheme airport, against consideration in the form of viability gap funding: Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply on or after the expiry of a period of one year from the date of commencement of operations of the regional connectivity scheme airport as notified by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.</p> <p><b>w.e.f. 25-1-2018</b>, Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for a period of 3 years from the date of commencement of RCS airport from the present period of 1 year.</p>
17	<p>Service of transportation of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by—</p> <p>(a) railways in a class other than—</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) first class; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) an air-conditioned coach;</p> <p>(b) metro, monorail or tramway;</p> <p>(c) inland waterways;</p> <p>(d) public transport, other than predominantly for tourism purpose, in a vessel between places located in India; and</p> <p>(e) metered cabs or auto rickshaws (including e-rickshaws).</p> <p>w.e.f 1-1-2022, The exemption on service of transportation of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by metered cabs or auto-rickshaws (including e-rickshaws) shall not be available if such services are supplied through an electronic commerce operator, and are notified under sub-section (5) of section 9 of the CGST Act, 2017.</p>
18	<p>Services by way of transportation of goods-</p> <p>(a) by road except the services of—</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) a goods transportation agency;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) a courier agency;</p> <p>(b) by inland waterways.</p>
19	<p>Services by way of transportation of goods by an aircraft from a place outside India upto the customs station of clearance in India</p>

Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>19A</b>	<p>w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Services by way of transportation of goods by an aircraft from customs station of clearance in India to a place outside India. This exemption granted only till 30th September 2018. Now extended upto 30th September 2019.</p> <p><b>w.e.f. 1-10-2019 this exemption further extended upto September 2020</b>  <b>w.e.f. 1-10-2020 this exemption further extended upto September 2021</b>  <b>w.e.f. 1-10-2021 this exemption further extended upto September 2022</b>  <b>w.e.f. 01-10-2022 taxable supply.</b></p>
<b>19B</b>	<p>w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Services by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from customs station of clearance in India to a place outside India. This exemption granted only till 30th September 2018 Now extended upto 30th September 2019.</p> <p><b>w.e.f. 1-10-2019 this exemption further extended upto September 2020</b>  <b>w.e.f. 1-10-2020 this exemption further extended upto September 2021</b>  <b>w.e.f. 1-10-2021 this exemption further extended upto September 2022</b>  <b>w.e.f. 01-10-2022 taxable supply.</b></p>
<b>19C</b>	Satellite services supplied by Indian Space Research Organisation, Antrix Corporation Limited or New Space India Limited is exempted from GST (vide Notification No. 5/2020CT (Rate), dated 16-10-2020).
<b>20</b>	<p>Services by way of transportation by rail or a vessel from one place in India to another of the following goods—</p> <p>(a) relief materials meant for victims of natural or man-made disasters, calamities, accidents or mishap;            (b) defense or military equipment's;            (c) newspaper or magazines registered with the Registrar of Newspapers;            (d) railway equipment's or materials; (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022);            (e) agricultural produce;            (f) milk, salt and food grain including flours, pulses and rice; and            (g) organic manure.</p>
<b>21</b>	<p>Services provided by a goods transport agency, by way of transport in a goods carriage of—</p> <p>(a) agricultural produce;            (b) goods, where consideration charged for the transportation of goods on a consignment transported in a single carriage does not exceed ₹1,500; (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022);            (c) goods, where consideration charged for transportation of all such goods for a single consignee does not exceed ₹750 (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022);            (d) milk, salt and food grain including flour, pulses and rice;            (e) organic manure;            (f) newspaper or magazines registered with the Registrar of Newspapers;            (g) relief materials meant for victims of natural or man-made disasters, calamities, accidents or mishap;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p>(h) defense or military equipment's.</p>
<b>21A</b>	"Services provided by a goods transport agency to an unregistered person, including an unregistered casual taxable person, other than the specified recipients" also exempt from GST [vide Notification No. 33/2017 Central Tax (Rate), dated 13.10.2017].



Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>21B</b>	<p><b>Notification No. 28/2018-CT(R), dated 31st Dec 2018:</b>            Services provided by a goods transport agency, by way of transport of goods in a goods carriage, to,—            (a) a Department or Establishment of the Central Government or State Government or Union territory;  <b>Or</b>            (b) local authority; or            (c) Governmental agencies,            which has taken registration under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) only for the purpose of deducting tax under Section 51 and not for making a taxable supply of goods or services.</p>
<b>22</b>	<p>Services by way of giving on hire:—            (a) to a state transport undertaking, a motor vehicle meant to carry more than twelve passengers;  <b>Or</b>            (b) to a goods transport agency, a means of transportation of goods.  <b>w.e.f. 25.1.2018,</b>            (c) motor vehicle for transport of students, faculty and staff, to a person providing services of transportation of students, faculty and staff to an educational institution providing services by way of pre-school education and education upto higher secondary school or equivalent.  <b>Entry 22 (aa): w.e.f 1-10-2019:</b>            Services by way of giving on hire to a local authority, an Electrically operated vehicle (EOV) meant to carry more than 12 passengers;</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<b>23</b>	<p>Service by way of access to a road or a bridge on payment of toll charges.            Entry 23A: Service by way of access to a road or a bridge on payment of annuity is also exempt from GST (Notification No. 32/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 13.10.2107)</p>
<b>24</b>	<p>Services by way of loading, unloading, packing, storage or warehousing of rice.</p>
<b>24A</b>	<p><b>w.e.f. 27th July 2018:</b>            Service by way of Services by way of warehousing of minor forest produce exempt from GST [Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (Rate)].</p>
<b>24B</b>	<p><b>w.e.f. 1-10-2019:</b>            services provided by way of storage or warehousing of cereals, pulses, fruits, nuts and vegetables, (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 spices, copra, sugarcane, jaggery, raw vegetable fibres, jute etc. indigo, unmanufactured tobacco, betel leaves, tendu leaves, coffee and tea) exempted from GST.</p>
<b>24C</b>	<p>w.e.f 18-07-2022, Services by the Department of Posts by way of post card, inland letter, book post and ordinary post (envelopes weighing less than 10 grams) exempted from GST.</p>

Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>25</b>	Transmission or distribution of electricity by an electricity transmission or distribution utility.
<b>26</b>	Services by the Reserve Bank of India.
<b>27</b>	Services by way of— (a) extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount (other than interest involved in credit card services); (b) Sale or purchase of foreign currency amongst banks or authorized dealers of foreign exchange or amongst banks and such dealers.
<b>27A</b>	<b>Notification No. 28/2018-CT (R), dated 31st Dec, 2018:</b> Services provided by a banking company to Basic Saving Bank Deposit (BSBD) account holders under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY).
<b>28</b>	Services of life insurance business provided by way of annuity under the National Pension System regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 (23 of 2013).
<b>29</b>	Services of life insurance business provided or agreed to be provided by the Army, Naval and Air Force Group Insurance Funds to members of the Army, Navy and Air Force, respectively, under the Group Insurance Schemes of the Central Government.
<b>29A</b>	w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Services of life insurance provided or agreed to be provided by the Naval Group Insurance Fund to the personnel of Coast Guard under the Group Insurance Schemes of the Central Government retrospectively w.e.f. 1st July 2017.
<b>29B</b>	<b>w.e.f. 1-10-2019:</b> <b>Services of life insurance provided or agreed to be provided by the Central Armed Police Forces (under Ministry of Home Affairs) Group Insurance Funds to their members under the Group Insurance Schemes of the concerned Central Armed Police Force exempted from GST.</b>
<b>30</b>	Services by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation to persons governed under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 (34 of 1948).
<b>31</b>	Services provided by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation to the persons governed under the Employees Provident Funds and the Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (19 of 1952).
<b>31A</b>	<b>w.e.f. 27th July 2018:</b> Services by Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation to persons governed by the Coal Mines Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1948 <b>[Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (Rate)]</b>
<b>31B</b>	<b>w.e.f. 27th July 2018:</b> Services by National Pension System (NPS) Trust to its members against consideration in the form of administrative fee. <b>[Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (Rate)].</b>
<b>32</b>	(Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022) Services provided by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India to insurers under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act, 1999 (41 of 1999).



Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017
33	(Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022) Services provided by the Securities and Exchange Board of India set up under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992) by way of protecting the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate, the securities market.
34	Services by an acquiring bank, to any person in relation to settlement of an amount upto ₹2,000 in a single transaction transacted through credit card, debit card, charge card or other payment card service. <b>Explanation</b> — For the purposes of this entry, “acquiring bank” means any banking company, financial institution including non-banking financial company or any other person, who makes the payment to any person who accepts such card.
34A	<b>w.e.f. 27th July 2018:</b> Services supplied by Central Government, State Government, Union territory to their undertakings or Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) by way of guaranteeing the loans taken by such undertakings or PSUs from the financial institutions. <b>[Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (Rate)].</b>
35	Services of general insurance business provided under following schemes— (a) Hut Insurance Scheme; (b) Cattle Insurance under Swarnajaynti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (earlier known as Integrated Rural Development Programme); (c) Scheme for Insurance of Tribals; (d) Janata Personal Accident Policy and Gramin Accident Policy; (e) Group Personal Accident Policy for Self-Employed Women; (f) Agricultural Pumpset and Failed Well Insurance; (g) Premia collected on export credit insurance; (h) Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme or the Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, approved by the Government of India and implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture; (i) Jan Arogya Bima Policy; (j) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana); (k) Pilot Scheme on Seed Crop Insurance; (l) Central Sector Scheme on Cattle Insurance; (m) Universal Health Insurance Scheme; (n) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana; (o) Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme; (p) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana; (q) Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme implemented by the Trust constituted under the provisions of the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999). <b>w.e.f 1-10-2019: exemption notification has been amended to exempt services of general insurance business provided under “Bangla Shasya Bima” scheme.</b>

Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>36</b>	<p>Services of life insurance business provided under following schemes—</p> <p>(a) Janashree Bima Yojana;</p> <p>(b) Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana;</p> <p>(c) Life micro-insurance product as approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, having maximum amount of cover of two lakhs rupees (w.e.f. 25.1.2018). Prior to 25.1.2018 it was fifty thousand rupees; (d) Varishtha Pension BimaYojana;</p> <p>(e) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan JyotiBimaYojana; (f) Pradhan Mantri Jan DhanYogana;</p> <p>(g) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandan Yojana</p>
<b>36A</b>	<p><b>w.e.f. 25.1.2018</b></p> <p>Services by way of reinsurance of the insurance schemes specified in serial number 35 or 36. It is expected that the premium amount charged from the Government/insured in respect of future insurance services is reduced.</p>
<b>37</b>	Services by way of collection of contribution under the Atal Pension Yojana.
<b>38</b>	Services by way of collection of contribution under any pension scheme of the State Governments.
<b>39</b>	<p>Services by the following persons in respective capacities—</p> <p>(a) business facilitator or a business correspondent to a banking company with respect to accounts in its rural area branch;</p> <p>(b) any person as an intermediary to a business facilitator or a business correspondent with respect to services mentioned in entry (a); or</p> <p>(c) business facilitator or a business correspondent to an insurance company in a rural area.</p>
<b>39A</b>	<p>w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Services by an intermediary of financial services located in a multi services SEZ with International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) status to a customer located outside India for international financial services in currencies other than Indian rupees (INR).</p> <p><b>Explanation</b> — For the purposes of this entry, the intermediary of financial services in IFSC is a person,—</p> <p>(i) who is permitted or recognised as such by the Government of India or any Regulator appointed for regulation of IFSC; or</p> <p>(ii) who is treated as a person resident outside India under the Foreign Exchange Management (International Financial Services Centre) Regulations, 2015; or</p> <p>(iii) who is registered under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (International Financial Service Centre) Guidelines, 2015 as IFSC Insurance Office; or</p> <p>(iv) who is permitted as such by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (International Financial Services Centres) Guidelines, 2015.</p>
<b>40</b>	<p>Services provided to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory under any insurance scheme for which total premium is paid by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory. Services of Re-insurance of the insurance schemes provided to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory under any insurance scheme for which total premium is paid by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory (i.e. insurance scheme exempted under Entry 40)</p> <p><b>[vide Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (Rate) dated 27th July 2018].</b></p>



Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
41	<p>One time upfront amount (called as premium, salami, cost, price, development charges or by any other name) leviable in respect of the service, by way of granting long term (thirty years, or more) lease of industrial plots, provided by the State Government Industrial Development Corporations or Undertakings to industrial units.</p>
	<p><b>w.e.f. 20th September 2018:</b>            "Explanation.—For the purpose of this exemption, the Central Government, State Government or Union territory shall have 50 per cent. or more ownership in the entity directly or through an entity which is wholly owned by the Central Government, State Government or Union territory." [Notification No. 23/2018-Central Tax (Rate)].</p> <p><b>W.E.F 1-10-2019:</b>  <b>Explanation</b> — For the purpose of this exemption, the Central Government, State Government or Union territory shall have 20 per cent. or more ownership in the entity directly or through an entity which is wholly owned by the Central Government, State Government or Union territory."            Provided that the leased plots shall be used for the purpose for which they are allotted, that is, for industrial or financial activity in an industrial or financial business area:            Provided also that the State Government concerned shall monitor and enforce the above condition, as per the order issued by the State Government in this regard:            Provided further that in case of any violation or subsequent change of land use, due to any reason whatsoever, the original lessor, original lessee as well as any subsequent lessee or buyer or owner shall be jointly and severally liable to pay such amount of integrated tax, as would have been payable on the upfront amount charged for the long term lease of the plots but for the exemption contained herein, along with the applicable interest and penalty:            Provided also that the lease agreement entered into by the original lessor with the original lessee or subsequent lessee, or sub-lessee, as well as any subsequent lease or sale agreements, for lease or sale of such plots to subsequent lessees or buyers or owners shall incorporate in the terms and conditions, the fact that the integrated tax was exempted on the long term lease of the plots by the original lessor to the original lessee subject to above condition and that the parties to the said agreements undertake to comply with the same.</p>
41A	<p>Service by way of transfer of development rights or Floor Space Index on or after <b>1st April 2019</b> for construction of residential apartments.            Exemption is available only when promoter or builder paying tax under construction supply of service.</p>
41B	<p>Upfront amount payable in respect of service by way of granting of long-term lease of 30 years, or more, on or after <b>01.04.2019</b>, for construction of residential apartments.            Exemption is available only when promoter or builder paying tax under construction supply of service.</p>
42	<p>Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of allowing a business entity to operate as a telecom service provider or use radio frequency spectrum during the period prior to the 1st April, 2016, on payment of licence fee or spectrum user charges, as the case may be</p>
43	<p>Omitted w.e.f. 1-10-2021, Services of leasing of assets (rolling stock assets including wagons, coaches, locos) by the Indian Railways Finance Corporation to Indian Railways.</p>

Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>44</b>	<p>Services provided by an incubatee upto a total turnover of ₹50 lakh in a financial year subject to the following conditions, namely:—</p> <p>(a) the total turnover had not exceeded fifty lakh rupees during the preceding financial year; and</p> <p>(b) a period of three years has not elapsed from the date of entering into an agreement as an incubatee.</p>
<b>45</b>	<p>Services provided by—</p> <p>(a) an arbitral tribunal to—</p> <p>(i) any person other than a business entity; or</p> <p>(ii) a business entity with an aggregate turnover upto ₹20 lakh (₹10 lakh in the case of special category states) in the preceding financial year;</p> <p>(iii) w.e.f. 25.1.2018, the Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority, Governmental Authority or Government Entity;</p> <p>(b) a partnership firm of advocates or an individual as an advocate other than a senior advocate, by way of legal services to—</p> <p>(i) an advocate or partnership firm of advocates providing legal services;</p> <p>(ii) any person other than a business entity; or</p> <p>(iii) a business entity with an aggregate turnover upto ₹20 lakh (₹10 lakh in the case of special category states) in the preceding financial year;</p> <p>(iv) w.e.f. 25.1.2018, the Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority, Governmental Authority or Government Entity;</p> <p>(c) a senior advocate by way of legal services to—</p> <p>(i) any person other than a business entity; or</p> <p>(ii) a business entity with an aggregate turnover upto ₹20 lakh (₹10 lakh in the case of special category states) in the preceding financial year or</p> <p>(iii) w.e.f. 25.1.2018, the Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority, Governmental Authority or Government Entity.</p> <p><b>w.e.f. 1-10-2019:</b></p> <p><b>aggregate turnover of up to</b> "such amount in the preceding financial year as makes it eligible for exemption from registration under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017)" is exempt. Earlier the turnover was specified as "twenty lakh rupees (ten lakh rupees in case of a special category state) in the preceding financial year" which has now been rationalised.</p>
<b>46</b>	Services by a veterinary clinic in relation to health care of animals or birds.
<b>47</b>	<p>Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of—</p> <p>(a) registration required under any law for the time being in force;</p> <p>(b) testing, calibration, safety check or certification relating to protection or safety of workers, consumers or public at large, including fire license, required under any law for the time being in force</p>



Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>47A</b>	<b>(Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022):</b> Services by way of licensing, registration and analysis or testing of food samples supplied by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to Food Business Operators. [Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (Rate)].
<b>48</b>	Taxable services, provided or to be provided, by a Technology Business Incubator or a Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Park recognised by the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India or bioincubators recognised by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, under the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.
<b>49</b>	Services by way of collecting or providing news by an independent journalist, Press Trust of India or United News of India.
<b>50</b>	Services of public libraries by way of lending of books, publications or any other knowledge-enhancing content or material.
<b>51</b>	(Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022) Services provided by the Goods and Services Tax Network to the Central Government or State Governments or Union territories for implementation of Goods and Services Tax.
<b>52</b>	Services by an organiser to any person in respect of a business exhibition held outside India
<b>52A</b>	w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Tour operator service, which is performed partly in India and partly outside India, supplied by a tour operator to a foreign tourist, to the extent of the value of the tour operator service which is performed outside India:  Provided that value of the tour operator service performed outside India shall be such proportion of the total consideration charged for the entire tour which is equal to the proportion which the number of days for which the tour is performed outside India has to the total number of days comprising the tour, or 50% of the total consideration charged for the entire tour, whichever is less:  Provided further that in making the above calculations, any duration of time equal to or exceeding 12 hours shall be considered as one full day and any duration of time less than 12 hours shall be taken as half a day.  Explanation. - "foreign tourist" means a person not normally resident in India, who enters India for a stay of not more than six months for legitimate non-immigrant purposes.  Illustrations:  A tour operator provides a tour operator service to a foreign tourist as follows: - (a) 3 days in India, 2 days in Nepal; Consideration Charged for the entire tour: ₹1, 00, 000/- Exemption: ₹40, 000/- (= ₹1, 00, 000/- x 2/5) or, ₹50, 000/- (= 50% of ₹1, 00, 000/-) whichever is less, i.e., ₹40, 000/- (i.e., Taxable value: ₹60, 000/-); (b) 2 days in India, 3 nights in Nepal; Consideration Charged for the entire tour: ₹1, 00, 000/- Exemption: ₹60, 000(= ₹1, 00, 000/- x 3/5) or, ₹50, 000/- (= 50% of ₹1, 00, 000/-) whichever is less, i.e., ₹50, 000/- (i.e., Taxable value: ₹50, 000/-); (c) 2.5 days in India, 3 days in Nepal; Consideration charged for the entire tour: ₹1, 00, 000/- Exemption: ₹54,545 (= ₹1, 00, 000/- x 3/5.5) or, ₹50, 000/- (= 50% of ₹1, 00, 000/-) whichever is less, i.e., ₹50, 000/- (i.e., Taxable value: ₹50, 000/-).

Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>53</b>	Services by way of sponsorship of sporting events organised— (a) by a national sports federation, or its affiliated federations, where the participating teams or individuals represent any district, State, zone or Country; (b) by Association of Indian Universities, Inter-University Sports Board, School Games Federation of India, All India Sports Council for the Deaf, Paralympic Committee of India or Special Olympics Bharat; (c) by the Central Civil Services Cultural and Sports Board; (d) as part of national games, by the Indian Olympic Association; or (e) under the Panchayat Yuva Kreedha Aur Khel Abhiyaan Scheme.
<b>53A</b>	<b>Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022</b> , Services by way of fumigation in a warehouse of agricultural produce.
<b>54</b>	Services relating to cultivation of plants and rearing of all life forms of animals, except the rearing of horses, for food, fibre, fuel, raw material or other similar products or agricultural produce by way of— (a) agricultural operations directly related to production of any agricultural produce including cultivation, harvesting, threshing, plant protection or testing; (b) supply of farm labour; (c) processes carried out at an agricultural farm including tending, pruning, cutting, harvesting, drying, cleaning, trimming, sun drying, fumigating, curing, sorting, grading, cooling or bulk packaging and such like operations which do not alter the essential characteristics of agricultural produce but make it only marketable for the primary market; (d) renting or leasing of agro machinery or vacant land with or without a structure incidental to its use; (e) loading, unloading, packing, storage or warehousing of agricultural produce; (f) agricultural extension services; (g) services by any Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee or Board or services provided by a commission agent for sale or purchase of agricultural produce. (h) Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Services by way of fumigation in a warehouse of agricultural produce.
<b>55</b>	Carrying out an intermediate production process as job work in relation to cultivation of plants and rearing of all life forms of animals, except the rearing of horses, for food, fibre, fuel, raw material or other similar products or agricultural produce
<b>55A</b>	<b>w.e.f. 27th July 2018:</b> Services by way of artificial insemination of livestock (other than horses) [Notification No. 14/2018- Central Tax (Rate)].
<b>56</b>	Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Services by way of slaughtering of animals
<b>57</b>	Services by way of pre-conditioning, precooling, ripening, waxing, retail packing, labelling of fruits and vegetables which do not change or alter the essential characteristics of the said fruits or vegetables.
<b>58</b>	Services provided by the National Centre for Cold Chain Development under the Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmer's Welfare by way of cold chain knowledge dissemination.
<b>59</b>	Services by a foreign diplomatic mission located in India





Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
<b>60</b>	Services by a specified organisation in respect of a religious pilgrimage facilitated by the Ministry of External Affairs, the Government of India, under bilateral arrangement. w.e.f. 25.1.2018, the words "the Ministry of External Affairs," shall be omitted;
<b>61</b>	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of issuance of passport, visa, driving licence, birth certificate or death certificate.
<b>61A</b>	Services by way of granting National Permit to a goods carriage to operate through-out India / continuous States (new exemption inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021)
<b>62</b>	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of tolerating non-performance of a contract for which consideration in the form of fines or liquidated damages is payable to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority under such contract.
<b>63</b>	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of assignment of right to use natural resources to an individual farmer for cultivation of plants and rearing of all life forms of animals, except the rearing of horses, for food, fibre, fuel, raw material or other similar products
<b>64</b>	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of assignment of right to use any natural resource where such right to use was assigned by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority before the 1st April 2016: Provided that the exemption shall apply only to tax payable on one time charge payable, in full upfront or in instalments, for assignment of right to use such natural resource.
<b>65</b>	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory by way of deputing officers after office hours or on holidays for inspection or container stuffing or such other duties in relation to import export cargo on payment of Merchant Overtime charges.
<b>65A</b>	w.e.f. 25.01.2018 Services by way of providing information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 – EXEMPT
<b>65B</b>	<b>w.e.f. 27th July 2018:</b> Services supplied by a State Government to Excess Royalty Collection Contractor (ERCC) by way of assigning the right to collect royalty on behalf of the State Government on the mineral dispatched by the mining lease holders. <b>Explanation</b> — "mining lease holder" means a person who has been granted mining lease, quarry lease or license or other mineral concession under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the rules made thereunder or the rules made by a State Government under sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. Provided that at the end of the contract period, ERCC shall submit an account to the State Government and certify that the amount of goods and services tax deposited by mining lease holders on royalty is more than the goods and services tax exempted on the service provided by State Government to the ERCC of assignment of right to collect royalty and where such amount of goods and services tax paid by mining lease holders is less than the amount of goods and services tax exempted, the exemption shall be restricted to such amount as is equal to the amount of goods and services tax paid by the mining lease holders and the ERCC shall pay the difference between goods and services tax exempted on the service provided by State Government to the ERCC of assignment of right to collect royalty and goods and services tax paid by the mining lease holders on royalty."; <b>[Notification No. 14/2018- Central Tax (Rate) dated 26th July 2018]</b>

Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017
<b>66</b>	<p>Services provided—</p> <p>(a) by an educational institution to its students, faculty and staff; “(aa) w.e.f. 25.1.2018, by an educational institution by way of conduct of entrance examination against consideration in the form of entrance fee;”</p> <p>(b) to an educational institution, by way of,—</p> <p>(i) transportation of students, faculty and staff;</p> <p>(ii) catering, including any mid-day meals scheme sponsored by the Central Government, State Government or Union territory;</p> <p>(iii) security or cleaning or housekeeping services performed in such educational institution;</p> <p>(iv) services relating to admission to, or conduct of examination by, such institution; upto higher secondary; w.e.f. 25.1.2018, the words “upto higher secondary” shall be omitted; as a result, services relating to admission to, or conduct of examination provided to all educational institutions, as defined in the notification is exempt from GST.</p>
	<p>(v) “w.e.f. 25.1.2018, supply of online educational journals or periodicals.”;</p> <p>w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Provided that nothing contained in sub-items (i), (ii) and (iii) of item (b) shall apply to an educational institution other than an institution providing services by way of pre- school education and education upto higher secondary school or equivalent. w.e.f. 25.1.2018, “Provided further that nothing contained in sub-item (v) of item (b) shall apply to an institution providing services by way of,—</p> <p>(i) pre-school education and education upto higher secondary school or equivalent; or</p> <p>(ii) education as a part of an approved vocational education course.”;</p> <p>It means, to exempt subscription of online educational journals/periodicals by educational institutions who provide degree recognized by any law from GST. “educational institution” means an institution providing services by way of,—</p> <p>(a) pre-school education and education upto higher secondary school or equivalent;</p> <p>(b) education as a part of a curriculum for obtaining a qualification recognised by any law for the time being in force;</p> <p>(c) education as a part of an approved vocational education course;</p>
<b>67</b>	<p>Services provided by the Indian Institutes of Management, as per the guidelines of the Central Government, to their students, by way of the following educational programmes, except Executive Development Programme:—</p> <p>(a) two year full time Post Graduate Programmes in Management for the Post Graduate Diploma in Management, to which admissions are made on the basis of Common Admission Test (CAT) conducted by the Indian Institute of Management;</p> <p>(b) fellow programme in Management;</p> <p>(c) five year integrated programme in Management.</p>




Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017		
	<b>Entry No. 67 Omitted w.e.f. 1-1-2019 (vide CBEC Circular No. 82/01/2019-GST, Dated 1-1-2019)</b>		
	<b>Period</b>	<b>Exemption</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
	1-7-2017 to 30-1-2018	IIM's exempted from Entry No. 67 of Notification No. 12/2017 C.T.	IIMs were not covered by the definition of educational institutions as given in notification No. 12/2017 Central Tax (Rate), dated 28.06.2017. Thus, they were not entitled to exemption under Sl. No. 66 of the said notification.
	It is further, clarified that with effect from 31st January 2018, all IIMs have become eligible for exemption benefit under Sl. No. 66 of notification No. 12/2017 - Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017. As such, specific exemption granted to IIMs vide Sl. No. 67 has become redundant. The same has been deleted vide notification No. 28/2018 - Central Tax (Rate) dated, 31st December 2018 w.e.f. 1st January 2019.		
	31-1-2018 to 31-12-2018	Two exemptions, i.e. under Sl. No. 66 and under Sl. No. 67 of notification No. 12/2017 - Central Tax (Rate), dated 28.06.2017 are available to the IIMs.	As per Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, if there are two or more exemption notifications available to an assessee, the assessee can claim the one that is more beneficial to him.
	<b>Important Note:</b> Indian Institutes of Managements also provide various short duration / short term programs for which they award participation certificate to the executives / professionals as they are considered as "participants" of the said programmes. These participation certificates are not any qualification recognized by law. Such participants are also not considered as students of Indian Institutes of Management. Services provided by IIMs as an educational institution to such participants is not exempt from GST.		
<b>68</b>	Services provided to a recognised sports body by—(a) an individual as a player, referee, umpire, coach or team manager for participation in a sporting event organised by a recognized sports body; (b) another recognised sports body.		
<b>69</b>	Any services provided by,— (a) the National Skill Development Corporation set up by the Government of India; (b) a Sector Skill Council approved by the National Skill Development Corporation; (c) an assessment agency approved by the Sector Skill Council or the National Skill Development Corporation; (d) a training partner approved by the National Skill Development Corporation or the Sector Skill Council, in relation to— (i) the National Skill Development Programme implemented by the National Skill Development Corporation; or (ii) a vocational skill development course under the National Skill Certification and Monetary Reward Scheme; or (iii) any other Scheme implemented by the National Skill Development Corporation.		
<b>70</b>	Services of assessing bodies empanelled centrally by the Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship by way of assessments under the Skill Development Initiative Scheme.		

Sl. No.	<b>Exempted services</b> <b>Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)</b>
<b>71</b>	Services provided by training providers (Project implementation agencies) under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India by way of offering skill or vocational training courses certified by the National Council for Vocational Training.
<b>72</b>	Services provided to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory administration under any training programme for which 75% or more of the (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) total expenditure is borne by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory administration.
<b>73</b>	Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Services provided by the cord blood banks by way of preservation of stem cells or any other service in relation to such preservation.
<b>74</b>	Services by way of— (a) health care services by a clinical establishment, an authorised medical practitioner or para-medics; w.e.f. 18-07-2022, "Provided that nothing in this entry shall apply to the services provided by a clinical establishment by way of providing room [other than Intensive Care Unit (ICU)/Critical Care Unit (CCU)/Intensive Cardiac Care Unit (ICCU)/Neo natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)] having room charges exceeding Rs. 5000 per day to a person receiving health care services."; (b) services provided by way of transportation of a patient in an ambulance, other than those specified in (a) above.
<b>74A</b>	<b>Notification No. 28/2018-CT (R), dated 31st December 2018:</b> Services provided by rehabilitation professionals recognized under the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 (34 of 1992) by way of rehabilitation, therapy or counselling and such other activity as covered by the said Act at medical establishments, educational institutions, rehabilitation centers established by Central Government, State Government or Union territory or an entity registered under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961).
<b>75</b>	Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Services provided by operators of the common bio-medical waste treatment facility to a clinical establishment by way of treatment or disposal of bio-medical waste or the processes incidental thereto.
<b>76</b>	Services by way of public conveniences such as provision of facilities of bathroom, washrooms, lavatories, urinal or toilets
<b>77</b>	Service by an unincorporated body or a non-profit entity registered under any law for the time being in force, to its own members by way of reimbursement of charges or share of contribution— (a) as a trade union; (b) for the provision of carrying out any activity which is exempt from the levy of Goods and service Tax; or (c) w.e.f. 25.1.2018, upto an amount of ₹7,500 per month per member (prior to 25.1.2018 it was ₹5,000 per month per member) for sourcing of goods or services from a third person for the common use of its members in a housing society or a residential complex.

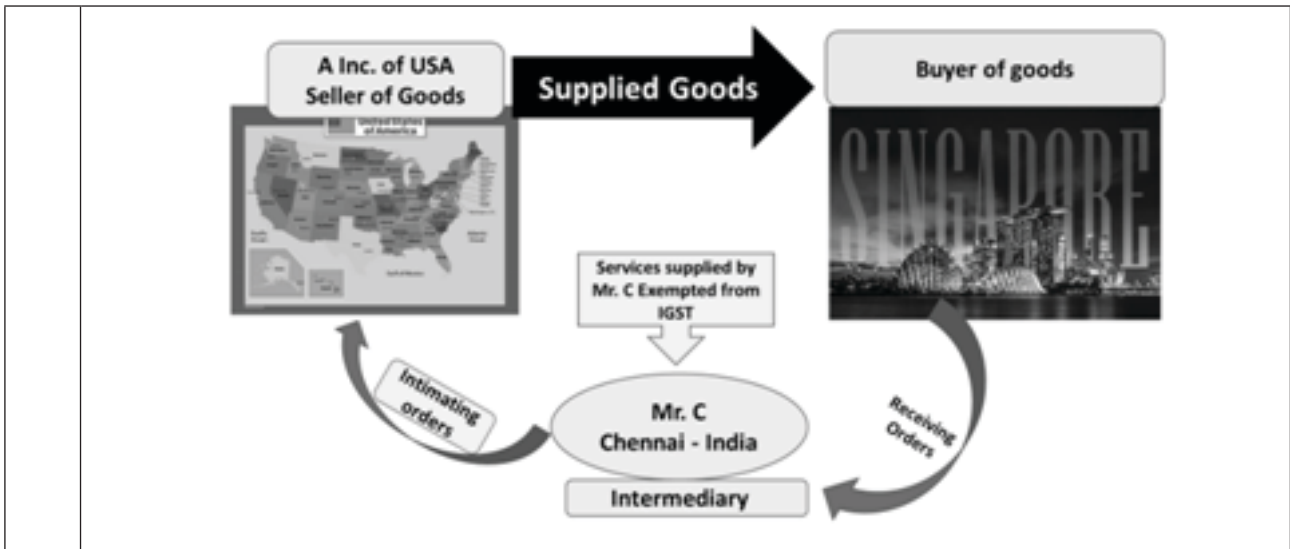


Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017)
77A	<p><b>w.e.f. 27th July 2018:</b></p> <p>Services provided by an unincorporated body or a non-profit entity registered under any law for the time being in force, engaged in,—</p> <p>(i) activities relating to the welfare of industrial or agricultural labour or farmers; or</p> <p>(ii) promotion of trade, commerce, industry, agriculture, art, science, literature, culture, sports, education, social welfare, charitable activities and protection of environment,</p> <p>to its own members against consideration in the form of membership fee upto an amount of one thousand rupees (₹1000/-) per member per year.</p> <p><b>(Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (Rate) dated 26th July 2018)</b></p>
78	<p>Services by an artist by way of a performance in folk or classical art forms of—</p> <p>(a) music, or</p> <p>(b) dance, or</p> <p>(c) theatre,</p> <p>if the consideration charged for such performance is not more than ₹1,50,000:</p> <p>Provided that the exemption shall not apply to service provided by such artist as a brand ambassador.</p>
79	<p>Services by way of admission to a museum, national park, wildlife sanctuary, tiger reserve or zoo.</p>
79A	<p>w.e.f. 15-11-2017, Services by way of admission to a protected monument so declared under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 (24 of 1958) or any of the State Acts, for the time being in force is exempt from GST.</p> <p><b>[Notification No.47/2017- Central Tax (Rate) dated 14th November 2017]</b></p>
80	<p>Services by way of training or coaching in</p> <p>(a) recreational activities relating to— arts or culture, (by an individual - inserted w.e.f. 18-07-2022), or</p> <p>(b) sports by charitable entities registered under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income-tax Act</p>
81	<p>Services by way of right to admission to—</p> <p>(a) circus, dance, or theatrical performance including drama or ballet;</p> <p>(b) award function, concert, pageant, musical performance or any sporting event other than a recognised sporting event;</p> <p>(c) recognised sporting event,</p> <p>(d) w.e.f. 25.1.2018, planetarium,</p> <p>where the consideration for right to admission to the events or places as referred to in items (a), (b), (c) or (d) above is not more than ₹500 per person."</p> <p>prior to 25.1.2018, where the consideration for admission is not more than ₹250 per person as referred to in (a), (b) and (c) above.</p>
82	<p>Entry 82: Services by way of right to admission to the events organised under FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 have been exempted from CGST [Notification No. 25/2017 CT (R) dated 21.09.2017].</p>

Sl. No.	Exempted services Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28-06-2017
<b>82A</b>	<p>w.e.f. 1-10-2019</p> <p>services by way right to admission to the events organised under FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2020 (whenever rescheduled inserted w.e.f. 18-07-2022) exempted from GST.</p> 
<b>82B</b>	<p>w.e.f. 1-10-2021</p> <p>Services by way of right to admission to the events organised under AFC Women's Asia Cup 2022 exempted from GST.</p>

**Apart from above, list of services exempts from IGST by Notification No. 9/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate), dated 28th June, 2017 also include following three services.**

<b>1</b>	<p>Services received from a provider of service located in a non-taxable territory by —</p> <p>(a) the Central Government, State Government, Union territory, a local authority, a governmental authority or an individual in relation to any purpose other than commerce, industry or any other business or profession;</p> <p>(b) an entity registered under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) for the purposes of providing charitable activities; or</p> <p>(c) a person located in a non-taxable territory:</p> <p>Provided that the exemption shall not apply to—</p> <p>(i) online information and database access or retrieval services received by persons specified in entry (a) or entry (b); or</p> <p>(ii) services by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India upto the customs station of clearance in India received by persons specified in the entry.</p> <p>it means Item No. (i) and (ii) are taxable.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022, (vide Notification No, 04/2022 IT (rate) dt 13-07-2022) Services received by the Reserve Bank of India, from outside India in relation to management of foreign exchange reserves.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Tour operator service, which is performed partly in India and partly outside India, supplied by a tour operator to a foreign tourist, to the extent of the value of the tour operator service which is performed outside India is exempted from GST.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>w.e.f. 1-10-2019, Notification No. 20/2019- (IT Rate) dated September 30, 2019:</p> <p>so as to exempt "Services provided by an intermediary when location of both supplier and recipient of goods is outside the taxable territory".</p>



**Other exemptions**

S. No.	Description of Service
1	Services imported by unit/developer in SEZ exempt from IGST. All services imported by a unit/developer in the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for authorized operations are exempted from the whole of the integrated tax leviable thereon under sec 3(7) of Customs Tariff Act, 1975 read with section 5 of the IGST Act, 2017 [As per Notification No. 18/2017 -Integrated Tax (Rate) date 5th July 2017].

**Exempted services under GST:**

**1. Services by an Entity Registered under Section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income Tax Act, 1961**

Following are the specified charitable activities:-

"Charitable activities" as defined in clause (r) of para 2 of the definitions in the Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28-06-2017 means activities relating to –

- (r) "Charitable activities" means activities relating to-
  - (i) public health by way of -
    - (A) care or counselling of (I) terminally ill persons or persons with severe physical or mental disability, (II) persons afflicted with HIV or AIDS, or (III) persons addicted to a dependence-forming substance such as narcotics drugs or alcohol; or
    - (B) public awareness of preventive health, family planning or prevention of HIV infection;
  - (ii) advancement of religion or spirituality or Yoga (w.e.f. 21-10-2015);
  - (iii) advancement of educational programmes or skill development relating to,-
    - (A) abandoned, orphaned or homeless children;
    - (B) physically or mentally abused and traumatized persons;
    - (C) prisoners; or
    - (D) persons over the age of 65 years residing in a rural area;
  - (iv) preservation of environment including watershed, forests and wildlife;

**Services received from a provider of service located in a non taxable territory by –**

an entity registered under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) for the purposes of providing charitable activities;

- exempted from GST.

**Example : 112**

Services of a NGO registered under sec. 12AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 working for the rehabilitation of disabled. The aggregate value of taxable supply is ₹ 20 Lakh. Find the taxability for the given service?

**Answer:**

It is taxable supply. GST will be levied.

Since, exemption has been given to public health by way of -mental disability, but not rehabilitation of disabled.

**Example : 113**

Ananda Trust, an entity registered under section 12AA of the Income-tax Act, 1961, has furnished you the following details with respect to the activities undertaken by it. You are required to compute its tax liability from the information given below:

Particulars	₹
Amount received for the Yoga camps organized for elderly people	4,83,000
Payment made for the services received from a service provider located in US, for the purposes of providing 'charitable activities'	5,50,000
Amount received for counseling of mentally disabled persons	10,50,000
Amount received for renting of commercial property owned by the trust	1,50,000
Amount received for activities relating to preservation of forests and wildlife	12,35,000

**Note: Applicable CGST 9% and SGST 9% have been charged separately wherever applicable. Ananda Trust is not eligible for composition levy.**

**Answer:**

Particulars	₹
Amount received for the Yoga camps organized for elderly people	Exempted supply
Payment made for the services received from a service provider located in US, for the purposes of providing 'charitable activities'	Exempted supply
Amount received for counseling of mentally disabled persons	Exempted supply
Amount received for renting of commercial property owned by the trust	1,50,000
Amount received for activities relating to preservation of forests and wildlife	Exempted supply
CGST 9% x 1,50,000	13,500
SGST 9% x 1,50,000	13,500
Total GST liability	27,000

**Case Study : 1**
**Mayo College General Council v. CCEx. (Appeals) 2012 (28) STR 225 (Raj):**

Mayo College, was a society running internationally renowned schools. It allowed other schools to use the name 'Mayoor School', its logo and moto, and as a consideration thereof received collaboration fees from such schools which comprised of a non-refundable amount and annual fee.

**Department Contention:**

The petitioner was engaged in providing franchise service to schools that were running their institutes using its school name 'Mayoor School'. Therefore, a show cause notice proposing recovery of GST along with interest and penalty was issued against them.





**Decision:** The High Court held that when the petitioner permitted other schools to use their name, logo as also motto, it clearly tantamount to providing 'franchise service' to the said schools and if the petitioner realized the franchise or collaboration fees from the franchise schools, the petitioner was duly bound to pay GST to the department.

Therefore, decision is given in favour of department and against petitioner.

**Note:** This case law belongs to Finance Act, 1994, is also valid in the GST Law.

**As per CBEC Circular No. 66/40/2018-GST, dated 26th September 2018:**

**GST on Residential programmes or camps meant for advancement of religion, spirituality or yoga by religious and charitable trusts:**

"The services provided by entity registered under Section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 by way of advancement of religion, spirituality or yoga are exempt. Fee or consideration charged in any other form from the participants for participating in a religious, Yoga or meditation programme or camp meant for advancement of religion, spirituality or yoga shall be exempt. Residential programmes or camps where the fee charged includes cost of lodging and boarding shall also be exempt as long as the primary and predominant activity, objective and purpose of such residential programmes or camps is advancement of religion, spirituality or yoga.

However, if charitable or religious trusts merely or primarily provide accommodation or serve food and drinks against consideration in any form including donation, such activities will be taxable. Similarly, activities such as holding of fitness camps or classes such as those in aerobics, dance, music etc. will be taxable".

**For an example:** Services of a NGO registered under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 working for the rehabilitation of disabled. The aggregate value of taxable supply is ₹20 Lakh. Find the taxability for the given service?

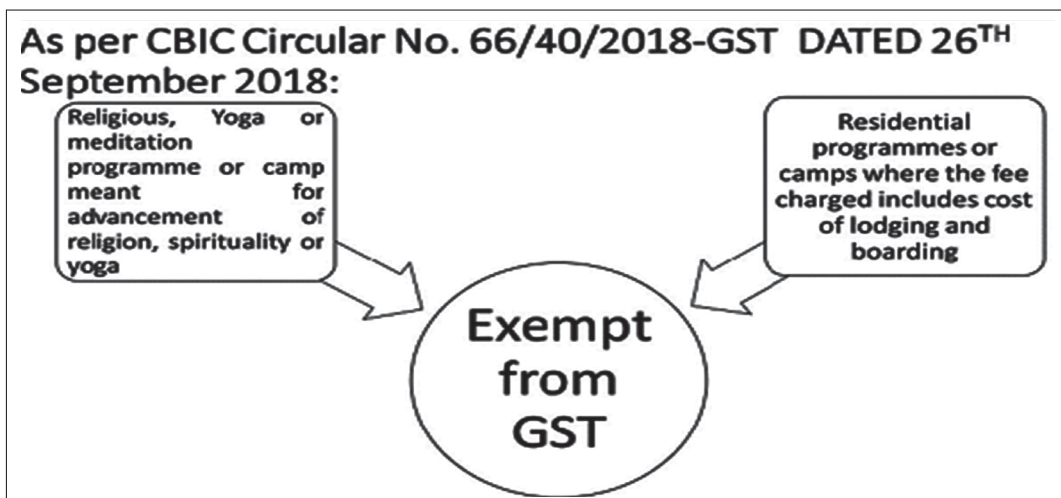
**Answer:**

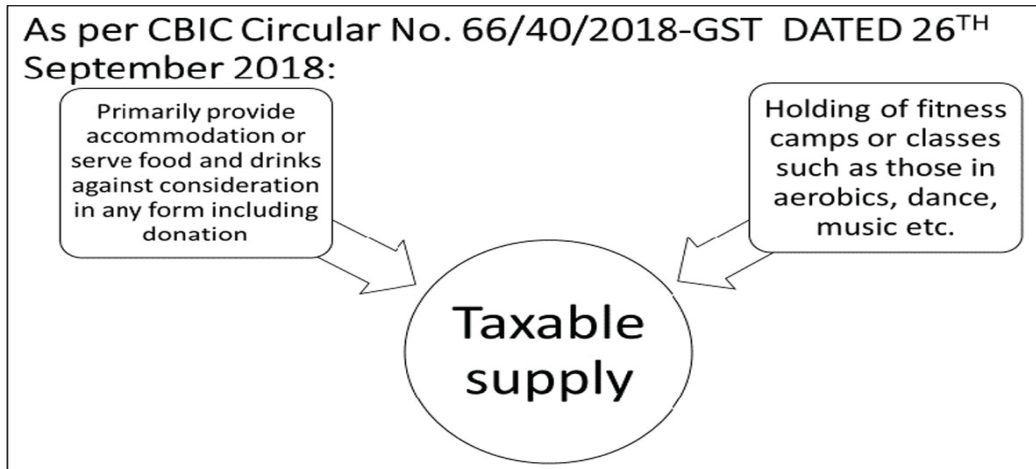
As per entry 74A of NT No. 12/2017 C.T.

**Notification No. 28/2018-CT(R), dated 31st December 2018:**

Services provided by rehabilitation professionals recognized under the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 (34 of 1992) by way of rehabilitation, therapy or counselling and such other activity as covered by the said Act at medical establishments, educational institutions, rehabilitation centers established by Central Government, State Government or Union territory or an entity registered under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) is exempt from GST.

Therefore, NGO is not liable to pay GST.





**2. Services by way of Transfer of a Going Concern**

Services by way of transfer of a going concern, as a whole or an independent part thereof, are exempt from Goods and Services Tax. Therefore, no GST on such sale of business. Sale of business as going concern to another not a supply as per schedule II of the CGST Act, 2017.

**Example : 114**

**M/s Z & Co., is a partnership firm registered under GST Law. The partners decided to convert the partnership into a limited liability partnership (LLP). The LLP takes over M/s Z & Co., assets and liabilities and continues to operate the same business. Is it taxable supply?**

**Answer:**

**It is not taxable supply. Since, transfer of business as a going concern to another person, then it will not be supply (as per schedule II of CGST Act, 2017).**

**Note: If taxable person de-registered, he will be liable to pay GST.**

**3. Services provided in relation to function entrusted to Panchayat under Sec 243G or in relation to any function entrusted to a Municipality under article 243W of the Constitution**

Pure services (excluding works contract service or other composite supplies involving supply of any goods) provided to the Central Government, State Government or Union territory or local authority (Omitted w.e.f.18-07-2022 or a Governmental authority or Govt. Entity) by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a Panchayat under article 243G of the Constitution or in relation to any function entrusted to a Municipality under article 243W of the Constitution.

ARTICLE 243G OF SCHEDULE XI	TWELFTH SCHEDULE (Article 243W)
(1) agriculture, including agriculture extensions.	1. Urban planning including town planning.
(2) land improvement, implementation of land reforms, land consolidation & soil conservation.	2. Regulation of land-use and construction of buildings.
(3) minor irrigation, water management & water shed development.	3. Planning for economic and social development.
(4) Animal husbandry, dairying & poultry.	4. Roads and bridges.
(5) fisheries	5. Water supply for domestic, industrial and commercial purposes.
(6) social forestry & farm forestry.	6. Public health, sanitation conservancy and solid wastemanagement.
(7) minor forestry produce.	7. Fire services.
(8) small scale industries, including food processing industries.	



(9) khadi, village & cottage industries.	8. Urban forestry, protection of the environment and promotion of ecological aspects.
(10) rural housing	9. Safeguarding the interests of weaker sections of society, including the handicapped and mentally retarded.
(11) drinking water	10. Slum improvement and upgradation.
(12) fuel & fodder.	11. Urban poverty alleviation.
(13) roads, culverts, bridges, ferries, waterways & other means of communication.	12. Provision of urban amenities and facilities such as parks, gardens, playgrounds.
(14) rural electrification, including distribution of electricity.	13. Promotion of cultural, educational and aesthetic aspects.
(15) non-conventional energy.	14. Burials and burial grounds; cremations, cremation grounds; and electric crematoriums.
(16) poverty alleviation programmes.	15. Cattle pounds; prevention of cruelty to animals.
(17) education including primary & secondary schools, technical training & vocational education.	16. Vital statistics including registration of births and deaths.
(18) adult & non-formal education.	17. Public amenities including street lighting, parking lots, bus stops and public conveniences.
(19) Libraries.	18. Regulation of slaughter-houses and tanneries.
(20) cultural activities.	
(21) markets & fairs.	
(22) health & sanitation, including hospitals, primary health centres & dispensaries.	
(23) family welfare	
(24) women & child development.	
(25) social welfare including welfare of handicapped & mental retarded.	
(26) welfare of the weaker sections & in particular of the SC & ST's	
(27) public distribution system.	
(28) maintenance of community assets.	

**Example : 115**

**A contract awarded by Bombay Municipal Corporation (BMC) for repair of a particular road to M/s B Ltd. of Mumbai with a total consideration of ₹ 12 lakhs with terms and conditions as stated that:**

- (a) It is pure service (excluding works contract service or other composite supplies involving supply of any goods) and**
- (b) the entire work should be completed within 30 days.**

**The said work has been completed as per terms and conditions. Applicable rate of GST 18% Find the following:**

- (a) Is it taxable supply?**
- (b) Rework if the contract is in the nature of works contract where material is involved in the value of contract. Is it taxable supply? If so who is liable to pay GST.**

**Note: previous turnover of M/s B Ltd . was ₹ 22 crores**

**Answer:**

- (a) Pure services (excluding works contract service or other composite supplies involving supply of any goods) provided to the local authority exempt from GST.**

**Therefore, in the given case M/s B Ltd. supplied exempted service.**

- (b) M/s B Ltd. supplied works contract service which includes material and hence it is taxable supply. M/s B Ltd is liable to pay GST.

CGST 9% = ₹ 1,08,000

SGST 9% = ₹ 1,08,000

4. Services by Central Government, State Government, Union Territory, local authority or governmental authority by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a municipality under article 243 W of the Constitution.

Example : 116

Validate the following statement:

Charges recovered by the Government for regulation of land use like conversion of agriculture to non-agriculture will be exempt from payment of GST.

Answer:

The given statement is valid:

Example : 117

Validate the following statement:

Charges recovered by the Government of India from local authority for construction of building like granting approval of the plant is exempt from GST.

Answer:

The given statement is valid:

Covered under entry 4 of exemption Notification No. 12/2017 Dt 28.06.2017 Central Tax (Rate).

Example : 118

Validate the following statement:

Grant received by the State Government from Central Government for implementing National Bio-gas and Manure Management Programme operating under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is taxable supply of service.

Answer:

The given statement is invalid:

State Government is bound to implement the centrally sponsored scheme on receipt of grant. Consequently, State Governments are implementing agency and not service provider.

Therefore, there is no supply.

GST does not arise in the given case.

5. Services by a governmental authority by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a Panchayat under article 243G of the Constitution.
6. Services by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority excluding the following services—
- (a) services by the Department of Posts (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 by way of
- (i) speed post,



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- (ii) express parcel post,
  - (iii) life insurance, and
  - (iv) agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union territory);
- (b) services in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport;
  - (c) transport of goods or passengers; or
  - (d) any service, other than services covered under entries (a) to (c) above, provided to business entities. are exempted from GST.

Applicability of GST on sanitation and conservancy services supplied to Army and other Central and State Government department:

Circular No. 177/09/2022-TRU dt. 03.08.2022, It has been clarified that if such services are procured by Indian Army or any other Government Ministry/Department which does not perform any functions listed in the 11th and 12th Schedule of the Constitution, in the manner as a local authority does for the general public, the same are not eligible for exemption under Sl. No. 3 and 3A of Notification No. 12/2017-CT(R) dated 28.06.2017.

### List of services which are specifically exempted:

1. **Entry No. 4:** Services by (omitted vide notification No. 14/2018 –Central Tax (Rate) dt 26.07.2018 Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority or) governmental authority by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a municipality under article 243 W of the Constitution.
2. **Entry No. 7:** Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority to a business entity with an aggregate turnover up to ₹ 20 lakh (₹ 10 lakh in case of a special category state) in the preceding financial year.

**Explanation:-** For the purposes of this entry, it is hereby clarified that the provisions of this entry shall not be applicable to-

- (a) services,-
  - (i) by the Department of Posts (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union Territory);
  - (ii) in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport;
  - (iii) of transport of goods or passengers; and
- (b) services by way of renting of immovable property.

3. **Entry No. 8:** Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union Territory or local authority to another Central Government, State Government, Union Territory or local authority;

Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply to services-

- (i) by the Department of Posts (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union Territory);
- (ii) in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport;
- (iii) of transport of goods or passengers;

4. **Entry No. 9:** Services provided by Central Government, State Government, Union Territory or a local authority where the consideration for such services does not exceed ₹ 5,000: Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply to services-

- (i) by the Department of Posts (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union Territory);
- (ii) in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport;
- (iii) of transport of goods or passengers;

Provided further that in case where continuous supply of service, as defined in sub-section (33) of section 2 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, is provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or a local authority, the exemption shall apply only where the consideration charged for such service does not exceed ₹ 5,000 in a financial year.

Entry No. 24C: w.e.f 18-07-2022, Services by the Department of Posts by way of post card, inland letter, book post and ordinary post (envelopes weighing less than 10 grams) exempted from GST.

5. **Entry No. 42:** Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of allowing a business entity to operate as a telecom service provider or use radio frequency spectrum during the period prior to the 1st April, 2016, on payment of licence fee or spectrum user charges, as the case may be.

6. **Entry No. 47:** Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of-

- (a) registration required under any law for the time being in force;
- (b) testing, calibration, safety check or certification relating to protection or safety of workers, consumers or public at large, including fire license, required under any law for the time being in force

7. **Entry No. 61:** Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of issuance of passport, visa, driving licence, birth certificate or death certificate.

8. **Entry No. 61A:** Services by way of granting National Permit to a goods carriage to operate through-out India / continuous States (new exemption inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021)

9. **Entry No. 62:** Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of tolerating non-performance of a contract for which consideration in the form of fines or liquidated damages is payable to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority under such contract.

10. **Entry No. 63:** Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of assignment of right to use natural resources to an individual farmer for cultivation of plants and rearing of all life forms of animals, except the rearing of horses, for food, fibre, fuel, raw material or other similar products.

11. **Entry No. 64:** Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of assignment of right to use any natural resource where such right to use was assigned by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority before the 1st April, 2016:

Provided that the exemption shall apply only to tax payable on one time charge payable, in full upfront or in installments, for assignment of right to use such natural resource.

12. **Entry No. 65:** Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory by way of deputing officers after office hours or on holidays for inspection or container stuffing or such other duties in relation to import export cargo on payment of Merchant Overtime charges.



**Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM) applicable:**

S.No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
5	<p>Services supplied by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority to a business entity excluding: -</p> <p>(1) Renting of immovable property, and</p> <p>(2) Services specified below: -</p> <p>(i) Services by the Department of Posts (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than Central Government, State Government or Union territory or local authority);</p> <p>(ii) services in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport;</p> <p>(iii) transport of goods or passengers.</p>	Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority	Any business entity located in the taxable territory.	Recipient

**Definitions:**

(1) "business entity" means any person carrying out business;

<b>Example : 119</b>				
<b>w.e.f. 18.07.2022, GST will be applicable on following services provided by Government or Local Authority:</b>				
S. No.	Nature of service	Taxability	Who is liable to pay	Remarks
(i)	Speed Post Service provided by Department of Post to Government	Taxable supply	Supplier	Not covered under entry no. 8 of exemption list.
(ii)	Express Parcel Post Services by Department of Post provided to a business entity	Taxable supply	Dept. of Post	Not covered under RCM (not specially exempted)
(iii)	Services in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport.	Taxable supply	Supplier of service	Not covered under RCM (also not exempted)
(iv)	Transport of goods or passengers	Taxable supply	Supplier of service	-do-
(v)	Renting of immovable property for commercial nature to Business Entity whose turnover in the P.Y. is ₹ 18 lakh.	Taxable supply	Supplier of Service (i.e. Govt. or Local Authority)	Not covered under RCM and also not covered under any exemption.
(vi)	Other services provided to business entity whose P.Y. turnover is ₹ 8 lakh.	Exempted supply	NA	Covered under entry no. 7 and hence exempted from GST.
(vii)	Other services provided to business entity whose P.Y. turnover is ₹ 22 lakh.	Taxable supply	Business entity being recipient is liable to pay GST	Covered under RCM. It is not covered under any exemptions.

**Example : 120**

Guidelines Academy Pvt. Ltd. provided following services in the previous year:

1. Manpower supply services to Higher Secondary School for ₹ 12,00,000.
2. House keeping services to Kidzee (i.e. Pre-school education) for ₹ 9,00,000.

In the current year Guidelines Academy Pvt. Ltd. received advertisement services for ₹75,000 from Indian Railways. Find the following:

- (a) Who is liable to pay GST?
- (b) Total tax liability if any?
- (c) Rework, if the previous total turnover ₹ 11,10,000 then find the GST liability in the current year?

Note: Applicable rate of GST 18%

Answer:

P.Y. turnover (₹ 12 lakh + ₹ 9 lakh) = 21,00,000

- (a) Since, aggregate turnover of the previous year exceeds ₹ 20 lakh, in the current year recipient of service is liable to pay GST under RCM.

(b) GST 18% on ₹ 75,000 = 13,500

Re-work

- (c) GST liability is nil, since P.Y. turnover not exceeds ₹ 20 lakhs (vide Entry No. 7 Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate) Dt 28-06-2017).

**Example : 121**

State Police provided protection services to the Judges of High Court in the month of March 2020. The police protection is provided on payment of ₹ 2,00,000. Is GST payable?

Answer:

It is exempted service. Since, covered under entry no. 8 (vide Notification No. 12/2017 dated 28.6.2017 Central Tax (Rate)), it is exempted from GST.

**Example : 122**

The Chief Secretary to Finance Minister travelled from Delhi to Chennai by rail in an air conditioned coach on official trip. Cost of ticket is ₹ 1,200. Is it exempt from GST? Applicable rate of GST 5%.

Answer:

It is taxable supply of service. It is covered under entry 6(c) of Notification No. 12/2017 date 28.06.2017 Central Tax (Rate), GST will be levied under forward charge.

**Example : 123**

Passport is issued by the Office of the External Affairs Ministry under Passport Act, 1967 to individual. The fee of ₹ 6,500 paid by business entity in which such individual person is working. Will this activity attract GST?

Answer:

The exemption from payment of GST would be available both cases, where fee is paid by individual or by the business entity. The said activity is exempted from GST under entry no. 61 of the Notification No.12/2017 date 28.06.2017 Central Tax (Rate).

**Example : 124**

Taj Pvt. Ltd., received the following services from the Government of India during the taxable period:

1. Application fee paid towards processing of application for issuance of advance authorization ₹ 12,000.





2. Security services provided by Government security agency for a period of four months for a total consideration of ₹ 6,000:
  - a. Jan 2023 – Part payment ₹ 500
  - b. Feb 2023 – Part payment ₹ 2,000
  - c. Mar 2023 – Part payment ₹ 2,000
  - d. April 2023 – Final payment ₹ 1,500.
3. Customs authorities have charged Merchant Over Time (MOT) fee for ₹ 1,000 at the time of special warehousing of goods.

Find the total GST payable by Taj Pvt. Ltd. if any?

Note: Previous Turnover of Taj Pvt. Ltd. ₹ 21 lakhs.

Note: Applicable rate of GST 18%

Answer:			
Statement showing GST liability of Taj Pvt. Ltd.			
S.No.	Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
1	Application fee paid towards processing of application for issuance of advance authorization	12,000	Taxable supply of service. Since, amount exceeds ₹ 5,000.
2	Security services provided by Government security agency. F.Y 2022-23 ₹ 4,500 F.Y. 2023-24 ₹ 1,500 The exemption shall apply only where the consideration charged for such service does not exceed ₹ 5,000 in a financial year.	Nil	Exempted supply of service under entry no. 9.
3	Merchant Overtime charges	Nil	Exempted supply of service under Entry No. 65.
	Total subject to tax under reverse charge	12,000	
	Total GST liability	2,160	12,000 x 18%

Example : 125

M/s X Ltd. paid penalty under section 49 of the CGST Act, 2017 ₹ 20,00,000 to the Government Department in the month of January 2023. Is it taxable supply under the GST law?

Answer:

It is not a supply of service. The fine or penalty chargeable by Government or local authority imposed for violation of statute, bye-laws, rules or regulations are not leviable to GST. Such fines or penalty are not recovered for tolerating non-performance of a contract.

Example : 126

A contract awarded by Bombay Municipal Corporation (BMC) for repair of a particular road to M/s B Ltd of Mumbai with terms and conditions that the entire work should be completed within 30 days. However, there is a delay of 10 days to complete the work. BMC charged liquidated damages of ₹ 1,20,000 and the same recovered from M/s B Ltd.

Applicable rate of GST 18% Find the following:

- (a) who is liable to pay GST and on what amount?
- (b) Total GST liability if any.

Note: Previous year turnover of M/s B Ltd. was ₹ 88 lakh.

**Answer:**

**(a) It is supply of service.**

M/s B Ltd. being recipient of service is liable to pay GST on ₹ 1,20,000 (i.e., Reverse Charge applicable). Since, the contractor has performed the contract, but there is a delay of 10 days.

**(b) GST liability = ₹ 21,600**

**Note:**

- (i) It appears the liquidated damages recovered by local authority for delay in performance in contract will not be covered under exemption list of GST. The contract has been performed in such cases, GST will be payable on the same.**
- (ii) Services provided by Government or a local authority by way of tolerating non-performance of a contract for which consideration in the form of fines or liquidated damages is payable to the Government or the local authority under such contract; is exempted from GST.**

**Example : 127**

For registration of a company whose nominal share capital does not exceeds ₹ 1,00,000, paid registration fee of ₹ 5,000.

Whether your answer is different if registration fee ₹ 6,000. Is it taxable supply? Attract GST?

**Answer:**

Exempted from GST vide Entry No. 47, Notification No. 12/2017- Central Tax (Rate) Dt 28-06-2017.

Our answer is not differ even if the registration fee is ₹ 6,000 under the entry no. 47.

**Example : 128**

Domicile Certificate for certifying the number of years during which the person has stayed in State, has been obtained from District Collector's Office, by paying fee of ₹ 5,500. Is it taxable supply?

**Answer:**

This activity falls under entry no. 47 Notification No. 12/2017- Central Tax (Rate) Dt 28-06-2017.

Therefore, the given activity is exempted from GST.

**Example : 129**

X Ltd. covered under the Factories Act, 1948. Inspector of Factories certified the factory is safe for the workers to carry their work and charged Government fee of ₹ 10,000.

X Ltd. owned one more factory at another place, which is not covered under Factories Act, 1948. However, X Ltd. obtained safety certificate for the factory from the Inspector of Factories by paying ₹ 15,000 voluntarily.

Is it taxable supply? Attract GST? If so who is liable to pay GST.

Applicable rate of GST 18%.

**Answer:**

X Ltd. being recipient of service from the Inspector of Factories is not liable to pay GST. Since, certification relating safety of workers required under the Factories Act, 1948 covered under entry 47.

Another to factory which is not covered under the Factories Act, 1948 for which fee paid by X Ltd. voluntarily is liable to pay GST under reverse charge mechanism.

CGST 9% on Rs 15,000 = ₹ 1,350

SGST 9% on Rs 15,000 = ₹ 1,350

**Example : 130**

The Inspector of the Metrology Department verified the calibration of weighing scale as well as the weight and collected charges of ₹ 7,500 from the shop owner under the The Legal Metrology Act, 2009. Is it taxable supply?

**Answer:**

This activity is exempt from GST under entry no. 47 Notification No. 12/2017- Central Tax (Rate) Dt 28-06-2017.

**Example : 131**

The Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare, provided Soil Conservation Service, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to a farmer by charging fee of ₹ 20,000 in relation to assignment of natural resources. Is it taxable supply?

**Answer:**

This activity is specifically exempted from GST under entry no. 63 Notification No. 12/2017- Central Tax (Rate) Dt 28-06-2017.

**Example : 132**

A Ltd., becomes the successful bidder. The spectrum is assigned to A Ltd., for a total consideration of ₹ 1000 crores in the month of June 2015.

Government permitted to pay as one time charge payable, in full upfront or in instalments as the case may be. A Ltd., chooses to make in instalments over a period of 5 years. Is instalment due fallen on or after 1st July 2017 leviable to GST?

Whether your answer is different if periodic payment required to be made by the assignee.

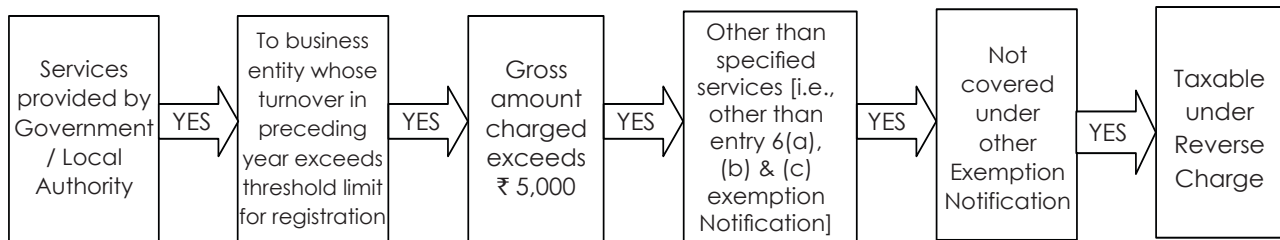
**Answer:**

The exemption under entry no. 42 [Notification No. 12/2017- Central Tax (Rate) Dt 28-06-2017] shall apply only to one time charge, payable in full upfront or in instalments, for assignment of right to use any natural resource. Hence, A Ltd., is not liable to pay GST.

The exemption shall not applicable to any periodic payment required to be made by the assignee.

GST is payable on periodic payments due after 1.7.2017 in respect of spectrum assigned before 1.4.2016. GST is liable to pay by A Ltd. (RCM applicable)

**Changes w.r.t. 1.7.2017 services provided by Government or Local Authority:**



If answer for any one of these is 'NO', then the same would not be liable to GST under reverse charge mechanism.

**Entry No. 9A: FIFA U-17**

	<p>Services provided by and to Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and its subsidiaries directly or indirectly related to any of the events under FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 to be hosted in India have been exempted from GST (<b>Notification No. 21/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 22nd Aug., 2017</b>).</p> <p><b>Provided that Director (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports certifies that the services are directly or indirectly related to any of the events under FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017."</b>;</p>
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**Entry 9AA:** w.e.f 1-10-2019 services provided by and to Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) and its subsidiaries directly or indirectly related to any of the event under FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2020 to be hosted in India is exempted from GST. W.e.f. 1-10-2021 the words "hosted in India", the words "whenever rescheduled" shall be inserted.

**w.e.f. 1-10-2021:**

**Entry No. 9AB:** Services provided by and to Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and its subsidiaries directly or indirectly related to any of the events under AFC Women's Asia Cup 2022 to be hosted in India exempt from GST.

Provided that Director (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports certifies that the services are directly or indirectly related to any of the events under AFC Women's Asia Cup 2022."

Notification No. 07/2021- Central Tax (Rate) dt 30th September 2021.

**Entry No. 9B: Transit cargo to Nepal and Bhutan**

Supply of services associated with transit cargo to Nepal and Bhutan (landlocked countries) have been exempted from GST [vide Notification No. 30/2017-CT(R), dated 29.09.2017].

The government of India has removed the goods and services tax on services provided by Indian service providers for transit cargo such as—

- transportation,
- insurance,
- shipment,
- container freight station and
- cargo handling charges, among others

considering these services provided by the Indian service providers as 'service export'.

Circular No. 177/09/2022 TRU dt 03.08.202, It has been clarified that exemption under Sl. No. 9B of the exemption notification shall cover services associated with transit cargo both to and from Nepal and Bhutan.

**Entry No. 9C: Supply of service by a Government Entity to Govt.**

Supply of service by a Government Entity to Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority or any person specified by Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority against consideration received from Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority, in the form of grants [vide Notification No. 33/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 13.10.2017].

"Government Entity" means an authority or a board or any other body including a society, trust, corporation,—

- (i) set up by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature; or
- (ii) established by any Government,

with 90% or more participation by way of equity or control, to carry out a function entrusted by the Central Government, State Government, Union Territory or a local authority".

**Entry No. 9D: Services by an Old Age Homes:****Entry No. 9D:****w.e.f. 27th July, 2018:**

Services by an old age homes run by Central Government, State Government or entity under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, to residents for consideration upto ₹25,000 per month per member is exempted from GST [vide Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (Rate)].

**Entry No. 10. Pure labour services for Housing Scheme**

Services provided by way of pure labour contracts of construction, erection, commissioning, installation, completion, fitting out, repair, maintenance, renovation, or alteration of a civil structure or any other original works pertaining to the beneficiary-led individual house construction or enhancement under the Housing for All (Urban) Mission or Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Entry No. 10. Pure labour services for Housing Scheme Services provided by way of pure labour contracts of—

- construction,
- erection
- commissioning,
- installation
- completion
- finishing
- repair,
- maintenance,
- renovation, or
- alteration of a civil structure or
- any other original works pertaining to the beneficiary-led individual house construction or enhancement under the Housing for All (Urban) Mission or Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.



"original works" means all new constructions;

- (i) all types of additions and alterations to abandoned or damaged structures on land that are required to make them workable;
- (ii) erection, commissioning or installation of plant, machinery or equipment or structures, whether pre-fabricated or otherwise;

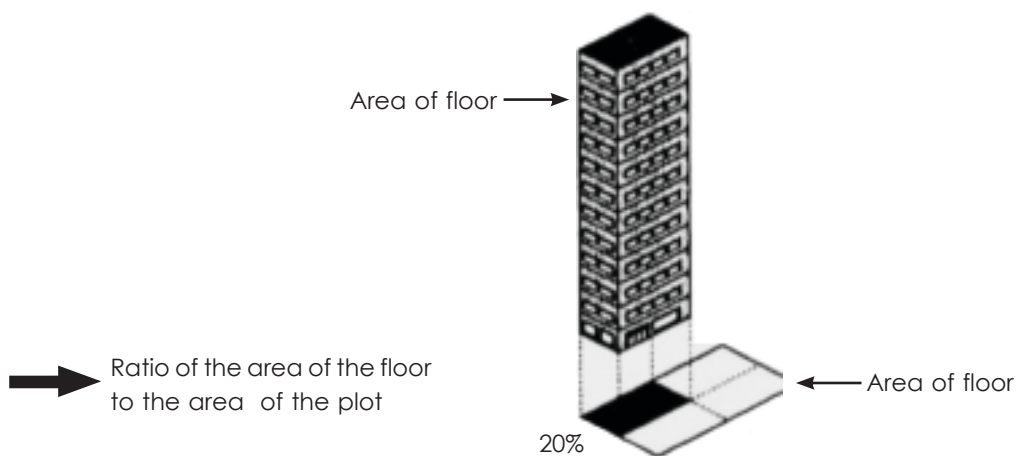
Pure labour contract means supplier of service should not utilize any material in supplying the service. It should be a labour contract only.

The Housing for All (Urban) Mission or Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana scheme where in Housing for All mission will be implemented through four verticals which are as follows:

1. 'In-situ' Slum Redevelopment
2. Affordable Housing through credit linked subsidy
3. Affordable Housing in Partnership
4. Subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction.

**Floor Space Index (FSI) means:** FSI means the ratio between the area of a covered floor (Built up Area) to the area of that plot (land) on which a building stands.

**Floor Space Index (FSI)**



Floor Space Index (FSI) is the ratio of the area of the floor to the area of the plot on which a building stands. In some cities, FSI is known as floor area ratio (FAR).

Assume municipal authority is granted FSI 1.5, where available land 2000 square feet's. Then the build up area is 3,000 square feet's. It means you can build 3,000 sq. ft., covered area on land. It can be either 2 floors of 1,500 square feet's or 3 floors of 1,000 square feet's without affecting other municipal rules.

**Entry No. 11 Construction, erection and related services pertaining to single residential unit:**

Services by way of pure labour contracts of construction, erection, commissioning, or installation of original works pertaining to a single residential unit otherwise than as a part of a residential complex is exempted from GST.

**Example : 133**

**Hemanta Builders is constructing a two-floor residential house. Is it taxable supply?**

**Answer:**

**Yes, the given activity is a taxable supply and GST will be levied.**

**Example : 134**

**Shyam contractors undertaken to construct new single shop for M/s X & Co. Is it taxable supply?**

**Answer:**

**Yes, the given activity is a taxable supply and GST will be levied.**

**Entry No. 12: Services by way of renting of residential dwelling for use as residence is also exempt from GST (w.e.f. 18-07-2022, "except where the residential dwelling is rented to a registered person" shall be inserted);**

The following are taxable supplies:

- Residential house taken on rent for commercial purposes
- House is given on rent and the same is used as a hotel or a lodge

w.e.f. 18-07-2022, residential dwelling is rented to a registered person is taxable:

Nature of supply	Supplier	Recipient	GST w.e.f.18-07-2022
Renting of residential dwelling for use as residence	Registered Person or Un-registered peson	Registered Person	RCM applicable (i.e. recipient is liable to pay GST)
		Un-registered person	Exempted from GST



**Example:**

Mr. A owns a residential building in a prime commercial locality. Basement of the building is leased to Mr. B, a wholesaler. One-fourth of the basement is used by Mr. B as his office and remaining portion is used as a godown for storing his merchandise.

Ground floor of the building is given on rent to Mr. C who uses the same as a guest house for his business contacts. First floor of the building is occupied by Mr. A. and his family. Second floor is given on rent to Mr. D (un-registered person under GST) who uses the same as his residence.

There is a large vacant land in the backyard of the building which is also given on rent to a parking contractor, Mr. E who has set up a parking facility on the said land.

Separate rent/lease deeds have been executed in respect of each floor of the building and vacant land given on rent/lease.

Examine the GST liability of Mr. A with respect to the residential building owned by him.

**Answer:**

Renting of immovable property (whether residential or commercial) is supply of service as per Serial No. 5(a) of Schedule II. However, services by way of renting of residential dwelling for use as residence are covered under exempted supply of services and are thus not liable to GST.

Since, Mr. A has let out different floors of his residential building to different tenants and separate rent/lease deeds have been executed in respect of each floor of such building and vacant land given on rent/lease, principle of composite or mixed supply will not apply. In this backdrop, the taxability of each of the floor of the building and vacant land owned by Mr. A is discussed as under:

- (i) Basement: Leasing out of the basement of the building to Mr. B would not be covered under exemption list of services as Mr. B uses the basement for commercial purpose. Thus, it would be liable to GST as supply of service.
- (ii) Ground floor: Renting of ground floor of the building to Mr. C for being used as a guest house will not be covered under exemption list of services since Mr. C uses it for commercial purpose. Thus, it would be liable to GST as supply of service.
- (iii) First floor: Since Mr. A uses the first floor of the building himself, it would not be a supply and thus, would not be liable to tax.
- (iv) Second floor: Renting of second floor of the building to Mr. D for being used as a residence would not be chargeable to GST as it is covered in exemption list of supply of services.
- (v) Vacant land: Though vacant land is also an immovable property, renting thereof to Mr. E, a parking contractor, will not be covered under exemption list of services since Mr. E uses it for commercial purpose. Thus, it would be liable to GST.

**Entry No. 13 Charitable / religious activities**

Services by a person by way of-

- (a) conduct of any religious ceremony;
- (b) renting of precincts of a religious place meant for general public, owned or managed by an entity registered as a charitable or religious trust under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income-tax Act, 1961

Or

a trust or an institution registered under sub clause (v) of clause (23C) of section 10 of the Income-tax Act

Or

a body or an authority covered under clause (23BBA) of section 10 of the said Income-tax Act:

Provided that nothing contained in entry (b) of this exemption shall apply to,-

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- (i) renting of rooms where charges are more than ₹ 1,000 per day;
- (ii) renting of premises, community halls, kalyanmandapam or open area, and the like where charges are ₹10,000 or more per day;
- (iii) renting of shops or other spaces for business or commerce where charges are ₹ 10,000 or more per month.

### Important Note:

No GST on the supply of services by way of renting of precincts of a religious place meant for the general public by a person.

So the GST rate on Services way of renting of precincts of a religious place meant for the general public is to be taken as nil.

This implies that if immovable properties owned by charitable trusts like marriage hall, convention hall, rest house for pilgrims, shops situated within the premises of a religious place are rented out, income from letting out of such property is wholly exempt from GST.

But if such properties are not situated in the precincts of a religious place meaning thereby not within walls or boundary walls of the religious place, income from such letting out will lose this exemption and income from it will be liable to GST.

The term "religious place" as per the clause (zy) of the said notification means "a place which is primarily meant for conduct of prayers or worship pertaining to a religion, meditation, or spirituality".

### Precincts means:

Service by a person by way of -

- (a) renting of precincts of a religious place meant for general public.

Renting of such area will not be liable for payment of GST.

The purpose for which the precincts is rented is not relevant.

### Entry No. 80 Services by way of training or coaching in recreational activities relating to-

Services by way of training or coaching in

- (a) recreational activities relating to— arts or culture, (by an individual (inserted w.e.f. 18-07-2022), or
- (b) sports by charitable entities registered under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income-tax.

#### Example : 135

**Kapleswara Charitable Trust registered under Section 12AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961, supplied the following services during the taxable period. Find the taxable supply or exempted supply from the following:**

- (a) Income from Navratri functions, other religious functions, and religious poojas conducted for ₹ 2,12,345/-
- (b) During Ganesh utsav or other religious functions, charitable trusts rent out their space to agencies for advertisement hoardings, income from such advertisement ₹ 4,98,765/-
- (c) Donation for religious ceremony is received with specific instructions to advertise the name of a donor for ₹ 1,00,001/-.

**Answer:**

Particulars	Nature of supplies	Remarks
Income from Navratri functions etc.	Exempted supply	Meant of religious ceremony
Income for renting out space	Taxable supply	Advertisement services
Donation received with reciprocity	Taxable supply	Donation is compensating against consideration





**Example : 136**

Sri Durga Charitable Trust registered under section 12AA of the Income Tax Act and also registered person under

**GST Law.**

Provided the following services in the month of October.

(1) Services by way of training or coaching in recreational activities relating to sports for ₹ 4,00,000/-.

(2) Fee from organizing yoga camps or other fitness camps for ₹ 5,00,500/-

(3) Organizes fitness camps in reiki, aerobics, etc., and receive donation from participants ₹ 2,25,000/-.

(4) Services of public libraries by way of lending of books, publications or any other knowledge-enhancing content or material for ₹ 20,000

Assume applicable rate of GST for taxable supplies @18%.

**Answer:**

Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
training or coaching in recreational activities relating to sports	Nil	Exempted supply.
Fee from organizing yoga camps or other fitness camps	5,00,500	Since, not covered under advancement of religion , spirituality or yoga, it is taxable supply.
Donation for Organizes fitness camps in reiki, aerobics	2,25,000	Covered under health and fitness services, which is not exempted.
Public libraries	Nil	Exempted supply.
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,25,500</b>	
<b>GST 18%</b>	<b>1,30,590</b>	<b>(7,25,500 x 18%)</b>

**Case Study : 2**

**Department Claim:** Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam's, Tirupati registered under section 12AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 was running guest houses for pilgrims. Renting of precincts of a religious place meant for general public, by charging more than ₹ 1,000 per day. Therefore, the assessee were liable to pay GST.

**Assessee Contention:** Since, they were running guest houses without any profit motive hence they were not liable to pay GST.

Decide the case whether assessee contention is right or Department claim is justifiable?

**Answer:**

Renting of precincts of a religious place meant for general public, owned or managed by an entity registered as a charitable or religious trust under section 12AA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 is exempt from GST.

However, w.e.f 1-7-2017, this exemption shall not be applicable to

1. Renting of rooms where charges are more than ₹ 1000/- per day,
2. Renting of premises, community halls, kalyanmandapam or open area, etc where charges are ₹ 10,000/- or more per day, and
3. Renting of shops or other spaces for business or commerce where charges are ₹ 10,000/- or more per month.

Thus, the law gives a limited exemption to renting of only religious precincts or a religious place meant for general public by the entity registered under Section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income Tax Act or Sec 10(23C)(v) or Sec 10(23BBA) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

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In the given case, it is not exempt from GST. Therefore, department claim is justifiable.

### Omitted w.e.f. 18-7-2022, Entry No. 14 Renting of Hotel, Inn, Guest house, Club or Camp site etc;

Services by a hotel, inn, guest house, club or campsite, by whatever name called, for residential or lodging purposes, having declared tariff of a unit of accommodation below ₹ 1,000 per day or equivalent is a exempted supply under GST.

### w.e.f. 27-7-2018 "Declared Tariff" has been repealed by "Value of Supply"

W.e.f. 27th July 2018, vide notification No. 13/2018-CT (Rate), the concept of "Declared Tariff" has been repealed and the term is replaced by "Value of Supply". Therefore, the tax rate will be determined in accordance with the "Value of Supply" instead of "Declared Tariff".

### w.e.f. 1-10-2019 clarification given by Govt. of India:

Amendment has been brought under S. No. 14 of Services exemption notification to clarify that services by way of residential or lodging purposes, having value of supply of a unit of accommodation below or upto one thousand rupees per day is exempt.

#### Example : 137

**QUEEN HOTEL LTD. PROVIDER OF ROOMS. Rent charged per day per room is as follows:**

		₹
Room Rent	=	550
Furniture rent	=	400
Air-conditioner rent	=	150
Refrigerator rent	=	50
Less: Discount	=	(250)
Net amount charged	=	900

During the month of January 2023, 20 rooms are let out throughout the month, and balance 35 rooms are let out only for 15 days.

Input Tax Credit available ₹7,500.

The following GST rates are applicable for the hotel industry:

CGST 6% and SGST 6%.

Find the GST liability if any for the month of January 2023.

**Answer:**

**Working note:**

(1) Since, value is ₹1,100, Hotel Queen Ltd., is liable to pay GST:

Room Rent	=	550
Furniture rent	=	400
Air-conditioner rent	=	150
Refrigerator rent	=	50
Less: Discount	=	(250)
Declared Tariff	=	900



(2) Taxable Services

(20 rooms x 31 days x ₹900) = ₹5,58,000

(35 rooms x 15 days x ₹900) = ₹4,72,500

**Total taxable services = ₹10,30,500**

Statement showing GST liability of QUEEN HOTEL LTD		
Particulars	Value in ₹	
Taxable supply of services	<b>10,30,500</b>	
GST liability:		
	6% CGST	6% SGST
Output tax	61,830	61,830
Less: ITC	-3,750	-3,750
Total tax	58,080	58,080

**Example 138:**

**Is hostel accommodation provided by Trusts to students covered within the definition of Charitable Activities and thus, exempt under Sl. No. 1 of notification No. 12/2017-CT (Rate)?**

**Answer:**

**w.e.f. 18-07-2022 taxable service (vide Notification No. 04/2022 -Central Tax (Rate) dated 13th July 2022.**

**Entry No. 15 Transportation of passengers by any mode of conveyance**

Transport of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by –

- (a) air, (inserted w.e.f 18-07-2022 in economic class) embarking from or terminating in an airport located in the state of
    - (i) Arunachal Pradesh,
    - (ii) Assam,
    - (iii) Manipur,
    - (iv) Meghalaya,
    - (v) Mizoram,
    - (vi) Nagaland,
    - (vii) Sikkim, or
    - (viii) Tripura or
    - (ix) at Bagdogra located in West Bengal;
  - (b) non-airconditioned contract carriage other than radio taxi, for transportation of passengers, excluding tourism, conducted tour, charter or hire; or
  - (c) stage carriage other than airconditioned stage carriage.
- are exempted from GST.

**(a) Transport of Passengers by AIR**

**Transport of Passengers by AIR (inserted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 in economic class)**

Passengers embarking from or terminating in an airport located in the state of

- Arunachal Pradesh
- Assam
- Manipur
- Meghalaya
- Mizoram
- Nagaland
- Sikkim
- Tripura

North-Eastern States

In round trip tickets involving multiple journeys that involves embarkation or disembarkation at North-Eastern States / Bagdora alone will be covered under exemption.



or at Bagdogra located in West Bengal are exempted from GST.

The GST rate applicable for transport of passengers by air in economy class is 5% with input tax credit allowed on input services.

The GST rate for transport of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by air, embarking from or terminating in a Regional Connectivity Scheme Airport is also fixed at 5% with input tax credit allowed on input services.

The GST rate for transport of passengers by air in other than economy class is 12% with full input tax credit.

w.e.f. 1-1-2022, Notification No. 16/2021 CT (R) dated 18.11.2021, "Provided that nothing contained in items (b) and (c) above shall apply to services supplied through an electronic commerce operator and notified under sub-section (5) of Section 9 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017)."

It means, w.e.f. 1-1-2022, the exemption on services of transport of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings,

- a. by non-air-conditioned contract carriage other than radio taxi, for transportation of passengers, excluding tourism, conducted tour, charter or hire, or
- b. stage carriage other than air-conditioned stage carriage;

shall not be available if such services are supplied through an electronic commerce operator and are notified under sub-section (5) of section 9 of the CGST Act, 2017.

**Question:** Whether hiring of vehicles by firms for transportation of their employees to and from work is exempt under Sr. No. 15(b) of Notification No. 12/2017-CT(R) transport of passengers by non-air conditioned contract carriage?

**Answer:** Sr. No. 15(b) of Notification No. 12/2017-CT(R) dated 28.06.2017 exempts "transport of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by non-air conditioned contract carriage, other than radio taxi, excluding tourism, conducted tour, charter or hire.

It is clarified that 'charter or hire' excluded from the above exemption entry is charter or hire of a motor vehicle for



a period of time, where the renter defines how and when the vehicles will be operated, determining schedules, routes and other operational considerations.

Thus, the said exemption would apply to passenger transportation services by non-air conditioned contract carriage falling under Heading 9964 where according to explanatory notes, transportation takes place over pre-determined route on a pre-determined schedule. The exemption shall not be applicable where contract carriage is hired for a period of time, during which the contract carriage is at the disposal of the service recipient and the recipient is thus free to decide the manner of usage (route and schedule) subject to conditions of agreement entered into with the service provider (vide Circular No. 177/09/2022 TRU dt 03.08.2022).

**Summary:**

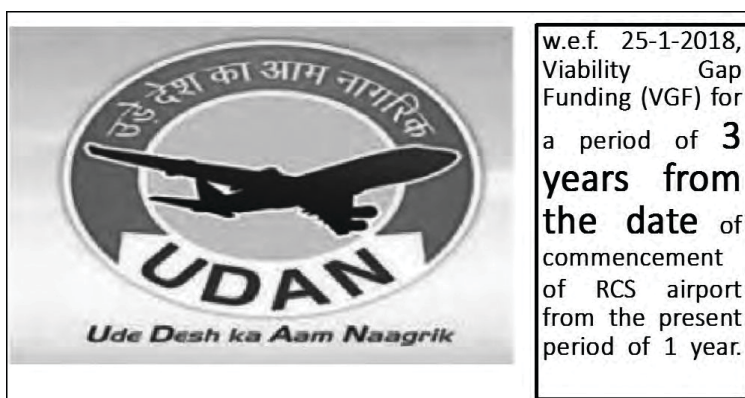
Transportation of Passengers by Air	GST Rate	Input Tax Credit		
		Inputs	Capital goods	Input service
Economic class	5%	Not allowed	Not allowed	allowed
Business class	12%	allowed	allowed	allowed
Embarking from or terminating in a Regional Connectivity Scheme Airport	5%	Not allowed	Not allowed	allowed

<b>Example : 139</b>	
<b>Air Bus Ltd, furnishes you the following information for computation of its GST liability for the month of Oct 20XX.</b>	
<b>(a) Passenger travelling from Mizoram to Chennai – 2000 passengers, gross value per ticket</b>	<b>₹ 2,500</b>
<b>(b) Passenger travelling from Chennai - USA 500 passengers, USA - Chennai – 200 passengers, gross value per ticket</b>	<b>₹ 45,000</b>
<b>(c) Passengers travelling from Mumbai – Tripura - Mumbai with single ticket – 1000 passengers gross value per ticket</b>	<b>₹ 5,000</b>

<b>Air Bus Ltd. charging 40% passenger tax which is not included in the gross value per ticket.</b>	
<b>Find the GST liability?</b>	
<b>All passengers are travelled in economic class except point (b).</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	
<b>Statement Showing GST Liability of Air Bus Ltd. for Oct 20XX.</b>	
<b>(a) From Mizoram to Chennai</b>	<b>exempted supply</b>
<b>(b) Passenger travelling from Chennai-USA (500 passengers x 45,000)</b>	<b>2,25,00,000</b>
<b>Passenger tax 40%</b>	<b>90,00,000</b>
<b>(c) From Mumbai – Tripura - Mumbai</b>	<b>exempted supply</b>
<b>Value of Taxable Supply of Services</b>	<b>3,15,00,000</b>
<b>CGST 6%</b>	<b>18,90,000</b>
<b>SGST 6%</b>	<b>18,90,000</b>
<b>Total Tax</b>	<b>37,80,000</b>
<b>Note: Compulsory Inclusions: Any taxes, fees, charges levied under any law other than GST law, are required to be added to the price (if not already added) to arrive at the taxable value.</b>	

**Entry No. 16 Regional Connectivity Scheme – exempted from GST**

Services provided to the Central Government, by way of transport of passengers with or without accompanied belongings, by air, embarking from or terminating at a regional connectivity scheme airport, against consideration in the form of viability gap funding: Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply on or after the expiry of a period of one year from the date of commencement of operations of the regional connectivity scheme airport as notified by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.


**Entry No. 17 Service of transportation of passengers with or without accompanied belongings by—**

- Inland waterways (i.e. National waterways)
- Public transport, other than predominantly for tourism purpose, in a vessel between places located in India (by coastal waterways);

are exempted from GST.

**Place of Supply – Transportation of passengers:**

The Place of Supply of Services where location of supplier and recipient is in India, [Sec. 12 of the IGST Act, 2017]:

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service [Sec. 12(9) of the IGST Act 2017]:
1	Passenger transportation service. Including: Rail, Mono Rail, Metro Rail, Road, Air, Vessel, boat, Cycle rickshaw, Bullock cart, Camel etc.	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service.</li> </ul> Provided to a un-registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place where the passenger embarks on the continuous journey.</li> </ul>

Place of supply of service where location of Supplier of Service or Location of Recipient of Service is outside India [Sec. 13 of IGST]

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service [Sec. 13(10) of the IGST Act 2017]:
1	Passenger transportation service. Including: Rail, Mono Rail, Metro Rail, Road, Air, Vessel, boat, Cycle rickshaw, Bullock cart, Camel etc.	where the passenger embarks on the conveyance for a continuous journey.



**Example : 140**

Compute value of taxable supply of services of Air Speed Airlines located in Chennai for transportation of passengers by air from the following data relating to sums received exclusive of GST –

- (1) Passengers embarking at Arunachal Pradesh (in economic class): ₹5 lakhs;
- (2) Amount for journey terminated at Assam (in economic class): ₹4 lakhs;
- (3) Amount charged from passenger for flights starting from USA to Chennai: ₹ 250 lakhs;
- (4) Amount charged from passengers flying from Chennai to Sydney (Business class): ₹ 540 lakhs (including passenger taxes levied by government and shown separately on ticket: ₹ 100 lakhs). All passengers booked ticket from Delhi Office of Air Speed Airlines.
- (5) Passengers embarking from Chennai to Coimbatore (Economic class): ₹ 4 lakhs. Passengers booked tickets from Chennai office of Air Speed Airlines.

Applicable rate of GST 5% and 12%. Find the IGST, CGST & SGST if any.

Answer:

**Statement Showing GST Liability of Air Speed Airlines:**

(a) embarking at Arunachal Pradesh	exempted supply
(b) where journey terminated at Assam	exempted supply
(c) from USA to Chennai	exempted supply
(d) from Chennai to Sydney (Business class)	4,40,00,000
Passenger tax	1,00,00,000
(e) from Chennai to Coimbatore	4,00,000 (Economic class)
<b>Value of Taxable Supply of Services</b>	<b>5,44,00,000</b>
<b>IGST 12% on ₹ 5,40,00,000</b>	<b>64,80,000</b>
<b>CGST 2.5% on ₹ 4,00,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>SGST 2.5% on ₹ 4,00,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Total Tax</b>	<b>65,00,000</b>

**Note:** Compulsory Inclusions: Any taxes, fees, charges levied under any law other than GST law, are required to be added to the price (if not already added) to arrive at the taxable value.

**Air Travel Agents - GST**

Air Travel agents are the mediator between the ultimate customer and the airlines e.g. Makemytrip.com, PayTM are all examples of Air travel agents because they act as a mediator between the customer and the airline companies like Air India, Spice Jet etc.

**Exemption:** Air Travel Agents are not entitled for any exemption.

**Payment of tax at the option of the Air Travel Agent:**

- (A) air travel agents are required to pay 18% GST on commission earned from airlines and also service charges, handling charges etc. (by whatever name called) collected from the customers / passengers.

There is no bar on air travel agents in availing ITC on input services to support the output services of travel agents.

**OR**

- (B) As per rule 32 (3) of the CGST rules, 2017 permits an air travel agent to discharge GST at fixed percentage of basic fare on which commission is normally paid by the airlines to the agent. In such a case, the effective

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value and the effective rate of GST is tabulated below:-

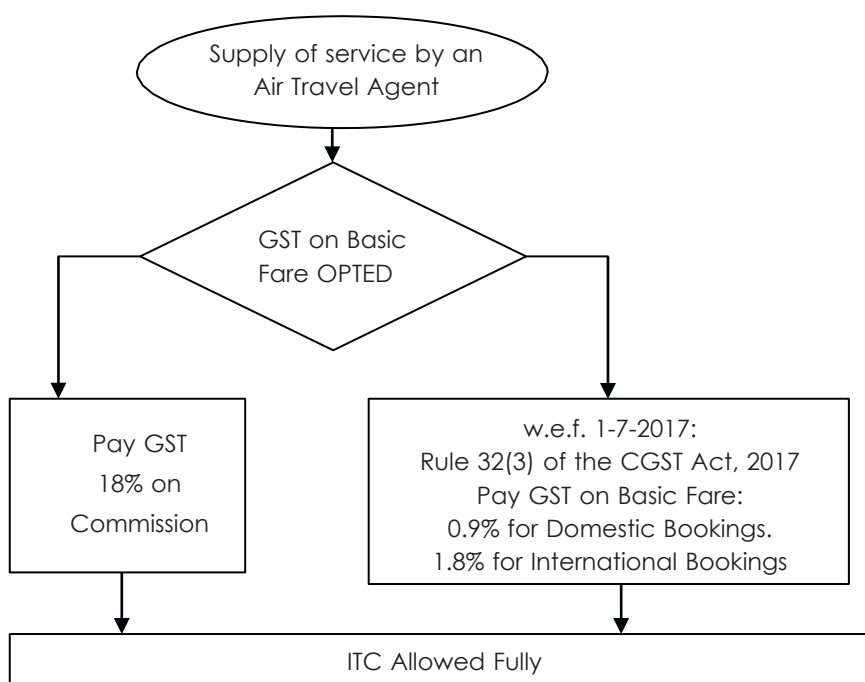
Air travel agent	Domestic booking	International booking
Value of taxable supplies	5% on Basic Fare	10% on Basic Fare

Air Travel Agent has to pay GST 18% on the above value of taxable supplies.

An air travel agent can pay tax under any of the 2 options on transaction to transaction basis. The rules do not bind the travel agent to opt for any of the options uniformly throughout the given financial year.

**Input Tax Credit :** Full ITC is available to the air travel agents.

**Summary :**



### Example : 141

Compute the GST liability of Mr. Zed, an air travel agent, for the quarter ended March 2020 using the following details:

Particulars	Amount (₹)
Basic air fare collected for domestic booking of tickets	50,00,000
Basic air fare collected for international booking of tickets	80,00,000
Commission received from the airlines on the sale of domestic and international tickets	4,50,000
Year ending bonus received from airlines	50,000

In the above case, would the GST liability of Mr. Zed be reduced if he opts for the special provision for payment of GST as per Rule 32(3) of the CGST Rules, 2017. The applicable rate of GST 18%.





<b>Answer:</b>	
<b>Statement Showing GST liability of Mr. Zed for the quarter ending March 2020:</b>	
	₹
<b>Commission received from the airlines on the sale of domestic and international tickets</b>	<b>4,50,000</b>
<b>Year ending bonus or incentive</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Taxable supply of services</b>	<b>5,00,000</b>
<b>GST @18% on ₹ 5 lakh</b>	<b>90,000</b>
<b>Statement Showing GST liability of Mr. Zed for the quarter ending March 2020</b>	
	₹
<b>Basic air fare (domestic booking) [50,00,000 x 5%]</b>	<b>2,50,000</b>
<b>Basic air fare (international booking) [80,00,000 x 10%]</b>	<b>8,00,000</b>
<b>Total taxable supply of service</b>	<b>10,50,000</b>
<b>GST 18% on ₹ 10,50,000</b>	<b>1,89,000</b>

**Note:** The GST liability of Mr. Zed would not be reduced in the aforesaid option. Therefore, special provision under Rule 32(3) of CGST Rules, 2017 is not economical.

**(b) non airconditioned contract carriage other than radio taxi, for transportation of passengers, excluding tourism, conducted tour, charter or hire; or**

A contract carriage (other than radio taxi) for the transportation of passengers (non-AC) (excluding tourism) are exempted from GST.

“contract carriage” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (7) of section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988);

**Tour and Travel services:**

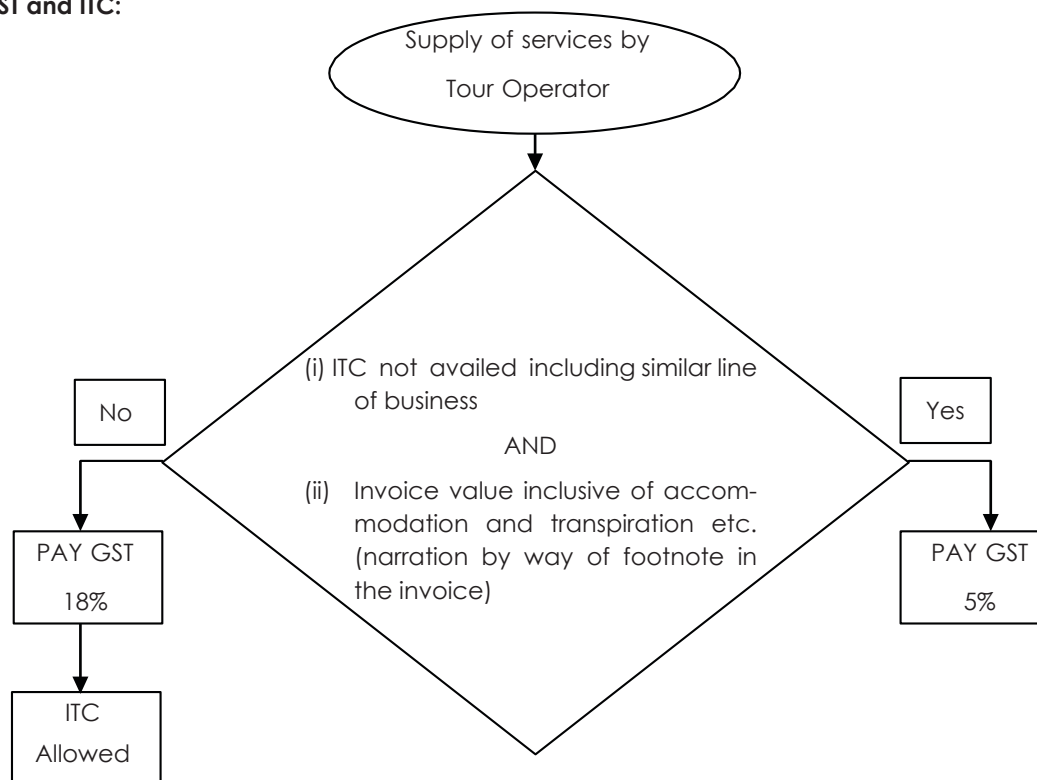
“Tour operator” means any person engaged in the business of planning, scheduling, organizing, arranging tours (which may include arrangements for accommodation, sight-seeing or other similar services) by any mode of transport and includes any person engaged in the business of operating tours”.

GST @ 5% has been applied on services of tour operator without benefit of Input Tax Credit (ITC) on goods and services. 5% GST will be payable on the gross amount charged by the tour operator from the customer. This GST is uniform for all services – package tours, hotel accommodation only etc.

The concessional GST rate of 5% is subject to meeting the following conditions:-

- (i) Input Tax Credit on goods and services used in supplying output services of tour operator has not been taken.
- (ii) The invoice / bill issued for supply of output service indicates that it is inclusive of charges of accommodation and transportation required for such a tour. This narration can be given by way of footnote in the invoice.

In case any of the above conditions are not met, the benefit of concessional rate of 5% would not apply and in that event the Department may demand full 18% GST from the tour operator.

**Rate of GST and ITC:**

**Important Note:**

- (1) House Boats (moving): Services provided by house boats (moving) in Kerala and cruise ships are also covered as Tour Operators Services. In both these cases, accommodation, food, transportation, sightseeing and other value added services are provided as combo package.
- (2) Tours conducted through luxury trains like Maharaja Express, Deccan Odyssey, Heritage of India etc. are also covered as Tour Operators Services.
- (3) The services provided by static house boats (in Kashmir) by way of providing accommodation and food to the tourists are not covered within the ambit of tour operators as such. These services are akin to services of hotels, inns, guest houses, campsites and other commercial places for residential or lodging purposes. The rate of GST in these cases will be linked with the declared tariff per day.

**Example : 142**

**Riya Tours Co. has arranged four package tours during January 2020. The particulars of the services and charges are as under:**

- (1) **Tour 1: Charges received ₹ 35 lakhs. The package includes transportation, accommodation, food, and tourist guide, entry fees for monuments.**
- (2) **Tour 2: Charges received ₹ 65 lakhs. The package includes transportation and accommodation for stay.**
- (3) **Tour 3: Charges received ₹ 40 lakhs. The charges are solely for arranging accommodation for stay. However, the bills issued to the clients do not mention it clearly that the charges are solely for arranging the accommodation for stay.**
- (4) **Tour 4: Charges received ₹ 50 lakhs (inclusive of charges of stay). The bill issued to the client's mentions it clearly that the charges are solely for arranging the accommodation for stay.**

**Compute the value of taxable supply of services and GST.**

**Note: Applicable rates of GST 5% and 18%. All transactions taken place at inter state level.**



Statement Showing GST of Riya Tours Co. for January 2020		
Particulars	Value ₹ in lakhs	Value ₹ in lakhs
Tour 1: Packaged Tour	35	
Tour 2: Transportation and Accommodation	65	
Tour 3: Accommodation for stay		40
Tour 4: Accommodation for stay	50	
Taxable supply of services	150	40
GSR Rate	5%	18%
IGST	7.50	7.20
Less: ITC	Not allowed	Allowed
Net GST liability	7.50	7.20

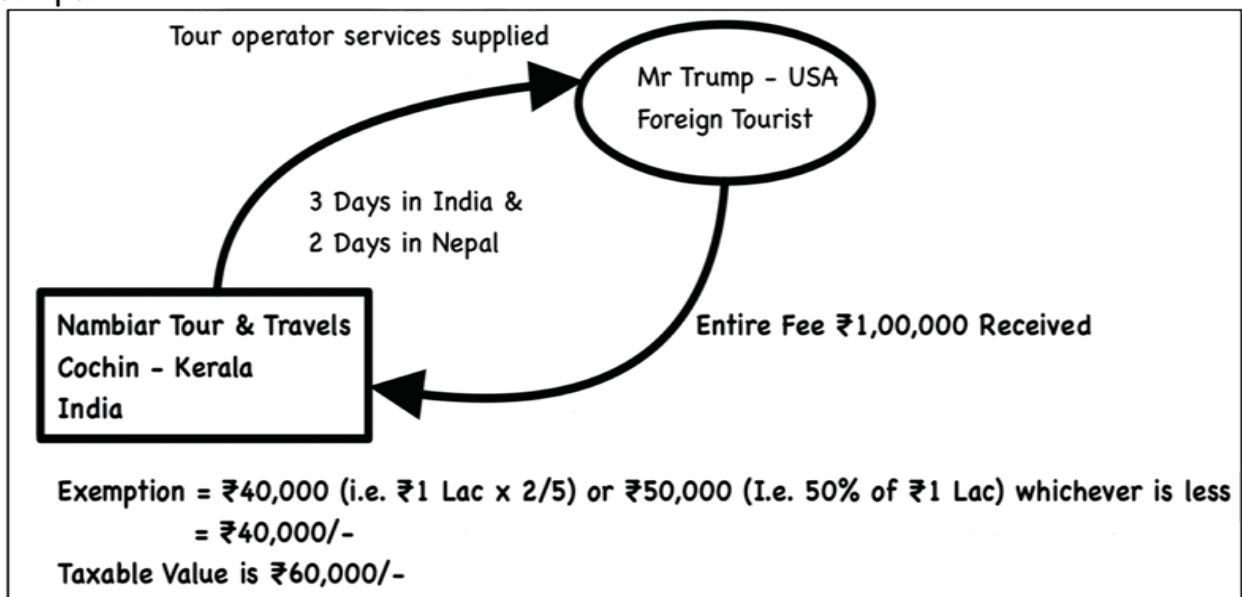
**Entry 52A:** w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Tour operator service, which is performed partly in India and partly outside India, supplied by a tour operator to a foreign tourist, to the extent of the value of the tour operator service which is performed outside India is exempted from GST:

Provided that value of the tour operator service performed outside India shall be such proportion of the total consideration charged for the entire tour which is equal to the proportion which the number of days for which the tour is performed outside India has to the total number of days comprising the tour, or 50% of the total consideration charged for the entire tour, whichever is less:

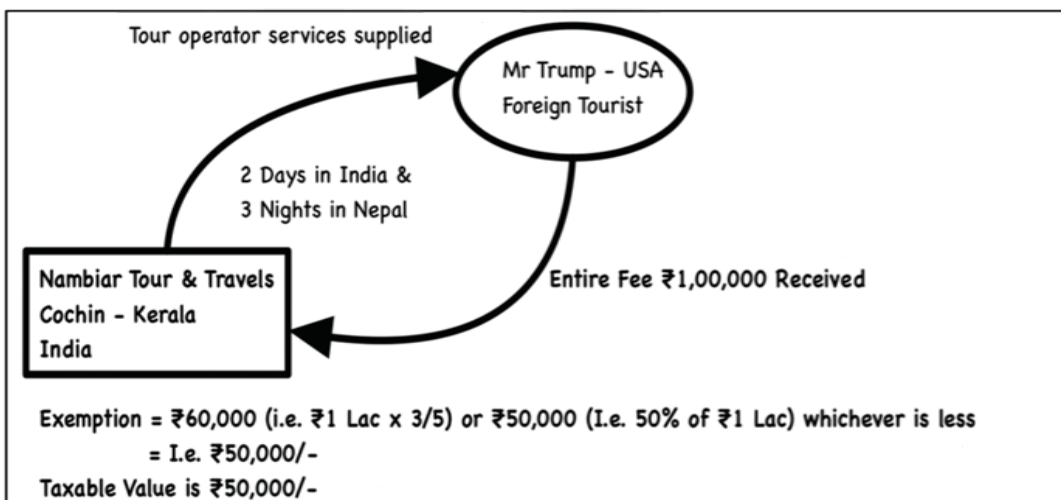
Provided further that in making the above calculations, any duration of time equal to or exceeding 12 hours shall be considered as one full day and any duration of time less than 12 hours shall be taken as half a day.

Explanation. - "foreign tourist" means a person not normally resident in India, who enters India for a stay of not more than six months for legitimate non-immigrant purposes.

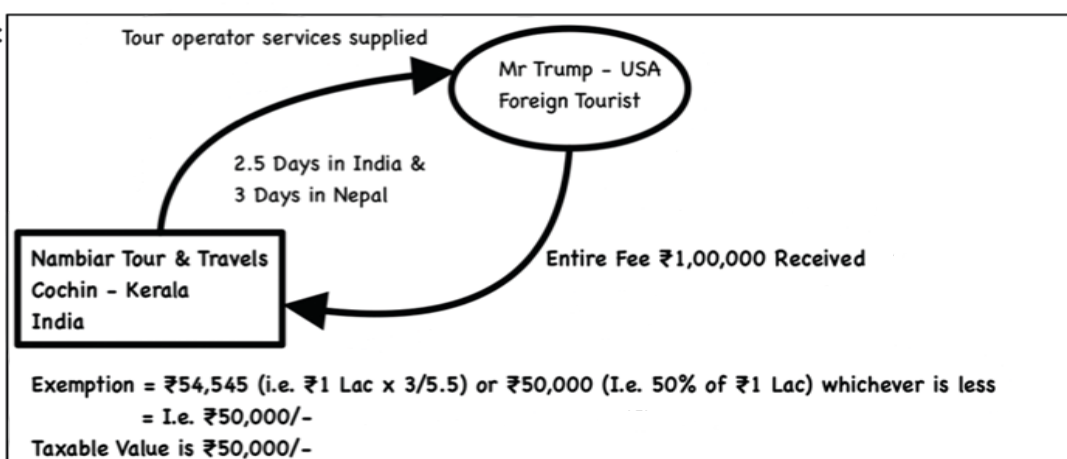
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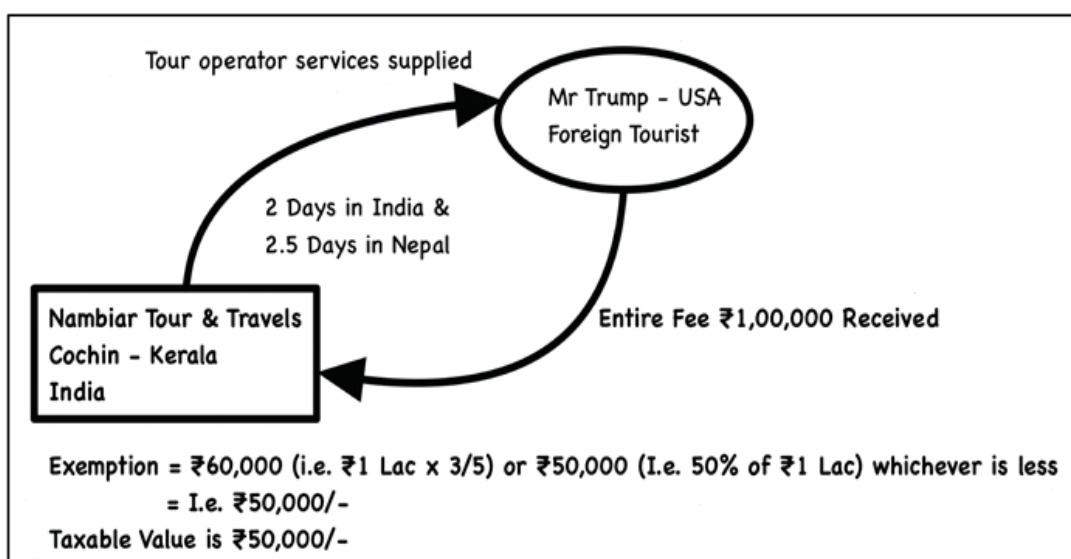
**Example 2:**



**Example 3:**



**Sample 4:**





**Note:**

1. The days of 2.5 had been rounded off to 3 since any duration of time equal to or exceeding 12 hours shall be considered as one full day.
2. The above amendment in exemption is a encouraging move from the Government to reduce the undue burden of tax on the industry.

**(c) Stage carriage other than airconditioned stage carriage.**

“Stage carriage” means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than six passengers excluding the driver for hire or reward at separate fares paid by or for individual passengers, either for the whole journey or for stages of the journey;

**Example : 143**

M/s. R Ltd. is engaged is providing service of transportation of passengers, he furnished the following information in the month of February 2020. Find the GST liability.

- (1) Service of transportation of passengers by National Waterways: ₹ 50 lakhs;
- (2) Service of transportation of passengers by Stage carriage (non-A/c): ₹ 5 lakhs;
- (3) Service of transportation of passengers by contract carriage for tourism: ₹ 120 lakhs (bills inclusive of accommodation and transportation etc. indicated as narration at the bottom of invoice);
- (4) Transportation of passenger from Mumbai to Chennai port in a vessel and such service in not for tourism purpose: ₹ 12 lakhs;

**Note:**

R Ltd. is willing to avail exemption benefits if any. Taxable supplies of Mr. R in the previous year were ₹ 22 lakh.

**Answer:**

Statement showing GST liability M/s. R. Ltd.

Nature of service (Transport of passengers)	₹ in Lakhs
By National Waterways	Exempted supply
By Stage carriage [non-A/c]	Exempted supply
By Contract carriage for tourism (Bill inclusive of accommodation and transportation etc. indicated as narration at the bottom of invoice)	120
In a vessel from Mumbai in Chennai and such service in not for tourism	Exempted supply
Taxable supply of services	120
GST liability @ 5% on 120 lakhs (Note: Input tax credit not allowed)	6

**Entry No. 17 Service of transportation of passengers with or without accompanied belongings by —**

- (a) railways in a class other than —
  - (i) first class; or
  - (ii) an air-conditioned coach;
- (b) metro, monorail or tramway;
- (c) inland waterways;
- (d) public transport, other than predominantly for tourism purpose, in a vessel between places located in India; and
- (e) metered cabs or auto rickshaws (including e-rickshaws).

### Note:

- (1) The rate of GST on Transport of passengers by rail (other than sleeper class) fixed by GST council at the introduction of GST in July, 2017 is 5% with ITC of input services.
- (2) E-rickshaws exempt from GST.

w.e.f 1-1-2022, The exemption on service of transportation of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by metered cabs or auto-rickshaws (including e-rickshaws) shall not be available if such services are supplied through an electronic commerce operator, and are notified under sub-section (5) of section 9 of the CGST Act, 2017.

### GST on tickets of private ferry used for passenger transportation:

It has been clarified that this exemption would apply to tickets purchased for transportation from one point to another irrespective of whether the ferry is owned or operated by a private sector enterprise or by a PSU/government. It has been further clarified that the expression 'public transport' used in the exemption notification only means that the transport should be open to public; it can be privately or publicly owned. Only exclusion is on transportation which is predominantly for tourism, such as services which may combine with transportation, sightseeing, food and beverages, music, accommodation such as in shikara, cruise etc. (vide Circular No. 177/09/2022 TRU Dt 03.08.2022).



### Services Relating to Transportation of Passengers covered under NIL Rate of GST

- (1) Ordinary Coach
- (2) Metro
- (3) Monorail
- (4) Tramway
- (5) Metered Cabs
- (6) E-rickshaws

#### Example : 144

Indian railways has provided following services –

- (1) Transport of passengers by general class : ₹ 15,00,000;
- (2) Transport of passengers by sleeper class : ₹ 10,00,000;
- (3) Transport of passengers by 1st Class air conditioned coach: ₹ 5,00,00,000;
- (4) Transport of passengers by 2 tier air conditioned coach: ₹ 20,00,00,000;
- (5) Transport of passengers by 3-tier air conditioned coach: ₹ 30,00,00,000; Compute value of taxable supplies and GST liability. Applicable GST rate is 5%.

**Answer:**  
**Statement showing GST liability**

Nature of service (Transport of passengers)	Value in ₹
General class	Exempted supply
Sleeper class	Exempted supply
1st Class air conditioned coach	5,00,00,000
2 tier air conditioned coach	20,00,00,000
3-tier air conditioned coach	30,00,00,000
<b>Taxable supply of service</b>	<b>55,00,00,000</b>
<b>GST @5% on ₹ 55 crore</b>	<b>2,75,00,000</b>

**Entry No. 18 Services by way of transportation of goods**

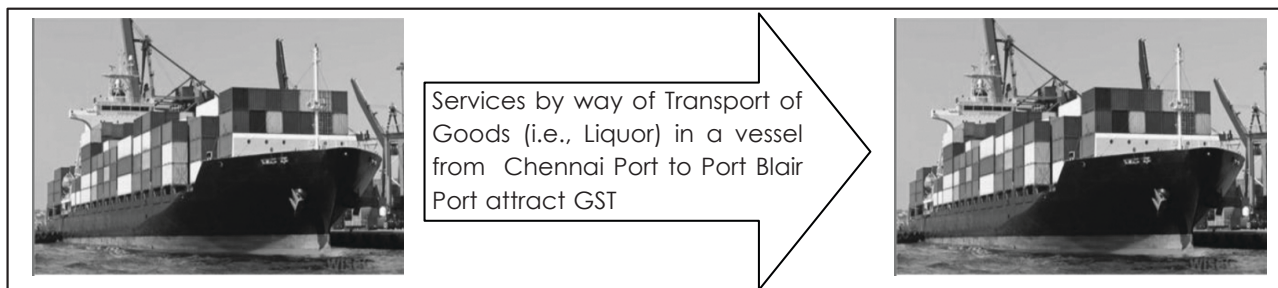
- (a) by road except the services of—
    - (i) a goods transportation agency;
    - (ii) a courier agency;
  - (b) by inland waterways.
- are exempted from GST.

**Goods transported by Road not covered under GST.**



GOODS TRANSPORTED FROM WEST COAST CANAL FROM KOTTAURAM TO KOLLAM IS CALLED AS INLAND WATERWAYS are not taxable supply. NO GST (Liquor)

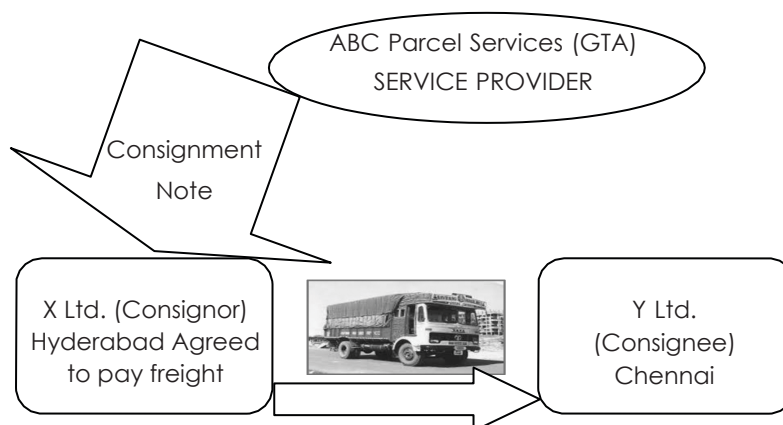




**Goods Transport Agency – GST will be levied:**

Under GST laws, the definition of Goods Transport Agency is provided in clause (ze) of notification no.12/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017. (ze) "goods transport agency" means any person who provides service in relation to transport of goods by road and issues consignment note, by whatever name called;

**Example : 145**  
**ABC Parcel Services is a goods transport agency issued consignment note to X Ltd. for transporting of goods from Hyderabad to Y Ltd of Chennai. Hence, ABC Parcel Services is a provider of GTA service.**



**Individual truck/tempo operators who do not issue any consignment note are not covered within the meaning of the term GTA. As a result, the services provided by such individual transporters who do not issue a consignment note will be covered by the entry at Sl. No. 18 of notification no. 12/2017 - Central Tax (Rate), which is exempt from GST.**

Thus, it is to be seen that mere transportation of goods by road, unless it is a service rendered by a goods transportation agency, is exempt from GST.

**GTA - Reverse charge:**

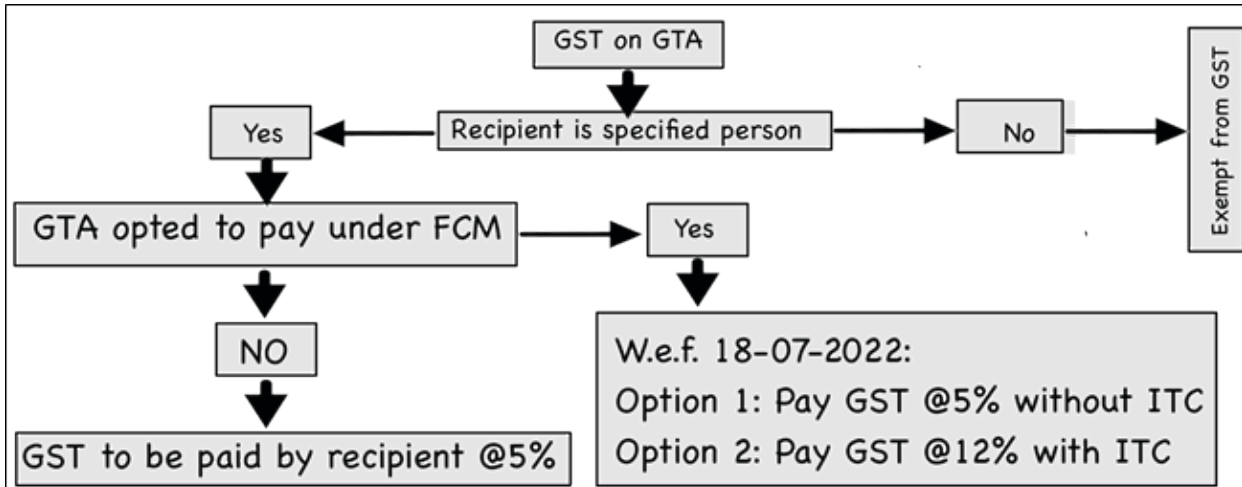
S.No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
1	GTA Services	Goods Transport Agency (GTA)	Any factory, society, co-operative society, registered person, body corporate, partnership firm, casual taxable person; located in the taxable territory.	Recipient

Thus, it is to be seen that mere transportation of goods by road, unless it is a service rendered by a goods transportation agency, is exempt from GST.





**Person liable to pay GST:**



The option by GTA to pay GST under Forward Charge Mechanism (FCM) on the services supplied by it during a Financial Year shall be exercised by making a declaration in Annexure V on or before the 15th March of the preceding Financial Year. However, for the Financial Year 2022-2023 option shall be exercised on or before the 16th August 2022.

The option once chosen would be valid for a financial year and a GTA cannot shift to a different option in a same financial year.

**Entry No. 21 GTA services specifically exempt:**

In terms of notification no.12/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 (Sr. No. 21), the following services provided by a GTA (Heading 9965 or 9967) is exempt from payment of tax:

Services provided by a goods transport agency, by way of transport in a goods carriage of:

- agricultural produce;
- goods, where consideration charged for the transportation of goods on a consignment transported in a single carriage does not exceed ₹ 1,500 (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022);
- goods, where consideration charged for transportation of all such goods for a single consignee does not exceed ₹ 750 (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022);
- milk, salt and food grain including flour, pulses and rice;
- organic manure;
- newspaper or magazines registered with the Registrar of Newspapers;
- relief materials meant for victims of natural or man-made disasters, calamities, accidents or mishap; or
- defence or military equipments.

Similarly, the following services received by the GTA (Heading 9966 or 9973) is also exempt in terms of notification no.12/2017- Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 (sr.no.22)

**Entry No. 21A:** "Services provided by a goods transport agency to an unregistered person, including an unregistered casual taxable person, other than the specified recipients" also exempt from GST [vide Notification No. 33/2017 Central Tax (Rate) Dt 13.10.2017].

**Entry No. 21B: Notification No. 28/2018- CT (R), dated 31st Dec, 2018:**

**Services provided by a goods transport agency, by way of transport of goods in a goods carriage, to, -**

- (a) a Department or Establishment of the Central Government or State Government or Union territory; or
- (b) local authority; or
- (c) Governmental agencies,

which has taken registration under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) only for the purpose of deducting tax under Section 51 and not for making a taxable supply of goods or services is exempted from GST.

**Entry No. 22: Services by way of giving on hire:**

to a goods transport agency, a means of transportation of goods.

Thus, if the GTA hires a means of transportation of goods, no GST is payable on such transactions.

**In case of GTA provided services to SPECIFIED PERSONS:**

The following businesses (recipient of services) is required to pay GST under reverse charge:-

1. Factory registered under the Factories Act, 1948;
2. A society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or under any other law
3. A co-operative society established under any law;
4. A GST registered person
5. A body corporate established by or under any law; or
6. A partnership firm whether registered or not (including AOP)
7. Casual taxable person

The liability to pay GST devolves on the recipients for supply of services by a goods transport agency (GTA) who has not paid central tax at the rate of 6%. Thus in cases where services of GTA are availed by the above categories of persons in the taxable territory the GTA supplier has the option to pay tax (and avail ITC) @12% (6% CGST + 6% SGST); and if the GTA does not avail this option, the liability to pay GST will fall on the recipients.

In all other cases where the recipients do not fall in the categories mentioned above, the liability will be on the supplier of GTA services.

**Important note;**

- (1) It has been clarified that ancillary services such as loading/ unloading, packing/unpacking, transshipment, temporary storage etc., would form part of the goods transport agency's (GTA) service if such services are provided by a GTA in the course of transportation of goods and the charges for such services are included in the invoice issued by the GTA, and not by any other person.

**Place of supply of services in case of transportation of goods:**

Place of supply of services by way of transportation of goods including by mail or courier [Sec. 12(8) of IGST Act, 2017]:

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Services by way of Transportation of goods including by mail or courier	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service.</li> </ul> Provided to a un-registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location at which such goods are handed over for their transportation.</li> </ul>

Place of provision of a service of transportation of goods, other than by way of mail or courier [Sec. 13(9) of IGST]



Place of supply of Service = Destination of such Goods

**Example : 146**

Discuss whether GST is leviable in respect of transportation services provided by Jayawati Goods Transport Agency in each of the following independent cases:

Customer	Nature of service provided	Amount charged (₹)
A	Transportation of milk	22,00,000
B	Transportation of books on a consignment transported in a single goods carriage	1,30,000
C	Transportation of chairs for a single consignee in the goods carriage	600

Note: Jayawati Goods Transport Agency registered person under GST Law. Opted to pay CGST 6% and SGST @ 6%.

**Answer:**

Statement showing GST liability of Jayawati Goods Transport Agency:

Customer	Nature of Service	Taxable supply (₹)	Remarks
A	Transportation of milk	Nil	Exempted supply.
B	Transportation of books on a consignment transported in a single goods carriage.	1,30,000	Taxable supply
C	Transportation of chairs for a single consignee in the goods carriage.	600	exemption, withdrawn w.e.f. 18-07-2022.
	Total taxable supply	1,30,600	
	CGST 6% on ₹ 1,30,600	7,836	
	SGST 6% on ₹ 1,30,600	7,836	

**Example : 147**

ABC & Co., a goods transportation agency located in Delhi, transports a consignment of new colour TVs from the factory of XYZ Ltd. in Cochin, to the premises of a dealer in Jammu (taxable territory). As per mutually agreed terms between ABC & Co., and XYZ Ltd., the dealer in Jammu is the person liable to pay freight. The amount of freight exclusive of taxes is ₹ 4,50,000. State the person liable to pay GST and amount of tax payable. ABC & Co. not availing input tax credit. Applicable tax rates for GTA is 5% and 12%.

**Note:**

Consignment note issued by ABC & Co. for transporting goods.

**Answer:**

Person liable to pay GST is dealer in Jammu (i.e. taxable territory).

GST liability is as follows:

Total freight = ₹ 4,50,000  
IGST 5% on ₹ 4,50,000 = ₹ 22,500

**Example : 148**

M/s Navatha a transporter registered under GST, located in Vijayawada. M/s C Ltd. of Chennai registered under GST, received services from M/s Navatha for transport of goods from its warehouse in Vijayawada to Guntur. M/s Navatha delivered goods at Guntur. (Both Vijayawada and Guntur are in Andhra Pradesh)

Find the place of supply of service and GST?

Whether your answer is different, if M/s C Ltd. of Chennai is not a registered person under GST?

Answer:

If the recipient is registered person:

POS = Chennai (i.e. location of recipient). M/s C Ltd., is liable to pay IGST.

If the recipient is not a registered person:

POS = Vijayawada (i.e. Location at which such goods are handed over for their transportation). M/s C Ltd., of Vijayawada is liable to pay CGST & SGST.

**Example : 149**

A & Co., a goods transportation agency located in Chennai, transports a consignment of new Laptops from the factory of X Ltd. in Cochin, to the premises of X Ltd. Branch office located in Bengaluru. As per mutually agreed terms between A & Co., and X Ltd., the Branch office in Bengaluru is the person liable to pay freight. The amount of freight exclusive of taxes is ₹ 5,40,000. State the person liable to pay GST and amount of tax payable.

A & Co. availing input tax credit. Applicable tax rates for GTA is 5% and 12%. Note:

Consignment note issued by A & Co. for transporting goods.

Answer:

Person liable to pay GST is A & Co., (namely GTA).

IGST liability 12% on ₹ 5,40,000 = ₹ 64,800

**Entry No. 19: Services by way of transportation of goods by an aircraft from a place outside India upto the customs station of clearance in India**

S.No.	Transportation of goods by Air	Taxable supply	GST Rate	Remarks
1	Within India	Yes	18%	Exemption not granted
2	From India to outside India	No	Nil	Destination of goods outside India
3	From outside India into India	No	Nil	Covered under Entry no. 19 of exemption list

**19A. Transportation of goods by an aircraft from customs station of clearance in India to a place outside India:**

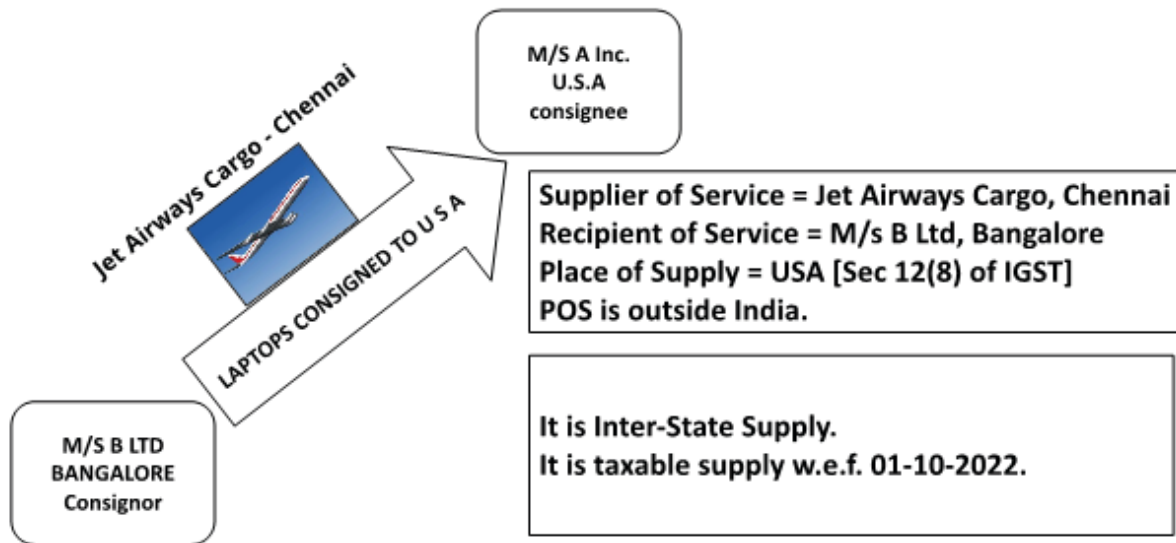
w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Services by way of transportation of goods by an aircraft from customs station of clearance in India to a place outside India.

This exemption further extended upto September 2020.

w.e.f. 1-10-2020 this exemption further extended upto September 2021.

w.e.f. 1-10-2021 this exemption further extended upto September 2022.

w.e.f. 01-10-2022 taxable supply.



**19B. Transportation of goods by a vessel from customs station of clearance in India to a place outside India:**

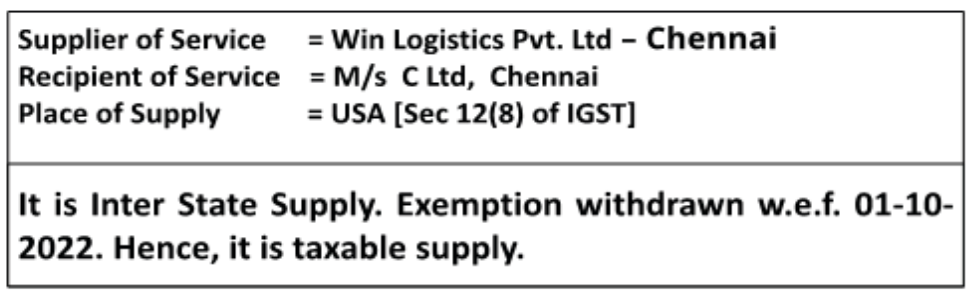
w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Services by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from customs station of clearance in India to a place outside India.

This exemption further extended upto September 2020.

w.e.f. 1-10-2020 this exemption further extended upto September 2021.

w.e.f. 1-10-2021 this exemption further extended upto September 2022.

w.e.f. 01-10-2022 taxable supply.



**Entry No. 19C:** Satellite services supplied by Indian Space Research Organisation, Antrix Corporation Limited or New Space India Limited is exempted from GST (vide Notification No. 5/2020CT (Rate), dated 16-10-2020):



**Entry No. 20: Transport of goods by rail and vessel**

**Entry No. 20: Transport of goods by rail and vessel**

Services by way of transportation by rail or a vessel from one place in India to another of the following goods –

- (a) relief materials meant for victims of natural or man-made disasters, calamities, accidents or mishap;
- (b) defence or military equipments;
- (c) newspaper or magazines registered with the Registrar of Newspapers;
- (d) railway equipments or materials (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022);
- (e) agricultural produce;
- (f) milk, salt and food grain including flours, pulses and rice; and
- (g) organic manure.

are exempted from GST

GST Rate and ITC for transportation of Goods by Rail or Vessel:

- The rate is 5% (CGST 2.5% + SGST 2.5%) or IGST @ 5%.
- ITC of Input services available, but not for input Goods.

**Example : 150**

**Compute taxable value for transport of goods by rail within India (all sums exclusive of all taxes) –**

- (1) Transport of postal mails and postal bags : ₹ 55 lakhs;
- (2) Transportation of household effects: ₹ 50 lakhs
- (3) Transport of petroleum products: ₹ 25 lakhs;
- (4) Transport of relief materials to flood affected areas: ₹ 25 lakhs;



- (5) Transport of newspapers and magazines registered with registrar of newspapers: ₹ 15 lakhs
- (6) Transport of milk: ₹ 15 lakhs;
- (7) Transport of alcoholic beverages: ₹ 7 lakhs;
- (8) Transport of defence and military equipments: ₹ 40 lakhs;
- (9) Transport of chemical fertilizers: ₹ 90 lakhs;
- (10) Transport of other taxable goods: ₹ 200 lakh (including ₹ 20 lakhs demurrages).

**Answer:**  
**Statement showing GST liability:**

Nature of service	₹ in lakhs
Transport of postal mails and postal bags	55
Transportation of household effects	50
Transport of petroleum products	25
Transport of relief materials to flood affected areas	Exempted supply
Transport of newspapers and magazines registered with registrar of newspapers	Exempted supply
Transport of milk	Exempted supply
Transport of alcoholic beverages	7
Transport of defence and military equipments	Exempted supply
Transport of chemical fertilizers:	90
Transport of other taxable goods (including demurrages of ₹ 20 lakhs)	200
<b>Taxable value of supply</b>	<b>427</b>

**Example : 151**

Validate the following:

Air Speed Airlines transported Fruits (i.e. agricultural produce) from Chennai airport to Meghalaya. Is it exempted supply of service under GST?

**Answer:**

The given statement is invalid.

Transportation of goods within India by Air, exemption not granted. Hence, GST will be levied.

**Entry no. 22: Services by way of giving on hire:**

- (a) to a state transport undertaking, a motor vehicle meant to carry more than twelve passengers; or
- (b) to a goods transport agency, a means of transportation of goods.

w.e.f. 25.1.2018,

- (c) motor vehicle for transport of students, faculty and staff, to a person providing services of transportation of students, faculty and staff to an educational institution providing services by way of pre-school education and education upto higher secondary school or equivalent.

**Entry No. 54: Agriculture**

(d) renting or leasing of agro machinery or vacant land with or without a structure incidental to its use; specially exempted.

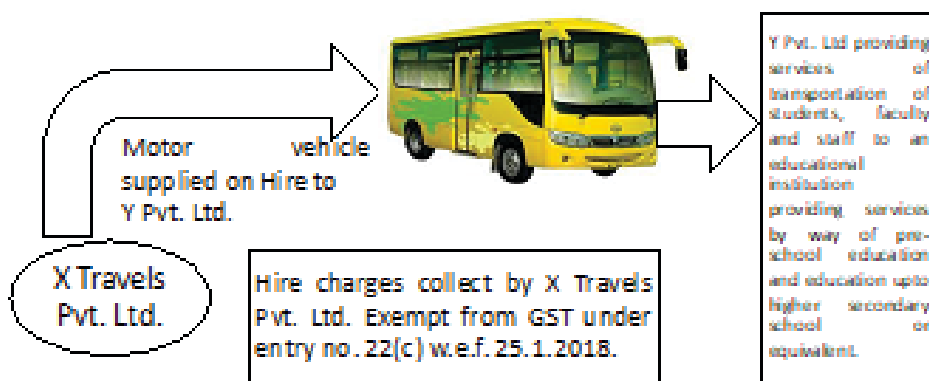
Example 1:

(a) to a state transport undertaking, a motor vehicle meant to carry more than twelve passengers;

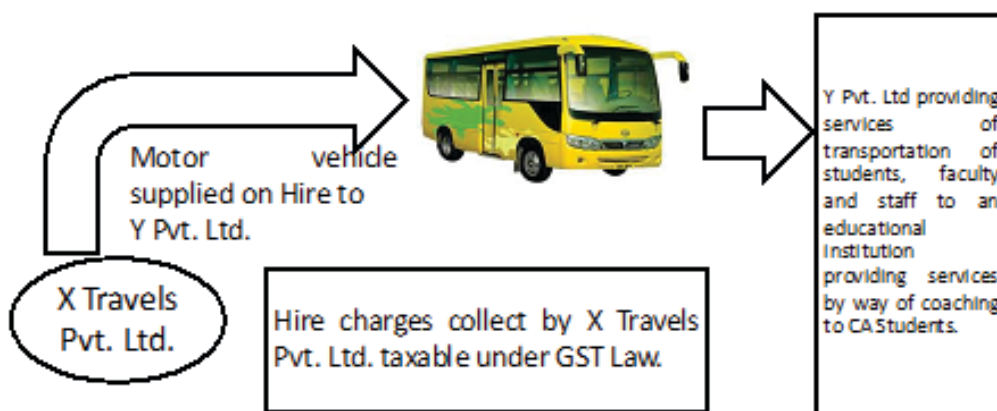


(b) to a goods transport agency, a means of transportation of goods.

Example 2:



Example 3:







**Entry 22(aa): w.e.f 1-10-2019:**

Services by way of giving on hire to a local authority, an Electrically operated vehicle (EOV) meant to carry more than 12 passengers exempted supply of service;

**Note:** EOV means vehicle falling under Chapter 87 in the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 which is run solely on electrical energy derived from an external source or from one/more electrical batteries fitted to such road vehicle.

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**Entry no. 23: Service by way of access to a road or a bridge on payment of toll charges exempted from GST:**

The activity of toll collection outsourced to any third party agency who undertakes the work for consideration, is not exempted from payment of GST.

**Entry 23A: Service by way of access to a road or a bridge on payment of annuity is also exempt from GST (Notification No. 32/2017- Central Tax (Rate) Dt 13.10.2107)**

As per CBIC Circular No. 177/09/2022 TRU dt. 03.08.2022: additional toll fees collected in the form of higher toll charges from vehicles not having fastag is exempt from GST. Overloading charges collected at toll plazas in the form of higher toll also exempt from GST.

**Example: 152**

Intertoll India Consultants was undertaken a contract to collect toll on commission basis from Noida Toll Bridge Company (i.e. agency authorised to levy toll). Noida Toll Bridge Company's collection in the month of March 2020 is ₹ 2 crore. Commission paid to Intertoll India Consultants @ 5% on the gross receipts.

Find the exempted value of supply and taxable supply.

Exempted value of supply = ₹ 2 crore

Taxable value of supply = ₹ 10 lakh

(₹ 2 crore x 5%)

**Note:**

The activity of toll collection outsourced to any third party agency who undertakes the work for consideration is a taxable supply and GST will be levied.

**Entry no. 24: Service by way of loading, unloading, packing, storage or warehousing of rice exempted from GST:**

**Example : 153**

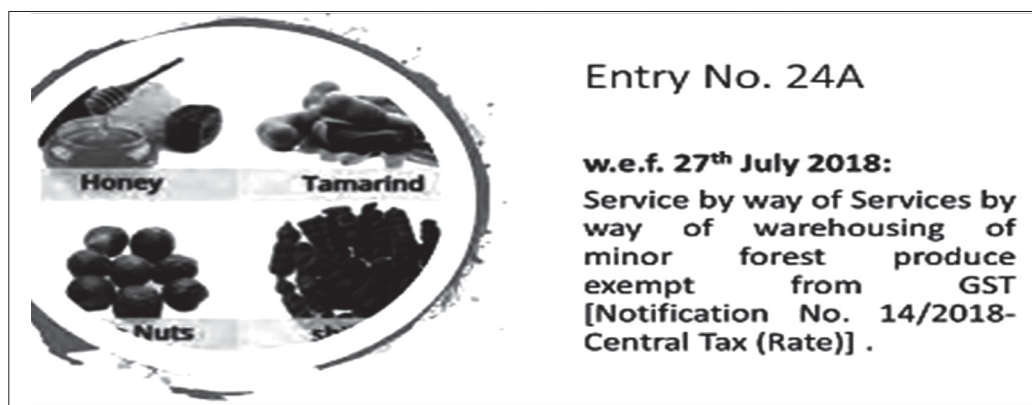
Find the taxability for the following independent cases:

- (a) Packing of pulses in retail packs for ₹ 42,000.
- (b) Packing of tomato ketchup for ₹ 54,000
- (c) Commission on sale of rice for ₹ 10,125.
- (d) Storage of rice flour in the warehouse for ₹12,000.

**Answer :**

- (a) taxable supply of services
- (b) taxable supply of services
- (c) taxable supply of services
- (d) taxable supply of services

**Entry No. 24A: Warehousing of minor forest produce:**



**Entry 24B: Exempted Services: services provided by way of storage or warehousing of**

**w.e.f. 1-10-2019:**

services provided by way of storage or warehousing of cereals, pulses, fruits, nuts and vegetables, (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 spices, copra, sugarcane, jaggery, raw vegetable fibers, jute etc. indigo, unmanufactured tobacco, betel leaves, tendu leaves, coffee and tea) exempted from GST.

W.e.f. 18-7-2022, storage or warehousing of cotton in ginned and or baled form exemption withdrawn.

**Entry 24C: w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Services by the Department of Posts by way of post card, inland letter, book post and ordinary post (envelopes weighing less than 10 grams) exempted from GST.**

**Entry No. 25: Transmission or distribution of electricity by an electricity transmission or distribution utility exempt from GST:**

Services provided by

- The Central Electricity Authority
- A State Electricity Board
- A State Transmission Utility
- A Transmission licensee or distribution licensee under the Electricity Act,

are exempted from GST.

**Note:**

Charges collected by a developer or a housing society for distribution of electricity within a residential complex Installation of gensets attract the GST.

**Example : 154**

**The Resident Welfare Association (RWA) of Star Heaven Building Housing Society in Delhi provides the following information pertaining to amounts received by it in the month of January, 2020.**

Particular	(₹)
Electricity charges levied by State Electricity Board on the members of RWA (The same was collected from members and remitted to the Board on behalf of members).	3,50,000
Electricity charges levied by State Electricity Board on the RWA in respect of electricity consumed for common use of lifts and lights in common area. (Bill was raised in the name of RWA. RWA collected the said charges by apportioning them equally among 100 families and then, remitted the same to the Board.)	4,00,000
Find the GST liability if any. The applicable rate of GST 18%. Note: The Gross receipts of RWA was ₹ 24,50,000. Answer: Statement showing GST liability for the month of January 2020	
Particular	(₹)
Electricity charges levied by State Electricity Board on the members of RWA (i.e. Pure agent reimbursement expenses).	Nil
RWA collected Electricity charges by apportioning them equally among 100 families and then, remitted the same to the Board.	4,00,000
Value of taxable supply of service	4,00,000
CGST 9%	36,000
SGST 9%	36,000

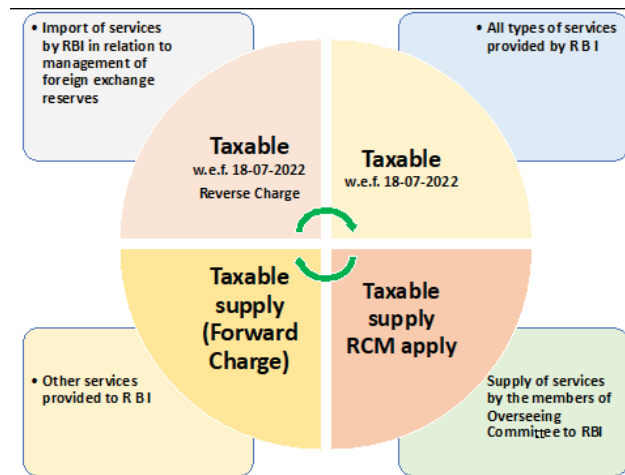
**Note:** it is assumed that electricity charges are not covered under monthly maintenance. However, monthly maintenance exempted from GST provided per month not exceeds ₹ 7,500 under entry no. 77.

**Entry no. 26: Services by the Reserve Bank of India exempt from GST:**

As per IGST Act, 2017: Services received by the Reserve Bank of India from outside India in relation to management of foreign exchange reserves are taxable w.e.f. 18-07-2022 under GST:

Examples:

- External asset management,
- custodial services,
- securities lending services etc.

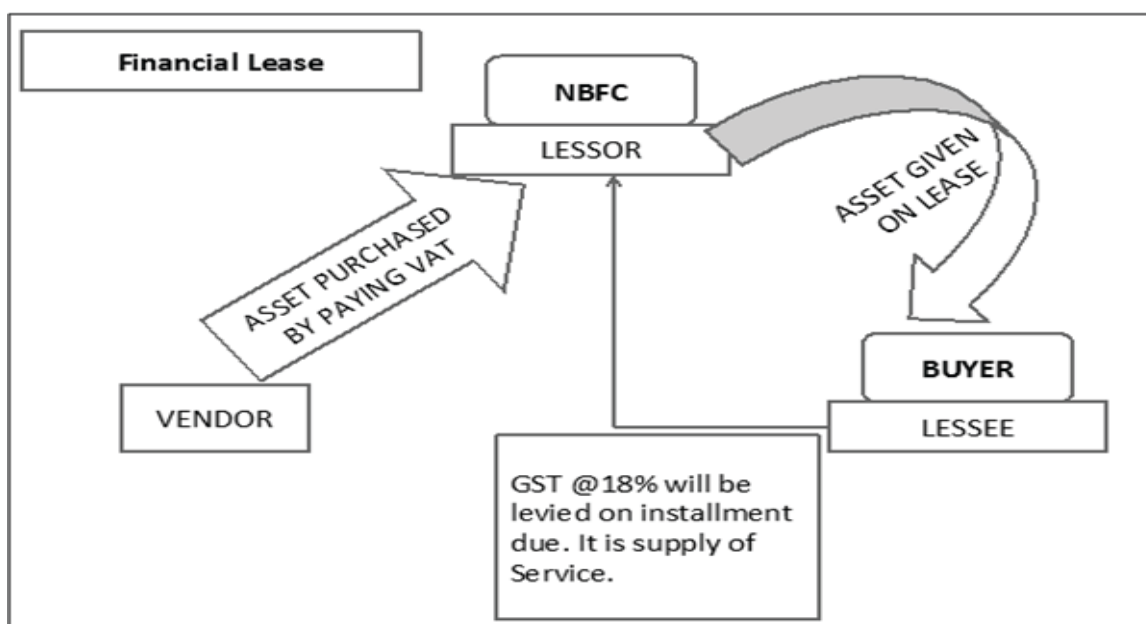


**Entry No. 27 Banking and NBFC's Services are exempted from GST:**

Services by way of—

- (a) extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount (other than interest involved in credit card services);
- (b) sale or purchase of foreign currency amongst banks or authorized dealers of foreign exchange or amongst banks and such dealers.

**Lease — Applicability of GST:**



**CASE LAW:**

**Association of Leasing & Financial Service Companies v Union of India 2010 (20) STR 417 (SC):**

Hon'ble Apex court had held that Lessor collecting principal as well as interest from Lessee and accounting the interest part as income by following Accounting Standard 19 and hence interest part is considered as consideration. Therefore, Lessor is liable to pay service tax on the interest part. Now under GST Law the entire instalments (Principal + Interest) will attract GST.

**Example: 155**

Robinson Bank Ltd furnishes the following information relating to services provided and the gross amount received during the month of December 2017. Compute the value of taxable supply of services and GST payable:

Particulars	₹ in Lakhs
(i) Amount of commission received for debt collection service	10
(ii) Discount earned on bills discounted	4.5
(iii) Dealing in sale and purchase of forward contract	5.7



(iv) Charges received on credit card and debit card facilities extended	3.8
(v) Penal interest recovered from the customers for the delay in repayment of loan	2.6
(vi) Commission received for service rendered to Government for tax collection	6.0
(vii) Interest earned on reverse repo transaction	25.0

(Show the workings with explanation wherever required)

Answer:

Particulars	₹ in Lakhs
(i) Amount of commission received for debt collection service	10
(ii) Discount earned on bills discounted	nil
(iii) Dealing in sale and purchase of forward contract	nil
(iv) Charges received on credit card and debit card facilities extended	3.8
(v) Penal interest recovered from the customers for the delay in repayment of loan	nil
(vi) Commission received for service rendered to Government for tax collection	6.0
(vii) Interest earned on reverse repo transaction	nil
Taxable supply of services	19.80
Total tax GST 18%	3.564

Note: As per CBIC Circular No. 102/21/2019-GST, dated 28-6-2019, Penal interest against loan repayment is also treated as interest and covered under entry no. 27 of the Notification No. 12/2017 C.T. Therefore, exempted from GST.

<b>Example : 156</b>	
X Bank Ltd., furnishes the following information relating to services provided and the gross amount received:	
Particulars	₹ in Lakhs
Merchant Banking Services	8
Asset Management (including portfolio management)	3
Service charges for services to the Government of India	1.5
Interest on overdraft and cash credits	2
Banker to the issue	5
Locker rent	2
Repayment of financial lease made by the customer to the bank ₹80 lakhs which includes a principal amount of ₹50 lakhs.	
Compute the value of taxable supply of services under "Banking and other financial services" as per the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and also find the CGST and SGST where rate of GST is 9% each.	
<b>Note:</b>	
Input Tax Credit availed by the bank on the asset which is given on financial lease.	

<b>Answer:</b>	
<b>Statement showing GST liability of X Bank Ltd.</b>	
Particulars	₹ in Lakhs
Merchant banking	8.00
Asset Management	3.00
Service charges for services to the Government of India	1.50
Interest on overdraft and cash credits	Nil
Banker to the issue	5.00
Locker rent	2.00
Financial lease (supply of service)	80.00
<b>Taxable supply of services</b>	<b>99.50</b>
CGST 9%	8.955
SGST 9%	8.955

**Exit load – GST:**

Exit load in the form of a fee (whether or not as a fixed percentage of the investment) is liable to GST.

<p><b>Example : 157</b>  <b>Whether GST will be levied on the exit-load on mutual funds?</b>  <b>Answer:</b>  <b>Exit load in the form of a fee (whether or not as a fixed percentage of the investment) is liable to GST. Even if the exit load is in the form of units in the fund, it may be concluded that the consideration received in money was later converted to NAV units.</b></p>
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Place of Supply of Banking and NBFC service including Stock broking services [Sec 12(12) of IGST]:

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Banking and NBFC service including Stock broking services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service on the records of the supplier of service.</li> <li>Otherwise:</li> <li>• Location of supplier of service.</li> </ul>

Services provided by a banking company, or financial company, or a NBFC to account holders (specified services) [Sec. 13(8) of the IGST Act, 2017]

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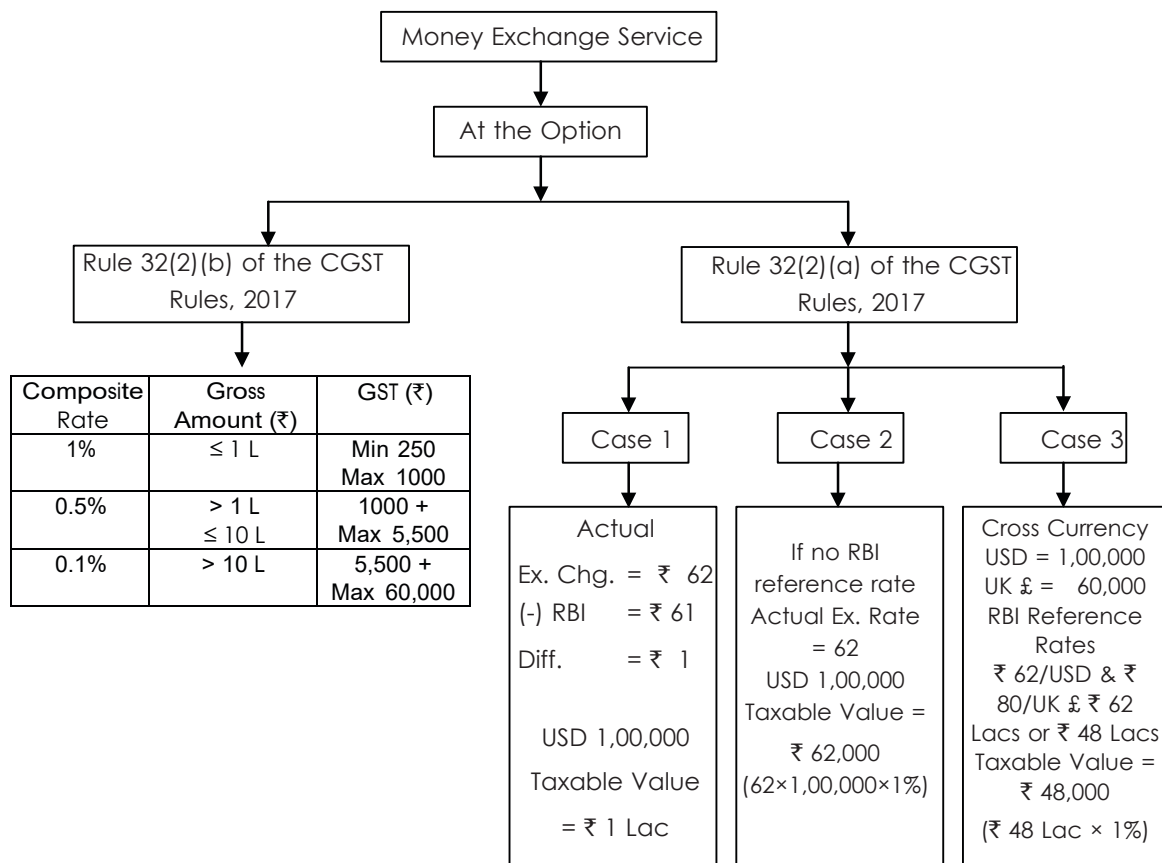
**Interest rate swaps and foreign exchange swaps – GST:**

Transactions in instruments like interest rate swaps, and foreign exchange swaps would be excluded from the definition of 'supply' since such instruments are derivatives, being securities, based on contracts of difference.

**Interest on Gold Loan – GST:**

The Gold (Metal) Loan Scheme is a means of financing. The jewellers can purchase gold (metal) from the Banks on outright basis on payment of the price. The gold (metal) loan only provides an option to the jeweller to avail a loan and pay for gold (metal) at a future date. For this facility, the jeweller pays interest to the Bank. The grant of loan and levy of interest is dependent on the purchase of gold, and therefore, part of the same transaction or facility; therefore, the interest, which is the consideration, will not be exempt as per provisions of section 15(2)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017.

**Money exchange services – GST will be levied in case of supply of services to general public at large.**



**Example : 159**

On 25th July 20XX, Mr. X located in Chennai converted USD 100 into INR, actual exchange rate INR 62 per USD through Akbar Travel a money exchanger. RBI's reference rate for buying and selling was ₹ 61/61.5 respectively on such date. Akbar Travel registered under GST and located at Chennai.

- (a) Find the Value of supply as per Rule 32(2)(a) of the CGST Rules, 2017 and GST where address of the recipient is available with Supplier?
- (b) How much GST is liable to pay, in case where the RBI reference rate for a currency is not available.

**Note:**

Applicable rate of GST 18%.

**Answer:**

(a) The value of supply =  $(62-61)*100 = \text{INR } 100$

Thus the value of taxable supply of Akbar Travel will be INR 100 and GST will be levied on this amount.

GST = ₹ 18/-

9% CGST = ₹ 9

9% SGST = ₹ 9

(b) The value of supply = ₹ 62 (i.e. 1% of INR 6,200)

GST = ₹ 11.16

9% CGST = ₹ 5.58

9% SGST = ₹ 5.58

**Example : 160**

Prince Financial Corporation located in Mumbai being a money exchanger provided the following service in the month of April 20XX to M/s Agarwal Bengaluru.

(a) US\$ 1,000 is changed into UK £ 571.4286 (i.e. 1UK POUND = US\$ 1.75).

(b) RBI reference rate for that currency at that time for 1US\$ is ₹ 61 and for 1UK POUND = ₹ 85

Find the GST liability as per Rule 32(2)(a) of the CGST Rules, 2017.

Applicable rate of GST 18%.

**Answer:**

Taxable supply = ₹ 486/- (₹ 48,571 x 1%)

IGST = ₹ 87.48 (i.e. @18% on ₹ 486)

USD 1000 x ₹ 61 = ₹ 61,000

UKP 571.4286 x ₹ 85 = ₹ 48,571

Whichever is less is ₹ 48,571

**Example : 161**

M/s. M Ltd., Mumbai is an authorised money changer. It has entered the following transactions (intra-state supplies) of money changing in the month of July 20XX:

(i) 450 transactions of conversion of Dollar into Indian Rupees of ₹ 22,000 per transaction;

(ii) 125 transactions of conversion of Euro into Indian rupees of ₹ 500 lakhs per transaction;

Input Tax Credit on input services ₹ 3,00,000 (CGST ₹ 1,50,000 & SGST ₹ 1,50,000) and input goods ₹ 4,00,000 (CGST ₹ 2,00,000 & SGST ₹ 2,00,000) is available. ITC on capital goods is ₹ 2,50,000 (capital goods purchased in the current year as intra-state purchases). Find GST payable as per Rule 32(2)(b) of the CGST Rules, 2017.

**Answer:**

(i) Conversion of Dollar into Indian Rupees (₹ 22,000 x 1% = ₹ 220, whereas minimum is ₹ 250 per transaction).  
450 transactions x ₹ 250 = ₹ 1,12,500.

(ii) Conversion of Euro into Indian rupees

(Upto ₹10 Lakhs = ₹ 5,500) + (₹ 490 lakhs x 0.1%) = ₹ 54,500

(Maximum is ₹ 60,000).

125 transactions x ₹ 54,500 = ₹ 68,12,500





Particulars	CGST	SGST	Total	Remarks
Output Tax	6,23,250	6,23,250	12,46,500	$(1,12,500 + 68,12,500) \times 18\%$
Less: ITC on				
Input service	(1,50,000)	(1,50,000)	(3,00,000)	
Inputs	(2,00,000)	(2,00,000)	(4,00,000)	
Capital Goods	(1,25,000)	(1,25,000)	(2,50,000)	
Net output tax c/f	1,48,250	1,48,250	2,96,500	

**Entry No. 27A**

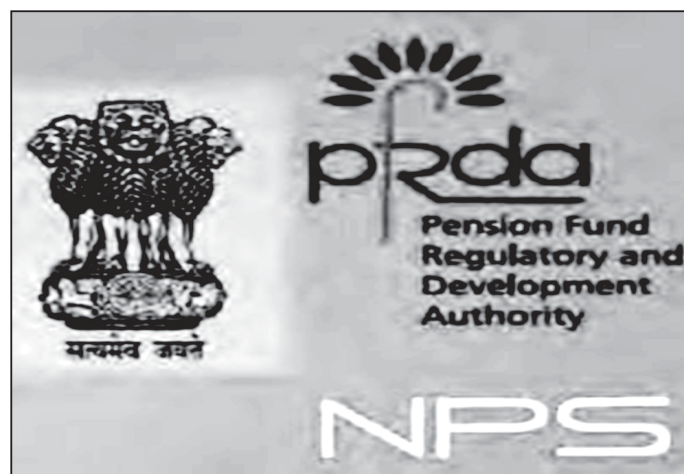
**Notification No. 28/2018-CT(R), dated 31st December, 2018:**

Services provided by a banking company to Basic Saving Bank Deposit (BSBD) account holders under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is exempted from GST.



**Entry No. 28**

Services of life insurance business provided by way of annuity under the National Pension System regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 (23 of 2013).



**Example : 162**

Kotak Mahindra Pension Fund provided the following services in a financial:

(a) Annual Premium of ₹6,000 collected from each individual in relation to National Pension Scheme. No. of subscribers 200.

(b) Monthly premium collected ₹8,750 towards general insurance to cover risk. No. of subscribers 500.

Applicable rate of GST 18%.

Find the GST liability.

Answer:

(a) Annual premium of ₹6,000 collected in relation to National Pension Scheme is exempted from GST.

(b) Monthly premium of ₹8,750 for 500 subscribers will attract GST @18%. Therefore, GST liability is ₹7,87,500 per month.

**Entry No. 29**

Services of life insurance business provided or agreed to be provided by the Army, Naval and Air Force Group Insurance Funds to members of the Army, Navy and Air Force, respectively, under the Group Insurance Schemes of the Central Government exempt from GST.

Group Insurance means it covers a defined group of people, for example members of a professional association, or a society or employees of an organization. Group Insurance may offer life cover, health cover, and/or other types of personal insurance.

Group insurance has several advantages chief among which is a life cover made available to members irrespective of age, gender, socio economic background or profession, so long as they belong to the group that is applying for insurance.

Premium for these types of insurance is exempt from GST.

**Entry No. 29A:**

w.e.f. 25.1.2018,

Services of life insurance provided or agreed to be provided by the Naval Group Insurance Fund to the personnel of Coast Guard under the Group Insurance Schemes of the Central Government retrospectively w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.


**Entry No. 30:**

Services by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation to persons governed under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 (34 of 1948) exempt from GST.



**Entry No. 31**

Services provided by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation to the persons governed under the Employees Provident Funds and the Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (19 of 1952) exempt from GST.

**Entry No. 32 (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022):**

Services provided by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India to insurers under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act, 1999 (41 of 1999) are exempted from GST.

**Entry No. 33 (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022):**

Services provided by the Securities and Exchange Board of India set up under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992) by way of protecting the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate, the securities market are exempted from GST.

**Entry No. 34**

Debit card, credit card othe payment card services where amount upto ₹ 2,000 exempted from GST:

Services by an acquiring bank, to any person in relation to settlement of an amount upto ₹ 2,000 in a single transaction transacted through credit card, debit card, charge card or other payment card service.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this entry, “acquiring bank” means any banking company, financial institution including non-banking financial company or any other person, who makes the payment to any person who accepts such card.

S. No.	Mode of payment	Transaction Amount in ₹	Service Charges	GST 18%	Remarks
1	Debit card	1,000	5	Exempted	As per Entry No. 34 of NT No. 12/2017 Dt 28.06.2017 Central Tax (Rate)
2	Credit card	2,000	20	Exempted	-do-
3	Debit card/ Credit card	2,124	21.24	3.82	Value of goods ₹ 1,800 plus GST ₹ 324 together exceeds ₹ 2,000, hence GST will be levied.
4	Internet Banking	1,000	5	0.90	Service charges attract GST. Since, payment mode of payment other than card.
5	Bank charges		200	36	Fixed monthly /quarterly charges fully taxable.

**Entry No. 35**

Services of general insurance business are exempted from GST:

Services of general insurance business provided under following schemes –

- (a) Hut Insurance Scheme;
- (b) Cattle Insurance under Swarnajaynti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (earlier known as Integrated Rural Development Programme);
- (c) Scheme for Insurance of Tribals;

## Levy and Collection of Tax

- (d) Janata Personal Accident Policy and Gramin Accident Policy; (e) Group Personal Accident Policy for Self-Employed Women;
- (f) Agricultural Pumpset and Failed Well Insurance; (g) Premia collected on export credit insurance;
- (h) Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme or the Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, approved by the Government of India and implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (i) Jan Arogya Bima Policy;
- (j) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana);
- (k) Pilot Scheme on Seed Crop Insurance;
- (l) Central Sector Scheme on Cattle Insurance;
- (m) Universal Health Insurance Scheme;
- (n) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana;
- (o) Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme;
- (p) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha BimaYojna;
- (q) Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme implemented by the Trust constituted under the provisions of the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999).

**w.e.f 1-10-2019: exemption notification has been amended to exempt services of general insurance business provided under "Bangla Shasya Bima" scheme.**

### **Entry No. 36**

Services of life insurance business provided under following schemes are exempted from GST:

- (a) Janashree Bima Yojana
- (b) Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana;
- (c) Life micro-insurance product as approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, having maximum amount of cover of fifty thousand rupees;
- (d) Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana;
- (e) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana;
- (f) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana;
- (g) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana

### **Entry No. 37**

Services by way of collection of contribution under the Atal Pension Yojana is also exempt from GST

### **Entry No. 38**

Services by way of collection of contribution under any pension scheme of the State Governments.

### **Entry No. 39**

Services by the following persons in respective capacities are exempted from GST –



- (a) business facilitator or a business correspondent to a banking company with respect to accounts in its rural area branch;
- (b) any person as an intermediary to a business facilitator or a business correspondent with respect to services mentioned in entry (a); or
- (c) business facilitator or a business correspondent to an insurance company in a rural area.

Business facilitators or correspondent services are as follows:

- (a) Enrollment of customers, including collection of biometric and other details, provide card (ID Card, Debit Card, Credit Card), PIN.
- (b) Provide transaction facility:
  - (i) Deposit of money in an account with any bank
  - (ii) Withdrawal of money from an account with any bank
  - (iii) Remittances from an account with a bank to an account with the same or any other bank. (iv) Balance Enquiry and issue Receipts/ Statement of Accounts.
- (c) Disbursal of credit facilities to borrowers involving small amounts strictly as per the instructions of the Bank.
- (d) Other activities:
  - i. Identification of borrowers and classification of activities as per their requirements.
  - ii. Collection and prima facie scrutiny of loan applications including verification of primary data.
  - iii. Creating awareness about savings and other products offered by the Bank and education and advice on managing money & debt counselling.
  - iv. Preliminary scrutiny of data and submission of applications to the Bank for its review.
  - v. Promotion, nurturing, monitoring and handholding of Self Help Groups and/or Joint Liability Groups and/ or Credit Groups and others.
  - vi. Facilitating the repayment of dues owed to the bank by its customers.
  - vii. Marketing of third party financial products.

**Recovery Agent Services to banking or NFBCs - GST will be levied under RCM:**

S.No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
8	Services supplied by a recovery agent to a banking company or a financial institution or a non-banking financial company.	A recovery agent	A banking company or a financial institution or a non-banking financial company, located in the taxable territory	Recipient

**Example : 163**

**Mr. X being a registered person under GST Law provided the following services in the month of Oct 20XX:**

- (a) Services provided to Gramena Bank located in rural area in the nature of Enrollment of customers and charge ₹ 20,000.**
- (b) Disbursal of credit facilities to borrowers involving small amounts strictly as per the instructions of the Bank locate in a village and collected ₹ 12,250.**
- (c) Facilitating the repayment of dues owed to the AB bank (Mylapore Branch, Chennai) by its customers and collected fee ₹ 55,000 from the bank.**
- (d) Recovery agent services to the LB Bank of India, Mount Road Branch, Chennai, for ₹ 2,20,500. Find the GST liable to pay by Mr. X. applicable rate of GST @18%.**

Answer	
Particulars	Value in ₹
Enrollment of customers in rural area bank	Exempted supply
Disbursal of credit facilities as per bank located in rural area	Exempted supply
Facilitating the repayment of loan to bank in urban area	55,000
Recovery agent services to the LB Bank of India	Reverse charge applicable
<b>Total taxable supply</b>	<b>55,000</b>
<b>CGST 9%</b>	<b>4,950</b>
<b>SGST 9%</b>	<b>4,950</b>

**Entry No. 39A**

w.e.f 25.1.2018, Services by an intermediary of financial services located in a multi services SEZ with International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) status to a customer located outside India for International financial services in currencies other than Indian rupees (INR).



**IFSC Meaning:** An IFSC (International Financial Service Centre) caters to customers outside the jurisdiction of the domestic economy. IFSCs are set up in special economic zones as a unit of SEZ or as a special economic zone after approval from central government, and deal with flows of finance, financial products and services across borders.

**Services offered by IFSC(s):-**

1. Fundraising services for individuals, corporations and governments
2. Asset management and global portfolio diversification undertaken by pension funds, insurance companies and mutual funds
3. Wealth management
4. Global tax management and cross-border tax liability optimisation, which provides a business opportunity for financial intermediaries, accountants and law firms.
5. Global and regional corporate treasury management operations that involve fundraising, liquidity investment and management and asset liability matching
6. Risk management operations such as insurance and reinsurance
7. Merger and acquisition activities among transnational corporations are exempted from GST.

**Entry No. 40**

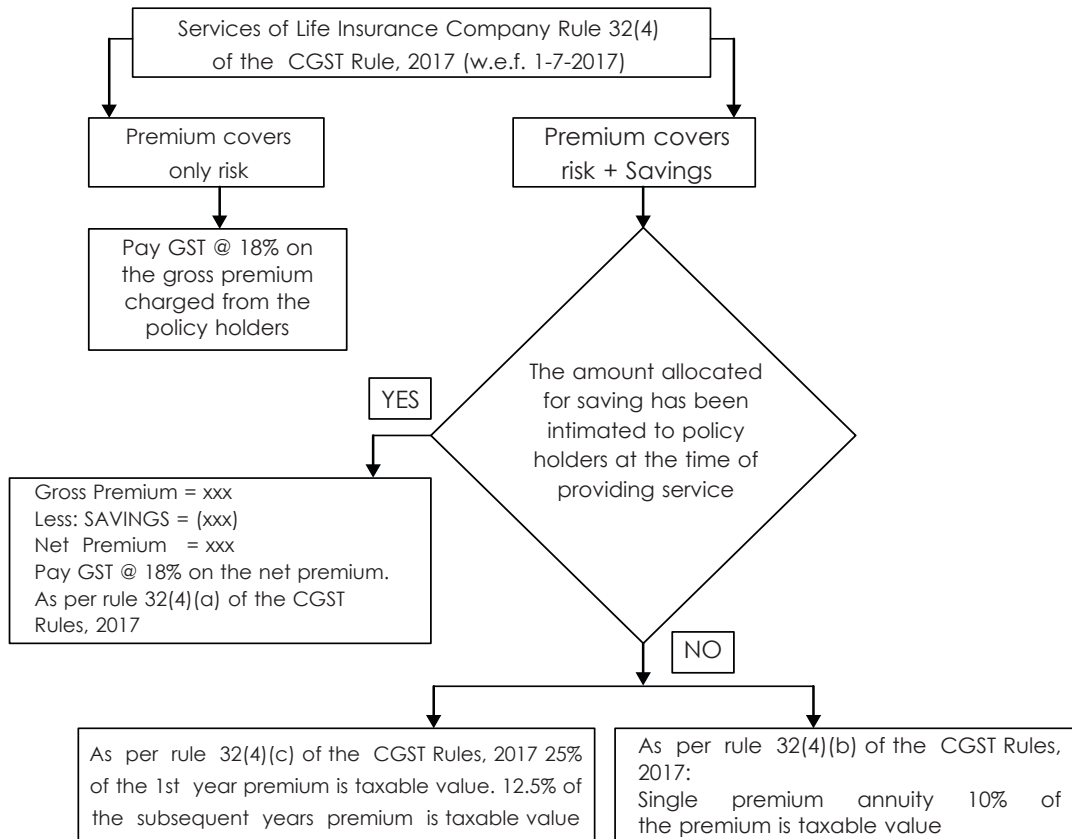
Services provided to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory under any insurance scheme for which total premium is paid by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory is exempted from GST.



**For example:** Granting monthly pensions to the aged over 65 years, those without subsistence income or family support, paid by the Central Government of India under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). Pension amount to the Insurance companies exempt from GST.

All other insurance premiums collected by insurance companies are taxable supplies and GST will be levied.

**w.e.f. 1-7-2017, Services of Life Insurance Company [Rule 32(4) of the CGST Rule, 2017] - taxable value of supply:**



**Example : 164**

**Arihant Life Insurance Company Ltd. (ALICL) has started its operations in the year 2017-18 (w.e.f. 1-7-2017). During the year 2017-18, Arihant Life Insurance Company Ltd. (ALICL) has charged gross premium of ₹ 180 lakh from policy holders with respect to life insurance policies; out of which ₹ 100 lakh have been allocated for investment on behalf of the policy holders.**

**Compute the GST liability of ALICL for the year 2017-18 under rule 32(4) of the CGST Rules, 2017**

- (i) if the amount allocated for investment has been intimated by ALICL to policy holders at the time of providing service.**
- (ii) if the amount allocated for investment has not been intimated by ALICL to policy holders at the time of providing of service.**
- (iii) if the gross premium charged by ALICL from policy holders is only towards risk cover.**

**Applicable rate of GST 18%.**

**Answer:**

- (i) GST liability of ALICL for the year 2017-18 will be computed as under:  
 = ₹14.40 lakhs (₹ (180-100) lakh × 18%)
- (ii) 25% of the 1st year premium is value of taxable supply. Thus, GST liability of ALICL for the year 2017-18, being first year of its operations, will be computed as under: Value of taxable supply = ₹ 180 lakh × 25%  
 = ₹ 45 lakh GST liability = ₹ 8.10 lakh (i.e. ₹ 45 lakh × 18%)
- (iii) GST liability of ALICL for the year 2017-18 will be computed as under:  
 = ₹ 32.40 lakh (₹ 180 lakh × 18%)

**Example : 165**

LIC of India provides you the following information for the month of Oct 20XX. You are required to compute GST payable by the company if the company has opted to pay GST as per Rule 32(4) of CGST Rules, 2017:

- (1) General policies : Total premiums collected ₹12,000 lakhs (Out of which 1st year premium is ₹5,000 lakhs)
- (2) Only Risk Cover Policies : Premiums collected ₹500 lakhs.
- (3) Variable Insurance Policies: Premiums collected ₹8,000 lakhs. (80% of the amount is allocated for investments on behalf of policy holder for which policy holder is given separate break up in premium receipts).

**Answer:**

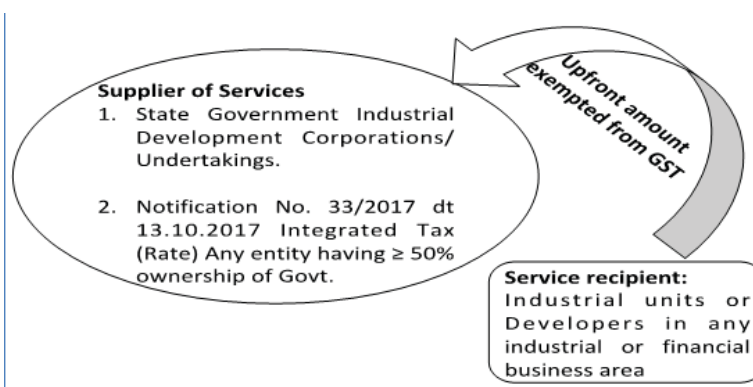
Statement showing GST liability of LIC of India for the month of OCT 2017 under Rule 32(4) of the CGST Rules, 2017 :

Particulars	Value ₹ in lakhs	Working note
General policies		
1st Year premium	1,250	5,000 x 25%
2nd Year Premium	875	7,000 x 12.5%
Only Risk cover policies	500	
Variable insurance policies premium	1,600	(8,000 – 6,400)
<b>Total taxable supply of service</b>	<b>4,225</b>	
CGST 9%	380.25	(4,225 x 9%)
SGST 9%	380.25	(4,225 x 9%)

#### Entry No. 41

Upfront Fee in Long Term Lease exempted from GST:

One time upfront amount (called as premium, salami, cost, price, development charges or by any other name) leviable in respect of the service, by way of granting long term (thirty years, or more) lease of industrial plots, provided by the State Government Industrial Development Corporations or Undertakings to industrial units.







**w.e.f. 20th September 2018:**

**“Explanation** — For the purpose of this exemption, the Central Government, State Government or Union territory shall have 50 per cent. or more ownership in the entity directly or through an entity which is wholly owned by the Central Government, State Government or Union territory.”[Notification No. 23/2018-Central Tax (Rate)].

**w.e.f 1-10-2019:**

**Explanation** — For the purpose of this exemption, the Central Government, State Government or Union territory shall have 20 per cent. or more ownership in the entity directly or through an entity which is wholly owned by the Central Government, State Government or Union territory.”

Provided that the leased plots shall be used for the purpose for which they are allotted, that is, for industrial or financial activity in an industrial or financial business area:

Provided also that the State Government concerned shall monitor and enforce the above condition, as per the order issued by the State Government in this regard:

Provided further that in case of any violation or subsequent change of land use, due to any reason whatsoever, the original lessor, original lessee as well as any subsequent lessee or buyer or owner shall be jointly and severally liable to pay such amount of integrated tax, as would have been payable on the upfront amount charged for the long term lease of the plots but for the exemption contained herein, along with the applicable interest and penalty:

Provided also that the lease agreement entered into by the original lessor with the original lessee or subsequent lessee, or sub-lessee, as well as any subsequent lease or sale agreements, for lease or sale of such plots to subsequent lessees or buyers or owners shall incorporate in the terms and conditions, the fact that the integrated tax was exempted on the long term lease of the plots by the original lessor to the original lessee subject to above condition and that the parties to the said agreements undertake to comply with the same.

As per CBIC Circular No. 177/09/2022 TRU Dt 3.8.2022, It has been clarified that location charges or preferential location charges (PLC) paid upfront in addition to the lease premium for long term lease of land constitute part of upfront amount charged for long term lease of land eligible for exemption.

**Entry No. 42 already covered.**

Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of allowing a business entity to operate as a telecom service provider or use radio frequency spectrum during the period prior to the 1st April, 2016, on payment of licence fee or spectrum user charges, as the case may be.

**Entry No. 43 (Omitted w.e.f. 1-10-2021)**

Services of leasing of assets (rolling stock assets including wagons, coaches, locos) by the Indian Railways Finance Corporation to Indian Railways exempted from GST.

**Entry No. 44**

Services provided by an incubatee

Services provided by an incubatee up to a total turnover of ₹ 50 lakh in a financial year subject to the following conditions, namely:-

- (a) the total turnover had not exceeded fifty lakh rupees during the preceding financial year; and
  - (b) a period of three years has not elapsed from the date of entering into an agreement as an incubatee.
- are exempted from GST.

“**INCUBATEE**” means an entrepreneur located within the premises of a Technology Business Incubator (TBI) or Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Park (STEP) recognized by the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and who has entered into an agreement with the TBI or the STEP to enable himself to develop and produce hi-tech and innovative products.

**Example : 166**

Cloud M Power Technologies Pvt. Ltd., is a business incubatee provided following taxable services in the financial year 2017-18 (after July 2017):

Cloud computing services	=	₹ 25,00,000
Mobile application services	=	₹ 20,00,000
Social networking and location aware applications	=	₹10,00,000

Note:

(i) Previous year taxable services is ₹ 22,00,000.

(ii) Service provider enter into an agreement with STEP in the year 2016-17.

Find GST liability of Cloud M Power Technologies Pvt. Ltd. for the financial year 2017-18. Assume applicable rate of GST 18%.

Answer:

Statement showing GST liability of Cloud M Power Technologies Pvt. Ltd for the year 2017-18:

Particulars	Taxable Services in (₹)	Remarks
Cloud computing services	Nil	Exempted up to ₹ 50 lakh
Mobile application services	Nil	-do-
Social networking and location aware applications	5,00,000	Over and above ₹ 50 Lakh is taxable in the financial year 2017-18
<b>Taxable services</b>	<b>5,00,000</b>	
<b>CGST 9%</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>(5,00,000 x 9%)</b>
<b>SGST 9%</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>(5,00,000 x 9%)</b>

**Entry No. 45**

Arbitral tribunal, Advocate or Senior Advocate services

Service Provider	Service Receiver	Taxable	Comments
Arbitral Tribunal	Any person Or Business entity with a turnover up to ₹ 20 lakh (₹10 lakh in case of special category states) in the P.Y.	No	All types of legal services are exempted
Arbitral Tribunal	Business entity with a turnover > ₹ 20 lakh (> ₹10 lakh in case of special category states) in the P.Y.	Yes. Business entity is liable to pay GST under reverse charge	All types of legal services like Advisory, consultancy, representational services before any court, tribunal or authority are taxable



Service Provider	Service Receiver	Taxable	Comments
Individual Advocate or Firm of Advocates (Other than a senior advocate), by way of legal services	An advocate or firm of advocates Or Other than a business entity Or Business entity with a turnover up to ₹ 20 lakh (₹ 10 lakh in the case of special category states) in the P.Y.	No	All types of legal services like Advisory, consultancy, representational services before any Court, Tribunal or Authority are exempted
Individual Advocate or Firm of Advocates	Business entity (includes sole proprietors firm) with a turnover > ₹ 20 lakh (> ₹ 10 in case of special category states) in the P.Y.	Yes. Business entity is liable to pay GST under Reverse Charge	All types of legal services like Advisory, consultancy, representational services before any Court, Tribunal or Authority are Taxable
Senior advocate by way of legal services	Other than a business entity Or Business entity with a turnover up to ₹ 20 lakh (₹ 10 lakh in the case of special category states) in the P.Y.	No	All types of legal services like Advisory, consultancy, representational services before any court, tribunal or authority are exempted
Senior advocate by way of legal services	Business entity (includes sole proprietors firm) with a turnover > ₹ 20 lakh (> ₹ 10 in case of special category states) in the P.Y.	Yes. Business entity is liable to pay GST under Reverse Charge	All types of legal services like Advisory, consultancy, representational services before any Court, Tribunal or Authority are Taxable

**Summary:**

Service provider	Recipient of service	Taxability	Who is liable to pay GST
Arbitral Tribunal Advocates Senior Advocates	Business entity P.Y. Turnover > ₹ 20 lakhs (> ₹ 10 lakhs in case of special category States)	Taxable supply	Recipient is liable to pay GST.

**w.e.f. 1-10-2019:**

**aggregate turnover of up to** "such amount in the preceding financial year as makes it eligible for exemption from registration under the **Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017)**" **is exempt.**

Earlier the turnover was specified as "twenty lakh rupees (ten lakh rupees in case of a special category state) in the preceding financial year" which has now been rationalised.

**Notification 2/2018-Central Tax (Rate) dated 25.1.2018 issued.**

w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Legal services provided to Government, Local Authority, Governmental Authority and Government Entity exempted.

- Services provided by a partnership firm of advocates or an individual as an advocate other than a senior advocate, by way of legal services to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority, Governmental Authority or Government Entity, EXEMPT;
- Services provided by a senior advocate, by way of legal services to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority, Governmental Authority or Government Entity, EXEMPT;

**Entry No. 46**

Services by a veterinary clinic in relation to health care of animals or birds exempted from GST:

**Example : 167**

**Good and Bad Pvt. Ltd. provided the bio-medical waste treatment facility to a veterinary clinic. Is it a taxable supply of service? If so, will GST be levied?**

**Answer:**

**It is taxable supply of service.**

**Scope of the exemption under entry 75 is restricted to services provided by operators of the common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facility to a clinical establishment and not to veterinary clinic.**

**Entry No. 47 already covered.**

Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of-

- (a) registration required under any law for the time being in force;
- (b) testing, calibration, safety check or certification relating to protection or safety of workers, consumers or public at large, including fire license, required under any law for the time being in force.

**Entry No. 47A**

**(Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022) :**

Services by way of licensing, registration and analysis or testing of food samples supplied by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to Food Business Operators. [Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (Rate)].

A "**business incubator**" is a company that helps new and startup companies to develop by providing services such as management training or office space or equipment's or some time monetary assistance and capital.

Taxable services, provided or to be provided, by

- a Technology Business Incubator or
- a Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Park recognised by the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India or
- bio incubators recognised by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, under the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.

are exempted from GST.

**Example : 168**

**Technopark Technology Business Incubator (T-TBI), provided the following taxable services in the financial year 2017-18 (on or after 1-7-2017):**

1. **Entrepreneurship Awareness Camps to a Business incubatee for ₹ 20 lakh.**
2. **Commercial space provided to AB Ltd. a non-incubatee for ₹ 2 lakh. Find GST liability of Technopark Technology Business Incubator?**

**Answer:**

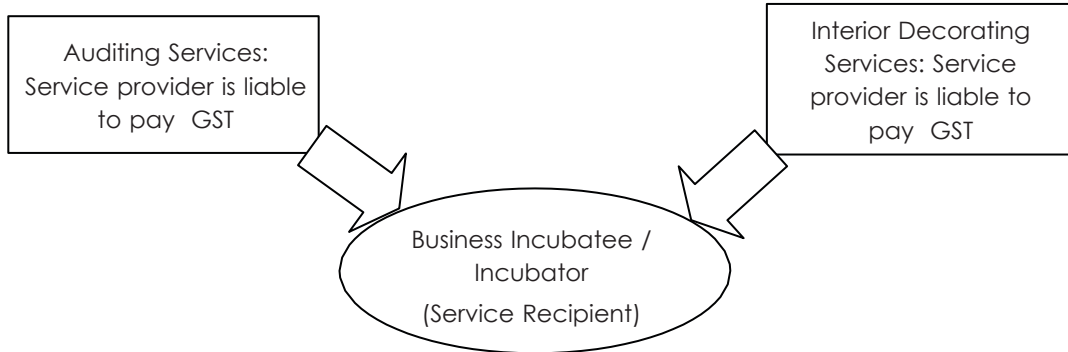
**Statement showing GST liability of Technopark Technology Business Incubator**

Particulars	Taxable services in (₹)	Remarks
Entrepreneurship Awareness Camps to a Business incubatee.	Nil	Exempted service.



Commercial space provided to AB Ltd. a non-incubatee	Nil	Exempted service
Taxable supply of services	Nil	

**Services provided to Business incubatee / Incubator presently not exempted from GST:**



**Entry No. 49**

Services by way of collecting or providing news by an independent journalist, Press Trust of India or United News of India exempted from GST:

**Entry No. 50**

Services of public libraries by way of lending of books, publications or any other knowledge-enhancing content or material exempted from GST.

**Entry No. 51 (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022)**

Services provided by the Goods and Services Tax Network to the Central Government or State Governments or Union territories for implementation of Goods and Services Tax exempted from GST.

**Entry No. 52**

Services by an organiser to any person in respect of a business exhibition held outside India exempted from GST

**Place of supply of service:**

Place of supply of services provided by way of organization of a [Sec. 12(7) of IGST Act, 2017]:

S. No.	Nature of service (Section 12(7) of IGST Act, 2017)	Place of supply of service
1	Cultural	Services ancillary thereto or assigning of sponsorship to such events.  Provided to a registered person: • Location of recipient of Service  Provided to an un-registered person: • Location where the event is actually held and • if the event is held outside India, the place of supply shall be the location of the recipient.
2	Artistic	
3	Sporting	
4	Scientific	
5	Educational	
6	Entertainment event including supply of services in relation to a conference, fair, exhibition, celebration or similar events	

**Place of supply of services supplied by way of admission to, or organization of [Sec 13(5) of IGST Act]:**

Nature of service (Section 13(5) of IGST)	Place of supply of service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural</li> <li>• Artistic</li> <li>• Sporting</li> <li>• Scientific</li> <li>• Educational</li> <li>• Entertainment event</li> <li>• Celebration</li> <li>• Conference</li> <li>• Fair</li> <li>• Exhibition</li> <li>• Similar events and</li> <li>• Services ancillary to such admission or organisation</li> </ul>	Where event is actually held.

**Example : 169**

Mr. X an event organiser, located in Chennai received an order from M/s Lesley publications, Mumbai to conduct a book fair at Chennai. Find the Place of supply of service and GST in the following two cases:

**Case 1: Lesley publications is a registered person.**

**Case 2: Lesley publications is a un-registered person.**

**Answer:**

**Case 1: Mumbai (i.e. location of recipient of service)**

**Mr. X of Chennai is liable to pay IGST.**

**Case 2: Chennai (i.e. location where the event is actually held)**

**Mr. X of Chennai is liable to pay CGST & SGST.**

**Example : 170**

Mr. D of Delhi being an event organizer hosted an exhibition at Mumbai to exhibit the products of exhibitor namely, Chennai Silks, Chennai, a registered person.

**Answer:**

**POS = Chennai (i.e. location of service recipient).**

**IGST is liable to pay by Mr. D of Delhi**

**Example : 171**

Mr. C of Chennai being an event organizer hosted an exhibition at Dhaka to exhibit the products of exhibitor (namely Chennai Silks) located Chennai.

**Answer:**

**POS = Chennai (i.e. location of service recipient)**

**GST is not liable to pay by Mr. C.**

**Note: Services by an organiser to any person in respect of a business exhibition held outside India is exempted from GST (vide Entry No. 52).**



**Example : 172**

Mr. Roy a Jalandhar based comedian hosted a comedy show at Singapore with help of event organizer located in Dubai.

**Answer:**

POS = Singapore.

GST will not be levied.

**Example : 173**

Mr. D of Delhi being an event organizer hosted an exhibition at Mumbai to exhibit the products of exhibitor (namely M/s S Silks Ltd. of Singapore).

**Answer:**

POS = Mumbai

IGST is liable to pay by Mr. D of Delhi

**Entry No. 53:**

Services by way of sponsorship of sporting events organised,-

- (a) by a national sports federation,
  - (b) by Association of Indian Universities, Inter-university Sports Board, School Games Federation of India, All India Sports Council for the Deaf, Paralympic Committee of India or Special Olympics Bharat;
  - (c) by Central Civil Services Cultural and Sports Board;
  - (d) as part of national games, by Indian Olympic Association; or
  - (e) under Panchayat Yuva Kreedha Aur Khel Abhiyaan (PYKKA) Scheme;
- are exempted from GST.

**Entry No. 81**

**Services by way of right to admission to-**

- (a) circus, dance, or theatrical performance including drama or ballet;
- (b) award function, concert, pageant, musical performance or any sporting event other than a recognised sporting event;
- (c) recognised sporting event,
- (d) Planetarium

where the consideration for admission is not more than ₹ 500 per person as referred to in (a), (b) and (c) above.

**Example : 174**

M/s DLF Ltd., sponsored ₹ 20 lakhs in respect of a Tournament organized by Board of Council for Cricket in India (BCCI).

**(a) Is it taxable supply of service?**

**(b) If so who is liable to pay GST?**

**Answer:**

**(a) Yes, the given service is taxable supply of service.**

**(b) M/s DLF Ltd., is liable to pay GST under reverse charge being a recipient of such sponsorship services from BCCI.**

**Note: BCCI is not a National Sports Federation.**

**Example : 175**

BCCI conducted a tournament in the month of October 20XX, in India (i.e. India vs. Australia) by selling tickets in the following denominations:

(a) 1,00,000 tickets @ 195 per ticket

(b) 10,000 tickets @ 550 per ticket.

Find the GST if any?

Answer:

(a) Where the consideration for admission is not more than ₹ 500 per person is exempted from GST.

(b) GST liability is as follows:

₹ 550 x 10,000 tickets = ₹ 55,00,000

CGST @14% = ₹ 7,70,000

SGST @14% = ₹ 7,70,000

Note:

(1) Entry fee per person per ticket exceeding ₹ 250 fully taxable. w.e.f. 25.1.2018, this limit is increased to ₹ 500

(2) Admission to all sports events organized by recognized sports federations were to attract 28% GST

**Entry No. 54**

Agriculture activities exempted from GST

The following are exempted :

- Cultivation, harvesting,
- Commission on sale of Agricultural Produce
- All types of testing activities which are directly related to production of any agricultural produce
- Supply of farm labour
- Trimming, sorting etc., thereby marketable in the primary market
- Renting of agro machinery
- Loading, unloading, packing, storage and warehousing of agricultural produce
- Agricultural extension services
- Services by any agricultural produce marketing committee

**Important Note:** Exemption not available on Loading, Packing, Warehousing of Processed Agricultural Products like Tea, Coffee Beans, Pulses etc.

As per CBIC Circular, processed products such as tea (i.e. black tea, white tea etc.), processed coffee beans or powder, pulses (de-husked or split), jaggery, processed spices, processed dry fruits & cashew nuts etc. fall outside the definition of agricultural produce given in Notification No. 11/2017-CT(R) and 12/2017-CT(R) and therefore the exemption from GST is not available to their loading, packing, warehousing etc.

As per CBIC Circular, Processed products such as tea (i.e. black tea, white tea etc.), processed coffee beans or powder, pulses (de-husked or split), jaggery, processed spices, processed dry fruits & cashew nuts etc. fall outside the definition of agricultural produce given in Notification No. 11/2017-CT(R) and 12/2017-CT(R) and therefore the exemption from GST is not available to their loading, packing. However, w.e.f 18-7-2022 exemption is also not available to their storage & warehousing except cereals & pulses, fruits & vegetables).



**Entry No. 55**

Carrying out an intermediate production process as job work in relation to cultivation of plants and rearing of all life forms of animals, except the rearing of horses, for food, fibre, fuel, raw material or other similar products or agricultural produce also exempt from GST.

**Agriculture or Agricultural Produce includes the following exempt from GST**

- Breeding of Fish
- Rearing of Silk Worms
- Cultivation of Ornamental Flowers
- Horticulture Forestry
- Poultry Farm

**Plantation Crops like rubber, tea or coffee also covered under agricultural produce exempt from GST**


Plantation of Rubber

Tea Plantation


Plantation of Coffee

**Cleaning of wheat carried out outside the farm covered under EXEMPTION. Covered under entry no. 54. Hence, no GST**


Dirty



Clean



**Shelling of paddy carried out outside the farm not covered under entry no. 54 and 55.**



From paddy...  
to milled.

Milling of paddy is not an intermediate production process in relation to cultivation of plants. It is a process carried out after the process of cultivation is over and paddy has been harvested. Therefore, milling of paddy into rice cannot be considered as an intermediate production process in relation to cultivation of plants for food, fibre or other similar products or agricultural produce. Therefore not eligible for exemption under S. No 55 of Notification 12/2017 - Central Tax (Rate) dated 28th June 2017 (vide CBEC circular Circular No. 19/19/2017-GST dated 20th November 2017)

**Exemple : 176**

Mark Agro Products Ltd., furnishes the following details of various services provided by it in the month of August, 20XX:

S. No.	Particulars	Amount (₹)
1	Rearing of Silkworm and horticulture	2,50,000
2	Plantation of tea and coffee	2,00,000
3	Renting of vacant land for performing marriage ceremony	4,50,000

4	Sale of wheat on commission basis	50,000
5	Sale of rice on commission basis	2,00,000
Compute the value of taxable supply of services and the GST liability for Mark Agro Prudcs Ltd. for the month of August 20XX. Assume rate of GST 18%.		

Answer:

S. No.	Particulars	Amount (₹)
1	Rearing of Silkworm and horticulture	Exempted Supply
2	Plantation of tea and coffee	Exempted Supply
3	Renting of vacant land for performing marriage ceremony	4,50,000
4	Sale of wheat on commission basis	Exempted Supply
5	Sale of rice on commission basis	2,00,000
	Taxable Supply	6,50,000
	GST 18% of ₹ 6,50,000	1,17,000

Example : 177

From the following information find GST liability of M/s A. Ltd. for the month of October 20XX:

Particulars	₹ in Lakh
(i) Renting of Agro-machinery	5.0
(ii) Cultivation of Ornamental flowers	2.5
(iii) Processing of Tomato Ketchup under the brand name of Y Ltd.	3.0
(iv) Plantation of Rubber	3.5
(v) Processing of Potato chips on jobwork basis	1.5

Assume applicable CGST 2.5% & SGST 2.5%. Answer:

Statement Showing GST Liability of M/s A. Ltd. for the month of October 20XX:

Particulars	₹ in Lakh
(i) Renting of Agro-machinery	Exempted supply of Service
(ii) Cultivation of Ornamental flowers	Exempted supply of Service
(iii) Processing of Tomato Ketchup under the brand name of Y Ltd.	3.0
(iv) Plantation of Rubber	Exempted supply of Service
(v) Processing of Potato chips on jobwork basis	1.5
Taxable supply of service	4.50
CGST 2.5%	0.1125
SGST 2.5%	0.1125

#### Entry No. 55A

Artificial Insemination of livestock: w.e.f. 27th July 2018:

Services by way of artificial insemination of livestock (other than horses) [Notification No. 14/2018- Central Tax (Rate)]. Exempted from GST.



**Entry No. 56 (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022)**

Services by way of slaughtering of animals are exempt from GST

Services by way slaughtering services exempted from GST

Services by way of slaughtering of all animals are exempted from GST

**Example : 178**

**Validate the following:**

- (1) State Government grant fresh license to slaughterhouses by charging fee of ₹ 12,000. It is taxable supply of service and GST will be levied.
- (2) Meat shops selling meat is taxable supply of goods and GST will be levied.

**Answer:**

- (1) The given statement is invalid:

It is exempted supply of service under entry no. 4, notification no. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dt.28-06-2017 and hence, GST will not be levied.

- (2) The given statement is invalid:

It is exempted supply of goods under Notification No. 2/2017-Central Tax (Rate) Dt. 28-06-2017 and hence, GST will not be levied.

**Entry No. 57**

Services by way of pre-conditioning, precooling, ripening, waxing, retail packing, labelling of fruits and vegetables which do not change or alter the essential characteristics of the said fruits or vegetables.

Services by way of Pre-conditioning, pre-cooling, ripening, waxing, retail packing, labelling of fruits and vegetables which do not change or later the essential characteristics of the said fruits or vegetables are exempted from GST.

**Entry No. 58**

Services provided by the National Centre for Cold Chain Development under the Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmer's Welfare by way of cold chain knowledge dissemination exempted from GST

**Entry No. 59**

Services by a foreign diplomatic mission located in India are exempt from GST

**Entry No. 60**

Services by a specified organisation in respect of a religious pilgrimage facilitated by the Ministry of External Affairs, the Government of India, under bilateral arrangement are exempted from GST

To claim exemption from GST the following conditions should be satisfied:

1. Services shall be provided by specified organizations.
  - (a) Committee or State Committee as defined in Section 2 of the Haj Committee Act, 2002 (OR)
  - (b) Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam Limited a Government of Uttarakhand Undertaking; or
2. The service shall be in respect of a religious pilgrimage.
3. Religious pilgrimage shall be facilitated by Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India, under bilateral arrangement.

Entry No. 61 Already covered  
 Entry No. 62 Already covered  
 Entry No. 63 Already covered  
 Entry No. 64 Already covered  
 Entry No. 65 Already covered

[under the heading 'list of services which are specifically exempted']

**Entry No. 66 Amended w.e.f. 25.1.2018**

Services provided by Educational Institution or to Educational Institution

Services provided –

(a) by an educational institution to its students, faculty and staff;

“(aa) w.e.f. 25.1.2018, by an educational institution by way of conduct of entrance examination against consideration in the form of entrance fee;”

are exempted from GST.

“educational institution” means an institution providing services by way of:

- (i) pre-school education and education upto higher secondary school or equivalent;
- (ii) education as a part of a curriculum for obtaining a qualification recognized by any law for the time being in force;
- (iii) education as a part of an approved vocational education course.

(b) Services provided to an educational institution, by way of,-

- (i) Transportation of students, faculty and staff
- (ii) Catering, including any mid-day meals scheme sponsored by the Government;
- (iii) Security or cleaning or house-keeping services performed in such educational institution;
- (iv) Services relating to admission to, or conduct of examination by, such institution, upto higher secondary;

w.e.f. 25.1.2018, the words “upto higher secondary” shall be omitted; as a result, services relating to admission to, or conduct of examination provided to all educational institutions, as defined in the notification is exempt from GST.

(v) “w.e.f. 25.1.2018, supply of online educational journals or periodicals”;

w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Provided that nothing contained in sub-items (i), (ii) and (iii) of item (b) shall apply to an educational institution other than an institution providing services by way of pre-school education and education upto higher secondary school or equivalent.

w.e.f. 25.1.2018, “Provided further that nothing contained in sub-item (v) of item (b) shall apply to an institution providing services by way of,-

- (i) pre-school education and education upto higher secondary school or equivalent; or
- (ii) education as a part of an approved vocational education course.”;

It means, to exempt subscription of online educational journals/periodicals by educational institutions who provide degree recognized by any law from GST.



**Mess or canteen services:**

CBEC Circular No. 28/2/2018-GST, dated 8-1-2018 read with File No. 354/03/2018, dated 18-1-2018:

If the catering services, i.e. supply of food or drink in a mess or canteen, is provided by anyone other than the educational institution, then it is a supply of service to the concerned educational institution and attracts GST of 5% provided that credit of input tax charged on goods and services used in supplying the service has not been taken, w.e.f. 15-11-2017.

If the catering services is one of the services provided by an educational institution to its students, faculty and staff and the said educational institution is covered under entry no. 66(a) of notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate).

The Ministry also noted that if schools upto higher secondary level supply food directly to students, the same would be exempt from the GST.

**Example 1:** Transport facility provided by a school to its students through a fleet of buses and cabs owned by the School.

**Answer:** Exempted supply of service. GST will not be levied.

**Example 2:** Transport facility provided by a school to its students through a private Bus/Cabs Operator.

**Answer:** Exempted supply of service. GST will not be levied.

**Example 3:** Service provided by a private transport operator to a school in relation to transportation of students to and from a school.

**Answer:** Exempted supply of service. GST will not be levied.

**Example 4:** Service provided by a School in relation to a tour to its students and staff.

**Answer:** Exempted supply of service. GST will not be levied.

**Example 5:** Service provided by a private transport operator to a school in relation to a tour and travel services of students and staff.

**Answer:** Taxable Supply. GST will be levied

**Example 6:** Mr. C a practicing CMA provided services to CMA Institute by way of teaching to Students.

**Answer:** Taxable supply.

**Example 7:** Restaurant services provided to the students of CMA institute, which is accessible by the others also. Is it taxable service?

**Answer:** Taxable supply.

**Example 8:** Security services provided by a Safety and Security Bureau in Chennai. Supplied security services to the ICAI New Delhi for four months. Monthly charges ₹1,200. Is it taxable supply of service? Applicable GST 18%. Find the GST liability.

**Answer:** This given activity is a taxable supply of service. Security Bureau is liable to pay GST.

IGST liability = 864

$(₹1,200 \text{ pm} \times 4\text{months}) \times 18\%$

**Example 9:** Campus Interviews conducted by CA Institute, by collecting entry fee from the corporate houses. Is it taxable supply of service under GST?

**Answer:** Yes. It is taxable supply of service

**Example 10:** Hr. Sec. School provided auditorium hall on rent to TNY Academy in Chennai. Monthly charges ₹1,21,200 throughout the year (w.e.f. 1-7-2017). Is it taxable supply of service? Applicable GST 18%. Find the GST liability.

**Answer:** This given activity is a taxable supply of service. Hr. Sec. School is liable to pay GST.

GST liability = 1,96,344

(₹1,21,200 pm x 9months) x 18%

**CBEC Circular No. 55/29/2018, dated 10th August, 2018:**

**Taxability of services provided by Industrial Training Institutes (ITI):**

**Question 1:** Whether GST is payable on vocational training provided by private it is in designated trades and in other than designated trades?

**Answer:** Private ITIs are qualified as an educational institution as defined under para 2(y) of Notification No. 12/2017-CT(Rate) if the education provided by these ITI's is approved by NCVT or SCVT or Modular Employable Skill course, approved by NCVT, run by a person registered with DG Training in Ministry of Skill Development.

Therefore, services provided by a private it is in respect of designated trades are exempt from GST under Entry No. 66 of NT 12/2017-CT(Rate).

However, services provided by a private ITI in respect of other than designated trades would be liable to pay GST and are not exempt.

**Question 2:** Whether GST is payable on the service, provided by a private Industrial Training Institute for conduct of examination against consideration in the form of entrance fee and also on the services relating to admission to or conduct of examination?

**Answer:** in case of designated trades, services provided by a private ITI by way of conduct of entrance examination against consideration in the form of entrance fee will also be exempt from GST.

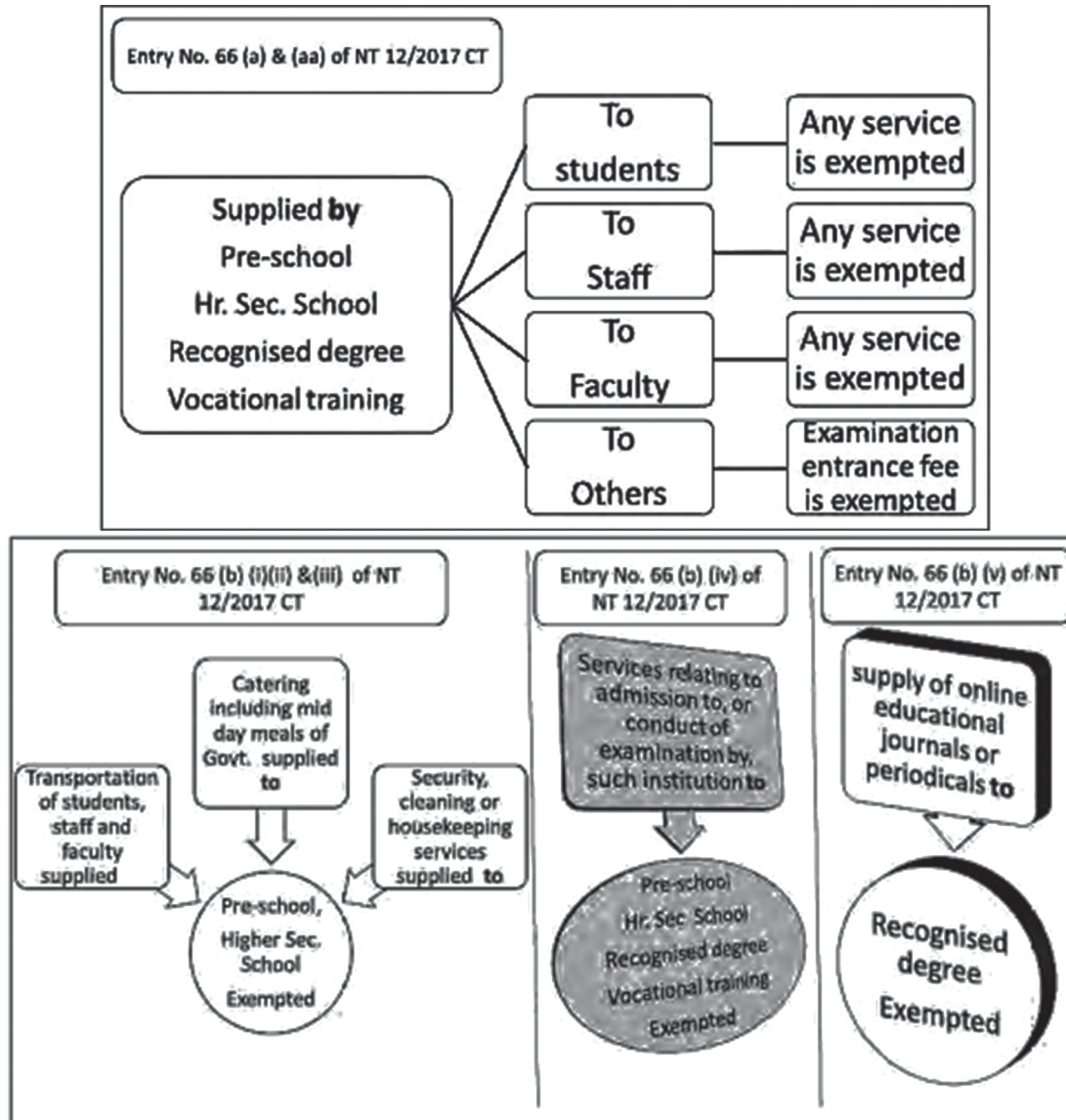
Further, in respect of such designated trades, services provided to an educational institution, by way of, services relating to admission to or conduct of examination by a private ITI will so be exempt.

It is further clarified that in case of other than designated trades in private ITI's GST shall be payable on the service of conduct of examination against consideration by such institutions.

As far as Government it is are concerned, services provided by a Government ITI to individual trainees/ students, is exempt under entry No. 6 of NT 12/2017-CT (Rate).

**Designated Trade** means any trade or occupation or any subject field in engineering or technology or any vocational course which the Central Government, after consultation with the Central Apprenticeship Council, may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify as a designated trade for the purposes of the Apprenticeship Act, 1961.

**Summary:**



**Clarification on applicability of GST exemption to the DG Shipping approved maritime courses conducted by Maritime Training Institutes of India. (CBIC Circular No. 117/36/2019-GST, dated 11th October, 2019)**

Maritime Training Institutes and their training courses are approved by the Director General of Shipping which are duly recognised under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 read with the Merchant Shipping (standards of training, certification and watch-keeping for Seafarers) Rules, 2014.

Therefore, the Maritime Institutes are educational institutions under GST Law and the courses conducted by them are exempt from levy of GST. The exemption is subject to meeting the conditions specified at Sl. No. 66 of the notification No. 12/ 2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28.06.2017.

**Example : 179**

Transport facility provided by a school to its students through a fleet of buses and cabs owned by the School.

**Answer:**

Exempted supply of service. GST will not be levied.

**Example : 180**

Transport facility provided by a school to its students through a private Bus/Cabs Operator.

**Answer:**

Exempted supply of service. GST will not be levied.

**Example : 181**

Service provided by a private transport operator to a school in relation to transportation of students to and from a school.

**Answer:**

Exempted supply of service. GST will not be levied.

**Example : 182**

Service provided by a School in relation to a tour to its students and staff.

**Answer:**

Exempted supply of service. GST will not be levied.

**Example : 183**

Service provided by a private transport operator to a school in relation to a tour and travel services of students and staff.

**Answer:**

Taxable Supply. GST will be levied

**Example : 184**

Mr. C a practicing CMA provided services to the Institute of Cost Accountants of India by way of teaching to Students.

**Answer:**

Taxable supply.

**Example : 185**

Restaurant services provided to the students of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, which is accessible by the others also. Is it taxable service?

**Answer:**

Taxable supply.





**Example : 186**

Security services provided by a Safety and Security Bureau in Chennai, to the ICAI New Delhi for four months. Monthly charges ₹ 1,200. Is it taxable supply of service? Applicable GST 18%. Find the GST liability.

**Answer:**

This given activity is a taxable supply of service. Security Bureau is liable to pay GST .

IGST liability = ₹ 864

(₹ 1,200 pm x 4 months) x 18%

**Example : 187**

Campus Interviews conducted by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, by collecting entry fee from the corporate houses. Is it taxable supply of service under GST?

**Answer:**

Yes. It is taxable supply of service

**Example : 188**

Hr. Sec. School provided auditorium hall on rent to Guidelines Academy in Chennai. Monthly charges ₹ 1,21,200 throughout the year (w.e.f 1-7-2017). Is it taxable supply of service? Applicable GST 18%. Find the GST liability.

**Answer:**

This given activity is a taxable supply of service. Hr. Sec. School is liable to pay GST .

GST liability = ₹ 1,96,344

(₹1,21,200 pm x 9 months) x 18%

As per CBIC vide the Circular No. 177/09/2022-TRU dt. 03.08.2022:

The amount or fee charged for admission or entrance, or amount charged for application fee for entrance, or the fee charged from prospective students for issuance of eligibility certificate to them in the process of their entrance/admission to the educational institution is exempt under entry no 66 of Notification No. 12/2017-CT(R) dt. 28.06.2017. Further, services supplied by an educational institution by way of issuance of migration certificate to the leaving or ex-students are also exempt under Sl. No. 66 of Notification No. 12/2017-CT(R) dated 28.06.2017.

**Entry No. 67 (Omitted)**

Service supplied by Indian Institute of Management (IIM's) are exempted from GST

Services provided by the Indian Institutes of Management, as per the guidelines of the Central Government, to their students, by way of the following educational programmes, except Executive Development Programme, -

- (a) Two year full time Post Graduate Programmes in Management for the Post Graduate Diploma in Management, to which admissions are made on the basis of Common Admission Test (CAT), conducted by Indian Institute of Management;
- (b) Fellow programme in Management
- (c) Five year integrated programme in Management.

**Example : 189**

Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad provided the following services in the month of July 2017:

- a. Post Graduate Diploma in Management services provided to those candidates who selected through Common Admission Test (CAT) for ₹ 25 lakhs.
- b. Services provided by way of Executive Development Programme ₹ 55 lakhs. Find the GST liability if rate of GST is 18%?

**Answer:**

- (a) Post Graduate Diploma in Management where admission to such programme is through Common Admission Test (CAT) is exempted supply of service. Exempted from GST.
- (b) Executive Development Programme is taxable supply. GST is ₹ 9.9 lakh (₹ 55 lakh x 18%)

**Entry No. 68**

Recognised sport body exempted from GST

**Services provided to a recognised sports body by-**

- (a) an individual as a player, referee, umpire, coach or team manager for participation in a sporting event organized by a recognised sports body;
- (b) Another recognised sports body;

**Recognised sports body means,-**

- (i) The Indian Olympic Association
- (ii) Sports Authority of India.
- (iii) A national sports federation recognised by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs of the Central Government, and its affiliated federations.
- (iv) National sports promotion organizations recognised by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs of the Central Government.
- (v) The International Olympic Association or a federation recognised by the International Olympic Association
- (vi) A federation or a body which regulates a sport at international level and its affiliated federations or bodies regulating a sport in India.

**Sports players participated in IPL tournament or acting as brand ambassador, or appear in T.V. Commercial advertisements are fully taxable under GST.**

**Example : 190**

Mr. M.S. Dhoni provided services to Chennai Super Kings (a franchisee) in a premier league. Is it taxable service?

**Answer:**

**Yes, it is taxable in the hands of Mr. M.S. Dhoni.**

**Since, the service of a player to a franchisee which is not a recognized sport body.**

**Example : 191**

Mr. Krishnamachari Srinivasan provided services as umpire in a premier league (IPL). Is this service taxable?

**Answer:**

**No. the given service is exempt from GST.**

**Since, services of an individual as umpire, provided directly to a recognized sport body (BCCI) shall be exempt.**



**Entry No. 69**

NSDC exempted from GST

Any services provided by NSDC:

Any services provided by

- (i) The National Skill Development Corporation set up by the Government of India;
- (ii) A Sector Skill Council approved by the National Skill Development Corporation;
- (iii) An assessment agency approved by the Sector Skill Council or the National Skill Development Corporation;
- (iv) A training partner approved by the National Skill Development Corporation or the Sector Skill Council



- (a) The National Skill Development Programme implemented by the National Skill Development Corporation; or
- (b) A vocational skill development course under the national Skill Certification and Monetary Reward Scheme; or
- (c) Any other Scheme implemented by the National Skill Development Corporation.

**are exempted from GST**

**Entry No. 70**

Services of assessing bodies empanelled centrally by the Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship by way of assessments under the Skill Development Initiative Scheme.

This exemption has been provided to assessing bodies who are empanelled by Directorate General of Training and the entrepreneurship by way of assessments under Skill Development Scheme.

**Example : 192**

**Industrial and Technical Consultancy Organisation of Tamilnadu Limited (ITCOT) is accredited for conducting assessment for Modular Employable Skills (MES) courses under SDI scheme.**

**Following services provided in the month of Oct 20XX:**

1. Skill development services for ₹ 20 lakhs;
2. Skill Assessment examination and certification under SDI for ₹ 25 lakhs;
3. Feasibility reports to various industries for ₹ 60 lakhs. Find the GST liability?

**Note:**

- (i) ITCOT is a registered person under GST Law.
- (ii) Assume GST applicable @ 18%.

**Answer:**

**Statement showing GST liability**

Particulars	Value ₹ (lakhs)	Remarks
Skill development services	20	Taxable supply of service
Skill Assessment examination and certification	Nil	Exempted supply of service
Feasibility reports to various industries	60	Taxable supply of services
<b>Total taxable services</b>	<b>80</b>	
<b>GST 18%</b>	<b>14.40</b>	

**Entry No. 71**

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana exempted from GST

**Exemption to certain training providers**

Services provided by training providers (Project implementation agencies) under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana under the Ministry of Rural Development by way of offering skill or vocational training courses certified by National Council For Vocational Training.

The exemption is provided subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Project implementing agency under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana under Ministry of Rural Development
- (b) The services shall be in the nature of skill or vocational training courses certified by National Council for Vocational Training

The service provider may be Government Agency or any private agency but he should provide the services as mentioned above.

**Entry No. 72**

Services provided to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory administration under any training programme for which 75% or more of the (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) total expenditure is borne by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory administration.

**Validate the following Statement:**

The Government of Tamil Nadu granted the aid of ₹16 lakh to Nicolas Educational and Research Institute for providing training in Automotive Service Technician (two and three wheelers) for the year 2022-23 under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana is taxable supply of service under GST. Total expenditure for providing training is ₹20 lakh

**Answer:** The given statement is invalid. It is exempted supply of service, since 75% or more of the total expenditure is borne by the Central Government. Thereby, covered under Entry No. 72, NT 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate) with nil rate of tax.

**Entry No. 73 (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022)**

Cord Blood Bank exempted from GST

Specified services provided by Cord Blood Banks have been exempted from levy (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022). "Services provided by cord blood banks by way of preservation of stem cells or any other service in relation to such preservation".

**Entry No. 74**

Health care services exempted from GST

Services by way of—

- (a) health care services by a clinical establishment, an authorised medical practitioner or para-medics; w.e.f. 18-07-2022, "Provided that nothing in this entry shall apply to the services provided by a clinical establishment by way of providing room [other than Intensive Care Unit (ICU)/Critical Care Unit (CCU)/ Intensive Cardiac Care Unit (ICCU)/Neo natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)] having room charges exceeding ₹ 5,000 per day to a person receiving health care services.";



(b) services provided by way of transportation of a patient in an ambulance, other than those specified in (a) above.

**Health Care Services**

Exempted Services	Taxable Services
<p>Services in recognized systems of medicines in India are exempt. Nursing staff, physiotherapists, technicians, lab assistants, 108 services etc.</p> <p>w.e.f. 1-4-2015 Ambulance services provided by an entity which is not a clinical establishment or an authorised medical practitioner or paramedics would also be exempt from GST.</p>	<p>Hair transplant or cosmetic or plastic surgery, except when undertaken due to congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, injury.</p>

As per Section 2(h) of the Clinical Establishments Act, 2010 the following systems of medicine are recognized systems of medicines:

1. Allopathy
2. Yoga
3. Naturopathy
4. Ayurveda
5. Homoeopathy
6. Siddha
7. Unani
8. Any other system of medicine that may be recognized by the Central Government.

Diagnosis, treatment or care provided in these systems of medicines in India are excluded from the purview of taxability.

**Pranic healing treatment: taxable supply of services**

**Acupressure treatment: taxable supply of services**

**Acupuncture treatment: taxable supply of services**

**Reiki treatment: taxable supply of services**

Reiki is an ancient Eastern healing method that uses energy to balance the mind, body and spirit. Reiki is one of the oldest healing systems in use today.

**Colour therapy : taxable supply of services**

**Ambulance services provided by Private Service provider to the Government exempted from GST:**

Vide **Circular No. 51/25/2018-GST, dated 31st July, 2018**, the CBEC has clarified that the services provided by the Private Service Providers (PSPs) to the State Governments by way of transportation of patients in an ambulance on behalf of the State Governments against consideration, would be exempt from payment of GST (covering by Serial No. 3 and 3A of Notification No. 12/2017- Central Tax (Rate), date 28.06.2017).

Under GST, the functions of 'Health and sanitation' is entrusted to Panchayats under Article 243 G of Constitution and functions of 'Public health' is entrusted to Municipalities under Article 243W of the Constitution, thus, the ambulance services are an activity in relation to the functions entrusted to Panchayats and Municipalities under Article 243G and 243W of the Constitution. Therefore, the same would be covered by Serial No. 3 and 3A of Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate), date 28.06.2017, i.e. GST would be exempted where pure services has been provided to Central Government, State Government, Union Territory Government, local authority (and governmental authority Omitted w.e.f. 1-1-2022) by way of an activity in relation to the

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function entrusted to Panchayats under Article 243G or Municipalities under Article 243W of the Constitution.

W.e.f 18-07-2022, Services by way of-

(a) health care services by a clinical establishment, an authorised medical practitioner or para-medics are exempt from GST;

Provided that nothing in this entry shall apply to the services provided by a clinical establishment by way of providing room [other than Intensive Care Unit (ICU)/Critical Care Unit (CCU)/Intensive Cardiac Care Unit (ICCU)/Neo natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)] having room charges exceeding ₹5,000 per day to a person receiving health care services.;

Room rent (excluding ICU) exceeding ₹5,000 per day per patient charged by a hospital shall be taxed to the extent of amount charged for the room at 5% GST without ITC.

This means:

- No GST will be applicable if the room rent is  $\leq$  ₹5,000
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) rooms will be exempt from 5% GST

Circular No. 177/09/2022-TRU dt. 03.08.2022:

Services in form of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART)/ In vitro fertilization (IVF) exempt from GST.

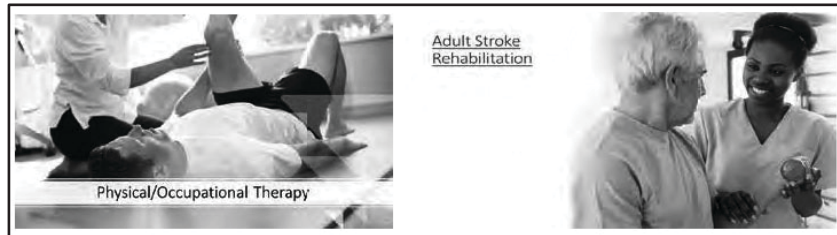
Health care services provided by a clinical establishment, an authorized medical practitioner or paramedics are exempt under Sl. No. 74 of notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06. 2017. It has been clarified that abnormality/disease/ailment of infertility is treated using ART procedure such as IVF and accordingly services by way of IVF are also covered under the definition of health care services for the purpose of exemption notification.



**Entry No. 74A (w.e.f. 1-1-2019)**

**Notification No. 28/2018- CT (R), dated 31st December 2018:**

Services provided by rehabilitation professionals recognized under the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 (34 of 1992) by way of rehabilitation, therapy or counselling and such other activity as covered by the said Act at medical establishments, educational institutions, rehabilitation centers established by Central Government, State Government or Union territory or an entity registered under section 12AA of the Income tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) is exempted from GST.



**Example 3:** Kamakshi charitable trusts running a hospital by hiring visiting doctors/specialists.

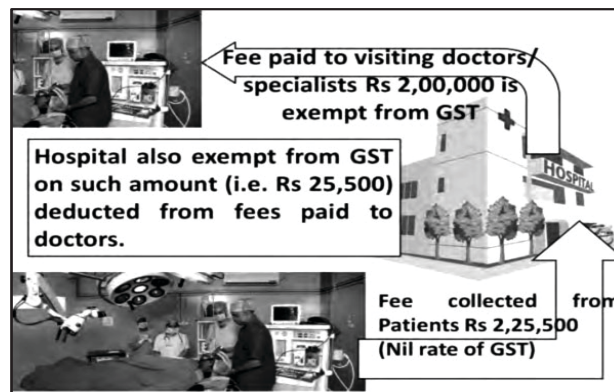
Medical services to patients at a concessional rate charged by hospital for ₹2,25,500 from patients and paid to visiting doctors/specialists ₹2,00,000.

Find the following:

- (a) Exempted supply if any.
- (b) GST liability if any.

Applicable rate of GST 18%.

**Answer:**



**Circular No. 32/06/2018-GST, dated 12th February 2018:**

- (1) Services provided by senior doctors/consultants/technicians hired by the hospitals, whether employees or not, are healthcare services which are exempt.
- (2) Healthcare services have been defined to mean any service by way of diagnosis or treatment or care for illness, injury, deformity, abnormality or pregnancy in any recognised system of medicines in India [para 2(zg) of notification No. 12/2017-CT(Rate)].
- (3) Therefore, hospitals also provide healthcare services. The entire amount charged by them from the patients including the retention money and the fee/payments made to the doctors etc., is towards the healthcare services provided by the hospitals to the patients and is exempt.
- (4) Food supplied to the in-patients as advised by the doctor/nutritionists is a part of composite supply of healthcare and not separately taxable. Other supplies of food by a hospital to patients not admitted) or their attendants or visitors are taxable.

**Authorised Medical Practitioners (i.e. Doctors) are liable to pay GST?**

In general Doctors are exempted from GST. However, they are liable to pay GST in the following cases:

- (a) Supplied services in case of care but not cure (like hair transplant or cosmetic or plastic surgery and so on).
- (b) In case of RCM (where recipient is liable to pay GST).

(c) Supplied exempted as well as taxable supply of goods or services or both aggregate value exceeds ₹20 lakhs (in case of special category States ₹10 lakhs). Hence, Doctors are liable to pay GST on taxable supply.

Services provided by operators of the common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facility to a clinical establishment by way of treatment or disposal of bio-medical waste or the processes incidental thereto exempt from GST. (Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022)

**Example : 193**

**Synergy Waste Management (P) Ltd. provided following services to Apollo Hospitals Chennai during the month of March 2023:**

- (i) Collection, transportation, Treatment & Disposal of Bio-Medical Waste for ₹ 5,25,000.
- (ii) Training on Segregation of Bio-Medical Waste to Hospital Staff to further increase efficiency of Bio-Medical Waste Management Services for ₹1,25,000.
- (iii) Laundry services for ₹ 50,000.
- (iv) Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facility services provided to Arvind pharma company during March 2020 for ₹ 2,00,000.

**Find the GST liability for the month of March 2020?**

**Answer:**

**Statement showing GST liability of Synergy Waste Management (P) Ltd.**

Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
Collection, transportation, Treatment & Disposal of Bio-Medical Waste	5,25,000	Taxable supply of service w.e.f. 18-07-2022
Training on Segregation of Bio-Medical Waste	1,25,000	Taxable supply of service w.e.f. 18-07-2022
Laundry services	50,000	Taxable service
Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facility services provided to Arvind pharma company.	2,00,000	Taxable service. Since, exemption is given to a clinical establishment by way of treatment or disposal of bio-medical waste
<b>Total taxable supply of service</b>	<b>9,00,000</b>	
<b>GST 18%</b>	<b>1,62,000</b>	

**Example : 194**

**Validate the following statement:**

**Hospital charging room rent per day per room is ₹ 11,200 on rooms provided to in-patients. It is exempted supply of service.**

**Answer:**

**The given statement is invalid. It is taxable supply of service.**

**w.e.f. 18-07-2022, services provided by a clinical establishment by way of providing room [other than Intensive Care Unit (ICU)/Critical Care Unit (CCU)/Intensive Cardiac Care Unit (ICCU)/Neo natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)] having room charges exceeding Rs. 5000 per day to a person receiving health care services are taxable under GST.**



**Example : 195**

**Kamakshi charitable trusts running a hospital by hiring visiting doctors/specialists.**

Medical services to patients at a concessional rate charged by hospital for ₹ 2,25,500 from patients and paid to visiting doctors/specialists ₹ 2,00,000. Hospital charges includes ₹ 5,500 per day to a patient in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Find the following:

(a) Exempted supply if any.

(b) GST liability if any.

Applicable rate of GST 18%.

Answer:



w.e.f. 18-07-2022, services provided by a clinical establishment by way of providing room in Intensive Care Unit (ICU)/Critical Care Unit (CCU)/Intensive Cardiac Care Unit (ICCU)/Neo natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)] is exempt from GST irrespective of room rent per day.

**Circular No. 32/06/2018-GST, dated 12th February 2018:**

- (1) Services provided by senior doctors/consultants/technicians hired by the hospitals, whether employees or not, are healthcare services which are exempt.
- (2) Healthcare services have been defined to mean any service by way of diagnosis or treatment or care for illness, injury, deformity, abnormality or pregnancy in any recognised system of medicines in India [para 2(zg) of notification No. 12/2017-CT(Rate)].
- (3) Therefore, hospitals also provide healthcare services. The entire amount charged by them from the patients including the retention money and the fee/payments made to the doctors etc., is towards the healthcare services provided by the hospitals to the patients and is exempt.
- (4) Food supplied to the in-patients as advised by the doctor/nutritionists is a part of composite supply of healthcare and not separately taxable. Other supplies of food by a hospital to patients not admitted) or their attendants or visitors are taxable.

Authorised Medical Practitioners (i.e. Doctors) are liable to pay GST?

In general Doctors are exempted from GST. However, they are liable to pay GST in the following cases:

- (a) Supplied services in case of care but not cure (like hair transplant or cosmetic or plastic surgery and so on).
- (b) In case of RCM (where recipient is liable to pay GST).
- (c) Supplied exempted as well as taxable supply of goods or services or both aggregate value exceeds ₹ 20 lakhs (in case of special category States ₹ 10 lakhs). Hence, Doctors are liable to pay GST on taxable supply.

**Entry No. 76**

Services by way of public conveniences such as provision of facilities of bathroom, washrooms, lavatories, urinal or toilets; are exempted from GST

**Entry No. 77**
**Service by an unincorporated body or a non-profit entity**

Service by an unincorporated body or a non-profit entity registered under any law for the time being in force, to its own members by way of reimbursement of charges or share of contribution -

- (a) as a trade union;
  - (b) for the provision of carrying out any activity which is exempt from the levy of GST; or
  - (c) up to an amount of five thousand rupees per month per member for sourcing of goods or services from a third person for the common use of its members in a housing society or a residential complex;
- are exempted from GST.

**Example : 196**

**Green Tree society provided following services in the month of Oct 20XX:**

- (i) Banquet hall provided to a Member of the society on hire for the purpose of celebrating his son birthday party for ₹ 25,000.
- (ii) Payment of electricity bill issued by third person, in the name of its members; collected ₹ 1,10,000 from its members and paid to electricity department ₹1,00,000.
- (iii) contribution per month per member is ₹ 5,500 for 20 members and ₹ 2,500 for 30 members has been received in the Oct 20XX.

**Find the tax liability of the Green Tree Society for the month of Oct 20XX.**

**Answer:**

**Statement showing GST liability of Green Tree society for the month of Oct 20XX:**

Particulars	Amount (₹)	Remarks
Banquet hall rent	25,000	Taxable service
Service charges	10,000	Taxable service
Maintenance charges	1,10,000	5,500 × 20
<b>Total taxable value of supply of services</b>	<b>1,45,000</b>	
<b>GST @18%</b>	<b>26,100</b>	

**Entry 78**
**Artist exempted from GST**

Services by an artist by way of a performance in folk or classical art forms of-

- (a) music, or
- (b) dance, or
- (c) theatre,

if the consideration charged for such performance is not more than ₹ 1,50,000:

Provided that the exemption shall not apply to service provided by such artist as a brand ambassador.

The following artists are exempted from GST if consideration not exceeds ₹ 1,50,000 for such performance:



**Example : 197**

Mr. Navab, a performing artist, provides the following information relating to August, 20XX. Receipts from:

	₹
Performing classical dance	98,000
Performing in television serial	2,80,000
Services as brand ambassador	12,00,000
Coaching in recreational activities relating to arts	2,10,000

Activities in sculpture making	3,10,000
Performing western dance	90,000

Determine the value of taxable supply of services and GST payable by Mr. Navab for August, 20XX. GST @ 18%.

Answer:

Receipts from	Value in ₹	Remarks
Classical dance	Nil	Exempt as receipt is less than or equal to ₹ 1,50,000
Performing in television serial	2,80,000	
Brand ambassador	12,00,000	
Coaching in recreational activities in relation to arts	Nil	Services by way of training or coaching in recreational activities relating to — arts or culture, (by an individual (inserted w.e.f. 18-07-2022) is exempt from GST.
sculpture making	3,10,000	
Western dance	90,000	
<b>Value of taxable supply of service</b>	<b>18,80,000</b>	
<b>GST 18%</b>	<b>3,38,400</b>	

**CBIC Circular No. 177/09/2022 TRU dt. 03.08.2022:**

It has been clarified that services provided by the guest anchors invited by the TV channels for participating in their shows in lieu of honorarium, attracts GST liability. However, guest anchors whose aggregate turnover in a financial year does not exceed Rs 20 lakhs (Rs 10 lakhs in case of special category states) shall not be liable to take registration and pay GST.

**Entry No. 79**

**Admission to a museum, national park, wildlife sanctuary, tiger reserve or zoo exempted:**

Admission to a museum, national park, wildlife sanctuary, tiger reserve or zoo exempted:

**Entry No. 80 already covered**

**Entry No. 81**

**Admission to entertainment exempted from GST**

Services by way of right to admission to-

- (a) circus, dance, or theatrical performance including drama or ballet;
- (b) award function, concert, pageant, musical performance or any sporting event other than a recognised sporting event;
- (c) recognised sporting event,

where the consideration for admission is not more than ₹ 250 per person as referred to in (a), (b) and (c) above.

### Exempted from GST:

Admission to award function, concert, pageant, musical performance or any sporting event other than a recognised sporting event, planetarium where the consideration for admission is not more than 500 per person.

Admission to recognised sporting events exempt from GST provided fee is less than or equal to ₹ 500 per person. Recognised sporting event means:

- (i) Organized by a recognized sports body where the participating team or individual represent any district, state zone or country;
- (ii) Recognised sport body means refer Entry No. 68.

#### Example : 198

**Admission to IPL is ₹ 95 and entertainment tax ₹ 25. Whether this is activity exempt from GST?**

**Answer:**

**Exempted supply of service. Since, transaction value ₹ 220 (i.e ₹ 195 plus ₹ 25) not exceeds ₹ 250 per ticket.**

### Admission to fashion show : Attract GST

Since, this activity is specifically not exempted from any exemption Notification.

Entry No. 82A w.e.f. 1-10-2019

Services by way right to admission to the events organised under FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2020 (whenever rescheduled inserted w.e.f. 18-07-2022) exempted from GST.



**Apart from above, list of services exempt from IGST by Notification No. 9/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) Dated 28th June 2017 also include following three services.**

#### (1) Services received from a provider of service located in a non- taxable territory by –

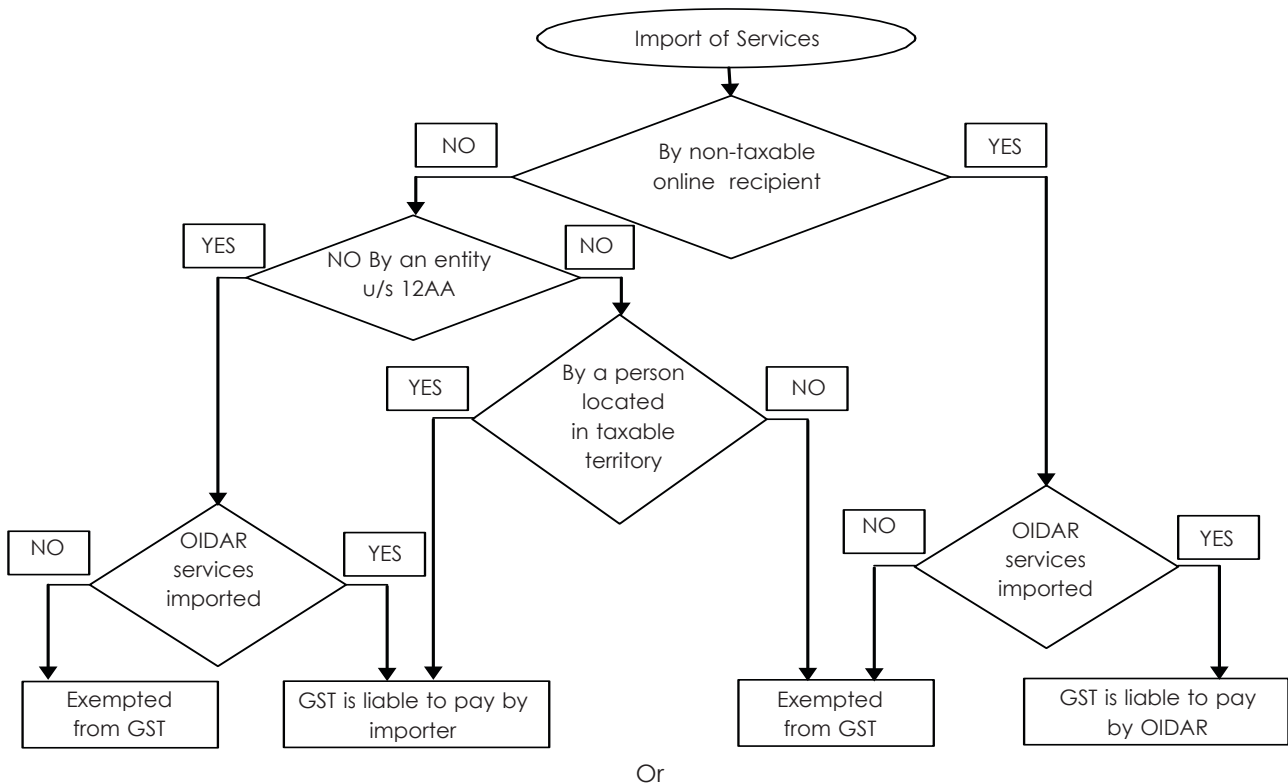
- (a) the Central Government, State Government, Union territory, a local authority, a governmental authority or an individual in relation to any purpose other than commerce, industry or any other business or profession;
  - (b) an entity registered under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) for the purposes of providing charitable activities; or
  - (c) a person located in a non-taxable territory:
- Provided that the exemption shall not apply to –
- (i) online information and database access or retrieval services received by persons specified in entry (a) or entry (b); or
  - (ii) services by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the customs station of clearance in India received by persons specified in the entry.

it means item no. (i) and (ii) are taxable.

#### Summary:

Provided that the exemption shall not apply to –

- (i) online information and database access or retrieval services received by persons specified in entry (a) or entry (b);



Or

Provided that the exemption shall not apply to –

- (ii) services by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the customs station of clearance in India received by persons specified in the entry.

However, if the following goods are imported into India by vessel are falling are exempted from payment of IGST:-

- (a) relief materials meant for victims of natural or man-made disasters, calamities, accidents or mishap;
- (b) defence or military equipments;
- (c) newspaper or magazines registered with the Registrar of Newspapers;
- (d) railway equipments or materials;
- (e) agricultural produce;
- (f) milk, salt and food grain including flours, pulses and rice; and
- (g) organic manure.

**Person liable to pay GST has been prescribed in relation to service of transportation of goods by a vessel – IMPORTER:**

The person liable for paying GST in relation to services provided or agreed to be provided by a person located in non-taxable territory to a person located in non-taxable territory by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the customs station of clearance in India is the importer (as defined u/s 2(26) of the Customs Act, 1962).

Thus, the importer will be liable to pay tax (under Reverse Charge), and accordingly now, he can take ITC on the basis of challan against payment of GST.

## Levy and Collection of Tax

Where the value of taxable service provided by a person located in non-taxable territory to a person located in non-taxable territory by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the customs station of clearance in India is not available with the person liable for paying integrated tax, the same shall be deemed to be 10% of the CIF value (sum of cost, insurance and freight) of imported goods." [Vide IGST Tax (Rate) Notification No 8/2017 dated 28-Jun-2017 read with Corrigendum dated 30-Jun-2017].

Accordingly tax liability under GST Regime w.e.f 01 Jul 2017:

- GST on Ocean Freight is @ 5% under Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM).
- If freight is not known then GST would be 5% on 10% of CIF value of goods. Hence tax applicability would be 0.5% on CIF value of goods.
- GST on Air Freight is @ 0%
- GST on all Destination Charges (i.e., Domestic Transportation till Consignee/Buyer's place) in India is @18%.

### Place of supply of goods in case of cross border transactions:

Place of provision of a service of transportation of goods, other than by way of mail or courier Sec. 13(9) of IGST:

#### Place of supply of Service = Destination of such Goods

<b>Example : 199</b>		
M/s Ram Ltd. of Chennai being importer furnished the following information:		
(i) CIF price of imported goods from Indonesia: USD1,00,000.		
(ii) Submitted the Bill of entry on 15.07.20XX.		
(iii) Rate of exchange is ₹ 65 per USD.		
<b>Note: the exact amount of freight paid by the foreign exporter to the foreign shipping line is not known. You are required to answer:</b>		
(a) Value of taxable supply		
(b) Who is liable to pay GST		
(c) Total tax liability		
<b>Answer:</b>		
<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Value in ₹</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
CIF value of import	65,00,000	(1,00,000 USD x ₹ 65)
(a) Value of taxable supply of service (i.e. ocean freight)	6,50,000	₹ 65,00,000 x 10%
(b) Importer (Ram Ltd.) is liable to pay GST @5% on the taxable value of supply of service		
(c) GST liability = ₹ 32,500 (₹ 6,50,000 x 5%)		

### 2. Omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Services received by the Reserve Bank of India from outside India in relation to management of foreign exchange reserves exempted from GST:

Specialized financial services received by RBI from outside India, in the course of management of foreign exchange reserves are taxable under GST w.e.f. 18-07-2022..

<b>Examples : 200</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External asset management,</li> <li>• Custodial services,</li> <li>• Securities lending services etc.</li> </ul>



**Example : 201**

**Validate the following statement:**

**Reserve Bank of India, Mound Road Branch in Chennai imported external asset management services is exempt from GST.**

**Answer:**

**The given statement is invalid. It is taxable supply of service and hence IGST will be levied.**

**3. Services provided by a tour operator to a foreign tourist in relation to a tour conducted wholly outside India exempted from GST**

w.e.f. 18-07-2022, Tour operator service, which is performed partly in India and partly outside India, supplied by a tour operator to a foreign tourist, to the extent of the value of the tour operator service which is performed outside India is exempted from GST.

**Example : 202**

**Service provided by Indian tour operator to a Sri Lankan for a tour conducted in Bhutan. Is it taxable supply?**

**Answer:**

**It is exempted supply of service and hence GST will not be levied.**

**Exemption from payment of GST on advance received on account of supply of goods**

As per Notification No. 66/2017–Central Tax, dated 15.11.2017, the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, exempts all taxpayers from payment of GST on advances received in case of supply of goods. Previously, the persons whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year did not exceed one crore and fifty lakh rupees or the person whose aggregate turnover in the year in which such person has obtained registration is likely to be less than one crore and fifty lakh rupees and who did not opt for the composition levy, are exempted from payment of GST on advances received for supply of goods (Notification No. 40/2017 – Central Tax, dated 13.10.2017). This exemption would apply in case of change in rate of tax also and the place of supply of goods will be the earlier of the following:

- (a) the date of issue of invoice by the supplier or the last date on which he is required to issue the invoice with respect to the supply or
- (b) the date on which the supplier receives the payment with respect to the supply:

**Notification No. 66/2017 – Central Tax, dated 15.11.2017,**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 148 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) (hereafter in this notification referred to as the said Act) and in supersession of notification No. 40/2017-Central Tax, dated the 13th October, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R.1254(E), dated the 13th October, 2017, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby notifies the registered person who did not opt for the composition levy under section 10 of the said Act as the class of persons who shall pay the central tax on the outward supply of goods at the time of supply as specified in clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 12 of the said Act including in the situations attracting the provisions of section 14 of the said Act, and shall accordingly furnish the details and returns as mentioned in Chapter IX of the said Act and the rules made thereunder and the period prescribed for the payment of tax by such class of registered persons shall be such as specified in the said Act.]

**w.e.f. 27th July, 2018, Service supplied by establishment of person in India to own establishment out of India exempt:**

Service supplied by establishment of person in India to own establishment out of India is exempt, if place of supply is out of India (Sr. No. 10E of Notification No. 9/2017-IT (Rate), dated 28th June, 2017.

**Inter State supply of services- Nepal and Bhutan exempt:**

Further, Notification No. 9/2017-IT(R), dated 28.06.2017 has also been amended vide Notification No. 42/2017-IT(R), dated 27.10.2017 to exempt inter-State supply of services having place of supply in Nepal or Bhutan, against payment in Indian Rupees.

This exemption has been withdrawn from Integrated Tax for supply of services having place of supply in Nepal and Bhutan, against payment in Indian Rupees. vide Notification No. 2/2019-IT, dated 4-2-2019.

**Online educational journals or periodicals to an educational institution:**

Services received from a provider of service located in a non- taxable territory by way of supply of online educational journals or periodicals to an educational institution other than an institution providing services by way of—

- (i) pre-school education and education upto higher secondary school or equivalent; or
- (ii) education as a part of an approved vocational education course;

have been exempted vide **Notification No. 2/2018 IT dated 25.01.2018**.

**Import of services by United Nations or a specified international organisation for official use of the United Nations or the specified international organisation.**

Exempted from IGST.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this entry, unless the context otherwise requires, “specified international organisation” means an international organisation declared by the Central Government in pursuance of section 3 of the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities Act) 1947 (46 of 1947), to which the provisions of the Schedule to the said Act apply.

**Import of services by Foreign diplomatic mission or consular post in India, or diplomatic agents or career consular officers (including members of his or her family) posted therein also be exempted from IGST.****Latest Amendments under GST:****(A) Royalty and license fee exempt from IGST:**

w.e.f. 25.1.2018, To exempt IGST payable under section 5 of the IGST Act, 2017 on supply of services covered by item 5(c) of Schedule II of the CGST Act, 2017 (i.e. intellectual property right) to the extent of aggregate of the duties and taxes leviable under section 3(7) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 read with sections 5 & 7 of IGST Act, 2017 on part of consideration declared under section 14(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 towards royalty and license fee includible in transaction value as specified under Rule 10(1)(c) of the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007.

**Example:** Compute the duty payable under the Customs Act, 1962 for an imported equipment based on the following information:

- (i) Transaction value of the imported equipment US \$10,100 (royalty and license fee included in transaction value US \$ 100).
- (ii) Date of Bill of Entry 25.4.20XX basic customs duty on this date 12% and exchange rate notified by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Us \$ 1 = ₹65.
- (iii) IGST u/s 3(7) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975: 12%.

Social Welfare Surcharge @10% is applicable.

Importer is liable to pay IGST on import of royalty and license fee?





Applicable rate of IGST on import of services namely royalty and license fee @18%.

Make suitable assumptions where required and show the relevant workings and round off your answer to the nearest Rupee.

**Answer:**

Particulars	Value in ₹	Working Note
Assessable value	6,56,500	(10,100 USD × ₹65)
Add: Basic Customs Duty	78,780	₹6,56,500 × 12%
Add: 10% Social Welfare Surcharge	7,878	78,780 × 10%
Transaction value for IGST	7,43,158	
Add: IGST u/s 3(7) of Cus. Tariff	89,179	7,43,158 × 12%
Value of imports	8,32,337	
Total customs duty payable	1,75,837	

IGST payable on import of service (i.e. USD100 × ₹65 × 18%) = ₹1,170

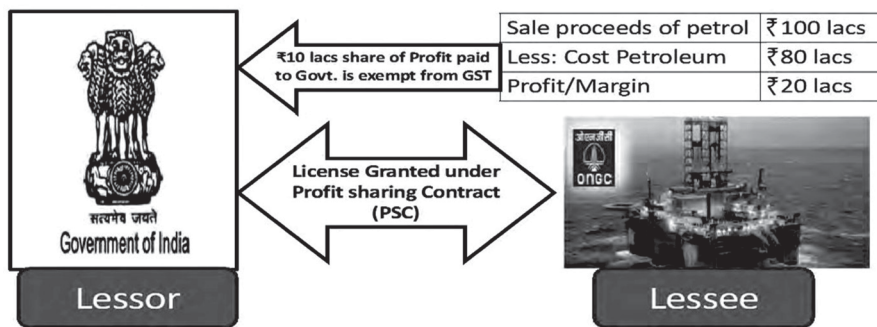
Less: Exempted [(i.e. 100 USD × ₹65) × 113.20%] × 12% = ₹ (883)

Net IGST payable = ₹ 287

**Note:** Transaction value of royalty and license fee included in the value of imported goods is ₹6,500 (i.e. 100 USD × ₹65)

**(B) Exemption from CGST to Government's share of Profit from grant of licence/lease to explore or mine petroleum crude or natural gas (vide Notification No. 5/2018-C.T. (Rate), Dated 25.1.2018):**

As per sec. 11(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 exempt the intra state supply of services by way of grant of license or lease to explore or mine petroleum crude or natural gas or both, from so much of the central tax as is leviable on the consideration paid to the Central Government in the form of Central Government's share of profit petroleum as defined in the contract entered into by the Central Government in this behalf.



**In this regard CBEC issued Circular No. 32/06/2018-GST, dated 12th February 2018:**

As per the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) between the Government and the oil exploration & production contractors, in case of a commercial discovery of petroleum, the contractors are entitled to recover from the sale proceeds all expenses incurred in exploration, development, production and payment of royalty. Portion of the value of petroleum which the contractor is entitled to take in a year for recovery of these contract costs is called "Cost Petroleum".

The relationship of the oil exploration and production contractors with the Government is not that of partners but that of licensor/lessor and licensee/lessee in terms of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959. Having acquired the right to explore, exploit and sell petroleum in lieu of royalty and a share in profit petroleum, contractors carry out the exploration and production of petroleum for themselves and not as a service to the Government. Para 8.1 of the Model Production Sharing Contract (MPSC) states that subject to the provisions of the PSC, the Contractor shall have exclusive right to carry out Petroleum Operations to recover costs and expenses as provided in this Contract.

The oil exploration and production contractors conduct all petroleum operations at their sole risk, cost and expense. Hence, cost petroleum is not a consideration for service to GOI and thus not taxable per se.

However, cost petroleum may be an indication of the value of mining or exploration services provided by operating member to the joint venture, in a situation where the operating member is found to be supplying service to the oil exploration and production joint venture.

### (C) CBEC Circular No. 34/8/2018-GST, dated 1-3-2018

Sl. No.	Issue	Clarification
1	Whether activity of bus body building, is a supply of goods or services?	In the case of bus body building there is supply of goods and services. Thus, classification of this composite supply, as goods or service would depend on which supply is the principal supply which may be determined on the basis of facts and circumstances of each case.
2	Whether retreading of tyres is a supply of goods or services?	In retreading of tyres, which is a composite supply, the pre-dominant element is the process of retreading which is a supply of service. Rubber used for retreading is an ancillary supply. Which part of a composite supply is the principal supply, must be determined keeping in view the nature of the supply involved? Value may be one of the guiding factors in this determination, but not the sole factor. The primary question that should be asked is what is the essential nature of the composite supply and which element of the supply imparts that essential nature to the composite supply. Supply of retreaded tyres, where the old tyres belong to the supplier of retreaded tyres, is a supply of goods (retreaded tyres under heading 4012 of the Customs Tariff attracting GST @ 28%)
3	Whether Priority Sector Lending Certificates (PSLCs) are outside the purview of GST and therefore not taxable?	<p>In Reserve Bank of India FAQ on PSLC, it has been mentioned that PSLC may be construed to be in the nature of goods, dealing in which has been notified as a permissible activity under section 6(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 vide Government of India notification dated 4th February 2016. PSLC are not securities. PSLC are akin to freely tradeable duty scrips, Renewable Energy Certificates, REP license or replenishment license, which attracted VAT.</p> <p>In GST there is no exemption to trading in PSLCs. Thus, PSLCs are taxable as goods at standard rate of 18% under the residuary S. No. 453 of Schedule III of notification No. 1/2017-Central Tax(Rate). GST payable on the certificates would be available as ITC to the bank buying the certificates.</p> <p><b>As per CBEC Circular No. 46/20/2018-GST, dated 6th June, 2018:</b></p> <p>It is hereby clarified that Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and Priority Sector Lending Certificates (PSLCs) and other similar documents are classifiable under heading 4907 and attract 12% GST. The duty credit scrips (MEIS or SEIS), however, attract Nil GST.</p> <p><b>As per CBEC Circular No. 62/36/2018-GST, dated 12th Sep., 2018:</b></p> <p>It is clarified that GST on PSLCs for the period 1.7.2017 to 27.05.2018 will be paid by the seller bank on forward charge basis and GST rate of 12% will be applicable on the supply.</p> <p>w.e.f. 28th May 2018 RCM:</p> <p>CBEC notifies levy of GST on Priority Sector Lending Certificate (PSLC) under Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM) vide Notification No. 11/2018-Central Tax (Rate), dated 28th May 2018.</p>



Sl. No.	Issue	Clarification
4	<p>(1) Whether the activities carried by DISCOMS against recovery of charges from consumers under State Electricity Act are exempt from GST?</p> <p>(2) Whether the guarantee provided by State Government to state owned companies against guarantee commission is taxable under GST?</p>	<p>(1) Service by way of transmission or distribution of electricity by an electricity transmission or distribution utility is exempt from GST under notification No. 12/2017-CT (R), Sl. No. 25.</p> <p>The other services such as,—</p> <p>(i) Application fee for releasing connection of electricity;</p> <p>(ii) Rental Charges against metering equipment;</p> <p>(iii) Testing fee for meters/transformers, capacitors etc.;</p> <p>(iv) Labour charges from customers for shifting of meters or shifting of service lines;</p> <p>(v) charges for duplicate bill; provided by DISCOMS to consumer are taxable.</p> <p>(2) The service provided by Central Government/State Government to any business entity including PSUs by way of guaranteeing the loans taken by them from financial institutions against consideration in any form including Guarantee Commission is taxable.</p> <p><b>w.e.f. 27th July 2018:</b></p> <p>Services supplied by Central Government, State Government, Union territory to their undertakings or Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) by way of guaranteeing the loans taken by such undertakings or PSUs from the financial institutions.</p> <p>[Notification No. 14/2018-Central Tax (Rate)].</p>

**CBEC Circular No. 48/22/2018-GST, dated 14-6-2018:**

- Services of short-term accommodation, conferencing, banqueting, etc., provided to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit shall be treated as an inter-State supply.
- If event management services, hotel, accommodation services, consumables, etc. are received by a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit for authorised operations, as endorsed by the specified officer of the Zone, the benefit of ZERO-RATED supply shall be available in such cases to the supplier.
- The fabric processors shall be eligible for refund of unutilized ITC on account of inverted duty structure under section 54(3) of the CGST Act, 2017 even if the goods (fabrics) supplied to them are covered under Notification No. 5/2017-CT, dated 28-6-2017 [i.e. in respect of which no refund of unutilised input tax credit shall be allowed, where the credit has accumulated on account of rate of tax on inputs being higher than the rate of tax on the output supplies of such goods (other than nil rated or fully exempt supplies)].

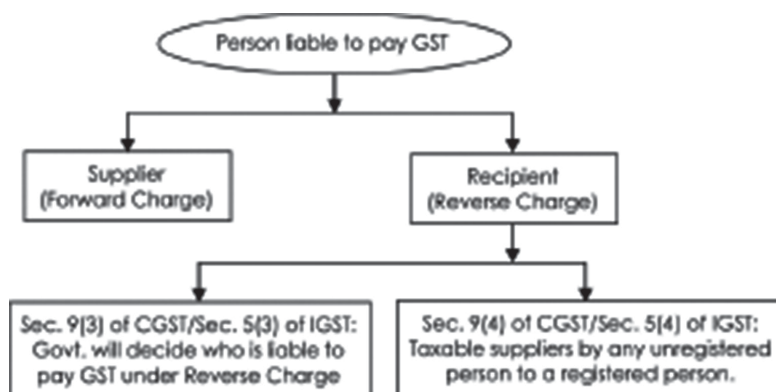
**Exemption from GST on certain services:**

The Central Government vide Notification No. 04/2019-Central Tax (R), dated 29th March, 2019 has notified following services are exempt from tax subject to certain conditions specified.

Service	Condition
<p>Service by way of transfer of development rights or Floor Space Index on or after 1st April 2019 for construction of residential apartments.</p> <p>The amount of GST exemption available shall be calculated as under:</p> <p>[GST payable on TDR or FSI (including additional FSI) or both for construction of the project] x (carpet area of the residential apartments in the project ÷ Total carpet area of the residential and commercial apartments in the project) Upfront amount payable in respect of service by way of granting of long-term lease of 30 years, or more, on or after 01.04.2019, for construction of residential apartments.</p>	<p>Provided that the promoter shall be liable to pay tax at the applicable rate, on reverse charge basis, on such proportion of value of development rights, or FSI (including additional FSI), or both, as is attributable to the residential apartments, which remain un booked on the date of issuance of completion certificate, or first occupation of the project, as the case may be, in the following manner</p>

## 2.7 PERSON LIABLE TO PAY GST

Generally, the supplier of goods or services is liable to pay GST. However, in specified cases like imports and other notified supplies, the liability may be cast on the recipient under the reverse charge mechanism. Reverse charge means the liability to pay tax is on the recipient of supply of goods or services instead of the supplier of such goods or services in respect of notified categories of supply.



GST Council, in its 22nd Meeting dt. 6 Oct. 2017, has recommended that the reverse charge mechanism (RCM) under Section 9(4) of the CGST Act, 2017/ Section 5(4) of the IGST Act, 2017 shall remain deferred/ suspended till 31.03.2018 and will be reviewed by a committee of experts.

### Sec. 9(3) of CGST/Sec. 5(3) of IGST: Govt. will decide who is liable to pay GST under Reverse Charge.

The following goods on which GST shall be levied under Reverse Charge have been notified (vide Notification No. 04/2017 dt. 28th July 2017):

S.No.	Description of supply of goods	Supplier of goods	Recipient of Goods
1	Cashew nuts not shelled or peeled.	Agriculturist	Any registered person. Recipient of goods is liable to pay GST.
2	Bidi wrapper leaves (tendu)	Agriculturist	Any registered person. Recipient of goods is liable to pay GST.
3	Tobacco leaves	Agriculturist	Any registered person. Recipient of goods is liable to pay GST.
3A	Following essential oils other than those of citrus fruit namely: a) Of peppermint ( <i>Mentha piperita</i> ); b) Of other mints: Spearmint oil ( <i>ex-mentha spicata</i> ), Water mint-oil ( <i>ex-mentha aquatic</i> ), Horsemint oil ( <i>exmentha ylvestries</i> ), Bergament oil ( <i>ex-mentha citrate</i> ).	Any un-registered person	Any registered person, recipient is liable to pay GST.
4	Supply of lottery	State Government, Union Territory or any local authority	Lottery distributor or selling agent. Distributor or selling agent is liable to pay GST.



S.No.	Description of supply of goods	Supplier of goods	Recipient of Goods
5	Silk yarn	Any person who manufactures silk yarn from raw silk or silkworm cocoons for supply of silk yarn.	Any registered person. Recipient of goods is liable to pay GST.
6	Used vehicles, seized and confiscated goods, old and used goods, waste and scrap. Notification No. 36 /2017-Central Tax (Rate) Dated 13.10.2017 Notification No. 37/2017- Integrated Tax (Rate) Dated 13.10.2017	Central Government, State Government, Union territory or a local authority.	Any registered person. Recipient of goods is liable to pay GST.
7	Raw Cotton Notification No. 43/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 14th November 2017. Notification No. 45/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 14th November 2017.	Agriculturist	Any registered person
8.	w.e.f. 25th May 2018: Priority Sector Lending Certificate vide Notification No. 11/2018-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28th May 2018.	Any registered person	Any registered person

**Sec. 9(3) of CGST/Sec. 5(3) of IGST : Govt. will decide who is liable to pay GST under Reverse Charge.**

w.e.f. 1st July 2017: As per Notification No. 13/2017 Central Tax (Rate) Dt. 28th June 2017 and Notification No. 10/2017- Integrated Tax (Rate) Dt. 28th June 2017 the following 9 services (are identical under CGST & IGST) on which GST shall be levied under Reverse Charge have been notified.

S. No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
1	GTA Services <b>w.e.f. 1st January 2019</b> , Services provided by GTA to Government departments/local authorities exempted which have taken registration only for the purpose of deducting tax under Section 51 not liable under RCM ( <b>N. No. 29/2018-CT(R), dated 31st December 2018</b> ).	Goods Transport Agency (GTA)	Any factory, society, co operative society, registered person, body corporate, partnership firm, casual taxable person; located in the taxable territory.	Recipient
2	Legal Services by advocate	An individual advocate, including a senior advocate or a firm of advocates	Any business entity located in the taxable territory	Recipient
3	Services supplied by an arbitral tribunal to a business entity	An arbitral tribunal	Any business entity located in the taxable territory	Recipient
4	Services provided by way of sponsorship to anybody corporate or partnership firm	Any person	Anybody corporate or partnership firm located in the taxable territory.	Recipient

S. No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
<b>5</b>	<p>Services supplied by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority to a business entity excluding: —</p> <p>(1) Renting of immovable property (w.e.f. 25.1.2018 RCM apply), and</p> <p>(2) Services specified below: —</p> <p>(i) Services by the Department of Posts (omitted w.e.f. 18-07-2022 by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than Central Government, State Government or Union territory or local authority);</p> <p>(ii) services in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport;</p> <p>(iii) transport of goods or passengers.</p>	Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority	Any business entity located in the taxable territory.	Recipient
<b>5A</b>	Services supplied by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of renting of immovable property to a person registered under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017).	Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority	Any person registered under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.";	Recipient.
<b>5B</b>	w.e.f. 1-4-2019, Services supplied by any person by way of transfer of development rights or Floor Space Index (FSI) (including additional FSI) for construction of a project by a promoter.	Any person	Promoter.	Promoter
<b>5C</b>	w.e.f. 1-4-2019, Long term lease of land (30 years or more) by any person against consideration in the form of upfront amount (called as premium, salami, cost, price, development charges or by any other name) and/or periodic rent for construction of a project by a promoter	Any person	Promoter.	Promoter.
<b>6</b>	Services supplied by a director of a company or a body corporate to the said company or the body corporate	A director of a company or a body corporate	The company or a body corporate located in the taxable territory	Recipient
<b>7</b>	<p>Services supplied by an insurance agent to any person carrying on insurance business.</p> <p>w.e.f 25.1.2018, To define insurance agent in the reverse charge notification to have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (10) of section 2 of the Insurance Act, 1938, so that corporate agents get excluded from reverse charge.</p>	An insurance agent	Any person carrying on insurance business, located in the taxable territory	Recipient



S. No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
8	Services supplied by a recovery agent to a banking company or a financial institution or a non-banking financial company.	A recovery agent	A banking company or a financial institution or a non-banking financial company, located in the taxable territory	Recipient
9	Supply of services by music composer, photographer, artist or the like by way of transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of a copyright covered under section 13(1)(a) of the Copyright Act, 1957 relating to musical or artistic works to a publisher, music company, producer or the like	Music composer, photographer, artist, or the like	Music company, producer or the like, located in the taxable territory	Recipient
9A	<b>w.e.f.1-10-2019:</b> Supplier of services by an author by way of transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of a copyright covered under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Copyright Act, 1957 relating to original literary works to a publisher	Author	Publisher located in the taxable territory: Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply where,- (i) the author has taken registration under the CGST and filed a declaration, in the form at Annexure I, within the time limit prescribed therein, with the jurisdictional CGST or SGST commissioner, as the case may be, that he exercises the option to pay central tax on the services specified (i.e. copy-right by author) under forward charge in accordance with Sec 9(1) of CGST Act, 2017 and to comply with all the provisions of CGST Act, 2017 as they apply to a person liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of any goods or services or both and that he shall	Recipient

S. No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
			not withdraw the said option within a period of ONE year from the date of exercising such option; (ii) the author makes a declaration, as prescribed in Annexure II on the invoice issued by him in the Form GST Inv-I to the publisher.	
<b>Notification No. 10/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate), dated 28th June, 2017</b> , the following 2 services under IGST on which GST shall be levied under Reverse Charge have been notified:				
10	Any service supplied by any person who is located in a non-taxable territory to any person other than non-taxable online recipient. Non-taxable online recipient means: As per Section 2(16) of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) Act, 2017,— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any Government,</li> <li>• local authority,</li> <li>• governmental authority,</li> <li>• an individual or</li> <li>• any other person not registered</li> </ul> and receiving online information and database access or retrieval services in relation to any purpose other than commerce, industry or any other business or profession, located in taxable territory.	Any person located in a non-taxable territory	Any person located in the taxable territory other than non-taxable online recipient.	Recipient
11	Services supplied by a person located in non-taxable territory by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India upto the customs station of clearance in India	A person located in non-taxable territory	Importer, as defined in clause (26) of section 2 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), located in the taxable territory.	Importer
<b>w.e.f. 1st January 2019, Insertion of new services to RCM u/s 9(3) of CGST Act [Notification No. 29/2018-CT (R), dated 31st December, 2018]:</b>				
12	Services provided by business facilitator (BF) to a banking company	Business facilitator (BF)	A banking company, located in the taxable territory	

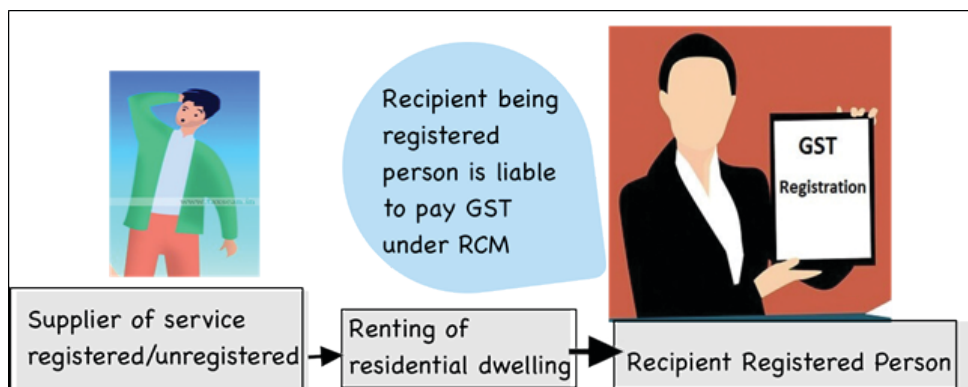




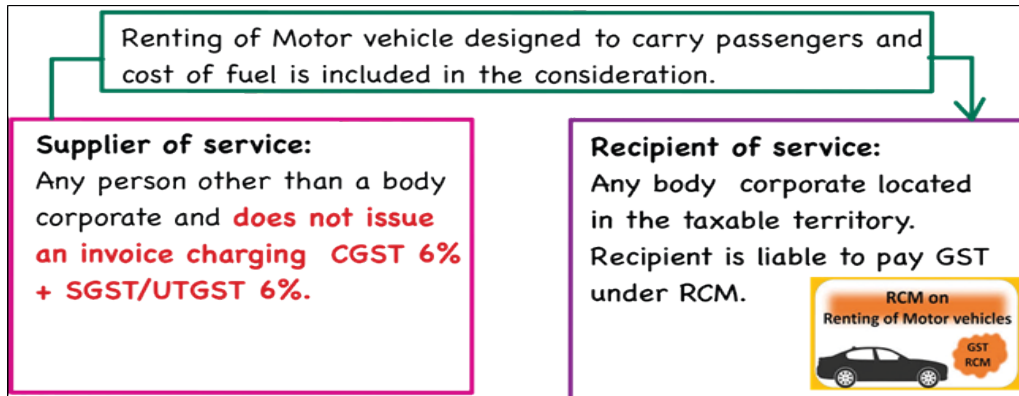
S. No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
13	Services provided by an agent of business correspondent (BC) to business correspondent (BC).	An agent of business correspondent (BC)	A business correspondent, located in the taxable territory.	
14	Security services (services provided by way of supply of security personnel) provided to a registered person: Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply to,—(i) (a) a Department or Establishment of the Central Government or State Government or Union territory; or (b) local authority; or (c) Governmental agencies; which has taken registration under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) only for the purpose of deducting tax under section 51 of the said Act and not for making a taxable supply of goods or services; or (ii) a registered person paying tax under section 10 of the said Act.	Any person other than a body corporate	A registered person, located in the taxable territory.";	Therefore, when Security services are provided to registered persons only then no need to take registration as per Section 23 of CGST Act, 2017. However, when supplier of security services provides services to registered as well as unregistered person then such supplier is required to take registration for supply to unregistered recipient and those under composition.
15	w.e.f. 1-10-2019: services provide by way of renting of a motor vehicle provided to a body corporate where cost of fuel is included in the consideration.	Any person other than a body corporate, paying central tax , and does not issue an invoice charging CGST @6% and SGST @6%.	Any body corporate located in the taxable territory.	Recipient

S. No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
16	w.e.f. 1-10-2019: services of lending of securities under Securities Lending Scheme 1997 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), as amended	Lender i.e. a person who deposits the securities registered in his name or in the name of any other person duly authorised on his behalf with an approved intermediary for the purpose of lending under the scheme of SEBI.	Borrower i.e. a person who borrows the securities under the scheme through an approved intermediary of SEBI.	Recipient
<b>Notification No. 33/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated 13th October, 2017</b>				
17	Supply of services by the members of Overseeing Committee to Reserve Bank of India	Members of Overseeing Committee constituted by the Reserve Bank of India	Reserve Bank of India.	Recipient
<b>w.e.f 27th July 2018: Notification No. 15/2018-Central Tax (Rate), dated 26th July, 2018</b>				
18	Services supplied by individual Direct Selling Agents (DSAs) other than a body corporate, partnership or limited liability partnership firm to bank or non- banking financial company (NBFCs).	Individual Direct Selling Agents (DSAs) other than a body corporate, partnership or limited liability partnership firm.	A banking company or a non-banking financial company, located in the taxable territory.	Recipient

19. W.e.f. 18-07-2022, Service by way of renting of residential dwelling to a registered person:



**Renting of Motor Vehicle:**



**Question:**

**When services are provided by a non-body corporate to a body corporate by way of renting of any motor vehicle for transport of passengers, whether RCM is applicable on service of transportation of passengers (Heading 9964) or on renting of motor vehicle designed to carry passengers (Heading 9966)?**

**Answer:**

As per CBIC Circular No. 177/09/2022 TRU dt 03.08.2022, It has been clarified that where the body corporate hires the motor vehicle (for transport of employees etc.) for a period of time, during which the motor vehicle shall be at the disposal of the body corporate, the service would fall under Heading 9966, and the body corporate shall be liable to pay GST on the same under RCM. It may be seen that reverse charge thus would apply on act of renting of vehicles by body corporate and in such a case, it is for the body corporate to use in the manner as it likes subject to agreement with the person providing vehicle on rent.

However, where the body corporate avails the passenger transport service for specific journeys or voyages and does not take vehicle on rent for any particular period of time, the service would fall under Heading 9964 and the body corporate shall not be liable to pay GST on the same under RCM.

**Notified services taken from unregistered person liable to tax on reverse charge basis w.e.f 1st April, 2019 (i.e. section 9(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 or section 5(4) of IGST Act, 2017)**

The Central Government vide Notification No. 07/2019-Central Tax (R), dated 29th March 2019 has notified that the registered person specified below shall in respect of supply of specified goods or services or both received from an unregistered supplier shall pay tax on reverse charge basis as recipient of such goods or services.

Sl. No	Category of supply of goods and services	Recipient of goods and services
1.	Supply of such goods and services or both other than services by way of grant of development rights, long term lease of land or FSI which constitute the shortfall from the minimum value of goods or services or both required to be purchased by a promoter for construction of project, in a financial year.	Promoter
2.	Cement falling in chapter heading 2523 in the first schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) which constitute the shortfall from the minimum value of goods or services or both required to be purchased by a promoter for construction of project, in a financial year (or part of the financial year till the date of issuance of completion certificate or first occupation, whichever is earlier)	Promoter
3.	Capital goods falling under any chapter in the first schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) supplied to a promoter for construction of a project	Promoter

w.e.f. 1-10-2019: The CBIC vide Notification No. 23/2019- (CT Rate) dated September 30, 2019 has put a retrospective sunset clause on applicability of Notification No. 04/2018- (CT Rate) dated January 25, 2018 w.r.t. development rights supplied on or after April 01, 2019. The later Notification provided special procedure to be followed while determining time of supply in case of construction services against transfer of development rights.

The date on which builder shall be liable to pay tax on TDR, FSI, long term lease (premium) of land under RCM in respect of flats sold after completion certificate is being shifted to date of issue of completion certificate or first occupation of the project, whichever is earlier.

The liability of builder to pay tax on construction of houses given to land owner in a JDA is also being shifted to the date of completion or first occupation of the project, whichever is earlier.

### **CBIC Instruction No. 3/2/2020- GST dated 24-6-2020:**

One of the condition prescribed vide said notification is that atleast eighty per cent. of value of input and input services, [other than services by way of grant of development rights, long term lease of land or FSI, electricity, high speed diesel, motor spirit, natural gas], used in supplying the construction service, shall be received by the promoter/developer from registered supplier only. In case of shortfall from the said threshold of 80 per cent., the promoter/developer shall pay the tax on the value of input and input services comprising such shortfall in the manner as has been prescribed vide said notification. This tax shall be paid through a prescribed form electronically on the common portal by end of the quarter following the financial year. Accordingly for FY 2019-20, tax on such shortfall is to be paid by the 30th June, 2020.

In the above context, requests have been received seeking details of prescribed form on which the said tax amount has to be reported. 4. The issue referred by the trade has been examined. It has been decided that FORM GST DRC-03, as already prescribed, shall be used for making the payment of such tax by promoter/ developer. Accordingly, person required to pay tax in accordance with the said notification on the shortfall from threshold requirement of procuring input and input services (below 80%) from registered person shall use the form DRC-03 to pay the tax electronically on the common portal within the prescribed period.

### **Section 9(5) of CGST Act, 2017 / Section 5(5) of IGST Act, 2017 deals with taxability of supply of services:**

Output tax of which shall be paid by e-commerce operator even though e-commerce operator is not the actual supplier. E-commerce liable to comply with GST provisions as if he is supplier of services and liable to pay tax. In case services are notified u/s 9(5), actual supplier of services need not required to get registration even if turnover exceeds threshold limit unless stated other wise.

### **List of services notified under section 9(5):**

- 1. Passenger Transport Service:** Services by way of transportation of passengers by a radio-taxi, motorcab, maxicab and motorcycle; with effect from 1st January 2022, the scope of Passenger Transport Service expanded to include service provided through Omnibus and any other motor vehicle. (Notification No. 17/2021 dated 18.11.2021).

Explanations: -

- (a) "radio taxi" means a taxi including a radio cab, by whatever name called, which is in two-way radio communication with a central control office and is enabled for tracking using Global Positioning System (GPS) or General Packet Radio Service (GPRS);
- (b) "maxicab", "motorcab", motorcycle, motor vehicle and omnibus shall have the same meanings as assigned to them respectively in clauses (22), (25), (27), (28) and (29) of section 2 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 (59 of 1988).



- 2. Accommodation Services: Services by way of providing accommodation in hotels, inns, guest houses, clubs, campsites or other commercial places meant for residential or lodging purposes, except where the person supplying such service through electronic commerce operator is liable for registration under sub-section (1) of section 22 of the said CGST Act.
- 3. Housekeeping Services: Services by way of house-keeping, such as plumbing, carpentering etc, except where the person supplying such service through electronic commerce operator is liable for registration under sub-section (1) of section 22 of the said CGST Act.
- 4. w.e.f 1-1-2022 Restaurant Services (i.e. Cloud Kitchen): Supply of restaurant service other than the services supplied by restaurant, eating joints etc. located at specified premises.

“Specified premises means premises providing hotel accommodation service having declared tariff of any unit of accommodation above seven thousand five hundred rupees per unit per day or equivalent (i.e. ≥ Rs 7500/- per unit)” vide Notification No. 17/2021 dated 18.11.2021.

Note: Restaurant is supplying services through E-COM only, he is not required to get registered under GST. In case, he is already registered, he may continue with such registration or get them de-registered under GST.

**GST on service supplied by restaurants through e-commerce operators (CBIC Circular No. 167/23/2021-GST Dated 17th December 2021):**

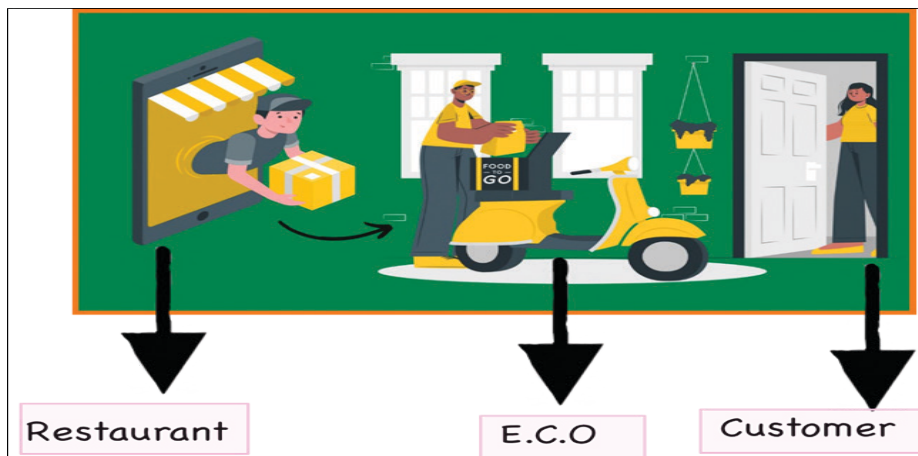
S. No.	Issue	Clarification
1.	Would ECOs have to still collect TCS in compliance with section 52 of the CGST Act, 2017?	As 'restaurant service' has been notified under section 9(5) of the CGST Act, 2017, the ECO shall be liable to pay GST on restaurant services provided, with effect from the 1 st January, 2022, through ECO. Accordingly, the ECOs will no longer be required to collect TCS and file GSTR 8 in respect of restaurant services on which it pays tax in terms of section 9(5). On other goods or services supplied through ECO, which are not notified u/s 9(5), ECOs will continue to pay TCS in terms of section 52 of CGST Act, 2017 in the same manner at present
2.	Would ECOs have to mandatorily take a separate registration w.r.t supply of restaurant service [notified under 9(5)] through them even though they are registered to pay GST on services on their own account?	As ECOs are already registered in accordance with rule 8(in Form GST-REG 01) of the CGST Rules, 2017 (as a supplier of their own goods or services), there would be no mandatory requirement of taking separate registration by ECOs for payment of tax on restaurant service under section 9(5) of the CGST Act, 2017.
3.	Would the ECOs be liable to pay tax on supply of restaurant service made by unregistered business entities?	Yes. ECOs will be liable to pay GST on any restaurant service supplied through them including by an unregistered person.
4.	What would be the aggregate turnover of person supplying 'restaurant service' through ECOs?	It is clarified that the aggregate turnover of person supplying restaurant service through ECOs shall be computed as defined in section 2(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 and shall include the aggregate value of supplies made by the restaurant through ECOs. Accordingly, for threshold consideration or any other purpose in the Act, the person providing restaurant service through ECO shall account such services in his aggregate turnover.

5.	Can the supplies of restaurant service made through ECOs be recorded as inward supply of ECOs (liable to reverse charge) in GSTR 3B?	No. ECOs are not the recipient of restaurant service supplied through them. Since these are not input services to ECO, these are not to be reported as inward supply (liable to reverse charge).
6.	Would ECOs be liable to reverse proportional input tax credit on his input goods and services for the reason that input tax credit is not admissible on 'restaurant service'?	ECOs provide their own services as an electronic platform and an intermediary for which it would acquire inputs/input service on which ECOs avail input tax credit (ITC). The ECO charges commission/fee etc. for the services it provides. The ITC is utilised by ECO for payment of GST on services provided by ECO on its own account (say, to a restaurant). The situation in this regard remains unchanged even after ECO is made liable to pay tax on restaurant service. ECO would be eligible to ITC as before. Accordingly, it is clarified that ECO shall not be required to reverse ITC on account of restaurant services on which it pays GST in terms of section 9(5) of the Act. It may also be noted that on restaurant service, ECO shall pay the entire GST liability in cash (No ITC could be utilised for payment of GST on restaurant service supplied through ECO)
7.	Can ECO utilize its Input Tax Credit to pay tax w.r.t 'restaurant service' supplied through the ECO?	No. As stated above, the liability of payment of tax by ECO as per section 9(5) shall be discharged in cash.
8.	Would supply of goods or services other than 'restaurant service' through ECOs be taxed at 5% without ITC?	ECO is required to pay GST on services notified under section 9(5), besides the services/other supplies made on his own account. On any supply that is not notified under section 9(5), that is supplied by a person through ECO, the liability to pay GST continues on such supplier and ECO shall continue to pay TCS on such supplies. Thus, present dispensation continues for ECO, on supplies other than restaurant services. On such supplies (other than restaurant services made through ECO) GST will continue to be billed, collected and deposited in the same manner as is being done at present. ECO will deposit TCS on such supplies.
9.	Would 'restaurant service' and goods or services other than restaurant service sold by a restaurant to a customer under the same order be billed differently? Who shall be liable for raising invoices in such cases?	Considering that liability to pay GST on supplies other than 'restaurant service' through the ECO, and other compliances under the Act, including issuance of invoice to customer, continues to lie with the respective suppliers (and ECOs being liable only to collect tax at source (TCS) on such supplies), it is advisable that ECO raises separate bill on restaurant service in such cases where ECO provides other supplies to a customer under the same order.
10.	Who will issue invoice in respect of restaurant service supplied through ECO - whether by the restaurant or by the ECO?	The invoice in respect of restaurant service supplied through ECO under section 9(5) will be issued by ECO.

11.	Clarification may be issued as regard reporting of restaurant services, value and tax liability etc in the GST return.	A number of other services are already notified under section 9(5). In respect of such services, ECO operators are presently paying GST by furnishing details in GSTR 3B. The ECO may, on services notified under section 9 (5) of the CGST Act,2017, including on restaurant service provided through ECO, may continue to pay GST by furnishing the details in GSTR 3B, reporting them as outward taxable supplies for the time being. Besides, ECO may also, for the time being, furnish the details of such supplies of restaurant services under section 9(5) in Table 7A(1) or Table 4A of GSTR-1, as the case maybe, for accounting purpose. Registered persons supplying restaurant services through ECOs under section 9(5) will report such supplies of restaurant services made through ECOs in Table 8 of GSTR-1 and Table 3.1 (c) of GSTR-3B, for the time being.
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GST on service supplied by restaurants through e-commerce operators (CBIC Circular No. 167/23/2021-GST Dated 17th December 2021):

1. U/s 9(5) of the CGST Act, 2017 E.C.O. is not required to collect TCS.
2. As E.C.Os are already registered under GST and hence no separate registration is required to pay tax on restaurant services u/s 9(5).



3. ECOs will be liable to pay GST on any restaurant service supplied through them including by an unregistered person.
4. ECO would be eligible to ITC as before. Accordingly, it is clarified that ECO shall not be required to reverse ITC on account of restaurant services on which it pays GST in terms of section 9(5) of the Act. It may also be noted that on restaurant service, ECO shall pay the entire GST liability in cash.
5. The invoice in respect of restaurant service supplied through ECO under section 9(5) will be issued by ECO.

**Important points:**

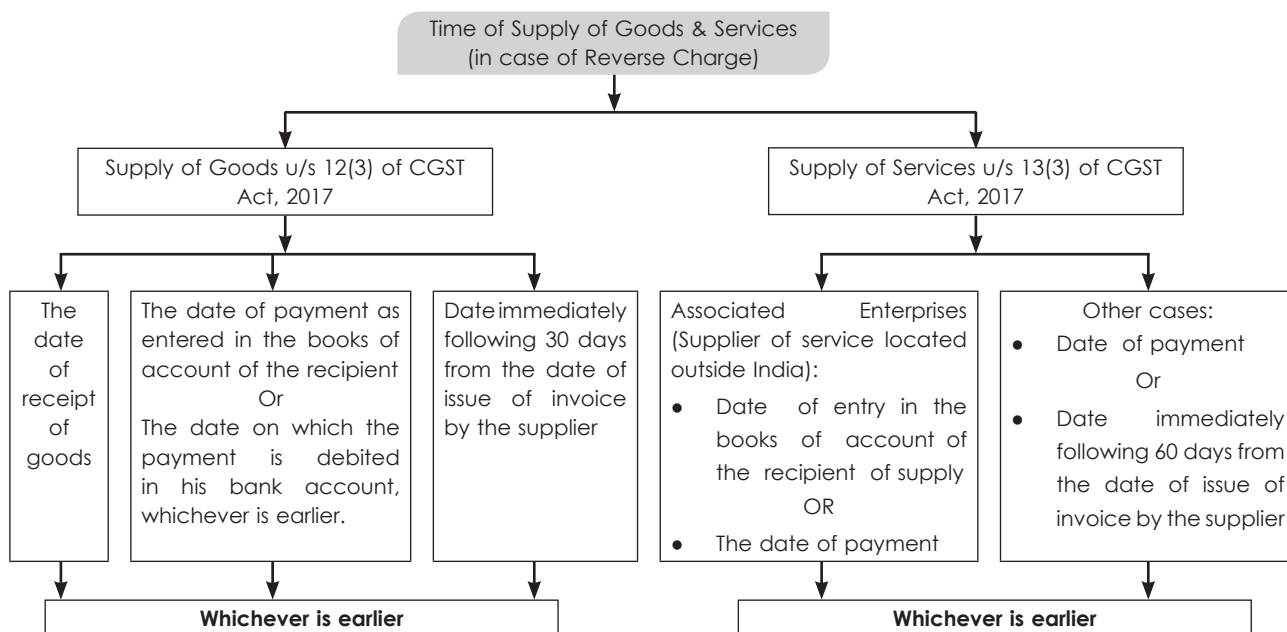
- (A) Registration: A person who is required to pay tax under reverse charge has to compulsorily register under GST and the threshold limit of ₹ 20 lakhs (₹ 10 lakhs for special category states except J & K) is not applicable to him.
- (B) ITC: A supplier cannot take ITC of GST paid on goods or services used to make supplies on which the recipient is liable to pay tax.

(C) Compliances in respect of supplies under reverse charge mechanism:

1. As per section 31 of the CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 46 of the CGST Rules, 2017, every tax invoice has to mention whether the tax in respect of supply in the invoice is payable on reverse charge. Similarly, this also needs to be mentioned in receipt voucher as well as refund voucher, if tax is payable on reverse charge.
2. Maintenance of accounts by registered persons: Every registered person is required to keep and maintain records of all supplies attracting payment of tax on reverse charge.
3. Any amount payable under reverse charge shall be paid by debiting the electronic cash ledger. In other words, reverse charge liability cannot be discharged by using input tax credit. However, after discharging reverse charge liability, credit of the same can be taken by the recipient, if he is otherwise eligible.
4. Invoice level information in respect of all supplies attracting reverse charge, rate wise, are to be furnished separately in the table 4B of GSTR-1.
5. Advance paid for reverse charge supplies is also leviable to GST. The person making advance payment has to pay tax on reverse charge basis.

### Time of supply in case of reverse charge:

The time of supply is the point when the supply is liable to GST. One of the factor relevant for determining time of supply is the person who is liable to pay tax. In reverse charge, the recipient is liable to pay GST. Thus, time of supply for supplies under reverse charge is different from the supplies which are under forward charge.



**Note:** If time of supply cannot be determined with the help of above provisions then the time of supply shall be the date on which entry in the books of the recipient of goods & services is made.





**Example : 203**

Mr. X being a farmer cultivated cashew nuts not shelled or peeled in the State of Kerala. These goods are sold to M/s Raj Industries for ₹ 2,50,000 a registered person in the State of Kerala. Applicable rate of GST 5%. M/s Raj Industries has input tax credit CGST ₹ 5,250 and SGST ₹ 5,250.

You are required to answer the following:

- (a) Who is liable to pay GST.
- (b) Net liability of GST.

**Answer:**

- (a) GST is liable to pay by recipient. In the given case M/s Raj Industries is liable to pay GST.
- (b) Net liability of GST:

Particulars	CGST (₹)	SGST (₹)	Remarks
Output tax	6,250	6,250	ITC is not allowed to utilize by recipient while paying GST under RCM.
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC)	NA	NA	
CGST			
SGST			
Net tax liability of M/s Raj Industries	6,250	6,250	

**Example : 204**

Mr. X being an agent of cashew nuts (peeled) in the State of Kerala registered under GST. These goods are sold to M/s Raj Industries for ₹ 2,50,000 a registered person in the State of Kerala. Applicable rate of GST 5%. Mr. X has input tax credit CGST ₹ 5,250 and SGST ₹ 7,250.

You are required to answer the following:

- (a) Who is liable to pay GST.
- (b) Net liability of GST.

**Answer:**

- (a) GST is liable to pay by supplier of goods. In the given case Mr. X is liable to pay GST.
- (b) Net liability of GST:

Particulars	CGST (₹)	SGST (₹)	Remarks
Output tax	6,250	6,250	Excess credit of SGST is not allowed to adjust against CGST and viz a versa
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC)	(5,250)	(7,250)	
CGST			
SGST			
Net tax liability of Mr. X	1,000	Nil	
Excess credit c/f	Nil	2,000	

**Example : 205**

Mr. X being a farmer cultivated Bidi wrapper leaves (tendu) in the State of Telangana. These goods are sold to M/s Sri Vijaya Industries for ₹ 2,12,500 a registered person in the State of Kerala. Applicable rate of GST 5%.

You are required to answer the following:

- (a) Who is liable to pay GST.
- (b) Net liability of GST.

**Answer:**

(a) GST is liable to pay by recipient of goods. In the given case M/s Sri Vijaya Industries.

(b) Net liability of M/s Sri Vijaya Industries:

Particulars	IGST (₹)	Remarks
Output tax	10,625	ITC is not allowed to utilize by recipient while paying GST under RCM.
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC)	NA	
<b>Net tax liability of M/s Sri Vijaya Industries</b>	<b>10,625</b>	

**Example : 206**

Mr. Raj being a agriculturist cultivated tobacco leaves in the State of West Bengal and also registered under GST. These goods are sold to M/s RR Industries for ₹ 5,75,000 a registered person in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Applicable rate of GST 5%. M/s RR Industries has input tax credit CGST ₹ 3,250 and SGST ₹ 3,250.

You are required to answer the following:

(a) Who is liable to pay GST.

(b) Net liability of GST.

**Answer:**

(a) GST is liable to pay by recipient of goods. In the given case M/s RR Industries is liable to pay IGST.

(b) Net liability of M/s RR Industries:

Particulars	IGST (₹)	Remarks
Output tax	28,750	ITC is not allowed to utilize by recipient while paying GST under RCM.
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC)	NA	
<b>Net tax liability of M/s RR Industries</b>	<b>28,750</b>	

**Supply of lottery (i.e. Supply of Goods):**

Supply of lottery has been treated as supply of goods under the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Act, 2017.

It has been decided that supply of lottery shall attract GST rates as under:

Nature of transaction	Rate of GST
Lottery run by State Governments	12% of face value of lottery ticket sold.
Lottery authorized by State Governments	28% of face value of lottery ticket sold.

**Example : 207**

M/s Martin Pvt. Ltd. is a distributor or selling agent of lottery tickets, authorized by the State of Kerala. Who is liable to pay GST and also find GST liability from the following:

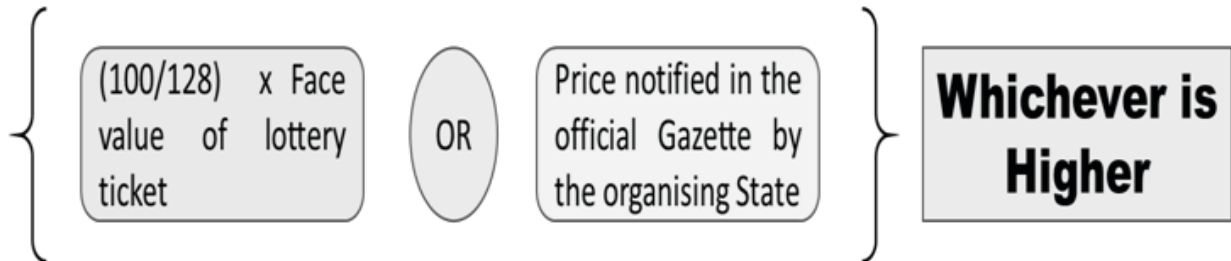
Particulars	Maha Lakshmi (Printed) (Lottery run by State Govt.)	Bhaghya Lakshmi (Online) (Lottery authorized by State Govt.)
No. of tickets proposed	2,50,000	3,00,000
Face value of ticket	₹10 each	₹ 500 each
Guaranteed prize payout	@ 60%	@ 90%
No. of tickets sold	2,00,000	2,35,000



**Answer:**

(a) M/s Martin Pvt. Ltd. is liable to pay GST.

(b) w.e.f. 1-3-2020 Value of supply in case of lottery run by the State or authorised by the State as per Rule 31A of the CGST Rules, 2017 is as follows:



GST is liable to pay by M/s Martin Pvt. Ltd. under reverse charge.		
Face value	Price notified by the State	Value of supply (Maha Lakshmi (Printed))
₹19,53,125 (i.e. 2,50,000 x ₹10) x 100/128	₹20,00,000 (i.e. 2,50,000 x ₹8)	₹20,00,000
CGST 14%	₹2,80,000 (i.e. ₹ 20 Lac x 14/100)	
SGST 14%	₹2,80,000 (i.e. ₹ 20 Lac x 14/100)	

GST is liable to pay by M/s Martin Pvt. Ltd. under reverse charge.		
Face value	Price notified by the State	Value of supply (Bhaghya Lakshmi (Online))
₹9,17,96,875 (i.e. 2,35,000 x ₹500) x 100/128	₹8,93,00,000 (i.e. 2,35,000 x ₹380)	₹9,17,96,875
CGST 14%	₹1,28,51,563 (i.e. ₹ 9,17,96,875 x 14/100)	
SGST 14%	₹1,28,51,563 (i.e. ₹ 9,17,96,875 x 14/100)	

**Note:** In case of Maha Lakshmi (printed) State Govt. sold to agent 2,50,000 tickets. In case of Bhaghya Lakshmi (online) tickets will be printed at the time of payment by buyer.

**Example : 208**

M/s Dinesh Industries (registered person under GST) manufacturer cum seller of silk yarn in Coimbatore. In the month of Oct 2017 supplied 2000 kgs of silk yarn at ₹ 250 per kg. to M/s Annapoorna Pvt. Ltd. located in Chennai. Applicable GST rate @5%.

You are required to answer

- (a) Who is liable to pay GST.  
 (b) Net liability of GST.

Answer:

- (a) GST is liable to pay by recipient of goods. In the given case M/s Annapoorna Pvt. Ltd. is liable to pay GST.  
 (b) Net liability of GST:

Particulars	2.5% CGST (₹)	2.5% SGST (₹)
Output tax	12,500	12,500
Less: Input Tax Credit (ITC)	NA	NA
Net tax liability of M/s Annapoorna Pvt. Ltd.	12,500	12,500

**Example : 209**

The customs authority confiscated the gold from Mr. TYN, at the time of import from Dubai. Subsequently sold these goods through auction to M/s C Ltd. of Chennai for ₹ 22,25,000. Applicable rate of GST 18%. You are required to answer the following:

- (a) person liable to pay GST.  
 (b) GST liability.

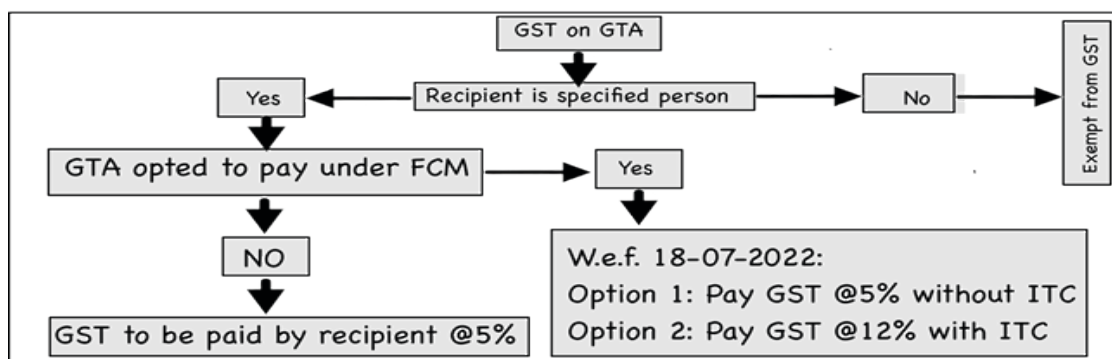
Answer:

- (a) the person liable to pay GST is M/s C Ltd.  
 (b) GST liability is ₹ 4,00,500/-

**Sec. 9(3) of CGST/Sec. 5(3) of IGST:Govt. will decide who is liable to pay GST under Reverse Charge.**

w.e.f. 1st July 2017: As per Notification No. 13/2017 Central Tax (Rate) Dt. 28th June 2017 and Notification No. 10/2017- Integrated Tax (Rate) Dt. 28th June 2017 the following 9 services (are identical under CGST & IGST) on which GST shall be levied under Reverse Charge have been notified.

S.No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
1	GTA Services	Goods Transport Agency (GTA)	Any factory, society, co-operative society, registered person, body corporate, partnership firm, casual taxable person; located in the taxable territory.	Recipient





The option by GTA to pay GST under Forward Charge Mechanism (FCM) on the services supplied by it during a Financial Year shall be exercised by making a declaration in Annexure V on or before the 15th March of the preceding Financial Year. However, for the Financial Year 2022-2023 option shall be exercised on or before the 16th August 2022.

The option once chosen would be valid for a financial year and a GTA cannot shift to a different option in a same financial year.

Specified person includes:

1. Factory registered under the Factories Act,1948;
2. A society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or under any other law
3. A co-operative society established under any law;
4. A GST registered person
5. A body corporate established by or under any law; or
6. A partnership firm whether registered or not (including AOP)
7. Casual taxable person

2	Legal Services by advocate	by An individual advocate, including a senior advocate or a firm of advocates	Any business entity located in the taxable territory	Recipient
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**Example : 210**

Senior Advocate supplied services of ₹1,50,000/- to business entity for Legal services. Business entity has ITC of ₹ 7,000. Senior Advocate has registered office in Chennai. Business entity is located in Madurai.

Find the following:

- (a) Who is liable to pay GST?
- (b) Net GST liability?

Note:

- (i) all services rendered in the month of Oct 20XX.
- (ii) Turnover of business entity in the previous year ₹ 43 lakh.
- (iii) Applicable rate of GST @18%

Answer:

- (a) Business entity being recipient of service is liable to pay GST.
- (b) Net GST liability of the business entity:

CGST 9% on ₹ 1,50,000 = ₹ 13,500/-

SGST 9% on ₹ 1,50,000 = ₹ 13,500/-

Note: recipient is not allowed to utilize ITC against his GST liability. However, after payment of GST under RCM, the same can be availed as ITC against his outward supplies.

**Example : 211**

With reference to the provisions of GST law (w.e.f. 1-7-2017), briefly explain as to who is the person responsible to pay GST in the following:

- (i) Legal services are provided by Senior Advocates to business entities.
- (ii) Representation services are provided by Senior Advocates to any business entity.
- (iii) Were Contracts for representation service provided by the Senior Advocates to any business entity has been entered into through another advocate or firm of advocates.

Answer:				
Service provider	Service recipient	Nature of service	Taxability	Person responsible to pay GST
(i) & (ii) Senior Advocate	Business Entity (whose turnover exceeds ₹ 20 Lakh in P.Y.)	Representation services	Taxable supply of service	Recipient of service, which is the business entity, who is litigant, applicant or petitioner.
(iii) Recipient of service that is the business entity, who is the litigant, applicant or petitioner, is liable to pay GST.				
<b>Note:</b> Previous year turnover more than ₹ 20 lacs (in case of special category States is ₹ 10 lakh).				

S.No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
3	Services supplied by an arbitral tribunal to a business entity	An arbitral tribunal	Any business entity located in the taxable territory	Recipient

**Example : 212**

Mr. X and Mr. Y paid fee to an arbitrator to appoint a panel of three arbitrators for settlement of their personal dispute as per the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

Fee received by the arbitrator on appointment of Arbitral Tribunal is exempt from GST and fee received by the three arbitrators for the services provided to the tribunal shall also be exempt.

However, Arbitral Tribunal services to a business entity are taxable supply of service is liable to tax in the hands of recipient (namely business entity), provided previous year turnover of the entity is more than ₹ 20 lakh (in case of special category states more than ₹ 10 lakh).

S.No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
4	Services provided by way of sponsorship to any body corporate or partnership firm.	Any person	Any body corporate or partnership firm located in the taxable territory.	Recipient.

**Note:** If the above conditions are not satisfied then the GST is payable by the supplier of service (i.e. Forward Charge)

**Entry No. 53: Services by way of sponsorship of sporting events organized,-**

- by a national sports federation,
- by Association of Indian Universities, Inter-University Sports Board, School Games Federation of India, All India Sports Council for the Deaf, Paralympic Committee of India or Special Olympics Bharat;
- by Central Civil Services Cultural and Sports Board;
- as part of national games, by Indian Olympic Association; or
- under Panchayat Yuva Kreedha Aur Khel Abhiyaan (PYKKA) Scheme;

**are exempted from GST.**



**Example : 213**

GT Jewellers Ltd. paid ₹ 50 lakhs for sponsorship of Miss India beauty pageant in Mumbai to a Stylish & Co., a partnership firm. It is taxable supply, if so who is liable to pay GST.

**Answer:**

Yes. It is taxable supply of service. GST is liable to pay recipient of supply of service namely GT Jewellers Ltd. under RCM.

**5. Government or Local Authority to Business Entity**

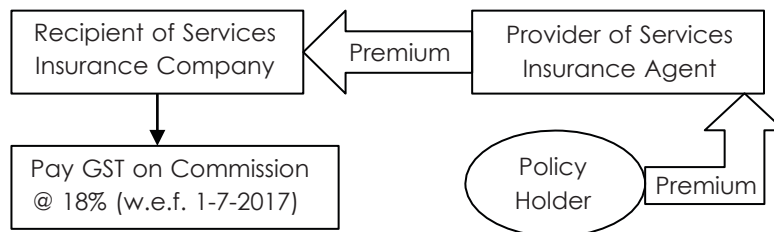
Already covered under exemptions.

**6. A director of a company or a body corporate to company or a body corporate**

Already covered under Scope of Supply.

S.No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
7	Services supplied by an insurance agent to any person carrying on insurance business.	An insurance agent	Any person carrying on insurance business, located in the taxable territory	Recipient

**Insurance Agent Services:**



**Case Study : 3**

**Department contention:** In the said case, department demanded the GST liability under reverse charge on brokerage/ commission paid to agents for finalising deals with reinsurer treating it as insurance agent's service.

**Assessee view:** The Appellant has pleaded that such agents would not come in the category of Insurance agents as defined in section 2(10) of the Insurance Act, 1938 as they were not soliciting or procuring insurance business, instead they were only engaged to help out in finalising deals with reinsurers. Thus, services received from agents merely helping in reinsurance deals would be considered as services received from insurance intermediaries and not from insurance agents; hence reverse charge provisions would not apply on services provided by them.

Decide the case with help of decided case law if any.

**Answer:**

Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. v. Commissioner of Central Excise & Commissioner of Service Tax (2016) 67 376(New Delhi-CESTAT):

Reverse charge would not be applicable on the commission paid to agents helping merely in finalising deals with "reinsurers".

Affirming the contentions of appellant, Honorable CESTAT-New Delhi decided the case in favour of the assessee and ruled out that services received from agents merely helping in reinsurance deals would be considered as services received from insurance intermediaries and not from insurance agents; hence reverse charge provisions would not apply on services provided by them.

w.e.f 25.1.2018, To define insurance agent in the reverse charge notification to have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (10) of section 2 of the Insurance Act, 1938, so that corporate agents get excluded from reverse charge.

S.No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
8	Services supplied by a recovery agent to a banking company or a financial institution or a non-banking financial company.	A recovery agent	A banking company or a financial institution or a non-banking financial company, located in the taxable territory.	Recipient

**Example : 214**

M/s Shakshi Associates a recovery agent (located in Chennai) empanelled by State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Nungambakkam, Chennai. The following service supplied M/s Shakshi Associates in the month of Nov 20XX are as follows:

- (1) Fee of ₹ 2,25,825 for supply of services in relation to recovery of dues from the defaulting Borrowers at the place of business/occupation and if such Borrowers is/are unavailable at the place of business then at his/ her residence.
- (2) Supply of services with regard to demand for recovery or taking possession of the security from defaulting Borrowers, for which separate fee charge from the bank ₹ 55,175/-

Find the following:

- (a) Is it supply of service.
- (b) If so, who is liable to pay GST.
- (c) Find the GST liability

Note: Assume applicable rate of GST for recovery agent services @18%.

Answer:

- (a) Yes. It is taxable supply of service
- (b) State Bank of India being recipient of service is liable to pay GST under RCM.
- (c) GST liability = ₹ 50,580 [i.e ₹ 2,25,825 + 55,175) x 18%]

S. No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
9	Supply of services by an author, music composer, photographer, artist or the like by way of transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of a copyright covered under section 13(1)(a) of the Copyright Act, 1957 relating to original literary, dramatic, musical or artistic works to a publisher, music company, producer or the like	Author or music composer, photographers, artist or the like	Publisher, music company, producer or the like, located in the taxable territory	Recipient

**Example : 215**

Mr. TYN (unregistered person) has written a book on Indirect Taxes which is published by M/s Dev Law Publications of New Delhi.

You are required to find the following:

- (a) who is liable to pay GST?
- (b) Rework, if publisher is located in New York, then who is liable to pay GST?

Answer:

- (a) M/s Dev Law Publications of New Delhi being recipient of service is liable to pay GST under RCM.
- (b) If M/s Dev Law Publications located in New York then it is treated as export of service provided payment received in convertible foreign currency.

Otherwise, tax will be payable by the author.





**Example : 216**

Mr. A.R. Rehaman being a music director (registered person under GST). He made following supplies:

- (a) Indigenous handmade musical instruments for ₹ 2,00,000.
- (b) Composted hello tune and transferred permanently for ₹ 30,00,000.
- (c) Pianos for ₹ 1,50,000
- (d) Percussion musical instruments (like drums, xylophones) for ₹ 5,00,000.

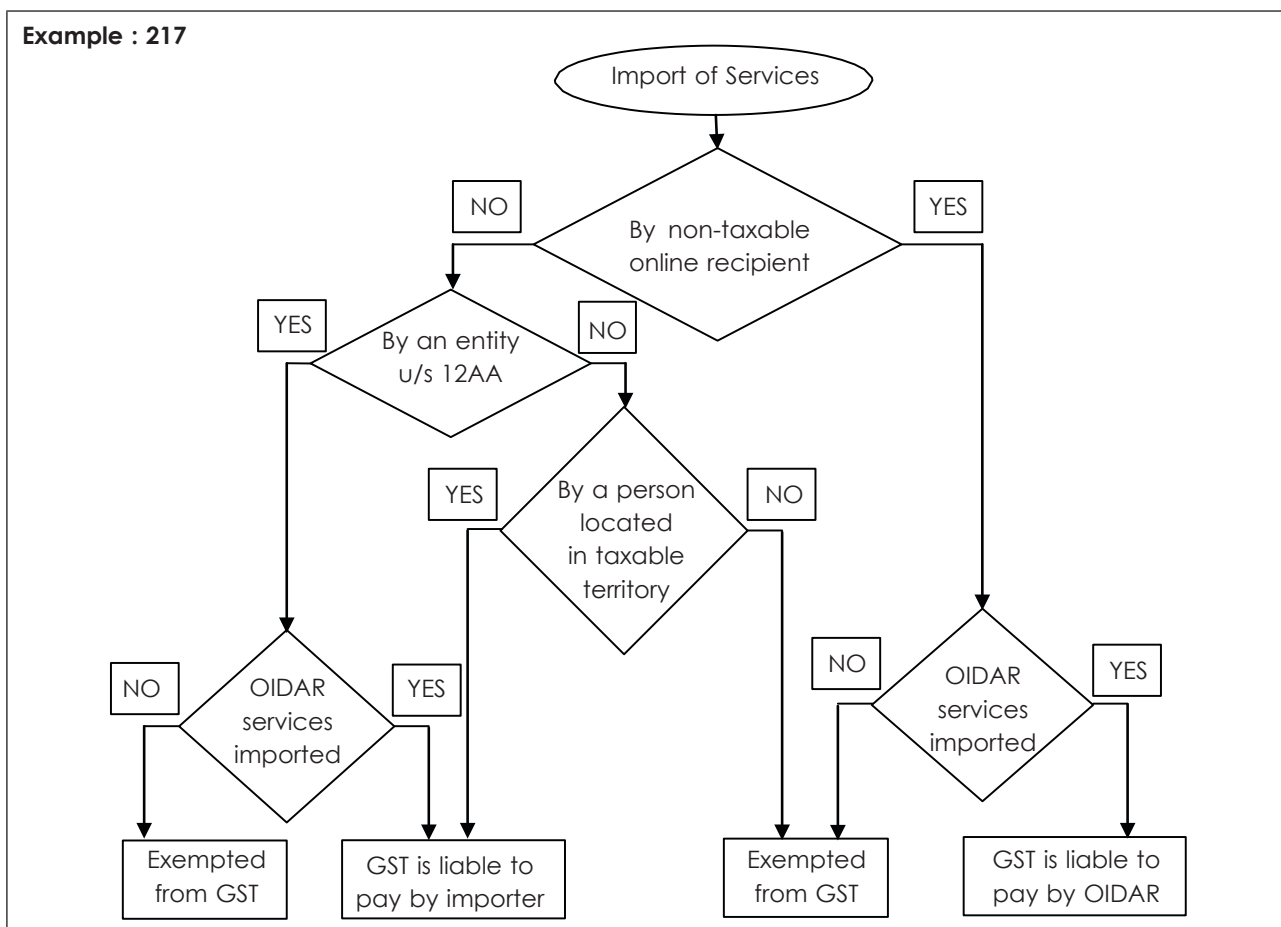
Find the GST liability. Applicable rate GST 28%. All transactions took place within the state of Tamil Nadu.

Answer:

Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
Indigenous handmade musical instruments	Nil	Exempted supply of goods.
Composted hello tune and transferred permanently (As per Schedule II it is supply of service)	Nil	Exempted supply of service
Sale of Pianos	1,50,000	Taxable supply of goods
Sale of Drums, xylophones	5,00,000	-do-
<b>Total taxable supply of goods</b>	<b>6,50,000</b>	
<b>CGST 14%</b>	<b>91,000</b>	<b>(6,50,000 x 14%)</b>
<b>SGST 14%</b>	<b>91,000</b>	

Notification No. 10/2017- Integrated Tax (Rate) Dt. 28th June 2017, the following 2 services under IGST on which GST shall be levied under Reverse Charge have been notified:

S.No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
10	Any service supplied by any person who is located in a non-taxable territory to any person other than non-taxable online recipient. Non-taxable online recipient means: As per Section 2(16) of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) Act, 2017, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any Government,</li> <li>• local authority,</li> <li>• governmental authority,</li> <li>• an individual or</li> <li>• any other person not registered</li> </ul> and receiving online information and database access or retrieval services in relation to any purpose other than commerce, industry or any other business or profession, located in taxable territory.	Any person located in a non-taxable territory	Any person located in the taxable territory other than non-taxable online recipient.	Recipient

**Example : 217**

**TDS under Income Tax vs GST**

CBDT has clarified through Circular No. 23/2017 Dated 19th July 2017 that if GST on services has been indicated separately in the invoice, then no tax would be deducted on GST component.

In the light of the fact that even under the new GST regime, the rationale of excluding the tax component from the purview of TDS remains valid, the Board hereby clarifies that wherever in terms of the agreement or contract between the payer and the payee, the component of 'GST on services' comprised in the amount payable to a resident is indicated separately, tax shall be deducted at source under Chapter XV II-B of the Act on the amount paid or payable without including such 'GST on services' component.

**Example : 218**

**CMA Ram received ₹ 2,05,200 (after TDS @ 10%) from client for taxable services rendered in the month of July 20XX. Find the GST liability. Applicable rate of CGST 9% and SGST 9%.**

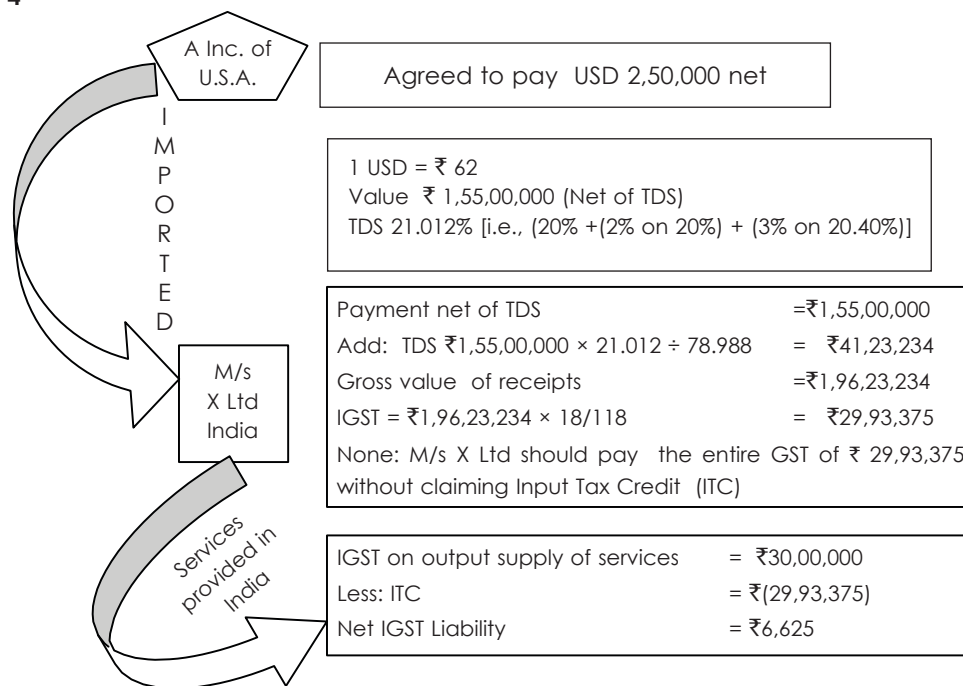
**Answer:**

<b>Payment received net of TDS u/s 194J</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>₹2,05,200</b>
<b>Add: TDS u/s 194J</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>₹19,000 (Note)</b>
<b>Gross value of Bill (i.e. inclusive of GST)</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>₹2,24,200</b>
<b>CGST (₹2,24,200 x 9/118)</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>₹17,100</b>
<b>SGST (₹2,24,200 x 9/118)</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>₹17,100</b>

**Note:**

Assume taxable vaule of supply	X
Add: CGST & SGST	0.18x
Value of Bill	1.18x
Less: TDS @ 10% on X (u/s Sec 194J of the Incomet Tax Act, 1961)	-0.1X
Net Paid	1.08X
X (i.e. ₹2,05,200/1.08) [i.e. taxable value of supply)	₹1,90,000
TDS u/s 194J 10% on ₹1,90,000	₹19,000

**Case Study : 4**



**Note:** Assume applicable rate of IGST 18% and applicable rate of TDS 20% under Income Tax Act, 1961.

Notification No. 10/2017- Integrated Tax (Rate) Dt. 28th June 2017, the following 2 services under IGST on which GST shall be levied under Reverse Charge have been notified:

S. No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
11	Services supplied by a person located in non- taxable territory by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the customs station of clearance in India	A person located in non taxable territory	Importer, as defined in clause (26) of section 2 of the Customs Act, 1962(52 of 1962), located in the taxable territory.	Importer

**Case Study : 5**

**Department contention:**

Assessee being an importer of goods from Indonesia is liable to pay GST on Ocean Freight. Since, place of supply of service is destination of goods as per Sec. 13(9) of IGST Act, 2017.

**Assesee view:**

Since, goods imported into India, paid customs duty on such ocean freight which is inclusive of Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF value). Therefore, question of levying of GST would not arise at all.

Deside the case with the help of decided case if any.

**Answer:**

**Facts of the Case:** Import of goods into India completed when goods are landed on land mass of India (as per the Garden Silk Mills Ltd. case of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India). Ocean freight on import of goods into India is subject to customs duty. As per the Department contention Ocean Freight is subject to GST again.

**Grounds on Appeal:**

In the case of United Shippers Ltd. 2015 (37) STR 1043 (Tri-Mumbai) has held that when the value of transportation charges have been added in CIF value on which customs duty is paid. GST again cannot be recovered on the same value.

The department's appeal against the order of Tribunal to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has been dismissed as reported in 2015(39) STR J369(S.C.). It means the judgment of Hon'ble Tribunal-Mumbai has been confirmed as whole good.

The ratio of this judgment is equally applicable to Goods and Services Tax Law also. Therefore, payment of GST on Ocean Freight does not arise.

**Case Law:**

Hon'ble Gujarat High Court in case of Mohit Minerals (P.) Ltd. [2020 (33) GSTL 321 (Guj.)] held that no IGST under RCM is payable on the ocean freight for the services provided by a person located in a non-taxable territory by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the Customs station of clearance in India and the levy and collection of tax of such ocean freight under GST is not permissible in law. Levy of IGST on such ocean freight declared to be un-constitutional

**Sec. 9(5) of CGST/Sec. 5(5) if IGST:** Govt. will decide who is liable to pay GST under Reverse Charge.

Notification No. 17/2017-Central Tax (Rate) Dt. 28th June 2017 and Notification No. 14/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) Dt. 28th June 2017 the following 2 services (are identical under CGST & IGST) on which GST shall be levied under Reverse Charge have been notified:

S. No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
12	services by way of transportation of passengers by a radio-taxi, motorcab, maxicab and motor cycle;	Driver	Any person. However, the tax on intra-State or inter- State supplies shall be paid by the Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO).	ECO [Sec. 9(5) of CGST Act, 2017]

**Example : 219**

**Reon operating radio taxi services in India. In the month of Nov 2017, the following services are rendered by it:**

**(a) Free services provided to new customers who travelled for the first time. However, payment made to taxi drivers ₹ 10,00,000.**

**(b) Hire charges collected from customers ₹ 12,25,500. Payment made to taxi drivers ₹ 11,00,000.**

**Reon appointed X Pvt. Ltd., as their representative in India. Person liable to pay GST is willing to avail exemption if any.**

**You are required to find:**

**(a) Who is liable to pay GST.**

**(b) Taxable value of supply.**

**(c) Net GST liability.**



**Answer:**  
**(a) X Pvt. Ltd., being recipient of service is liable to pay GST.**  
**(b) & (c) Taxable value of supply:**

Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
Free services provided to new customers. However, payment made to taxi drivers	10,00,000	Reverse charge applicable
Hire charges	12,25,500	Gross value is subject to GST.
Gross value of Bills	22,25,500	
CGST 2.5%	52,988	(22,25,500 x 2.5/105)
SGST 2.5%	52,988	(22,25,500 x 2.5/105)
Taxable value of supply	21,19,524	

**Sec. 9(5) of CGST/Sec. 5(5) of IGST:** Govt. will decide who is liable to pay GST under Reverse Charge. Notification No. 17/2017-Central Tax (Rate) Dt. 28th June 2017 and Notification No. 14/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) Dt. 28th June 2017 the following 2 services (are identical under CGST & IGST) on which GST shall be levied under Reverse Charge have been notified:

S. No	Description of supply of service	Supplier of service	Recipient of service	Person liable to pay GST
13	services by way of providing accommodation in hotels, inns, guest houses, clubs, campsites or other commercial places meant for residential or lodging purposes, except where the person supplying such service through electronic commerce operator is liable for registration under clause (v) of section 20 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 read with sub-section (1) of section 22 of the said Central Goods and Services Tax Act.	Unregistered person supplying services through Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO)	Any person. However, the tax on intra-state or inter-state supplies shall be paid by the Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO).	ECO  [Sec. 9(5) of CGST Act, 2017]

**Electronic Commerce Operator:**

Electronic Commerce Operator has been defined in Sec. 2(45) of the CGST Act, 2017 to mean any person who owns, operates or manages digital or electronic facility or platform for electronic commerce.

As per section 22(1) of the CGST Act, 2017, person whose aggregate turnover in the previous financial year has exceeds ₹ 20 lakh (₹ 10 lakh for specified States) shall be liable to obtain registration compulsorily.

Thus, if the aggregate turnover in the previous financial year of any hotels, inns, guest houses, clubs, campsites or other commercial places meant for residential or lodging purposes not exceeds ₹ 20 lakh (or not exceeds ₹ 10 lakh for special category States) and such person exclusively makes supply of accommodation service through Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO), the liability to pay GST will be on the Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO).

On the other hand, if the person exclusively makes supply of accommodation service through Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO) and his aggregate turnover exceeds ₹20 lakh (or exceeds ₹10 lakh in case of special category States), the liability to pay GST will be on the person providing the service and not on the Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO).

**Example : 220**

**Whether a person supplying goods or services through e-commerce operator would be entitled to threshold exemption?**

**Answer:**

**No. Section 24(ix) of the CGST Act, 2017 lays down that the threshold exemption is not available to such persons and they would be liable to be registered irrespective of the value of supply made by them. This requirement is, however, applicable only if the supply is made through such electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52 of the CGST Act, 2017.**

However, where the e-commerce operators are liable to pay tax on behalf of the suppliers under a notification issued under section 9(5) of the CGST Act, 2017, the suppliers of such services are entitled for threshold exemption

**Example : 221**

Raman Hotels supplying only accommodation services in Chennai. Turnover of Raman Hotels is less than 20 Lakhs. Raman Hotels listed hotel on online platform namely Makemytrip.

The following categories of rooms get booked by the Makemytrip company who pay to Raman Hotels after deducting their commission.

(a) Declared value per room (category 1), Non AC Room ₹950 per Night.

(b) Declared value per room (category 2), AC Room ₹1,800 per Night.

(c) Declared value per room (category 3), AC Room ₹7,000 per Night, where additional bed ₹1,800 per Night.

(d) Declare value per room (category 4), AC Room ₹10,000 per Night, but amount charged is ₹7000.

You are required to answer:

(a) who is liable to pay GST and

(b) Net GST liability.

Answer:

Particulars	Value in ₹	GST ₹	Remarks
(a) Declared tariff ₹ 950	Nil		Since, declared tariff less than ₹ 1,000. It is exempted supply of service.
(b) Declared tariff ₹ 1,800	1,800	216	Taxable supply. GST @12% is applicable
(c) Declared tariff ₹ 7,000	8,800	2,464	Taxable supply. Since, declared value exceeds ₹ 7,500, applicable rate is 28%. GST will be charged on transaction value.
(d) Declared value ₹10,000	7,000	1,260	Taxable supply. Since, declared value not exceeds ₹7,500, applicable rate is 18%. GST will be charged on transaction value.
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,940</b>	

**Housekeeping services notified under Section 9(5) of the CGST Act, 2017:**

The GST council on January 18th, 2018 announced, reduction of GST rate for housekeeping services from 18% to 5%. This comes as a big relief to Online housekeeping service providers.

Prior to this, the ecommerce platforms offering housekeeping services were mandated to discharge the GST liability of 18% on behalf of the service providers like electricians, plumbers etc making the services more expensive on the platform, as compared to offline services. This is because, services provided offline do not have to pay GST if the total revenue of the service provider is less than ₹20 lakhs and therefore there are no registration requirements.

In November 2017, the benefit of revenue threshold limit of ₹20 lakhs was extended to persons providing services through e-commerce platforms.

w.e.f. 25.1.2018, Small housekeeping service providers such as plumbing, carpentering etc., notified under section 9(5) of CGST Act, who provide housekeeping services through ECO – GST rate of 5% without input tax credit.

**Case Study : 6**

Mr. A, a taxable service provider, provided taxable supply of services to Mr. B. The contract of service entered into between them stipulated that Mr. A will bear all the taxes, duties and other liabilities in connection with discharge of his obligations. While the service was being provided, an amendment in the law shifted the liability



to pay GST in case of such taxable supply of services from service provider to service receiver retrospectively, i.e. reverse charge provisions were made applicable.

You are required to answer the following questions with the help of the decided case law(s), if any:

- (i) Can Mr. B, who is the person liable to pay GST under reverse charge, shift the burden of such GST on Mr. A by deducting the same from the payment made against the bills raised by Mr. A?
- (ii) Can Mr. B ask the Revenue to recover GST from Mr. A since the contract of service stipulates that Mr. A will bear all the taxes, duties and other liabilities in connection with discharge of his obligations?

**Answer:**

- (i) Yes. As per the *Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. v. Dewan Chand Ram Saran* 2012 (260) S.T.R. 289 (S.C.), Mr. B can shift the burden of GST on Mr. A by deducting the same from the payment made against the bills raised by Mr. A.
- (ii) No. As per the *Delhi Transport Corporation v. Commissioner Service Tax* 2015 (038) STR 673 (Del.), Mr. B cannot ask the Revenue to recover GST from Mr. A since the contract of service stipulates that Mr. A will bear all the taxes, duties and other liabilities in connection with discharge of his obligations.

**Case Study : 7**

**Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. v. Dewan Chand Ram Saran 2012 (260) S.T.R. 289 (S.C.):**

**Point of dispute:** Whether the service tax liability created under law can be shifted by a clause entered in the contract?

**Decision:** Yes. Assessee can contract to shift their liability.

Regarding transferring of service tax liability by way of contract was correct. It means service provider will bear all the taxes, and service receiver can shift the burden of service tax payable by him to service provider by deducting the same from the bills raised by service provider.

**Case Study : 8**

**Delhi Transport Corporation v. Commissioner Service Tax 2015 (038) STR 673 (Del.)**

**Facts of the Case:** The appellants entered into contracts with seven various agencies for display of advertisements; inter alia, on bus-queue shelters and time-keeping booths. The terms of the contract clearly stated that it would be the responsibility of the contractors/advertisers to pay directly to the concerned authority the tax/levy imposed by such authority in addition to the license fee.

Department issued show cause notice asking the appellant (service provider) to pay service tax along with interest and penalties on the service of display of advertisements rendered by them.

**Appellant's Contentions:** The appellant argued that they were under a bona fide belief that the liability to remit service tax stood transferred to the recipient as per the agreements; this caused the failure to file returns and remit service tax. They relied upon *Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited v. Dewan Chand Ram Saran* 2012 (26) STR 289 (SC) to urge that having entered into the contracts in the nature mentioned above, it was a legitimate expectation that the service tax liability would be borne by the contractors/advertisers and, thus, there was no justification for the appellant being held in default or burdened with penalties.

**Decision:** The High Court held that undoubtedly, the service tax burden could be transferred by contractual arrangement to the other party. However, on account of such contractual arrangement, the assessee cannot ask the Revenue to recover the tax dues from a third party (the other party) or wait for discharge of the liability by the assessee till it has recovered the amount from its contractors (the other party).

Therefore, the appellant was an assessee, and statutorily bound to not only get itself registered but also submit the requisite returns as per the prescription of law and rules framed thereunder.

## 2.8 SUPPLY OF GOODS OR SERVICES OR BOTH TO OR BY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE

“Special Economic Zone” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (za) of section 2 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 [Section 2(19) of the IGST Act]. As per section 2(za) of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, “Special Economic Zone” means each Special Economic Zone notified under the proviso to sub section (4) of section 3 and sub section (1) of section 4 (including Free Trade and Warehousing Zone) and includes an existing Special Economic Zone;

“Special Economic Zone developer” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (g) of section 2 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and includes an Authority as defined in clause (d) and a Co-Developer as defined in clause (f) of section 2 of the said Act [Section 2(20) of the IGST Act].; As per section 2(g) of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, “Developer” means a person who, or a State Government which, has been granted by the Central Government a letter of approval under sub section (10) of section 3 and includes an Authority and a Co Developer;

As per section 7(5) of the IGST Act, supply of goods or services or both to or by a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit, shall be treated to be a supply of goods or services or both in the course of inter- state trade or commerce.

In case where the location of the supplier and the place of supply of goods or services are in the same state or same union territory, then the said supply of goods or services shall not be treated as intra-state supply, it will be treated as inter-state supply.

Supply of goods or services or both to a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit, is a “zero rated supply”. Credit of input tax may be availed for making zero-rated supplies.

## 2.9 EXEMPT SUPPLY, NON TAXABLE SUPPLY AND NON GST SUPPLY

**Exempt Supply:** As per Section 2(47) of the CGST Act, 2017, “exempt supply” means supply of any goods or services or both which attracts nil rate of tax or which may be wholly exempt from tax under section 11, or under section 6 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, and includes non-taxable supply.

Exempt supplies comprise the following three types of supplies:

- Supplies taxable at a ‘NIL’ rate of tax;
- Supplies that are wholly or partially exempted from CGST or IGST, by way of a notification amending Section 11 of CGST Act or Section 6 of IGST Act;
- Non-taxable supplies as defined under Section 2(78) – supplies that are not taxable under the Act (For Example Alcoholic liquor for human consumption).

Tax need not be paid on these supplies. Input tax credit attributable to exempt supplies will not be available for utilization/setoff.

**Non Taxable supply:** As per Section 2(78) of the CGST Act, 2017, “non-taxable supply” means a supply of goods or services or both which is not leviable to tax under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act;

A transaction must be a ‘supply’ as defined under the GST law to qualify as a non-taxable supply under the GST. Only those supplies that are excluded from the scope of taxation under GST are covered by this definition – i.e., alcoholic liquor for human consumption, articles listed in section 9(2) or in schedule III.





**Non GST Supply:** Goods or services on which GST is not leviable are called Non GST supply. Input tax credit of inputs and / or input services used in providing non GST supply is not available i.e. no input tax credit on non GST supplies.

Third Country sale is an example of non-GST supply. These supplies do not come under the purview of GST law.

### 2.10 RATES OF GST

The GST is levied at variable rates on variable items. The highest rate of tax as prescribed by the GST law is 40%.

Broadly, six rates of IGST have been notified for goods, viz., 0.25%, 3%, 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%. With respect to CGST, broadly six rates have been notified for goods, viz., 0.125%, 1.5%, 2.5%, 6%, 9%, 14%. SGST/ UTGST at the equivalent rate is also leviable. For services, broadly four rates of IGST have been notified, viz., 5%, 12%, 18%, 28%. For CGST, broadly four rates of CGST have been notified, viz., 2.5%, 6%, 9%, 14%. Equivalent rate SGST/ UTGST will also leviable.

For certain specified goods and services, nil rate of tax has been notified.

# Study Note - 3

## CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES UNDER GST - READING THE RATE SCHEDULE



### This Study Note includes

- 3.1 Introduction
- 3.2 General Rule of Interpretation
- 3.3 Classification of Goods as per Notification
- 3.4 Classification of Services as per Notification

### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

The term "Classification" is defined as systematic arrangement in groups or categories according to established criteria. Under the given concept, the arrangement of varied items is into mutually exclusive but related classes.

Under the Indirect Tax regimes prevalent across the Globe including India, the classification of various items which are the subject matter of tax, be it goods or services, is an essential and integral part of the whole levy and collection mechanism. It is important both from the taxpayer's perspective and tax collector's perspective to have a definite class or group under which subject matters of tax can be divided. The primary intention of classifying them is to determine whether or not the same would be encumbered by the levy of these taxes and if so, under which category the tax liability would arise.

However, the requirement of classification is not restricted only for understanding the rate of tax on a specific subject matter of tax. The various benefits of classification are as under:

#### 1. **Leviability of Tax**

Classification of subject matters of tax into various classes identifies the taxable and non - taxable items for determining the scope of leviability of tax through a particular legislation.

#### 2. **Goods versus Services**

After determining whether a particular subject matter is leviable to tax or not, classification principles further assist in determining if they are taxable as goods or as services. The differentiation between 'goods' and 'services' not only impacts the rate of tax, but also the time, place and value for the tax.

#### 3. **Exemptions**

The Government exempts specific categories of items from levy of taxation. Exemption from tax is a policy decision of the Government which finds its base from the classification of items into specific categories which are driven by various socio-economic factors.

#### 4. **Rate of Tax**

The Government is assisted by the principles of classification to identify the demerit and merit rates of various categories of items. Such categorization helps the Government to ensure that the burden of taxation is not regressive for the tax payers and also does not negatively affect the revenue collection for the Government.



### 5. Standardization and avoiding differentiation

Classification also helps the Government to collect data about various trades and industries in a systematic and standardized manner. Further it helps to bring on par various similar and like items sold by different industries and sizes of business to ensure uniformity.

### Classification under Goods and Services Tax

Across the Globe under various GST regimes, classification as a subject is not a complex issue for the simple reason that across the Globe, most economies have a two rate GST structure. Under such structure, the two rates are Merit Rates and Demerit Rates. All the items under the ambit of GST are classified under given two rates only. The merit rate is the rate which is closer to 5% tax bracket and demerit rate is the rate which is within the bracket of 16% to 20%. Hence disputes for classification under GST are less or minimal.

Under the Indian environment, the GST is also indigenous. Hence the issues relating to classification which are not prevalent across the world are applicable in India. There are various reasons which add up to the complexity under the classification in India. One major reason for same is the multiple GST Rate structure. Today, Indian GST has 8 different types of GST Rates namely 0%, 0.25%, 1%, 3%, 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%. Since the industry structures are different and exemptions add to this complex web of multi point rate structure, a situation of arbitrage due to classification arises. Some reasons for such multiple rate structure are:

#### 1. Principle of Equivalence and size of revenue collection

In the context of Indian economy, the size of tax collection from Direct and Indirect Taxes is an important factor for economic prosperity. In developed countries the dependence on tax revenues for Governments is only up to 18% to 22% from total collections, whereas, the benchmark of tax collection dependence in developing countries is between 52% to 54% from total revenue collections. However, in India, dependence on tax collections by Governments is significantly high and ranges from 60% to 64% from the total revenue collections.

Since tax collection contributes significantly to the government revenue, when migration to Goods and Services Tax happened from Central Excise, Service Tax and State VAT regime, there was an anxiety that tax collections should not dip from current levels under GST and ambition of collecting higher tax was obviously pivotal.

Thus the challenge of collecting steady or higher revenue bounded Government to keep the rate of tax at certain levels and it was backed by the Principle of Equivalence. According to this principle, the rate of tax under GST should be within the deviation of up to 3% (either at the higher or at the lower side) from the rate of tax which was applicable cumulatively under Central Excise, Service Tax and State VAT. The rate of taxes under the erstwhile regime was multi fold and chaotic.

Hence with a view to maintain the rate of taxes which were under the erstwhile indirect tax regime, the rates of tax under GST is multifold applicable on different classes of items (be it goods or services) differently.

#### 2. Political Factors

The ideal GST structure in India would have been a 3 layered rate structure comprising of merit rate, demerit rate and standard rate (or mid-point rate). The merit rate would have been ideally an exemption rate whereas demerit rate would have been around 20% (which is now 28%) and mid-point rate around 12% to 15%. But since the consensus formed in Parliament was for a GST rate not greater than 18% the government could not keep items above 18% and if items were pegged to 12% (i.e. mid-point rate) then to offset the revenue deficit more items were pegged to 28% GST Rate. Due to this the rate of 28% had more than 250 items. With increase in political pressure, almost 200 items were taken out of 28% rate subsequently.

In multiple Tax Rate structure, there is always a certain amount of arbitrage created between the tax payer and the tax collector for classification of items. Example the tussle to classify items between the rates

18% or 28% shall be always on the cards. Since the Government in India as explained above, is heavily dependent on the tax collections as its source of revenue, they will always be tempted to classify items at the rate bracket of 28% and for tax payer the situation will be vice-versa. The 10% gap between the rates opens the flood gates for litigation and divergent interpretations. In fact tax rate gap of 7% between 5% and 12% rates is also significant.

Classification disputes are not new in the Indian Taxation system. According to an estimate, currently around 11200 cases are pending before the Supreme Court of India which are pure classification issues under erstwhile Central Excise, Service Tax and VAT regime. Hence India has 70 years of History in the disputes over classification of items under tax legislations.

## Classification of Goods and Services under GST - Reading The Rate Schedule

### Applicable Laws Useful For Classification under GST

The scheme of Goods and Services Tax in India is governed through following laws:

- The Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017
- The State Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017
- The Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017
- The Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017
- The Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act, 2017

Under each law, the charge of tax is on supply which has been defined under Section 7. However the various Governments (Central State or UT) derive power to levy and collect taxes at specified rates under Section 9(1) of the CGST Act 2017, Section 5(1) of the IGST Act 2017 and Section 9(1) of the SGST/UTGST Act 2017.

### Various Steps in Classification of Goods or Services

Since classification and its principles are of considerable importance for taxability and other allied purposes for goods and services, it is important to understand the process flow which should be followed to identify the correct classification, rate of tax and HSN Code for various items. Various provisions of law which are of assistance in this regard are as under:

1. Definition of 'Goods' and 'Services'
2. Activities listed in Schedule-II
3. Activities listed in Schedule-III
4. Identification of Composite Supplies or Mixed Supplies
5. Identification of HSN Code from the rate notification
6. Applicability of Principles of Interpretation applicable on Customs Tariff Act 1975 now made applicable vide Notification No 01/2017-CT (Rate) dated 28.06.2017.
7. Understanding the Service Code (Tariff) applicable on services in accordance with Annexure to Notification No 11/2017-CT (Rate) dated 28.06.2017.

## 3.2 GENERAL RULE OF INTERPRETATION

If the description read with section or Chapter notes is not enough to correctly classify the goods, then general rules of interpretation have to follow. The principles governing the appropriate classification of goods under the Tariff, as set out in the 'General Rules for Interpretation of this Schedule' to the Customs Tariff are set out below.



### Rules to be applied sequentially

Classification is to be first tested on the basis of Rule 1. Only if Rule 1 does not resolve the issue, the other Rules are to be looked at sequentially.

#### Rule 1: Classification to be determined per the “Headings”

##### Rule 1 states :

The titles of Sections, Chapters and sub-chapters are provided for ease of reference only; for legal purposes, classification shall be determined according to the terms of the headings and any relative Section or Chapter Notes and, provided such headings or Notes do not otherwise require.

As stated above, each Section is divided into Chapters. Further, each Chapter within the Sections have Chapter titles.

As per Rule 1, the Section or Chapter Titles cannot be used for classification. The use of Chapter heading alone may not provide an accurate picture of what the Chapter covers. For example the Heading of Chapter 84 refers to nuclear reactors, machinery, etc. but even a hand pump falls under Chapter 84.

According to Rule 1, one should give primacy to the Headings along with Chapter and Section Notes. The above rule lays down the following propositions:

- (a) The titles of sections, Chapters and sub-chapters do not have any legal force.
- (b) Terms of headings read with the related section and Chapter notes are relevant for the purpose of classification.

The rules of interpretation need not be resorted to when classification is possible on the basis of description in headings, sub-heading, along with the Chapter notes and section notes.

The Section Notes and Chapter Notes are part of the Act itself, and have statutory backing. Thus, no further Rule is required to be looked into, if classification is possible on the basis of the Tariff Entry read with Chapter Notes and Section Notes.

For instance, an assessee was manufacturing Aluminum foil cone containers. The assessee was classifying the same under Customs Tariff Heading (CTH) 76.16 [Other articles of aluminum], whereas the Department sought to classify the goods under CTH 48.23 [Other paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibers; other articles of paper pulp, paper, paper-board]. However, the Tribunal in case of *Monita Containers v. CCE* (2007) 213 ELT 262 (CESTAT) while classifying the product under CTH 76.16, held:

When the Note is specific in its excluding the said goods, they cannot be included by mere reference to the title of Chapter 48: "Paper and Paper board; Articles of Paper Pulp, of Paper or of Paper board", as was sought to be urged on behalf of the Revenue. Even the contention that the Chapter Note will not apply because Rule 3(b) of the Interpretative Rules, is misconceived, as it has been specifically provided in Rule 1 of the Rules for the interpretation of the First Schedule. Therefore, if there is no specific Chapter Note requiring otherwise, Rule 2 onwards including Rule 3(b) of the Rules for the Interpretation cannot be invoked.

The Supreme Court in case of *CCE s M/s Simplex Mills Co Ltd* (2005) 181 ELT 345 (SC) (3 Member Bench) held that Rule-1 gives primacy to the Section and Chapter Notes along with terms of the headings. They should be first applied. If no clear picture emerges then only can one resort to the subsequent rules.

#### Rule 2(a): Classification of incomplete or un-assembled goods

##### Rule 2(a) of the Interpretation Rule :



**2.(a)** Any reference in a heading to an article shall be taken to include a reference to that article incomplete or unfinished, provided that, as presented, the incomplete or unfinished articles has the essential character of the complete or finished article. It shall also be taken to include a reference to that article complete or finished (or falling to be classified as complete or finished by virtue of this rule), presented un-assembled or dis-assembled.

According to this Rule, if an incomplete article has the essential characteristics of the final product, then the Tariff Item covering the said final product would also cover the incomplete product, so presented. Further, the finished article would also include the article presented in an unassembled state.

**For example**, an assessee was manufacturing crayplas shapeless plastic crayon. The assessee was classifying the same under CETH 9609 00 which covers "pencils, crayons, pencil leads, pastels, drawing charcoals, writing or drawing chalks", whereas the Department asserted coverage under sub-heading 3204.19 relating to "pigments and preparation based thereon other than those in unformulated and unstandardized or unprepared form, not ready for use." The Supreme Court in case of Camlin Ltd. v. CCE (2003) 155 ELT 138 (CEGAT) [affirmed in (2005) 180 E.L.T. 307 (S.C.) ] while classifying the goods under CETH 9609 00, held:

GIR 2(a) also, allows classification of incomplete or unfinished goods having the essential characteristics of complete or finished goods under a heading appropriate to such complete or finished goods. In the instant case, the impugned goods only require to be given the shape of crayons before they can be made into finished crayons and as such, they can be considered as incomplete or unfinished goods.

In another case of LML Ltd. v. CC (1999) 105 ELT 718 (CEGAT) affirmed in 1999 (107)

A 119 (S.C)], it was held that a scooter body unit without engine is classifiable as scooter (CETH 871190). The Court placed reliance on HSN Explanatory Note for Rule 2(a) which states:

"An incomplete or unfinished vehicle is classified as the corresponding complete or finished vehicle provided it has the essential character of the latter [see Interpretative Rule 2(a)] as for example:

- (A) A motor vehicle, not yet fitted with the wheels or tyres and battery.
- (B) A motor vehicle not equipped with its engine or with its interior fittings.
- (C) A bicycle without saddle and tyres.

This Chapter also covers parts and accessories which are identifiable as being suitable for use solely or principally with the vehicles included therein, subject to the provisions of the Notes to Section XVII (see the General Explanatory Note to the Section)."

#### **Determination of "essential characteristics"**

In the case of Shivaji Works Ltd. v. CCE (1994) 69 ELT 674 (CEGAT), it was held that the functional test is the correct test for determining the character of a product, i.e. 'primary function' is 'essential characteristic.' Unless the incomplete product is incapable of functioning like the finished goods, this rule is not applicable.

#### **Goods in SKD or CKD condition**

According to the second part of Rule 2(a), goods in unassembled condition would be covered along with the finished goods .

This is essential when certain goods are to be dismantled prior to despatch, for convenience of transport.

In the case of CCE s. Scan Machineries, (2009) 234 ELT 282 (CESTAT) the assessee cleared machinery in a phased manner but paid the entire duty at the time of the first clearance of parts, as per trade practice. The clearance was against a single purchase order. It was held that clearance is of a single machine and not as parts of machine.



In case of *CC. s Sony India* (2008) 231 ELT 385 (SC) while deciding whether import of Colour Television components in CKD condition was assessable as CTVs, the Supreme Court held that components imported were not treatable as complete TV because "Rule 2(a) of Rules for Interpretation of Tariff is applicable only if all components presented at same time for customs clearance. When goods are brought in 94 different consignments then clubbing of all consignments of different dates is not permissible since goods brought are not having essential character of CTV and cannot be taken as complete CTVs. In fact there is no finding that goods brought could make specified number of CTVs. Also a complicated process to be undertaken for making impugned goods useable for assembling CTVs which fails the test of essential character."

In the case of *Tata Motors v. CCE* (2008) 222 ELT 289 (CESTAT) affirmed in (2016) 337 E.L.T. A99 (S.C.), it was observed that the expression "as presented" should be given the same meaning as "as cleared." Thus, if different parts were cleared from different units at different points of time, duty cannot be demanded by treating them as motor vehicle chassis in CKD condition.

However, the same principle may not be applicable for an import entitlement which is specifically meted out to "parts" as held in case of *Union of India v. Tara Chand* (1983) 13 ELT 1456 (SC); *CC v. Reliance Industries Ltd.* (2000) 115 ELT 15.

### Rule 2(b): Classification of Mixture or Combinations

**(b)** Any reference in a heading to a material or substance shall be taken to include a reference to mixtures or combinations of that material or substance with other materials or substances. Any reference to goods of a given material or substance shall be taken to include a reference to goods consisting wholly or partly of such material or substance. The classification of goods consisting of more than one material or substance shall be according to the principles of rule 3.

Rule 2(b) states In case of *CC v National Carbon Co.* (1989) 41 ELT 433 (Tribunal) the scope of Rule 2(b) was defined as

"It consists of two parts. The first part relates to the mention of material or substance under any heading and it has been set out that the reference to the material or substance shall be taken to include a reference to mixtures of that materials or substances. This part does not talk about finished goods made out of the material or substance. The second part of the rule deals with the goods of a given material or substance mentioned under any heading of the tariff and reference is to be taken to include a reference to goods consisting of such material or substance. This part does not deal with the composite goods made."

On the basis of the same it can be understood that for classification of composite goods made of different materials, interpretative rule 2(b) is not applicable. ( Rule 3(b) needs to be referred).

In the case of *Dhariwal Industries s. CCE* (2014) 304 ELT 585 (CESTAT) maintained in (2015) 319 E.L.T. A123 (S.C.), the assessee was manufacturing "Calcutta meetha pan" which was a mixture of various items, primary ingredient being pan leaf. The product contained 70% of dry dates and mixture of spices and sweetener. It was held that classification, as per Rules 2(b) and 3(b), ought to be under "Fruits, Nuts and Other Edible parts" under CETH 20.08 and not as "pan masala."

While applying the aforesaid rules, some conflict may arise.

#### For example:

- a mixture or combination containing more than one material may be classified under more than one heading by applying rule 2(b). If it contains two items A and B, one classification may be on the basis of "A" and other on the basis of "B".
- There may be two descriptions which may both be possible In such cases, resort to Rule 3 needs to be made :



### **Rule 3(a): Prefer the Specific entry over the general entry**

#### **Rule 3(a) states :**

3. When by application of rule 2(b) or for any other reason, goods are, prima facie, classifiable under two or more headings, classification shall be effected as follows:

(a) The heading which provides the most specific description shall be preferred to headings providing a more general description. However, when two or more headings search refer to part only of the materials or substances contained in mixed or composite goods or to part only of the items in a set put up for retail sale, those headings are to be regarded as equally specific in relation to those goods, even if one of them gives a more complete or precise description of the goods.

Rule 3 stipulates that the Heading that provides the more specific description shall be preferred over an entry with generic description.

In case of *Jyoti Industries v. CCE (2000) 115 ELT 559 (CEGAT)*, it was held that Kitchen sink is more appropriately covered under "sanitaryware" (i.e. CTH 7324 [Sanitary ware and parts thereof]) which is a specific description than "household articles of iron and steel" (i.e. CTH 7323 [Household articles of iron and steel]) which is a general description.

In case of *Dunlop India Ltd v UOI (1983) 13 ELT 1566 (SC)*, it was held that Vinyl Pyridine latex is classifiable as 'raw rubber' under Item 39 of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 and not under Item No. 87 as residuary item or under Item 82(3) as artificial or synthetic resins. The principle was laid down that "when an article is by all standards classifiable under a specific item in the Tariff Schedule it would be against the very principle of classification to deny it the parentage and consign its residuary item".

In case of *Commissioner of VAT v Taneja Mines (2011) 273 ELT 228 (Delhi) (DB)* it was held that religious picture would mean pictures used for purpose of religious worship and propagation. The mere fact that the religious pictures are mounted/framed is a matter of irrelevance. Also, the cost of the item is again irrelevant. Frames are nothing more than accessories for safe keeping and do not give any essential characteristics to the goods. Hence use of gold in religious pictures which depict divinity is in consonance with the concept of the divine. The use of gold plated nickel foil would add ambience to the pictures and thereby increase its value in the aesthetic sense for a man of religious sentiment and theist v iewers.

### **Rule 3(b): Essential character test for Mixtures or Composite Goods**

#### **Rule 3(b) states :**

(b) Mixtures, composite goods consisting of different material is or made up of different components, and goods put up in sets for retail sale, which cannot be classified by reference to (a), shall be classified as if they consisted of the material or component which gives them their essential character, in so far as this criterion is applicable.

In the case of mixtures or composite goods, resort is to be had to determining the material/ component of the product which gives it its essential character.

In the case of *CCE v. INARCO . (2015) 318 ELT 604 (SC)*, it was held that floor tiles containing 13.3% PVC (plastic), 84.9% limestone with plastic as binder is to be classified as 'article of stone, cement' as per the test of 'essential character'.

In the case of *Xerox India Ltd. v. CC, Bombay*, citation where the dispute pertained to classification of digital printers, with several functions (fax, copier, etc), reliance was placed on Rule 3(b) to classify the item under CTH 8471 as printer, since printing emerged as the principal function.





In re Samsung India Electronics P. Ltd. – (2016) 340 ELT 430 (AAR) it was held that mobile phone with zoom camera is to be classified as a phone, and not as camera, as per its primary function.

In A V Venkateswaran, Collector of Customs v. Ramchand Subhraj 1983 (13) ELT 1327 (SC) fountain pens with gold nibs, caps, were held to be classifiable as fountain pens.

However, it is to be noted that the said rule would not apply if the articles have a separate identity. In the case of CC v. Siyaram Silk Mills (2009) 235 ELT 241 (CESTAT) where a shirt and tie were sold together, it was held that the set cannot be classified as shirt, and they would be classified as separate items.

### **Rule 3(c): If both are specific – latter the better**

#### **Rule 3(c) states :**

(c) When goods cannot be classified by reference to (a) or (b), they shall be classified under the heading which occurs last in numerical order among those which equally merit consideration.

In case of Mahindra & Mahindra v. CCE – (1999) 109 ELT 739 (CEGAT), it was held that if tariff entries 87.03 and 87.04 are equally applicable, then goods will be classifiable under 87.04, as it occurs later in the Tariff.

### **Rule 4: Akin goods**

#### **Rule 4 states :**

4. Goods which cannot be classified in accordance with the above rules shall be classified under the heading appropriate to the goods to which they are most akin.

In the case of CCE vs. KWH Helioplastics Ltd. (1998) 97 ELT 385 (SC), it was observed that in order to resolve the persisting classification dispute, the relationship of the goods under dispute vis-à-vis the description of the goods under the disputed headings should be ascertained. The relationship with a particular heading depends upon the description, purpose and use of goods. If the relationship is established, goods should be classified where they are akin to the description in the Tariff.

### **Rule 5: Classification of packing containers and packing materials**

#### **Rule 5 states:**

5. In addition to the foregoing provisions, the following rules shall apply in respect of the goods referred to therein:

- (a) Camera cases, musical instrument cases, gun cases, drawing instrument cases, necklace cases and similar containers, specially shaped or fitted to contain a specific article or set of articles, suitable for long-term use and presented with the articles for which they are intended, shall be classified with such articles when of a kind normally sold therewith. This rule does not, however, apply to containers which give the whole its essential character;
- (b) Subject to the provisions of (a) above, packing materials and packing containers presented with the goods therein shall be classified with the goods if they are of a kind normally used for packing such goods. However, this provision does not apply when such packing materials or packing containers are clearly suitable for repetitive use.

This provision is made to ensure that the packing and the goods are charged at the same rate of duty.

In the case of Print-o-pack v. CCE (2012) 275 ELT 95 (CESTAT), the assessee was placing sugar cone (i.e. ice-cream cone) in an Aluminium foil cone. It was held that the Aluminium foil cone is used only as packing and the entire item would be classified as 'ice-cream cone' only.



### **Rule 6: Goods are comparable at the same level only**

#### **Rule 6 states:**

6. For legal purposes, the classification of goods in the sub -headings of a heading shall be determined according to the terms of those sub headings and any related sub headings Notes and, mutatis mutandis, to the above rules, on the understanding that only sub headings at the same level are and Chapter Notes also apply, unless the context otherwise requires.  
comparable.

The sub-headings within the same heading are comparable with each other, but not with sub - headings under any other heading. Accordingly, the heading is to be first determined, and then the sub-heading has to be ascertained.

#### **Classification of Parts as per Section/Chapter Notes**

Classification of parts is subject to the notes in the Sections and Chapters. Broadly, parts suitable solely for a particular machine generally fall under the same heading/ sub -heading in which the main item falls.

However, there are certain exceptions to this general rule.

#### **Parts of General Use**

Parts of general use consist of tube and pipe fittings, ropes, cables, chains, screws, bolts, etc. For example, a bolt used in a vehicle will be classified as "bolt" and not as "motor vehicle part."

#### **Part of part is part of whole**

In the case of Needle Roller Bearings v. CCE (2000) 124 ELT 577 (CEGAT); Kanwar Sewing Machine, New Delhi v. CC, Bombay (1983) 12 E.L.T. 804 (C.E.G.A.T.), it was held that ball bearings form part of a machine. Hence, a part of a ball bearing is also a part of a machine.

In the case of Nalanda Manufacturing Co.v. CCE (1998) 102 ELT 289 (Tribunal), it was similarly held that part of a refill is also a part of a ball point pen.

## **3.3 CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS AS PER NOTIFICATION**

The Central Government, on the recommendations of the GST Council, has issued Notifications Number 01/2017-CT (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 prescribing the Rate of Tax (Schedules) for specified goods under CGST/IGST ("Rate Notification"). This Notification is divided into 6 Schedules, as follows:

- (i) 2.5% (Schedule I);
- (ii) 6% (Schedule II);
- (iii) 9% (Schedule III);
- (iv) 14% (Schedule IV);
- (v) 1.5% (Schedule V); and
- (vi) 0.125% (Schedule VI)

The Central Government by way of further Notifications has amended the Rate Notification to specify any change of rate of duty on any commodity, from time to time.

It is pertinent to note that the Explanation to the Rate Notification No. 1/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 states thus :



**For the purposes of this Notification:**

- (iii) "Tariff item", "sub-heading" "heading" and "Chapter" shall mean respectively a tariff item, sub-heading, heading and chapter as specified in the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975).
- (iv) The rules for the interpretation of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975), including the Section and Chapter Notes and the General Explanatory Notes of the First Schedule shall, so far as may be, apply to the interpretation of this notification.

Therefore, while the Rate Notification under GST provides the rate of tax on goods and services, in order to interpret these Rate Notifications for purposes of levy of GST, one has to read the same along with the First Schedule (including the Section and Chapter Notes and General Explanatory Notes) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 ("Tariff").

The broad outlay of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, its Schedules, Rules of Interpretation, the Harmonised System of Nomenclature vis-à-vis the Tariff and the relevance of erstwhile classification disputes in the new GST regime are enumerated as under:

**Harmonized System of Nomenclature ("HSN")**

With increase in international trade, the World Customs Organization ("WCO") developed a Harmonized System of Nomenclature ("HSN"), in order to facilitate trade flow and analysis of trade statistics. The following are the features of the HSN:

- (a) Adopted by 137 countries to ensure uniformity in classification of products;
- (b) Contains about 5,000 commodity groups – each identified by a 6-digit code (it is pertinent to note that both the Tariff in India follow an 8 digit code system for further clarity in trade volumes and a more specific classification of indigenous products);
- (c) Amended over regular intervals of 4/6 years, taking into consideration the technological advancements in any field – last amendment approved by the WCO in 2009, and brought into force with effect from 1-1-2012;
- (d) For ensuring uniformity, WCO has published the Explanatory Notes to various headings/ sub- headings;
- (e) The Customs Tariff in India was aligned to the HSN w.e.f. 28.02.1986 (whereas the Excise tariff was aligned w.e.f. 1-3-1986).

**Customs Tariff Act, 1975**

Prior to the advent of GST, in order to determine the Customs duty leviable on a particular commodity, one had to refer to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 ("CTA") for the appropriate classification of the goods. The following are the broad features of the CTA:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Customs Tariff Act, 1975 ("CTA")
1.	Chapter linking the main Act with the Tariff Act	Section 12 of the Customs Act, 1962 states that duties of customs shall be levied at such rates as may be specified under [the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975)], or any other law for the time being in force, on goods imported into, or exported from, India.
2.	Number of Schedules	2
3.	Schedules	Import Tariff Export Tariff (contains 49 items [as of 01.03.2011] , most of which are exempt)
4.	Sections	21
5.	Chapters	99 (Chapter 77 is blank, reserved for future use)
6.	Columns	5 (Tariff Item, Description of goods, Unit, Standard Rate of duty and Rate of duty for Preferential Area – e.g. Nepal, Myanmar, etc.)

### Broad outline of the Tariff

It is of primary importance to understand the structure of the Tariff, and the nomenclature used for various parts of the same, in order to begin classification of any relevant item, which is as set out below:

- (a) Section
- (b) Chapters, and sub-chapters
- (c) Headings and Sub-Headings

Section	Chapter	Headings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SECTION</b> is a grouping of a number of Chapters which codify a particular class of goods. Each Section is related to a broad class of goods, for instance:</li> <li>• Section I : Live Animals</li> <li>• Section IV – Prepared foodstuffs, beverages</li> <li>• Section XII – Footwear, Headgear, Umbrella, Articles of human hair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CHAPTER</b> and sub- chapters contain a particular class of goods, for instance the Section on Prepared foodstuffs, beverages covers Chapters like</li> <li>• Chapter 16: Preparations of meat, fish, etc.</li> <li>• Chapter 17: Sugar and sugar confectionery</li> <li>• Chapter 18: Cocoa and cocoa preparation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each chapter is further divided into various <b>HEADINGS</b> and sub-headings depending upon the different type of goods covered within the Chapter, for instance Sugar and Sugar confectionery is further divided into headings like</li> <li>(a) Cane or beet sugar.</li> <li>(b) Other sugars, molasses (refining of sugar)</li> <li>(c) Other sugar confectionery</li> </ul>

### Reading the Tariff

Arrangement of Goods under the Tariff

It is important to first narrow down the search for the relevant classification by scaling it down to a particular Section or Chapter.

It is interesting to note that the various commodities grouped under the Sections, Chapters, etc are arranged in increasing order of manufacturing process required on the said commodity

– for instance, the Tariff begins with natural products, raw materials, goes on to semi- finished goods and concludes with fully manufactured goods.

Reliance is not to be placed solely on the Section or Chapter Titles to classify the product therein.

### Eight-digit classification

Once the search has been restricted to a Specific Chapter, each Chapter begins with a set of Notes that are to be interpreted along with various headings in the Chapter. Such Notes may contain definitions of terms used in the Chapter and specific inclusions and exclusions in the Chapter.

The next portion in the Chapter would comprise a table setting out the Tariff Item, description of goods, Unit, and Rate of duty applicable thereon.

The Indian Tariff System employs the 8-digit format, which is explained below by way of an example.

2008	11	00
↓	↓	↓
Heading	Sub – Heading	Tariff Item

The rate of duty in the Tariff is mentioned against the respective Tariff Items.



### Relevance of Dashes

The dashes at the beginning of the description of a group of items indicate the following:

Dashes	Meaning
(-) single dash	A Group of goods
(- -) Two dashes	Sub - group
(- - -) Triple dash or (- - - -) Quadruple dash	Sub – sub classification

Examples within Chapter 20 would be as follows:

Tariff Item	Description of Goods	Unit	Rate of Duty (Standard)	Rate of Duty (Preferential)
2008	Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or pre- served, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included			
	— Nuts, groundnuts and other seeds, whether or not mixed together			
2008 11 00	— Ground nuts	Kg.	30%	—
2008 19	— Others, including mixtures			
2008 19 10	— Cashew nut, roasted, salted or roasted and salted	g.	45%	--
2008 19 20	— Other roasted nuts and seeds	g.	30%	--



The Mumbai CESTAT in case of Schnectady Herdilla Ltd v CCE (2007) 208 ELT 110 held that for classification under Tariff headings with double (--) entry before them, the goods have to satisfy specifications of single dash (-) preceding them.

### Other facets of the Tariff

- (a) The Third Column of the Tariff – “Unit” – indicated by abbreviations – these are mandatory for use in Customs documents, except when impractical (e.g. oil in kgs).
- (b) The % sign in Column 4 indicates that duty is charged “ad valorem” on the value of goods.
- (c) Only sub-headings at the same level (same dashes) are comparable; for instance, in the above example, cashew nuts, roasted and other roasted nuts is comparable, but cashew nuts and ground nuts are not comparable.

### Special provisions in Customs Tariff made applicable to GST Rate Schedule for Goods

Though most of goods are classified as per the above system of HSN, special classification is used in certain cases. Like the following

- All goods imported under “project imports-98.01”
- All laboratory chemicals in packs less than 500 gms or 500 ml -98.02

- All baggage of passengers or member of crew-98.03
- Goods for personal use imported by post or air-98.04
- Stores on board of vessel or aircraft-98.05

These goods will be classified in these headings, irrespective of actual classification as per the Customs Tariff.

### Section Notes and Chapter Notes

Each Section and Chapter under the Tariff is accompanied by the notes known as "Section Notes" and Chapter Notes. These are given at the beginning of the Section or Chapter respectively which governs the concerned Section or Chapter as the case may be. In the case of Section Notes, they are applicable to each Chapter which is part of a specific section of the Tariff.

Classification is to be determined only on the basis of description of the heading read with relevant section or Chapter notes. Since these notes are part of Tariff itself, these have full statutory backing. Various Tribunals have held that coverage of respective headings has to be determined in the light of the respective section and Chapter note. Hence in this sense, the section and Chapter note have overriding force over the respective headings and sub-headings.

In *Fenner (India) Ltd v CCE (1995) 97 ELT 8 (SC)*, it was observed that tariff schedule would be determined on terms of headings and any relevant section or Chapter notes. In *CC. v Sanghavi Swiss Refills P Ltd (1997) 94 ELT 644 (CEGAT)*, it was held that section notes and Chapter notes, being statutory in nature, have precedence over functional test of commercial parlance for the purpose of classification.

In the case of interpretation of an exemption notification also, the Supreme Court in the case of *Gujarat State Fertilizers Co v CCE (1997) 91 ELT 3 SC* laid down the principle in its judgment that Chapter Notes of Chapter of Tariff referred to in the notification have to be read as part and parcel of exemption notification.

Only in cases where a notification is clear and expresses a specific intent the scope of Section Note or Chapter Note as the case may be, is restricted and the language of the notification shall be given preference. It was held so in the case of *New Holland Tractors v.s CCE (2010) 253 ELT 249 (CESTAT)*.

However when a notification grants exemption with reference to a particular heading or sub - heading, the notification will have to be interpreted and applied in the light of section notes and

Chapter notes to Tariff as held by CESTAT in case of *CCE v Bharat Metal Industries (1999) 105 ELT 494 (CESTAT)*

### HSN and Classification

At the outset, the HSN Explanatory Notes cannot override and dilute the language under the CTA. However, in case of ambiguity, resort to the HSN is permissible provided there is no conflict with the Headings, Chapter Notes or Tariff Notes. In *CCE v. Wood Craft Products Ltd. (1995) 77 ELT 23 (SC)*, it was held that as per the Statement of Objects and Reasons of Central Excise Tariff Bill, 1985, the new tariff has been introduced, based on HSN to reduce classification disputes. Thus, in case of doubt, the HSN is a safe guide for ascertaining the true meaning of any expression used in the Act, unless there is an expressly different intention indicated in the Tariff itself.

The HSN Explanatory notes have also been held to have overriding effect over trade parlance in case of *Health India Laboratories v. CCE (2007) 216 ELT 161 (CESTAT)* affirmed in *(2008) 22 E.L.T. A133 (S.C.)*

At the same time, in the case of *New India Industries Ltd. v. CC, Bombay (1994) 73 ELT 723* it was held that the HSN Explanatory Notes have persuasive value but do not have any statutory authority.

Furthermore, in the case of *Consolidated Coin Co. P. Ltd. v CCE (2013) 287 ELT 221 (CESTAT)*, the Court observed that US Customs Rulings may be considered for classification disputes, since both US and India follow the HSN based classification.



### Department to prove classification

The burden of proof that a product is classifiable under a particular Tariff head is on the Department and must be discharged by proving that it is so understood by the consumers of products in common parlance. It was held so in case of *CCE v. Vicco Laboratories* (2005) 179 ELT 17 (SC 3 Member Bench).

### Practical Guide for Classification under GST Step-wise approach

In terms of the foregoing, given below is a step-wise approach for classification of goods under GST:

- **Step 1:** Identify the goods that require classification.
- **Step 2:** In the Tariff Schedule, commodities are arranged in increasing order of manufacturing process - Identify the broad Sections and Chapters, the said commodity would fall under
- **Step 3:** By way of application of General Rules of Interpretation, classify the product in terms of the 8-digit-classification
- **Step 4:** Find the relevant sub-heading, as per Step 3. The GST Rate Schedule (along with amending notifications) has specified various rates, grouped under 4-digit or 6-digit-classification. Further, a particular Heading may appear in several Schedules, for example, CTH 2106 [Food preparations not specified elsewhere]
- **Step 5:** Find the relevant description of heading in GST Rate Schedule and corresponding Rate

### Logical Steps to be followed at the time of classification under Tariff Schedules

- Whether the Section is not applicable on specific goods?
- If yes, no need to look into any of the Chapters within the said Section.
- Whether the Section is applicable on specific goods
- Whether the Chapter is not applicable on specific goods
- If yes, no need to look into any of the Headings within the said Chapter
- If the Chapter is applicable on specific goods

Then, within the Chapter see the description of the Heading which accommodates given Goods.

Thereafter find out the sub-heading which covers the given goods.

## 3.4 CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICES AS PER NOTIFICATION

The Central Government, on the recommendations of the GST Council, has issued Notifications Number 11/2017-CT (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 prescribing the Rate of Tax (Schedules) for specified services under CGST/IGST ("Rate Notification").

The Central Government by way of further Notifications amends from time to time the Rate Notification to specify any change of rate of tax on any service, from time to time.

It is pertinent to note that the Explanation to the Rate Notification No. 1/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 states thus :

For the purposes of this Notification:

- (i) ....
- (ii) Reference to "Chapter", "Section" or "Heading", wherever they occur, unless the context otherwise requires, shall mean respectively as "Chapter", "Section" and "Heading" in the annexed scheme of classification of services (Annexure).



Along with the rate notification a detailed annexure for scheme of classification of services has been given. However unlike for goods, no method has been prescribed as to how one has to read the given annexure along with the Rate Notification.

### Reading the Annexure to Notification No 11/2017-CT Rate dated 28.06.2017

The given annexure is based on a six digit format which is akin to HSN Classification for goods. Section 5 of Chapter 99 of Annexure reads as under:

Annexure : Scheme of Classification of Services			
Sl. No.	Chapter, Section, Heading or Group	Service Code (Tariff)	Service Description
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Chapter 99		All Services
2	Section 5		Constructions Services
3	Heading 9954		Constructions Services
4	Group 99541		Constructions Services of Buildings
5		995411	Construction services of single dwelling or multi dwelling or multistoried residential buildings
6		995412	Construction services of other residential buildings such as old age homes, homeless shelters, hostels and the like
7		995413	Construction services of industrial buildings such as buildings used for production activities (used for assembly line activities), workshops, storage buildings and other similar industrial buildings
8		995414	Construction services of commercial buildings such as office buildings, exhibition and marriage halls, malls, hotels, restaurants, airports, rail or road terminals, parking garages, petrol and service stations, theatres and other similar buildings.
9		995415	Construction services of other non-residential buildings such as education institutions, hospitals, clinics including veterinary clinics, religious establishments, courts, prisons, museums and other similar buildings
10		995416	Construction services of other buildings nowhere else classified
11		995417	Services involving repair, alterations, additions, replacements, renovation, maintenance or remodeling of the buildings covered above.

### Contents of an Entry

- Here Chapter is of 2 digits (Chapter 99)
- Section is of 1 digit after Chapter (Section 5)
- Heading is of 1 digit after Section (Heading 9954)
- Tariff Item is of 2 digits after Heading (995411)





### Principles of Classification

No principles for classification of services have been prescribed under notification for rate or under law for the services. The principles of classification as applicable for Goods cannot be applied on services ..

A clue can be taken from the erstwhile service tax provisions and also from CPC (Central Product Classification) by United Nations Statistical Commission whose list of services is akin to the Annexure to Notification No 11/2017-CT Rate dated 28.06.2017.

Interestingly, The Central Board for Indirect Tax and Customs issued "**Explanatory Notes to the Scheme of Classification of Services**" on 12th June 2018 wherein it has been specified that-

The Scheme of Classification of Services adopted for the purposes of GST is a modified version of the United Nations Central Product Classification. 2. The Explanatory notes for the said Scheme of Classification of Services is based on the explanatory notes to the UNCPC.

The explanatory notes indicate the scope and coverage of the heading, groups and service codes of the Scheme of Classification of Services. These may be used by the assessee and the tax administration as a guiding tool for classification of services. However, it may be noted that where a service is capable of differential treatment for any purpose based on its description, the most specific description shall be preferred over a more general description.

### What is CPC (Central Product Classification)?

In the Preface to the document issued by Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Statistical Division) of United Nations in 2015 titled "Central Product Classification-Version 2.1", it has been stated thus :

"The Central Product Classification (CPC) constitutes a complete product classification covering all goods and services. It serves as an international standard for assembling and tabulating all kinds of data requiring product detail, including statistics on industrial production, domestic and foreign commodity trade, international trade in services, balance of payments, consumption and price statistics and other data used within the national accounts.

It provides a framework for international comparison and promotes harmonization of various types of statistics related to goods and services".

Further in the Overview to the said document it has thus been stated about CPC:

The Central Product Classification (CPC) consists of a coherent and consistent classification structure for products based on a set of internationally agreed concepts, definitions, principles and classification rules. The classification structure represents a standard format to organize detailed information on products – be it on production, transformation, trade or consumption – according to economic principles and perceptions.

It is pertinent to note that with regard to services, before the development of the CPC, no international classification covering the whole spectrum of outputs of the various service industries and serving the different analytical needs of statistical and other users was available

### Structure of CPC

The overall set of products is subdivided into a hierarchical, five -level structure of mutually exclusive categories.

- The categories at the highest level are called sections, which are numerically coded categories. The sections sub-divide the entire spectrum of products into broad groupings, such as "Agriculture, forestry and fishery products" (section 0), "Constructions and construction services" (section 5) or "Community, social and personal services" (section 9).
- The classification is then organized into successively more detailed categories, which are numerically coded: two-digit divisions; three-digit groups; four-digit classes; and, at the greatest level of detail, five-digit sub-classes.



### Principles, Definitions and classification rules for reading CPC

Various principles enumerated for reading and understanding CPC are given as its integral part of document. The relevant points in relation to classification for services under CPC are briefed below:

1. The CPC, covering all services, is a system of categories that are both exhaustive and mutually exclusive. This means that if a service does not fit into one CPC category, it must automatically fit into another. Consistent with the other principles used, homogeneity within categories is maximized.
2. The CPC classifies services based on the properties and its intrinsic nature as well as on the principle of industrial origin.
3. The importance of the industrial origin of services was underscored by the attempt to group into one CPC subclass mainly the services that are the output of a single industry. Through their linkage to the criterion of industrial origin, the input structure, technology and organization of characteristics of services are also reflected in the structure of the CPC.
4. In addition, efforts have been made to define each sub-class in sections 0 to 4 of the CPC as the equivalent of one heading or sub-heading or the aggregation of several headings or subheadings of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), owing to the fact that the HS is a detailed classification of transportable goods that is widely accepted for use in international trade statistics by virtually all countries.

### Application of CPC

#### I. Rules of Interpretation

According to the rules of interpretation of CPC in the context of services, it should be classified on following principles:

- (A) When services are, prima facie, classifiable under two or more categories, classification shall be effected as follows, on the understanding that only categories at the same level (sections, divisions, groups, classes or subclasses) are comparable:
  - (a) The category that provides the most specific description shall be preferred to categories providing a more general description;
  - (b) Composite services consisting of a combination of different services which cannot be classified by reference to (a) shall be classified as if they consisted of the service which gives them their essential character, in so far as this criterion is applicable;
  - (c) When services cannot be classified by reference to (a) or (b), they shall be classified under the category that occurs last in numerical order among those that equally merit consideration.
- (B) Services that cannot be classified in accordance with the above rules shall be classified under the category appropriate to the services to which they are most akin.

#### II. Explanatory Notes

The explanatory notes provide descriptions of services that are included in each subclass, as well as examples of similar services that are excluded, for reference purposes. In some cases explanatory notes are also available for categories of higher aggregated levels of the CPC structure. Whenever an exclusion statement is provided, it is accompanied by an exact cross - reference to indicate the code of the subclass where the product in question is actually classified. The exclusions are sorted by cross-referenced CPC code in numerical order; they do not indicate a ranking by importance. Although the title description should define the boundary of the subclass, the explanatory notes clarify further the border and content of the sub -class.

The explanatory notes are not intended to present an exhaustive list of all the products under each heading; they should be regarded only as lists of examples to illustrate the subclass content.

It has been further provided in the CPC document issued by United Nations that "It should be noted that if



CPC categories are utilized for purposes other than statistical ones - for example as a source for the preparation of legal documents or for such purposes as procurement - those who prepare the legal document in which reference is made to CPC categories, not the developers of the classification, are responsible for explaining the use of those categories in the legal document".

### Example on CPC Structure and Understanding

The CPC and its related rules can also be best understood with some illustrations which are given below –

The facility of mining is provided by government to various business entities. These are services provided by government and are liable for payment of GST under RCM by mine holder. The rate for government services are generally 18%. However under entry no.17 in heading 9973 for leasing, read with annexure there is a specific entry which reads as under -

250	Group 99733		Licensing services for the right to use intellectual property and similar products
251		997331	Licensing services for the right to use computer software and databases
252		997332	Licensing services for the right to broadcast and show original films, sound recordings, radio and television programme and the like
253		997333	Licensing services for the right to reproduce original art works
254		997334	Licensing services for the right to reprint and copy manuscripts, books, journals, and periodicals
255		997335	Licensing services for the right to use research and development products
256		997336	Licensing services for the right to use trademarks and franchises
257		997337	Licensing services for the right to use minerals including its exploration and evaluation
258		997338	Licensing services for right to use other natural resources including telecommunication spectrum
259		997339	Licensing services for the right to use other intellectual property products and other resources nowhere else classified.

Further the Explanatory Notes under UN CPC to the Classification 9973 reads as under:

### 99733 Licensing services for the right to use intellectual property and similar products

This group includes permitting, granting or otherwise authorizing the use of intellectual property products and similar products.

**Note:** This covers rights to exploit these products, such as licensing to third parties; reproducing and publishing software, books, etc.; using patented designs in production processes to produce new goods and so on. Limited end user licences, which are sold as part of a product (e.g., packaged software, books) are not included here.

This group does not include:

- Licence fees as integral part of customer goods (e.g., end-user licenses for books, records, software)
- Preparation, drafting and certification services concerning patents, trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property rights, cf. 998213
- Management services for copyrights and their revenues (except from motion pictures), cf. 998599
- Management services for rights to industrial property (e.g., patents, licences, trademarks, franchises etc.), cf. 998599
- Management services for motion picture rights, cf. 999614
- Management services for artistic rights, cf. 999629

The said sub-classification is further classified as under (reproduced)

### 997337 Licensing services for the right to use minerals including its exploration and evaluation

This service code includes licensing services for the right to use, mineral exploration and evaluation information, such as mineral exploration for petroleum, natural gas and non-petroleum deposits.

### 997338 Licensing services for the right to use other natural resources including telecommunication spectrum

Now, on a perusal of the said classification on which Notification No. 11/2017-CT (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 is based, it is evident that the classification of service in question can be made under tariff item 997337 or 997338 as the case maybe. Since the entry is unambiguous and defines the nature of the service clearly, the classification as given by UNCPC should be followed.

The rate of GST in case of tariff item 997337 is the rate applicable on the goods which are extracted from the mine. Generally the rate for such goods under GST is 5%. Hence when a specific entry has been given, the rate of GST for such royalty payment should be 5% instead of 18% as general rate.

### Broad Structure of CPC

The broad structure of CPC in relation to services on the basis of which the CGST Rate Notification No 11/2017 dated 28.06.2017 is also based ,is summarized as under:

Section	Division		Groups	Classes	Sub classes
<b>5</b>		<b>Constructions and construction services</b>			
	53	Constructions	2	10	24
	54	Construction services	7	37	61
<b>6</b>		<b>Distributive trade services; accommodation, food and beverage serving services; transport services; and electricity, gas and water distribution services</b>			
	61	Wholesale trade services	2	18	120
	62	Retail trade services	5	45	269
	63	Accommodation, food and beverage services	4	10	16
	64	Passenger transport services	2	8	28
	65	Freight transport services	3	7	28
	66	Rental services of transport vehicles with operators	1	3	8
	67	Supporting transport services	7	22	25
	68	Postal courier services	1	3	7
	69	Electricity, gas and water distribution (on own account)	2	5	6
<b>7</b>		<b>Financial and related services; real estate services; and rental and leasing services</b>			
	71	Financial and related services	7	24	57
	72	Real estate services	2	7	14
	73	Leasing or rental services without operator	3	16	28
<b>8</b>		<b>Business and production services</b>			



Section	Division		Groups	Classes	Sub classes
	81	Research and development services	4	8	40
	82	Legal and accounting services	4	9	12
	83	Professional, technical and business services (except research, development, legal and accounting services)	9	33	80
	84	Telecommunications, broadcasting and information supply services	6	21	38
	85	Support services	6	27	47
	86	Support and operation services to agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing, mining and utilities	3	12	25
	87	Maintenance, repair and installation (except construction) services	3	17	29
	88	manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	9	31	125
	89	Other manufacturing services, publishing and printing and reproduction services, materials recovery services	4	8	10
<b>9</b>		<b>Community, social and personal services</b>			
	91	Public administration and other services provided to the community as a whole; compulsory social security services	3	17	32
	92	Education services	6	12	14
	93	Human health and social care services	5	12	32
	94	Sewage and waste collection, treatment and disposal and other environmental protection services	6	15	28
	95	Services of membership organizations	3	6	14
	96	Recreational, cultural and sporting services	7	23	38
	97	Other services	4	13	13
	98	Domestic services	1	1	1
	99	Services provided by extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1	1	1

### Legal Backing to UNPCPC

However, these rules of classification have not been prescribed under the GST Laws and hence cannot be enforced upon the tax payer or the tax authorities. The given CPC schedule is the clear base on which Notification No. 11/2017-CT (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 is based, but since reference to the same has been given only through a Press Release the same shall stand on weak ground in case the same is referred completely, by any of the stakeholders at the time of classification disputes. The judicial precedents from courts shall have a binding effect over the CPC Schedule.

# Study Note - 4



## TIME OF SUPPLY UNDER GST

This Study Note includes

4.1 Time of Supply

4.2 Change in Rate of Tax in respect of Supply of Goods or Services

### 4.1 TIME OF SUPPLY

It means the date on which the charging event has occurred. As a result the rate of CGST/SGST or IGST or UTGST will be decided in accordance with the time of supply. Based on time of supply we will also determine the due date of payment of GST.

#### Due date of payment of GST:

S.No.	Nature of assessee	Due Date	Relevant provision
1	Composition scheme	18th of the month following the quarter	Sec.39(2)
2	Tax Deducted at Source (TDS)	10th of the following month	Sec. 39(3)
3	Non-resident taxable person	20 days after the end of the calendar month or 7 days after last date of validity period of registration.	Sec. 39(5)
4	Tax Collected at Source (TCS)	10th of the following month	Sec. 56(2)
5	Other than above	20th of the following month	Sec. 39(1)
6	Assessee turnover not exceeds ₹ 1.50 crore in the P.Y.	20th of the following month from the end of relevant quarter.	Commencing from Oct-Dec in the financial year 2017-18.

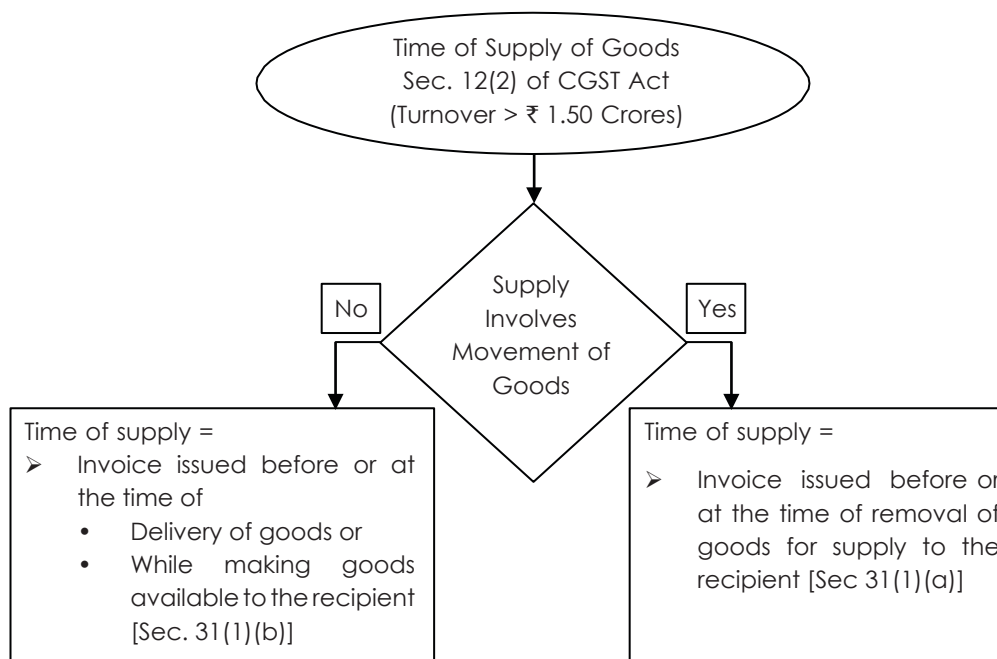
#### Section 12 and 13 of CGST Act, 2017:

Time of Supply of Goods		Time of Supply of Services	
<b>Section 12(1)</b>	The liability to pay tax on goods shall arise at the time of supply, as determined in accordance with the provisions of this section.	<b>Section 13(1):</b>	The liability to pay tax on services shall arise at the time of supply, as determined in accordance with the provisions of this section.
<b>Section 12(2)</b>	Time of Supply of Goods under Forward Charge.	<b>Section 13(2)</b>	Time of Supply of Services under Forward Charge.
<b>Section 12(3)</b>	Time of Supply of Goods under Reverse Charge.	<b>Section 13(3)</b>	Time of Supply of Services under Reverse Charge.
<b>Section 12(4)</b>	Time of Supply in case of Supply of Vouchers.	<b>Section 13(4)</b>	Time of Supply in case of Supply of Vouchers.



<b>Section 12(5)</b>	Residuary Clause. [where the time of supply cannot be determined under sub-section (2) to sub-section (4) of Section 12]	<b>Section 13(5)</b>	Residuary Clause. [where the time of supply cannot be determined under sub-section (2) to sub-section (4) of section 13]
<b>Section 12(6)</b>	The time of supply to the extent it relates to an addition in the value of supply by way of interest, late fee or penalty for delayed payment of any consideration shall be the date on which the supplier receives such addition in value.	<b>Section 13(6)</b>	The time of supply to the extent it relates to an addition in the value of supply by way of interest, late fee or penalty for delayed payment of any consideration shall be the date on which the supplier receives such addition in value.

**(A) Time of Supply of Goods [Sec. 12(2) of CGST Act, 2017]**



**Example 1:**  
**P of Chennai supplies goods to B of Bengaluru. P has to send the goods for delivery from Chennai to Bengaluru. P sends the goods to B on 30th Oct 2017. Turnover of P in the previous year was ₹ 2 crore. Find the time of supply in the following different scenarios:**

Removal of Goods	Date of Issue of Invoice	Last Date for Issue of Tax Invoice	Date on which payment is entered in the books of account	Date on which payment is credited in the Bank Account	Time of Supply	Criteria for determining Time of Supply
30th Oct	30th Oct	30th Oct	31st Oct	1st Nov	30th Oct	Date of issue of Invoice
30th Oct	2nd Nov	30th Oct	31st Oct	1st Nov	30th Oct	Last Date for issue of Invoice
30th Oct	28th Oct	30th Oct	27th Oct	26th Oct	26th Oct	Date on which payment is credited in the Bank Account

**Example : 2**

Mr. Ram sold goods to Mr. Shyam worth ₹ 5,00,000. The invoice was issued on 15th November. The payment was received on 30th November. The goods were supplied on 20th November.

Find the time of supply of goods.

Previous year turnover of Mr. Ram was ₹ 172 lakhs. Answer:

Particulars	Whichever is earlier
Date of issue of invoice	15th November
Last date on which invoice should have been issued	20th November
Date of receipt of payment	30th November

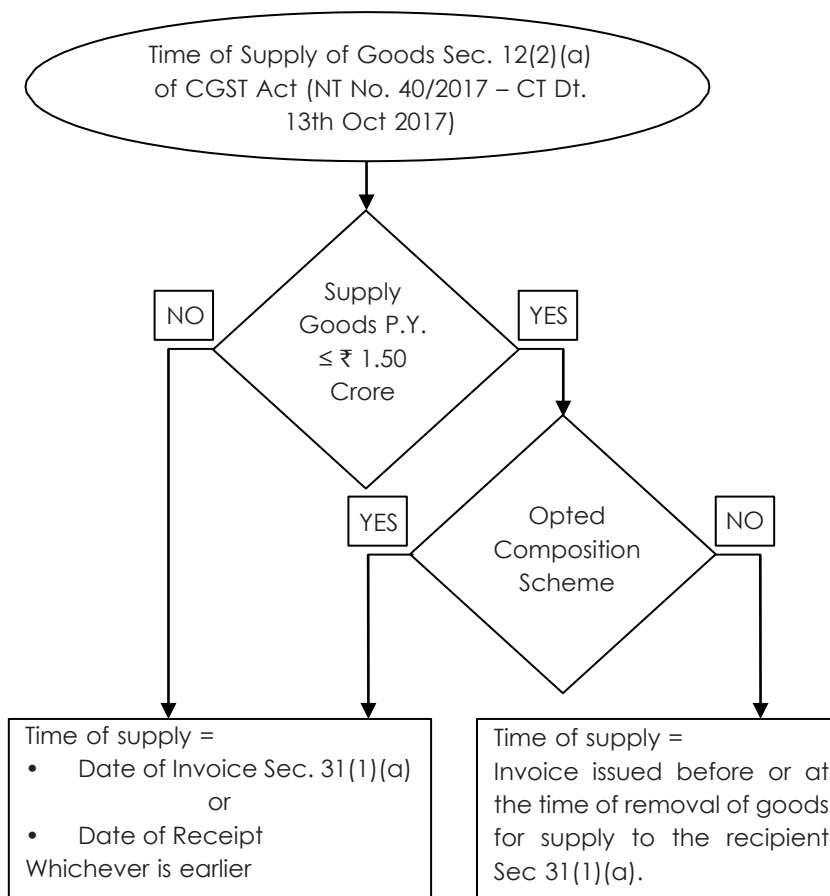
Therefore, time of supply of goods = 15th November.

Date of invoice or payment whichever is earlier.

**No GST on Advance Payments received for Supply of Goods by Small Taxpayers having aggregate annual turnover of upto ₹ 1.5 crores:**

Taxable persons whose aggregate turnover in the preceding year did not exceed ₹ 1.5 Crore or registered persons whose aggregate turnover in the year in which such person has obtained registration is likely to be less than ₹ 1.50 crore and who did not opt for the composition levy under section 10 of the said Act.

The liability to pay taxes by such persons shall be on invoice basis. This means GST liability on advance received is waived of through **Notification No. 40/2017 – Central Tax Dt 13th Oct 2017** for such taxpayers as mentioned above.







**Example : 3**  
**Mr. Ram sold goods to Mr. Ravi worth ₹ 5,00,000. The invoice was issued on 15th November. The payment was received on 31st October. The goods were supplied on 20th November.**  
**Find the time of supply of goods.**  
**Previous year turnover of Mr. Ram was ₹ 72 lakhs. Answer:**

Particulars		
Date of issue of invoice	15th November	Date of invoice is the criteria
Last date on which invoice should have been issued	20th November	
Date of receipt of payment	31st October	Advance is not a time of supply

**Therefore, time of supply of goods = 15th November.**

The phrase “the date on which supplier receives the payment” or “the date of receipt of payment” means:

- the date on which payment is entered in his books of accounts  
or
- the date on which the payment is credited to his bank account,  
whichever is earlier.

**No GST on advance received against supply of GOODS for ALL ASSESSEES (w.e.f. 15th November 2017):**

The CBEC vide Notification No. 66/2017-Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 notified that the registered person who did not opt for the composition levy under section 10 of the CGST Act as the class of persons who shall pay the central tax on the outward supply of goods at the time of supply as specified in clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 12 of the said Act including in the situations attracting the provisions of section 14 of the said Act, and shall accordingly furnish the details and returns as mentioned in Chapter IX of the said Act and the rules made thereunder and the period prescribed for the payment of tax by such class of registered persons shall be such as specified in the said Act. Vide Notification No. 66/2017-Central Tax, dated 15 November 2017, this relaxation has been extended to all persons, except persons opting to pay GST under composition scheme. It should be noted that this relaxation is applicable only on the advances received post 15 November 2017 for supply of goods. Post this notification, the time of supply for goods would be the date of issue of invoice by the supplier (or the due date, by when the invoice needs to be issued). This would apply even in case of a change in rate of tax (i.e. section 14 of the CGST Act, 2017).

Therefore, all persons (below or above ₹1.5 cr limit) shall not be required to pay tax on advance received against future **supplies of goods**.  
 This facility was allowed only to persons below the 1.5 cr limit which will continue to enjoy the relaxation from 13th October 2017 but all other taxable persons (other than composition) will now enjoy from 15th November 2017 onwards.  
 However, GST on advance is payable if advance received during period 1/07/2017 to 12/10/2017.

However, the **supplier of services** are required to pay GST at the time of receipt of advances.

**Summary:**

Period	Supplier of goods Turnover	Time of supply
w.e.f. 1st July 2017 to 12th October 2017	Irrespective of the turnover	Date of Invoice or Date of payment whichever is earlier.
From 13th October 2017 to 14th November 2017	≤ ₹ 01.50 crore	Date of invoice

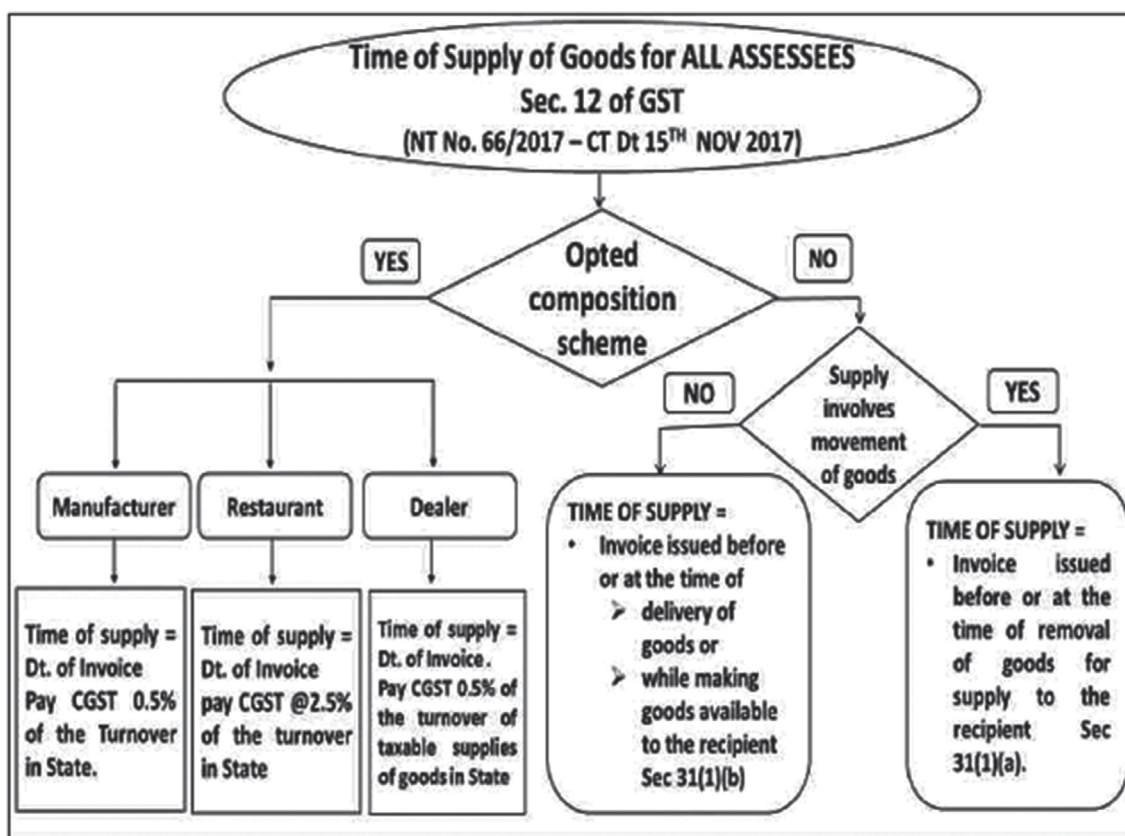
From 15th November till the date	Irrespective of the turnover	Date of invoice
<b>Note:</b> Invoice should have been issued as per Section 31(1)(a) or (b) of the CGST Act, 2017.		

**Time of supply for Composition Levy (Section 10 of the CGST Act, 2017):**

A composition dealer will not have to pay any tax on advances received, if such advances pertain to his outward supplies. The advances received and goods returned do not form part of taxable supplies and do not form part of the turnover in a State at the end of the quarter (i.e. tax period) for the purpose of computing turnover (Section 2(112) of the CGST Act, 2017).

- (a) Manufacturer is liable to pay CGST 0.5% of the Turnover in State or
- (b) Supplier supplies restaurant services has to pay CGST @2.5% of the turnover in State or
- (c) Dealer is liable to pay CGST 0.5% of the turnover of taxable supplies of goods in State or In the above three cases Advance payment for outward supplies not taken into account.

**Time of Supply of GOODS [Applicable to all subsections of Section 12 of CGST Act, 2017]**



The supply shall be deemed to have been made to the extent it is covered by the invoice:

**For an example:** C of Chennai supplies goods to M of Madurai. C has to send the goods for delivery from Chennai to Madurai. C sends the goods to M on 30th May 2018. Turnover of C in the P.Y. was ₹2.50 crore. Find the time of supply in the following different scenarios:



Removal of Goods	Date of Issue of Invoice	Last Date for Issue of Tax Invoice	Date on which payment is entered in the books of account	Date on which payment is credited in the Bank Account	Time of Supply	Criteria for determining Time of Supply
30th May	30th May	30th May	31st March	1st April	30th May	Date of Issue of Invoice
30th May	2nd June	30th May	31st May	1st April	30th May	Last Date for Issue of Tax Invoice
30th May	28th May	30th May	27th April	26th March	28th May	Date of Issue of Invoice

**Example 4:**

X & Co., being a trader receives an advance of ₹2,500/- on 29.11.19 for goods worth ₹10,000/- to be supplied in the month of January 2020.

Find the following:

- (a) Time of supply
- (b) Due date of tax liability.
- (c) CGST and SGST liability.

Note: P.Y. turnover ₹0.80 crore. X & Co., opted to pay GST under Composition scheme.

Answer:

- (a) Time of supply the date of invoice (i.e. Turnover basis) = January 2020
- (b) Due date of tax liability 18th April 2020 (i.e. quarterly)
- (c) CGST = ₹50/- (i.e. ₹10,000 × 0.5%) and SGST = ₹50/- (i.e. ₹10,000 × 0.5%)

An amount upto ₹ 1,000/- in excess of the amount indicated on the tax invoice.

Time of supply =

- The date of issue of invoice.
- Or
- Date of receipt of payment.

At the option of the supplier.

**Example : 5**

If a supplier of goods has received an amount of ₹ 1,500/- against an invoice of ₹ 1,100/- on 25.07.19 and the date of invoice of next supply to the said recipient is 14.08.19.

Find the following in respect of excess amount over and above invoice value:

- (a) Time of Supply of goods
- (b) Due date of payment of tax.

Answer:

- (a) Since, excess amount received over and above invoice value not exceeds ₹ 1,000, supplier has an option to treat the time of supply w.r.t ₹ 400/- either as 25.07.19 or 14.08.19.
- (b) Due date of payment of tax
  - If Time of Supply = 25.07.2019, then due date is 20.8.2019
  - If Time of Supply = 14.08.2019, then due date is 20.9.2019

**Example : 6**

M/s X Ltd., being a manufacturer, sold goods to M/s Y Ltd., wholesaler, and issued invoice for the sale on 01-08-20XX.

Find the time of supply of goods in each of the following independent cases:

- (i) M/s X Ltd., removes the goods for delivery to M/s Y Ltd., on 16th August 20XX.
- (ii) M/s. Y Ltd., collects the goods from premises of M/s X Ltd., on 10th August 20XX.
- (iii) M/s Y Ltd., made full payment on 26th July 20XX.
- (iv) M/s Y Ltd., credited the payment in bank account of M/s X Ltd., on 28th July 20XX for 3/4th of goods, M/s X Ltd., recorded the same as receipts in his books on 3rd August 20XX. The goods were dispatched on 1st August 20XX from the warehouse.

Answer:

- (i) 1st August 20XX is the time of supply of goods. i.e. Earlier of the following:
  - Date of Invoice - 1st August 20XX
  - or
  - Date on which invoice is required to be issued - 16th August 20XX.
- (ii) 1st August 20XX is the time of supply of goods. i.e. Earlier of the following:
  - Date of Invoice - 1st August 20XX
  - or
  - Date on which goods is delivered - 10th August 20XX.
- (iii) 1st August 20XX is the time of supply of goods i.e. Earlier of the following: -
  - Date of Invoice - 1st August 20XX
- (iv) The time of supply is 5th August 20XX.

**Continuous supply of goods**

Time of supply =

- Time when each statement is issued.
- OR
- Time when each payment is received.

Whichever is earlier.

**Note:** Sec 31(4) of CGST Act, 2017, the Invoice shall be issued before or at the time of such statement is issued or, as the case may be each such payment is received.

**Example : 7**

M/s AB Oil Corporation entered into a contract with Mr. B to supply of oil throughout the year. M/s AB Oil Corporation issues monthly statement for the oil supplied to Mr. B. Determine the time of supply of goods in following independent cases:

- (i) Mr. B made payment for the month of July on 31st July 2019 and M/s AB Oil Corporation issued statement for the month of July on 8th August 2019.
- (ii) M/s AB Oil Corporation issued statement for the month of August on 5th September 2019, the payment of which not received till 30th September 2019.

Answer:

- (i) 31st July 2019 will be the time of supply.



Earliest of the following:

- Date of Invoice: 8th August 2019
- Last date on which invoice has to be issued:  
Date of payment (31.07.2019) or  
statement (08.08.2019),

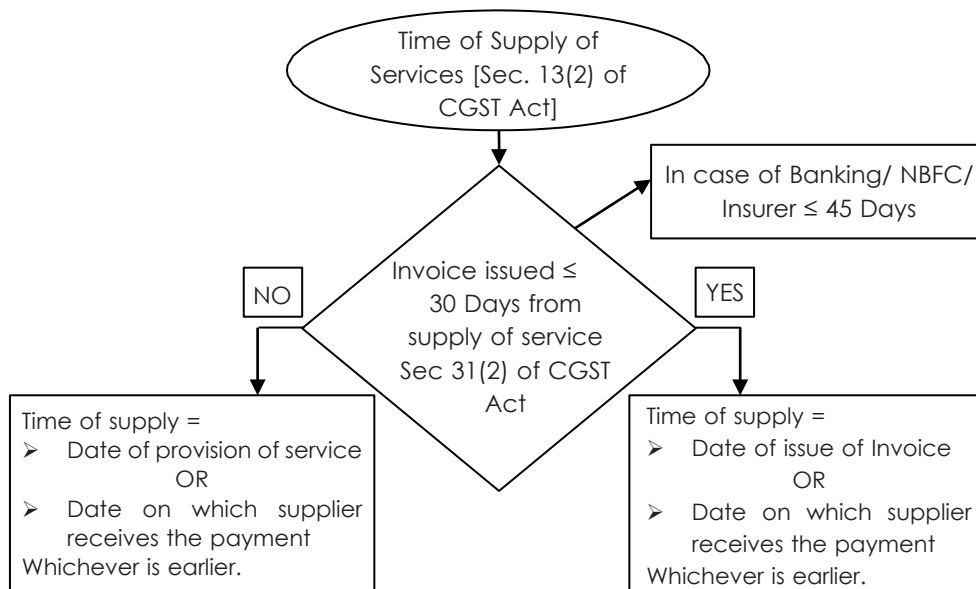
whichever is earlier i.e. 31st July 2019.

(ii) 5th September 2019 will be the time of supply.

Earliest of the following:

- Date of Invoice: 5th September 2019.
- Last date on which invoice has to be issued:  
Date of payment (not known) or statement (05.09.2019),  
whichever is earlier i.e. 5th September 2019.

(B) Time of Supply of Services [Sec. 13(2) of CGST Act]:



**Example : 8**

ABC & Co., a Cost Accountants firm issued invoice for services rendered to Mr. Ram on 5th August 2019. Determine the time of supply in following independent cases:

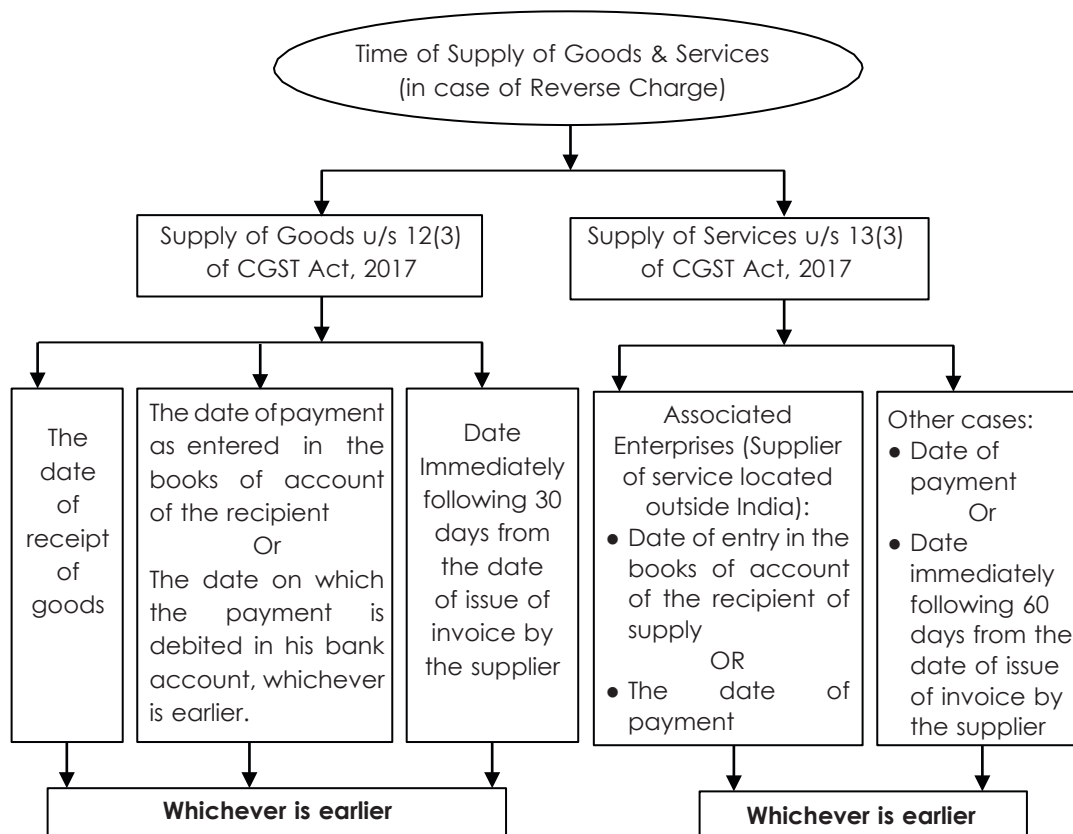
- The provisions of services were completed on 1st July 2019.
- The provisions of services were completed on 15th July 2019.
- Mr. Ram made the payment on 3rd July 2019, where provisions of services were remaining to be completed.
- Mr. Ram made the payment on 15th August 2019, where provisions of services were remaining to be completed.

**Answer:**

- 1st July 2019 will be the time of supply of services as invoice is not issued within the time frame of 30 days.

- (ii) 5th August 2019 will be the time of supply of services as invoice is issued within the time frame.
- (iii) 3rd July 2019 will be the time of supply of services as payment received before invoice date.
- (iv) 5th August 2019 will be the time of supply of services as invoice is issued before the completion of provisions of services.

**(C) Time of Supply of Goods & Services (in case of Reverse Charge)**



If time of supply cannot be determined with the help of above provisions then the time of supply shall be the date on which entry in the books of the recipient of goods & services is made.

**Example : 9**

**Mr. A, a registered person received goods (i.e. Bedi leaves) from Mr. B, an unregistered dealer. Mr. B issues invoice on 1st July 2019.**

**Find the time of supply of goods in following independent cases:**

- (i) Mr. A received goods on 15th July 2019, payment of which is not made yet.
- (ii) Mr. A received goods on 3rd August 2019 & made payment for the same on 4th August 2019. (iii) Mr. A made payment on 8th July and received goods on the same date.
- (iv) Mr. A received goods on 10th July 2019 & made payment for the same on 9th July 2019.

**Answer:**

- (i) Time of supply of goods = 15-07-2019



<b>Earliest of the following:</b>	
Receipt of Goods	= 15-07-2019
Date of Payment	= not paid
Date immediately following 30 days from the date of invoice	= 31-07-2019
<b>(ii) Time of supply of goods</b>	<b>= 31-07-2019</b>
<b>Earliest of the following:</b>	
Receipt of Goods	= 03-08-2019
Date of Payment	= 04-08-2019
Date immediately following 30 days from the date of invoice	= 31-07-2019
<b>(iii) Time of supply of goods</b>	<b>= 08-07-2019</b>
<b>Earliest of the following:</b>	
Receipt of Goods	= 08-07-2019
Date of Payment	= 08-07-2019
Date immediately following 30 days from the date of invoice	= 31-07-2019
<b>(iv) Time of supply of goods</b>	<b>= 09-07-2019</b>
<b>Earliest of the following:</b>	
Receipt of Goods	= 10-07-2019
Date of Payment	= 09-07-2019
Date immediately following 30 days from the date of invoice	= 31-07-2019

**Example : 10**

C Ltd., a registered firm received services from a Raman & Co., an Advocate firm., an unregistered person. The firm issued invoice to C Ltd. on 1st July 2019. Determine the time of supply of services in the following independent cases:

- (i) C Ltd. made the payments to the firm on 15th August 2019.
- (ii) C Ltd. made the payments to the firm on 11th September 2019. Note: C Ltd turnover in the preceding financial year was ₹ 2 crore

**Answer:**

- (i) Time of supply of service = 15-08-2019  
Note: as payment made earlier than the date immediately following 60 days from date of issue of invoice.
- (ii) Time of supply of service = 30-08-2019  
Note: as payment made after the date immediately following 60 days from date of issue of invoice.

**Example : 11**

X Ltd. & Y Ltd. (London) is associated enterprises. X Ltd., a registered firm received the services of Y Ltd., a unregistered firm. Determine the time of supply in following cases:

- (i) X Ltd. recorded the liability in the books on 15th July 2019 and payment will be made in the next month.
- (ii) X Ltd. made advance payment to Y Ltd. on 10th July and recorded liability in the books on 15th Aug 2019.

**Answer:****(i) Time of supply = 15-07-2019****Note:** as the date of entry in the books is prior to the date of payment.**(ii) Time of supply = 10-07-2019****Note:** as the payment is made earlier to the date of entry in the books.**Goods sent for approval:**

Time of supply =

- Time when it becomes known that supply is taken place.

OR

- Six month from the date of removal.

Whichever is earlier.

**Time of Supply of Vouchers for Goods & Services [Section 12(4) & 13(4) of CGST Act, 2017]:**

If the supplies is identifiable at that point:

- Time of supply = Date of issue of voucher. If the supplies is not identifiable at that point:
- Time of supply = The date of redemption of voucher.

**Example : 12**

**Reliable Industries a readymade garment manufacturer issued the voucher on 10-07-2019 to their prospective customer for enabling them to buy readymade garments manufactured by them from their shop. Customer purchased readymade garments on 20th Aug 2019.**

**Find the time of supply of goods?****Answer:****Time of supply of goods = 10-07-2019****Note:** time of supply will be the issuance of the voucher. Since, the voucher is identifiable with the goods.**Example : 13**

**Shopper's Stop store a large retailer who sells various types of products like readymade garment, jewellery, cosmetics, fabrics, shoes etc., issued the voucher on 10-07-2019 to their prospective customer for enabling them to buy any product from their shop. Customer purchased readymade garments on 20th Aug 2019.**

**Find the time of supply of goods?****Answer:****Time of supply of goods = 20-08-2019****Note:** time of supply will be the date of encashment of voucher (i.e. Redemption of voucher). Since, the voucher is not identifiable with any specific product.**Time of supply of goods or services (Residual provisions) [Section 12(5) and Section 13(5) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

In case it is not possible to determine the time of supply under aforesaid provisions, the time of supply is:

- Due date of filing of return, in case where periodical return has to be filed.
- Date of payment of tax in all other cases





**Time of supply of goods or services related to an addition in the value of supply by way of interest, late fees or penalty [Section 12(6) and Section 13(6) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

**Example : 14**

Mr. X being a supplier receives consideration in the month of September 2019, instead of due date of July 2019, and for such delay he is eligible to receive an interest amount of ₹ 1,000/- and the said amount is received on

15.12.2019.

Find the time of supply for the interest portion and due date of payment.

Answer:

The time of supply = 15.12.19

i.e. the date on which it is received by the supplier and

Due date of tax liability = 20.01.20.

**The following treatment shall apply to TDR/FSI and Long-term lease for projects commencing after 1-4-2019:**

The supply of TDR, FSI, long term lease (premium) of land by a land owner to a developer shall be exempted subject to the condition that the constructed flats are sold before issuance of completion certificate and tax is paid on them. Exemption of TDR, FSI, long term lease (premium) shall be withdrawn in case of flats sold after issue of completion certificate, but such withdrawal shall be limited to 1% of value in case of affordable houses and 5% of value in case of other than affordable houses.

The liability to pay tax on TDR, FSI, long term lease (premium) shall be shifted from landowner to builder under the Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM).

The date on which builder shall be liable to pay tax on TDR, FSI, long term lease (premium) of land under RCM in respect of flats sold after completion certificate is being shifted to date of issue of completion certificate or first occupation of the project, whichever is earlier.

The liability of builder to pay tax on construction of houses given to land owner in a JDA is also being shifted to the date of completion or first occupation of the project, whichever is earlier.

**w.e.f. 1-10-2019:** The CBIC vide Notification No. 23/2019-(CT Rate), dated September 30, 2019 has put a retrospective sunset clause on applicability of **Notification No. 04/2018- (CT Rate), dated January 25, 2018** w.r.t. development rights supplied on or after April 01, 2019. The later Notification provided special procedure to be followed while determining time of supply in case of construction services against transfer of development rights.

**4.2 CHANGE IN RATE OF TAX IN RESPECT OF SUPPLY OF GOODS OR SERVICES**

Change in Rate of Tax in respect of supply of goods or services Sec. 14 of the CGST Act, 2017:

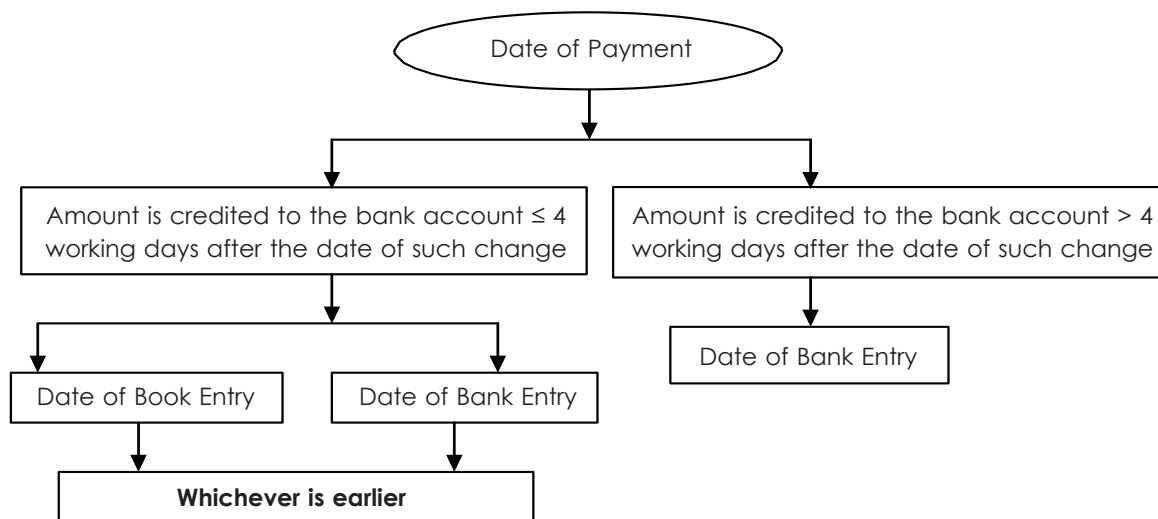
S. No.	Supply is completed before the change in rate of tax	Invoice issued before the date of change in tax	Payment received before the date of change in tax rate	Time of supply	Applicable rate of tax
1	Yes	No	No	Earliest of the date of invoice or payment	New Rate of Tax
2	Yes	Yes	No	Date of issue of invoice	Old Rate of tax

3	Yes	No	Yes	Date of receipt of payment	Old Rate of tax
4	No	Yes	Yes	Earliest of the date of invoice or payment	Old Rate of Tax
5	No	Yes	No	Date of receipt of payment	New Rate of tax
6	No	No	Yes	Date of issue of Invoice	New Rate of tax

**Date of receipt of payment in case of change in rate of tax:** Normally the date of receipt of payment is the date of credit in the bank account of the recipient of payment or the date on which the payment is entered into his books of account, whichever is earlier.

However, in cases of change in rate of tax, the date of receipt of payment is the date of credit in the bank account if such credit is after four working days from the date of change in rate of tax.

**Date of receipt of payment in case of change in rate of tax:**



**Example : 15**

Mr. X is supplied goods to Mr. Y on 28th July 2019. The GST rate on goods is changed from 12% to 5% w.e.f. 1st August 2019. Mr. X issued invoice on 28th August 2019 and payment is credited in his bank account on 30th December 2019.

(i) What is the time of supply in this case?

(ii) Effective rate of GST?

Answer:

(i) Time of supply = 28th August 2019

(ii) Effective rate of GST = 5%

**Example : 16**

X Pvt. Ltd. engaged in providing taxable services by way of training and coaching activities in relation of information Accounting and Auditing since, 1st July 2017 has the following details in respect of that activity for the month of September, 2017:



Date of issuance of invoice	Date on which payment received	Amount in ₹
16.09.2021	03.10.2021	2,50,000
20.10.2021	06.10.2021	25,000
02.10.2021	30.09.2021	1,25,000

The date of change in effective rate of tax in this case is 01-10-2019 from 12% to 18%. These services are rendered in August 2019. Find the Time of Supply of service, effective rate of tax and due date of payment of tax.

Answer:

Services rendered	Date of issuance of invoice	Date on which payment received	Amount in ₹	Time of supply of service	Effective Rate of tax	Due date of payment
Aug 2019	16.09.2021	03.10.2021	2,50,000	16.09.2021	12%	20.10.2021
Aug 2019	20.10.2021	06.10.2021	25,000	06.10.2021	18%	20.01.2021
Aug 2019	02.10.2021	30.09.2021	1,25,000	30.09.2021	12%	20.10.2021

# Study Note - 5

## VALUE OF SUPPLY UNDER GST



This Study Note includes

5.1 Value of Supply

### 5.1 VALUE OF SUPPLY

Value of Supply in common terms is nothing but the amount paid by the recipient of supply to the supplier as consideration for supply (also known as transaction value). It means Value of supply is the figure upon which tax is levied and collected.

It is important to know to ascertain correct value of supply for correct levy of GST.

Valuation rules determine value of goods or services or both on which tax under GST has to be charged. Valuation rules have been prescribed under CGST Rules, 2017 for the purpose of determination of fair market value of goods or services or both supplied by the registered person. It means valuation rules are helpful to determine the value of supply where value not determined under Sec. 15(1) as mentioned under Sec. 15(4) of CGST Act, 2017.

#### Example : 1

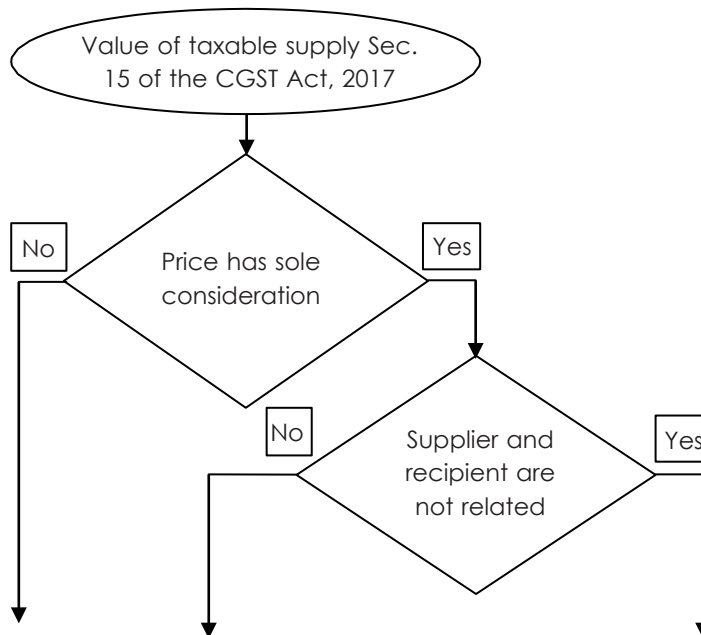
Mr. A goes to shop of Mr. B and purchases television. He pays amount of ₹ 50,000 as consideration for 52 inches LED TV Purchased plus GST. Where MRP of the product ₹ 65,000. Discount offered to all buyers ₹ 15,000. As per section 15(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 the valuation will be as per transaction value basis. Assume applicable rate of CGST 14% and SGST 14%. Invoice will be prepared as follows:

Invoice	
Particulars	Value in ₹
Transaction value	50,000
Add; CGST 14%	7,000
Add: SGST 14%	7,000
Invoice price	64,000

**Note:** Invoice price should not increase the Maximum Retail Price (MRP)

If Mr. A not maintained sole consideration for such sale or they are related persons then valuation will be based on determination of value of supply rules (i.e. CGST Rules, 2017).

The same concept explained in the following diagram:



Value of supply as per Sec. 15(4) read with CGST Rules, 2017 (i.e., Determination of Value of supply)
<b>Rule 27:</b> Value of supply of goods or services where the consideration is not wholly in money
(a) Open market value of such supply
(b) Sum total of consideration equal to money, if such amount is known at the time of supply provided (a) not applicable.
(c) The value of supply of like kind and quality if (a) and (b) not applicable.
(d) Based on cost as per rule 30 or based on residual method as per rule 31 in that order, provided (a) to (c) not applicable.
<b>Rule 28:</b> Value of supply of goods or services or both between distinct or related persons, other than through an agent
<b>Rule 29:</b> Value of supply of goods made or received through an agent
<b>Rule 30:</b> Value of supply of goods or services or both based on Cost.
<b>Rule 31:</b> Residual method for determination of value of supply of goods or services or both

Value of Supply Sec. 15(1)	XXX
Add: If not included in the above	
Sec. 15(2)(a):	
• Any taxes (other than GST),	XX
• Duties,	XX
• Cesses,	XX
• Fees and charges	XX
Sec. 15(2)(b): Supplies made by the recipient on behalf of supplier	XX
Sec. 15(2)(c): Commission and packing or incidental expenses	XX
Sec. 15(2)(d): Interest or late fee or penalty for delayed payment	XX
Sec. 15(2)(e): Subsidy directly linked to the price (other than Govt. subsidy)	XX
Less: If included in the above	
Sec. 15(3): Discount	XX
Transaction Value	XX

**Explanation: For the purpose of the CGST Act, 2017:**

- (a) persons shall be deemed to be “related persons” if—
- (i) such persons are officers or directors of one another’s businesses;
  - (ii) such persons are legally recognized partners in business;

- (iii) such persons are employer and employee;
  - (iv) any person directly or indirectly owns, controls or holds 25% or more of the outstanding voting stock or shares of both of them;
  - (v) one of them directly or indirectly controls the other;
  - (vi) both of them are directly or indirectly controlled by a third person; (vii) together they directly or indirectly control a third person; or
  - (viii) they are members of the same family;
- (b) the term "person" also includes legal persons;
- (c) persons who are associated in the business of one another in that one is the sole agent or sole distributor or sole concessionaire, howsoever described, of the other, shall be deemed to be related.

**Section 15(1): the price is sole consideration for sale:**

Under GST, the valuation is done based on the transaction value only if price is a sole consideration where supplier and the recipient are not related.

Sole consideration means by paying GST on such consideration there is no revenue loss to the department.

**Value of a supply of goods and/or services shall be:**

"Transaction Value (TV), that is the price actually paid or payable for the said supply of goods and/or services"  
Where:

- The supplier and the recipient of the supply are not related and
- The price is the sole consideration for the supply.

**Payment of taxes, duties, cesses, fees and charges [Sec. 15(2)(a) of CGST Act, 2017]:**

Any taxes, duties cesses, fees and charges levied under any law for the time being in force other than CGST/SGST/UTGST/IGST/ Compensation Cess shall be added to the value of supply.

**Example : 2**

Admission to True Theater is ₹ 90 per ticket for a Tamil Movie as well as for a Hindi Movie plus entertainment tax ₹ 10% on Tamil Movie and 20% on other languages. In the month of November, True Theater sold 2000 tickets of Tamil Movie and 1500 tickets of Hindi Movie. Find the value of taxable supply of service. Applicable rate of GST 18% & 28%. Find the GST liability if any?

**Answer:**

**Statement showing value of taxable supply of service and GST liability:**

**Value of taxable services:**

Tamil Movie	₹ 1,98,000	(₹ 99 x 2000 tickets)
Hindi Movie	₹ 1,62,000	(₹ 108 x 1500 tickets)

Particulars	9% CGST	9% SGST	14%CGST	14% SGST
GST liability (₹)	17,820	17,820	22,680	22,680

**Working note:**

Particulars	Tamil Movie (₹)	Hindi Movie (₹)
Rate per ticket	90	90



Add: Entertainment tax	9	18
Value of taxable supply	99	108
Applicable GST rate	18%	28%

**Supplies made by recipient on behalf of supplier [Sec. 15(2)(b) of CGST Act, 2017]:**

The transaction value will include the amount which the supplier is so liable to pay but it has been paid by the recipient of supply.

**Example : 3**

**Mr. Ram sold goods to Mr. Lakshman for ₹ 2,50,000. As per the contract of sale, Mr. Ram is required to deliver the goods in the premises of Mr. Lakshman. Mr. Ram hires transporter for transportation for delivery of goods. However, the freight paid by Mr. Lakshman to transporter. Freight paid ₹ 2,500.**

**Find the transaction value of supply of goods. Answer:**

Particulars	Value in ₹
Value of supply of goods	2,50,000
Add: Freight paid by recipient of supply (which the supplier is so liable to pay)	2,500
Taxable value of supply of goods	2,52,500

**TCS would not be includible in the value of supply under GST:**

The Central Government vide Corrigendum to Circular No. 76/50/2018-GST, dated 31st December, 2018 has clarified that Tax collection at source (TCS) is not a tax on goods but an interim levy on the possible “income” arising from the sale of goods by the buyer and to be adjusted against the final income- tax liability of the buyer. Accordingly, for the purpose of determination of value of supply under GST, Tax collected at source (TCS) under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 would not be includible as it is an interim levy not having the character of tax.

**Question 1:**

What is the correct valuation methodology for ascertainment of GST on Tax collected at source (TCS) under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961?

**Answer:**

1. Section 15(2) of CGST Act specifies that the value of supply shall include “any taxes, duties cesses, fees and charges levied under any law for the time being in force other than this Act, the SGST Act, the UTGST Act and the GST (Compensation to States) Act, if charged separately by the supplier.”
2. For the purpose of determination of value of supply under GST, Tax collected at source (TCS) under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 would not be includible as it is an interim levy not having the character of tax.

**Question 2:**

Motor vehicle worth ₹ 20 lakh is sold by M/s Sundar Pvt. Ltd. to a customer in retail market and for which ₹ 5 lakh has been paid in cash and balance amount by way of cheque.

Find the following:

- (a) TCS under section 206C of the Income Tax Act, 1961 is applicable in the given case?
- (b) who is required to collect TCS?
- (c) value TCS if any?

Value of Supply under GST

- (d) value of taxable supply under section 15 of CGST Act, 2017?  
 (e) Invoice Price of M/s Sunder Pvt. Ltd.?

**Note:** Assume applicable TCS is @1% and GST 28%.

**Answer:**

- (a) Yes, TCS is applicable in the given case.  
 (b) Under section 206C the seller has to collect Tax at Source (TCS) at the rate of 1% from purchaser while selling the specified items or services beyond specified limits. In the given case M/s Sunder Pvt. Ltd. must collect the TCS.  
 (c) TCS = ₹20,000 (i.e. @1% on ₹20 lakh)  
 (d) Value of taxable supply under Section 15 of CGST Act, 2017 is ₹20 lakh only.  
 (e) Invoice price

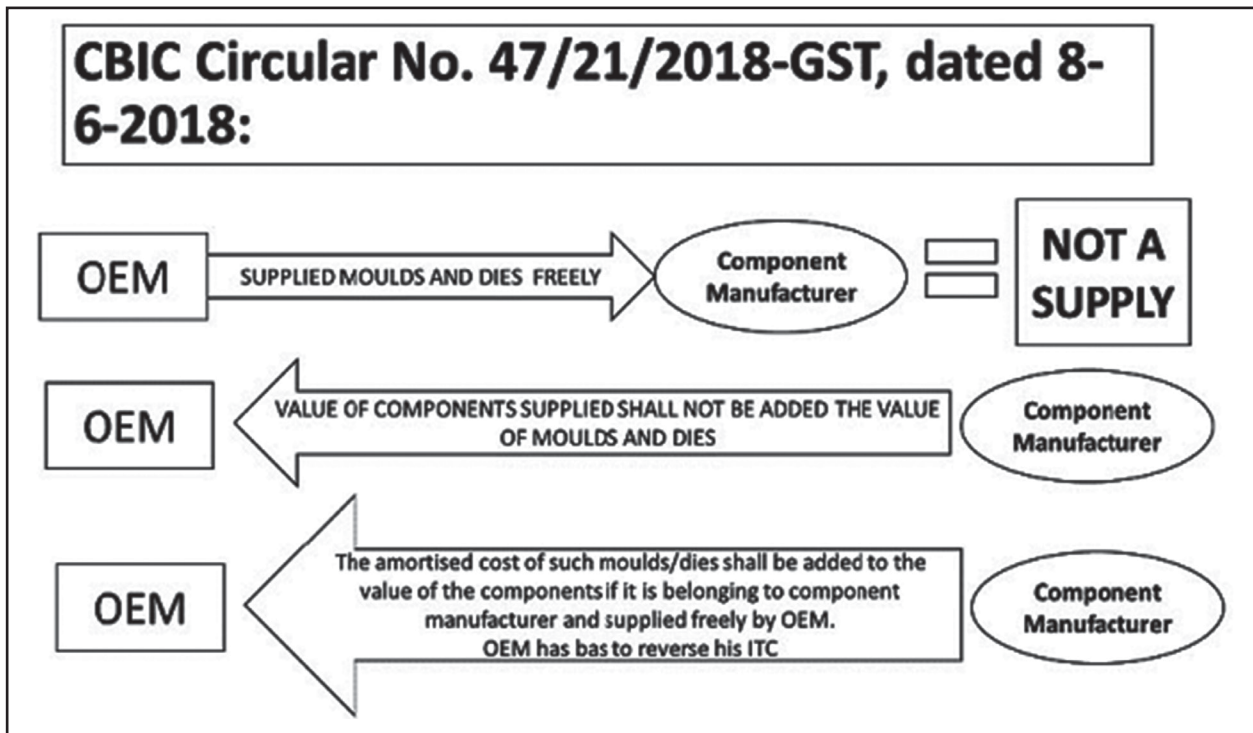
Particulars	Value in (₹)
Cost of Motor Vehicle	20,20,000
<b>Add:</b> TCS under Sec 206C of IT Act, 1961	20,000
Sub-total	20,20,000
<b>Add:</b> GST 28% on ₹20 lakh	5,60,000
Invoice price	25,80,000

**CBEC Circular No. 47/21/2018-GST, dated 8-6-2018:**

Issue	Clarification
Whether moulds and dies owned by Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) that are sent free of cost (FOC) to a component manufacturer is leviable to tax and whether OEMs are required to reverse input tax credit in this case?	<p>1.1 Moulds and dies owned by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) which are provided to a component manufacturer (the two not being related persons or distinct persons) on FOC basis does not constitute a supply as there is no consideration involved. Further, since the moulds and dies are provided on FOC basis by the OEM to the component manufacturer in the course or furtherance of his business, there is no requirement for reversal of input tax credit availed on such moulds and dies by the OEM.</p> <p>1.2 It is further clarified that while calculating the value of the supply made by the component manufacturer, the value of moulds and dies provided by the OEM to the component manufacturer on FOC basis shall not be added to the value of such supply because the cost of moulds/dies was not to be incurred by the component manufacturer and thus, does not merit inclusion in the value of supply in terms of section 15(2)(b) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (CGST Act for short).</p> <p>1.3 However, if the contract between OEM and component manufacturer was for supply of components made by using the moulds/dies belonging to the component manufacturer, but the same have been supplied by the OEM to the component manufacturer on FOC basis, the amortised cost of such moulds/dies shall be added to the value of the components. In such cases, the OEM will be required to reverse the credit availed on such moulds/ dies, as the same will not be considered to be provided by OEM to the component manufacturer in the course or furtherance of the former's business.</p>



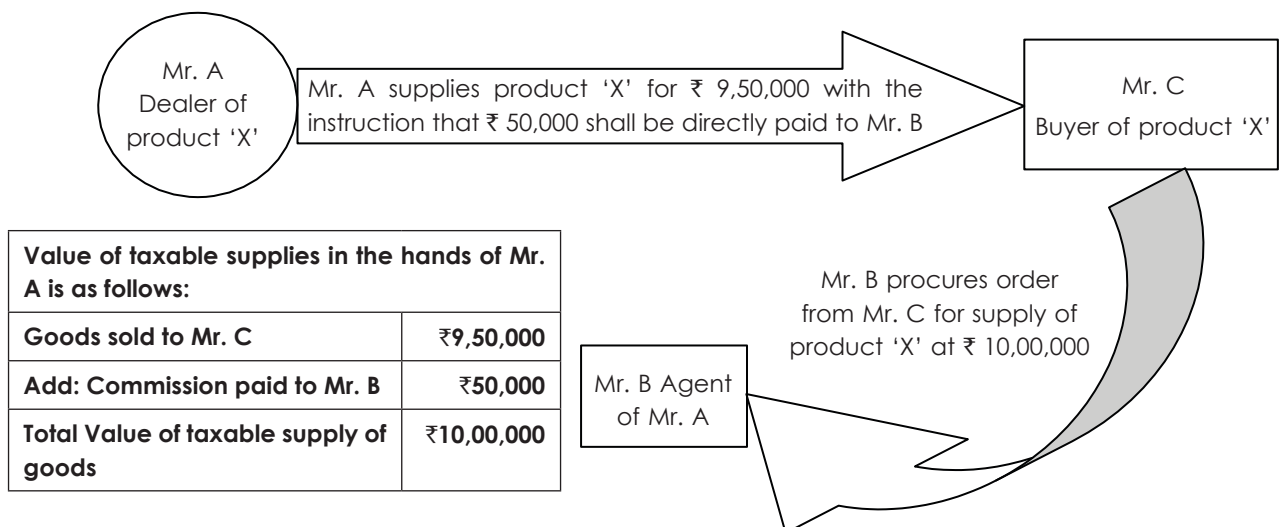
**SUMMARY:**



**Commission and packing charges [Sec. 15(2)(c) of CGST Act]:**

The transaction value will include commission and packing charges charged by the supplier to the recipient of supply and transaction value to include any amount charged by the supplier for anything done in respect of supply either at the time or before delivery of goods or services.

**Example : 4**



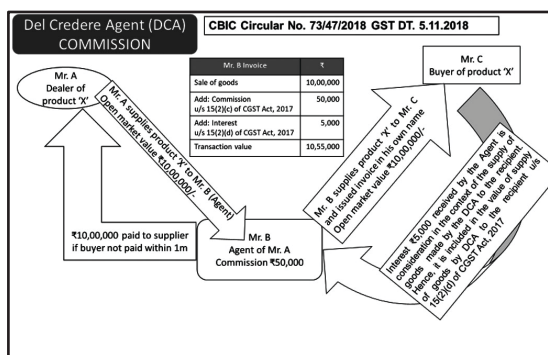
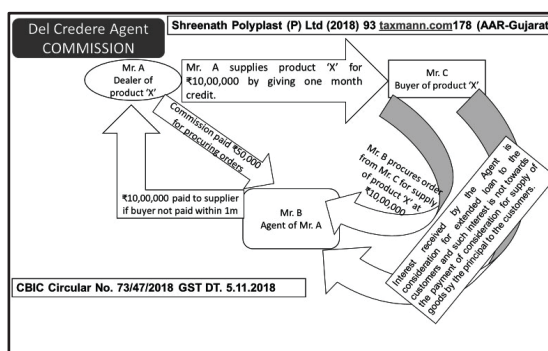
**Example : 5**

Mr. A is a seller of furniture. He supplied the furniture for ₹ 5,75,000 to Mr. B with the condition that to remove old furniture from the premises of Mr.B by charging ₹ 5,000. Find the value of taxable supply of goods in the hands of Mr. A.

**Answer:**

The value of taxable supply of goods is ₹ 5,80,000.

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**Donation or gifts from individual donors – Levy of GST on service display of name plates or donor in premises of charitable organisation (CBIC Circular No. 116/35/2019 GST, dated 11-10-2019):**

Individual donors provide financial help or any other support in the form of donation or gift to institutions such as religious institutions, charitable institutions, schools, hospitals, orphanages, old age homes etc. the recipient institutions place a name plate or similar such acknowledgement in their premises to express gratitude. When the name of the donor is displayed in recipient institution premises, in such a manner, which can be said to be an expression of gratitude and public recognition of donor's act of philanthropy and is not aimed at giving publicity to the donor in such manner that it would be an advertising or promotion of his business, then it can be said that there is no supply of service for a consideration (in the form of donation). There is no obligation (quid pro quo) on part of recipient of the donation or gift to do anything (supply a service). Therefore, there is no GST liability on such consideration.

**Example 6:** "Good wishes from Mr. Rajesh" printed underneath a digital blackboard donated by Rajesh to a charitable Yoga institution.

**Example 7:** "Donated by Smt. Malati Devi in the memory of her father" written on the door or floor of a room or any part of a temple complex which was constructed from such donation.



**Interest or late fee or penalty for delayed payment [Sec. 15(2)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

It is specifically provided that interest or late fee or penalty for delay in payment of any consideration for supply will form part of the value of supply.

**Example : 8**

**Penal interest charged by the banker for delay in payment of dues is subject to GST.**

**Subsidy directly linked to the price (other than Govt. Subsidies) [Sec. 15(2)(e) of CGST Act, 2017]:**

Subsidy provided in any form or manner linked to the supply will also be included in the transaction value.

**Example : 9**

**Bharat Gas sells cooking gas cylinders. Subsidy directly transferred to the account of the customer. Selling price per cylinder is ₹ 800. Customer received subsidy ₹ 200 directly from Government to his bank account. Net outflow of the buyer is ₹ 600. Find the value of supply of goods (per cylinder) in the hands of Bharat Gas.**

**Answer:**

**Since, the amount of subsidy is directly credited to the account holder and not received by the Bharat Gas making the supply. Therefore, such subsidy will not be considered as part of transaction value as it is not received by the Bharat Gas making the supply.**

**Hence, transaction value is ₹ 800 per cylinder.**

**Example : 10**

**The Government provides subsidy, for the benefit of farmers but it is given to the manufacturer of fertilizers. Such subsidy will form part of value of supply?**

**Answer:**

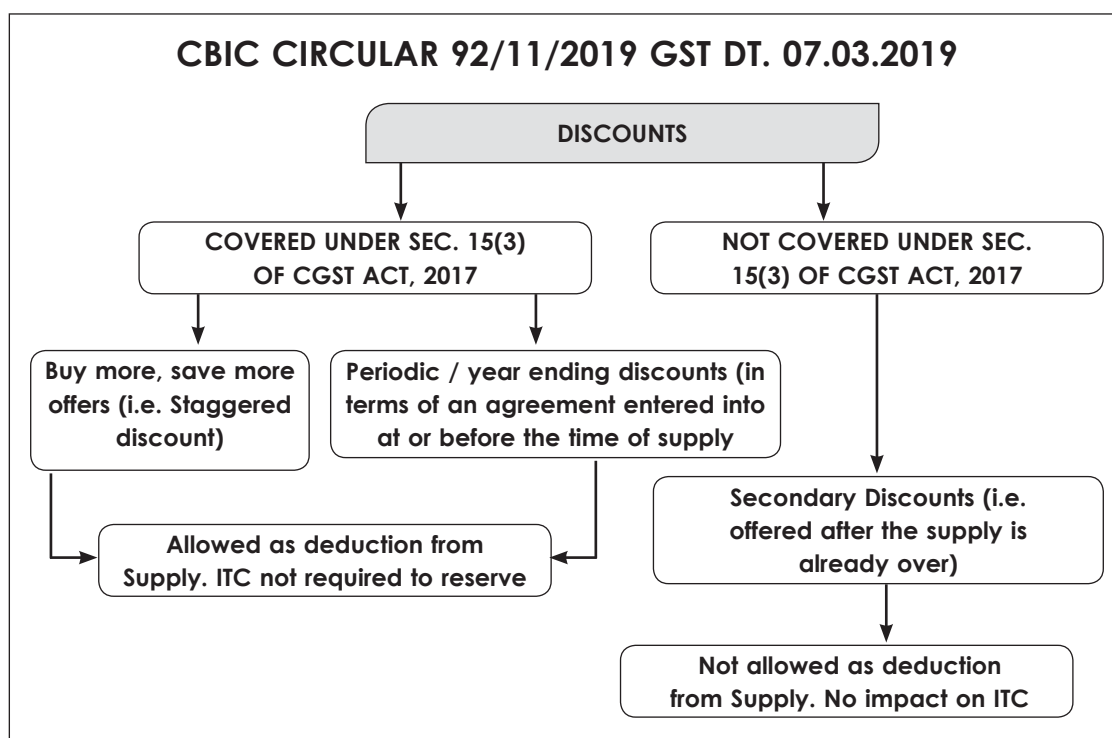
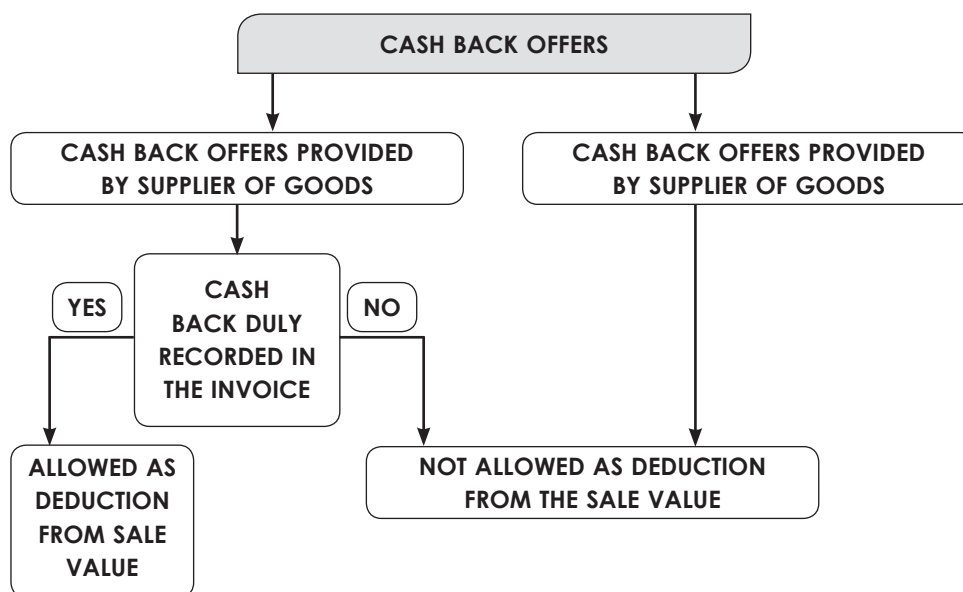
**The buyer of goods does not provide subsidy, but the Government as per the scheme provides it.**

**Therefore, this will not form part of value of supply as it is specifically specified that such subsidy provided by the Government will not form part of the value of supply.**

**Discount under GST [Sec. 15(3) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

S. No.	Nature of Discount	Treatment in GST	
1	If the discount is given before or at the time of supply, and is recorded in the invoice	Value of goods	XXX
		Less: Discount	(XX)
		Transaction value	XXX
2	If the discount is given after supply, but agreed upon before or at the time of supply, and can be specifically linked to relevant invoices.	Can be claimed as deduction from transaction value	
3	If the discount is given after supply, and not known at the time of supply	Cannot be claimed as deduction from transaction value	

**Discounts:**



**Example : 11**

M/s Ashok Enterprise sells mineral water bottles, with MRP ₹ 20 per bottle. However, customers availing discount of ₹ 4 per bottle. In the month of Oct 2017, M/s Ashok Enterprise sold 2,000 bottles. Applicable rate of GST 18%. Find the tax liability.



Answer:	
Particulars	₹
Transaction value	32,000
Add: CGST 9% on ₹ 32,000	2,880
Add: SGST 9% on ₹ 32,000	2,880
Invoice price	37,760
Working note:	
MRP value (₹ 20 x 2000 pcs)	40,000
Less: Discount (₹ 4 x 2000 pcs)	(8,000)
Transaction value	32,000

**Example : 12**

Best Cars Ltd. sells a car worth ₹ 5,00,000 to Sundar Automobiles. Best Cars Ltd. incurred packing charges of ₹ 6,000 on the car. Best Cars Ltd provided a discount of 1% on the car price, as part of Diwali scheme.

Best Cars Ltd agreed to provide a further discount of 0.5% if Sundar Automobiles makes payment by 31st of the month via net banking. Sundar Automobiles makes the payment by 31st of the month using net banking. Find the Net GST liability in the hands of Best Cars Ltd. Applicable rate of GST 18%.

Answer:

Particulars	Value in ₹
Value of the product	5,00,000
Add: packing charges	6,000
Sub-total	5,06,000
Less: Discount 1% on Rs 5 lakh	(5,000)
Transaction value	5,01,000
Add: CGST 9%	45,090
Add: SGST 9%	45,090
Invoice price	5,91,180

**Note:** Since, the discount was known at the time of supply, and can be linked to this specific invoice, the discount amount can be reduced from the transaction value.

For this, Best Cars Ltd will issue a credit note to Sundar Automobiles for ₹ 2,500 (0.5% of ₹ 5,00,000 = ₹ 2,500+ GST@ 18% on ₹ 2,500 = ₹ 450), and the same must be linked to the relevant tax invoice.

Discount given after supply but agreed upon before or at the time of supply and can be specifically linked to relevant invoices, can be deducted from the transaction value.

**Example : 13**

However, due to a severe cash crunch, Best Cars Ltd requests Sundar Automobiles to make the payment within 2 days, promising a discount of 2% on doing so. Sundar Automobiles makes the payment within 2 days.

Answer:

Since, the discount was not known at the time of supply, it couldn't be claimed as a deduction from the transaction value for GST calculation.

**Example : 14**

M/s Nambiar & Co., an Audit firm based in Cochin undertake an audit assignment of his client based in Chennai. The Contract mentioned about the audit fees of ₹ 5,00,000 and arrangement of taxi by the Client which may be worth ₹ 15,000.

Find the transaction value on which M/s Nambiar and Co., is liable to pay GST.

Answer:

Transaction value in the hands of M/s Nambiar & Co., is ₹ 5,15,000.

Note: Not only audit fees but also the expenditure incurred in connection with the taxi ₹15,000 constitute the sole consideration.

**Example : 15**

M/s X Ltd. is engaged in doing job work for M/s Y Ltd. M/s Y Ltd. supplies raw material for ₹ 2,00,000 and packing material for ₹ 22,500 to M/s X Ltd. for completion of job work. M/s X Ltd. has agreed to supply services for the purpose of performing the activities specified by M/s Y Ltd. for ₹ 1,00,000. Job worker profit of ₹ 70,000 and material consumed for ₹ 3,500. Find transaction value (i.e. sole consideration) to levy GST in the hands of M/s X Ltd.

Answer:

Particulars	Value in ₹
Service charges	1,00,000
Add: Material consumed	3,500
Add: Jobworker profit	70,000
Transaction value (i.e. taxable value of supply of service in the hands of M/s X Ltd.)	1,73,500

Note: "Although, it includes materials worth ₹ 3,500, still the entire supply including value of material would be treated as services.

**Example : 16**

Asha Ltd. supplies raw material to a job worker Kareena Ltd. After completing the job-work, the finished product of 5,000 packets are returned to Asha Ltd. putting the retail sale price as ₹ 20 on each packet. The product in the packet is covered under MRP provisions. Determine the transaction value in the hands of Kareena Ltd. under GST law from the following details:

Particulars	Value in ₹
Cost of raw material supplied	30,000
Job worker's charges including profit	10,000
Transportation charges for sending the raw material to the job worker	3,000
Transportation charges for returning the finished packets to Asha Ltd.	4,500
Asha Ltd. paid certain technology transfer fees to 'Reena Ltd', so that 'Kareena Ltd' can use the said technology in the given job-work operation and the same amortized in the books of job-worker	22,500

Note: Kareena Ltd offered discount ₹ 2,000, provided full payment is made at the time of raising invoice and the same is mentioned in the invoice. Asha Ltd. made full payment at the time of issue of invoice.



<b>Answer:</b>	
<b>Statement showing transaction value of Kareena Ltd.</b>	
Particulars	Value in ₹
Cost of raw material supplied	Exempted supply
Job worker's charges including profit	10,000
Transportation charges for sending the raw material to the job worker	Exempted supply
Transportation charges for returning the finished packets to Asha Ltd. [Sec. 15(2)(b) of the CGST Act, 2017]	4,500
Technology fee [Sec. 15(2)(b) of the CGST Act, 2017]	22,500
Sub-total	37,000
Less: Discount [Sec. 15(3) of CGST Act, 2017]	(2,000)
<b>Transaction value (i.e. sole consideration)</b>	<b>35,000</b>
<b>Note: It is very clear that principal to jobworker and jobworker to principal can not be treated as supply as per section 143 of the CGST Act, 2017.</b>	

<b>Example : 17</b>	
Mr. Bhanu makes supply of ₹ 2,00,000 to Mr. Renu. The contract provides that Mr. Renu will pay ₹ 50,000 to Mr. Bhanu and ₹ 1,50,000 to Mr. Venu to settle the debt of Mr. Bhanu. Find the transaction value and GST liability in the hands of Mr. Bhanu. Applicable rate of CGST and SGST 9% each.	
<b>Answer:</b>	
<b>Statement showing transaction value and GST liability:</b>	
Particulars	Value in ₹
Payment from Renu to Bhanu	50,000
Payment from Renu to Venue for settling the debt of Bhanu	1,50,000
<b>Transaction value (i.e. Sole consideration)</b>	<b>2,00,000</b>
<b>CGST 9%</b>	<b>18,000</b>
<b>SGST 9%</b>	<b>18,000</b>

Issues related to GST on monthly subscription/contribution charged by a Residential Welfare Association from its members. (CBIC Circular No. 109/28/2019-GST, dated 22nd July, 2019)

S.No.	Issue	Clarification
1.	Are the maintenance charges paid by residents to the Resident Welfare Association (RWA) in a housing society exempt from GST and if yes, is there an upper limit on the amount of such charges for the exemption to be available?	Supply of service by RWA (unincorporated body or a nonprofit entity registered under any law) to its own members by way of reimbursement of charges or share of contribution up to an amount of ₹ 7,500 per month per member for providing services and goods for the common use of its members in a housing society or a residential complex are exempt from GST. Prior to 25th January 2018, the exemption was available if the charges or share of contribution did not exceed ₹ 5,000/- per month per member. The limit was increased to ₹ 7,500/- per month per

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3.	Is the RWA entitled to take input tax credit of GST paid on input and services used by it for making supplies to its members and use such ITC for discharge of GST liability on such supplies where the amount charged for such supplies is more than ₹ 7,500/- per month per member?	RWAs are entitled to take ITC of GST paid by them on capital goods (generators, water pumps, lawn furniture etc.), goods (taps, pipes, other sanitary/ hardware fittings etc.) and input services such as repair and maintenance services.															
4.	Where a person owns two or more flats in the housing society or residential complex, whether the ceiling of ₹ 7500/- per month per member on the maintenance for the exemption to be available shall be applied per residential apartment or per person?	As per general business sense, a person who owns two or more residential apartments in a housing society or a residential complex shall normally be a member of the RWA for each residential apartment owned by him separately. The ceiling of ₹ 7,500/- per month per member shall be applied separately for each residential apartment owned by him. For example, if a person owns two residential apartments in a residential complex and pays ₹ 15,000/- per month as maintenance charges towards maintenance of each apartment to the RWA (₹ 7,500/- per month in respect of each residential apartment), the exemption from GST shall be available to each apartment.															
5.	How should the RWA calculate GST payable where the maintenance charges exceed ₹ 7,500/- per month per member? Is the GST payable only on the amount exceeding ₹ 7,500/- or on the entire amount of maintenance charges?	The exemption from GST on maintenance charges charged by a RWA from residents is available only if such charges do not exceed ₹ 7,500/- per month per member. In case the charges exceed ₹ 7,500/- per month per member, the entire amount is taxable. For example, if the maintenance charges are ₹ 9000/- per month per member, GST @18% shall be payable on the entire amount of ₹ 9,000/- and not on [₹ 9,000 - ₹ 7,500] = ₹ 15,00/-.															





**Transaction value not available [Sec. 15(4) read with CGST Rules, 2017 (i.e. Determination of value of supply)]:**

**Rule 27:** Value of supply of goods or services where the consideration is not wholly in money

- (a) Open market value of such supply
- (b) Sum total of consideration equal to money, if such amount is known at the time of supply provided (a) not applicable.
- (c) The value of supply of like kind and quality if (a) and (b) not applicable.
- (d) Based on cost as per rule 30, if not as per residual method rule 31 in that order, provided (a) to (c) not applicable.

**Rule 28:** value of supply of goods or services or both between distinct or related persons, other than through an agent

**Rule 29:** value of supply of goods made or received through an agent

**Rule 30:** value of supply of goods or services or both based on Cost.

**Rule 31:** Residual method for determination of value of supply of goods or services or both

**Rule 27:** value of supply of goods or services where the consideration is not wholly in money:

Valuation based on based on open market value of such supply.

- (a) "Open market value" of supply of goods or services or both means the full value in money, excluding the integrated tax, central tax, State tax, Union territory tax and the cess payable by a person in a transaction, where the supplier and the recipient of the supply are not related and price is the sole consideration, to obtain such supply at the same time when the supply being valued is made.

**Example : 18**

Where a new phone is supplied for ₹ 20,000/- along with the exchange of an old phone and if the price of the new phone without exchange is ₹ 24,000/-, the open market value of the new phone is ₹ 24000/-.

**Example : 19**

Mr. A being a registered person sells TVs to all customers at ₹ 45,000. He supplied new TV for ₹ 42,000 along with the exchange of an old TV. Find the open market value of TV.

**Answer:**

Open market value is ₹ 45,000.

**Example : 20**

M/s X Ltd is a manufacturer of car and sells the car in the open market at a price of ₹ 11,00,000. M/s X Ltd provided the car to his company auditor is only for ₹ 9,00,000. In return auditor provide auditing services to M/s X Ltd and charged ₹ 5,000 with the condition that company will be provided the car at the price of ₹ 9,00,000. Find the value as per Rule 27(a), Determination of value of supply.

**Answer:**

Open market value of the car is ₹ 11,00,000.

Therefore, M/s X Ltd transaction value should be ₹ 11,00,000 on which GST will be levied.

- (b) Sum total of consideration equal to money, if such amount is known at the time of supply provided open market value is not available.

The value of consideration which is in non-monetary terms shall be determined in monetary terms. The said value shall be added to the value in monetary terms in determination of value of supply.

**Example : 21**

M/s X Ltd. is supplier of security services provided such services to M/s Y Ltd. As per the contract M/s Y Ltd is to pay monthly ₹ 1,00,000. In the month of November M/s Y Ltd. supplied uniforms to all employees of M/s X Ltd. by spending ₹ 20,000. As a result M/s X Ltd. raised the bill for ₹ 80,000 in the month of November. In the given case M/s X Ltd. received consideration for security service is partially in terms of money ₹ 80,000 and partially in kind (i.e uniforms). Find the taxable value of service on which GST will be levied.

**Answer:**

GST will be levied on the value of ₹ 1,00,000 (₹ 80,000 + uniforms equal to monetary value of ₹ 20,000) in the hands of M/s X Ltd.

**Example : 22**

Guidelines Academy normally charge ₹ 10,000 for teaching the commerce students. A merit student approaches the management of Guidelines Academy and narrates his financial position. Guidelines Academy management considered his financial position agrees to charge only ₹ 5,000 from such student. Find the value of taxable supply of service.

**Answer:**

Since, Guidelines Academy has not received any consideration from the student in any other form, ₹ 5,000 itself is a sole consideration. GST will be levied on ₹ 5,000.

(c) The value of supply of like kind and quality if (a) and (b) not applicable:

If the value of supply is not determinable as per open market value and monetary value of non-monetary values, the values of supply shall be of like kind and quality.

Factors facilitates to determine value of supply:

- Goods or services of same kind and quality
- Identical or Similar nature
- Similar circumstances
- Comparison of various factors and so on...

**Example : 23**

Guidelines Academy teaching or coaching budding CMA's Tuition fee of Guidelines Academy can be compared with another academy of same kind and nature. It means we should not compare with home tuition of a faculty to 4th Standard students.

**Example : 24**

Feathure light chairs price compare with identical or similar nature product. It means feather light product compare with Godrej chair products.



**Example : 25**

Value of product in Chennai will be on higher than the product in Sikkim or Assam. Therefore, the rule provides that the supply of goods or services shall be in similar circumstances. It means that if the supply of goods or services which value is required to be determined has been made in Chennai, supply of goods or services which is considered as base shall be made in Chennai.

**Example : 26**

Canon heavy duty machines can not be compared with ordinary laser Jet printer. Like wise interior decorator completed interior decoration of a residential house measuring 1000 sq. ft cannot be considered as similar service for doing interior decoration of 1000 sq. ft. of office area.

(d) Based on cost as per rule 30 or based on residual method as per rule 31 in that order, provided (a) to (c) not applicable.

As per rule 30 of the CGST Rules, 2017 value of supply of goods or services or both on cost. The value shall be 110% of the cost of production or manufacture or the cost of acquisition of such goods or the cost of provision of such services.

**Example : 27**

Raj & Co. furnish the following expenditure incurred by them to find the transaction value for the purpose of paying GST.

Particulars	₹
(i) Direct material cost per unit inclusive of IGST at 18%	944
(ii) Direct wages	250
(iii) Other direct expenses	100
(iv) Indirect materials	75
(v) Factory overheads	200
(vi) Administrative overhead (25% relating to production capacity)	100
(vii) Selling and distribution expense	150
(viii) Quality control	25
(ix) Sale of scrap realised	20
(x) Actual profit margin	15%

Find the value for the purpose of payment of GST as per Rule 30 of the CGST Rules, 2017.

Answer:

Statement showing value of supply of goods as per Rule 30 of the CGST Rules, 2017:

Particulars	Value in ₹
Direct material cost (944 x 100/118)	800
Direct wages	250
Other direct expenses	100
Indirect materials	75
Factory overheads	200



<b>Administrative overhead (25% of ₹ 100)</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Quality control</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1475</b>
<b>Less: Sale of scrap</b>	<b>(20)</b>
<b>Cost of production</b>	<b>1,455</b>
<b>Add: 10% profit margin as per Rule 30 of the CGST Rules, 2017</b>	<b>145.50</b>
<b>Value of taxable supply of goods</b>	<b>1,600.50</b>

Cost Accounting Standard (CAS)-4 issued by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India enumerates various costs to be included in determining the cost of production of goods. CAS-4 principles are also applicable for determining the cost of supply of service.

Thus cost of acquisition will include cost of transportation, any local taxes, insurance, other expenditure like commission, fee and so on paid on procurement of goods.

However, GST element will not be considered for the purpose of determining the cost of acquisition.

#### **As per Rule 31 of the CGST Rules, 2017 Residual method for determination of value of supply of goods or services or both**

It is provided that where the value of supply of goods or services or both cannot be determined under rule 27 to rule 30 of the CGST Rules, 2017, value shall be determined by using reasonable means consistent with the principles and the general provisions of Sec. 15 and the provisions of this Chapter IV of the CGST Rules, 2017.

It means to say that efforts should be made by proper officer to determine the by using his best judgment assessment.

#### **Case Law : 1**

##### **CCEx. Mumbai v. Fiat India Pvt. Ltd. 2012 (283) E.L.T. 161 (S.C.):**

**Assessee Claim:** Fiat UNO model cars for the past five years consistently selling at below manufacturing cost to non-relative buyers for meeting demand in the market. Therefore, such selling price (i.e. transaction value) itself has sole consideration for the purpose of GST.

**Department Contention:** The extra commercial consideration was involved in this case an additional consideration should be added to the price for the purpose of duty. Therefore, Best Judgement Assessment has been invoked.

**Decision:** Full commercial cost of manufacturing and selling was not reflected in the price as it was deliberately kept below the cost of production. Thus, price could not be considered as the sole consideration for sale. No prudent businessperson would continuously suffer huge loss only to penetrate market. Therefore, Best Judgment Assessment of the department was proper said by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of CCEx. Mumbai v. Fiat India Pvt. Ltd. 2012 (283) E.L.T. 161 (S.C.).

**Note:** if the assessee sales below manufacturing cost and profit but there is no additional consideration flowing directly or indirectly from buyer to assessee, the transaction value shall be the assessable value.

#### **Rule 28 of the CGST Rules 2017 value of supply or goods or services or both between distinct or related persons other than through an agent:**

The value of the supply of goods or services or both between distinct persons as specified in Sec. 25(4) or Sec 25(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 or where the supplier and recipient are related, other than where the supply is made through an agent, shall-



- (a) be Open market value of such supply
- (b) if the open market value is not available, be the value of supply of goods or services of like kind and quality.
- (c) if value is not determinable under clause (a) or (b), be the value as determined by application of rule 30 or rule 31, in that order.

Provided that where the goods are intended for further supply as such by the recipient, the value shall, at the option of the supplier, be an amount equivalent to 90% of the price charged of the supply of goods of like kind and quality by the recipient to his customer not being a related person:

Provided further that where the recipient is eligible for full input tax credit, the value declared in the invoice shall be deemed to be the open market value of goods or services.

**Example : 28**

M/s X Ltd. owned factory in Chennai (Tamil Nadu) and one depot in Cochin (Kerala). Depot in Cochin is required to obtain separate registration as they are considered as distinct person under Section 25(4) of the CGST Act, 2017. The goods manufactured in Chennai factory will be transferred to Cochin Depot where it will be sold as it is.

Particulars	No. of units	Price at Factory Per unit	Price at Depot Per unit	Rate of IGST Advalorem
(i) Goods transferred from factory to depot on 8th February	1,000	₹ 200	₹ 220	18%
(ii) Goods actually sold at depot on 18th February	750	₹ 220	₹ 250	12%

Find the value of taxable supply of goods and IGST liability in the hands of M/s X Ltd. of Chennai. Note: Depot in Cochin is not availing input tax credit.

Answer:

Value of taxable supply of goods = ₹ 1,98,000 (₹ 220 x 1,000 units) x 90%

IGST = ₹ 35,640 (i.e. ₹ 1,98,000 x 18/100)

Note: It means at the time of transfer of goods from Chennai Factory to Cochin Depot, M/s X Ltd. will have to determine the price at which depot will sell the goods to his customers.

As per 1st proviso to Rule 28 of Chapter IV of the CGST Rules, 2017 provides that such price should be the price for sale of goods to unrelated person.

M/s X Ltd. has option to pay GST on 90% of such value (i.e. 90% of the price at which the goods are being sold from Cochin Depot).

**Example : 29**

M/s Y Ltd owned factory in Hyderabad (Telangana) and one depot in Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh). Depot in Vijayawada is required to obtain separate registration as they are considered as distinct person under Section 25(4) of the CGST Act, 2017. The goods manufactured in Hyderabad factory will be transferred to Vijayawada Depot where it will be sold as it is. Depot in Vijayawada is availing Input Tax Credit.

Particulars	No. of units	Price at Factory Per unit	Price at Depot Per unit	Rate of IGST Advalorem
(i) Goods transferred from factory to depot on 8th February	1,000	₹ 200	₹ 220	18%
(ii) Goods actually sold at depot on 18th February	750	₹ 220	₹ 250	12%

**Find the value of taxable supply of goods and IGST liability in the hands of M/s X Ltd. of Chennai. Answer:**

**Value of taxable supply of services = ₹ 2,20,000/- (1000 units x ₹ 220)**

**IGST = ₹ 39,600 (₹ 2,20,000 x 18/100)**

**Note:**

- i. As per 2nd proviso to Rule 28 of Chapter IV of the CGST Rules, 2017 provides that where the recipient is eligible for input tax credit, value declared in the invoice shall be deemed to be open market value of goods or services.
- ii. Integrated Tax Department has right to reject the valuation if the value is not full fill the open market value. It should meet the requirement of sole consideration.

**Rule 29 of the CGST Rules 2017 value of supply of goods made or received from an agent:**

As we are aware of that as per clause 3 of Schedule I of the CGST Act 2017:

**Schedule - I**

Activities to be Treated as Supply even if made without Consideration

3. Supply of goods—

- a) by a principal to his agent where the agent undertakes to supply such goods on behalf of the principal; or
- b) by an agent to his principal where the agent undertakes to receive such goods on behalf of the principal.

As per Rule 29 of the CGST Rules, 2017 provides the manner in which value shall be determined in such cases.

- (a) be the open market value of the goods being supplied, or at the option of the supplier, be 90% of the price charged for the supply of goods of like kind and quality by the recipient to his customer not being a related person, where the goods are intended for further supply by the said recipient;
- (b) where the value of a supply is not determinable under clause (a), the same shall be determined by application of Rule 30 or Rule 31 of Chapter IV of the CGST Rules 2017 in that order.

**Example : 30**

**A principal supplies groundnut to his agent and the agent is supplying groundnuts of like kind and quality in subsequent supplies at a price of ₹ 5,000 per quintal on the day of the supply. Another independent supplier is supplying groundnuts of like kind and quality to the said agent at the price of ₹ 4,550 per quintal.**

**Find the value of taxable supply in the hands of principal as per Rule 29(a) of the CGST Rules, 2017.**

**Answer:**

**The value of taxable supply made by the principal shall be ₹ 4,550 or where he exercises the option, the value shall be ₹ 4,500 (i.e. 90% of ₹5,000) per quintal.**

**Example : 31**

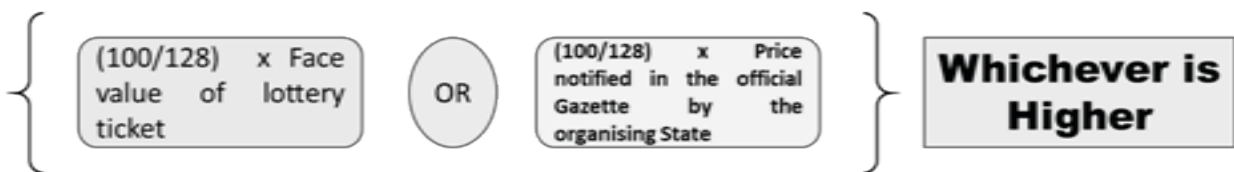
**M/s P Ltd. being a principal supplies laptops to his agent and the agent is supplying laptops of like kind and quality in subsequent supplies. M/s P Ltd incorporated in Chennai (Tamil Nadu). Agent is located in Nagercoil (Tamil Nadu). Goods supplied on 15th November by the Principal to his Agent.**



Particulars	No. of units	Price at which principal supplies to agent	Price at which agent supplies to his customer not being a related person	Rate of GST Advalorem
(i) Selling price on 15th November	1,000	₹ Nil	₹ 22,000	18%
<p>(ii) Goods procured by agent from other independent supplier supplying laptops of like kind and quality at ₹20,000 per unit on 15th November.</p> <p>Find the value of taxable supply of goods and GST liability in the hands of M/s P Ltd. of Chennai.</p> <p><b>Answer:</b></p> <p>Value of taxable supply made by principal shall be ₹ 20,000 per laptop or where the principal exercise the option the value shall be ₹ 19,800 per laptop (i.e. 90% of the ₹ 22,000).</p> <p>It is economical to opt the 90% of the price charged for the supply of goods of like kind and quality by the recipient to his customer not being related person on the day of supply.</p> <p>Total taxable value of supply = ₹ 198,00,000 (i.e. 19,800 x 1000 units). GST liability in the hands of M/s P Ltd. of Chennai:</p> <p>CGST 9% on Rs 198 lakh = ₹ 17,82,000</p> <p>SGST 9% on Rs 198 lakh = ₹ 17,82,000</p>				

Rule 31A. Value of supply in case of lottery, betting, gambling, and horse racing

Supply	Value
W.E.F. 1.3.2020 Supply of lottery run by State Govt. (OR) Supply of lottery authorised by State Govt.	Higher of the two amounts to be deemed as value: 100/128 of the face value of ticket OR 100/128 of the price as notified in the official Gazette by the organising State.
Supply of actionable claim in the form of chance to win in betting, gambling or horse racing in a race club	100% of the face value of the bet or the amount paid into totalisator



**Determination of value in respect of certain supplies (Rule 32 of Chapter IV of the CGST Rules, 2017):**

**Rule 32(1):** Notwithstanding anything contained in the provisions of this Chapter, the value in respect of supplies specified below shall, at the OPTION of the supplier, be determined in the manner provided hereinafter.

Rule 32(2): Money changing services	Already covered
Rule 32(3): Air travel agent of passenger transport	
Rule 32(4): Life insurance business	

**Rule 32(5): Buying and Selling of second hand goods:**

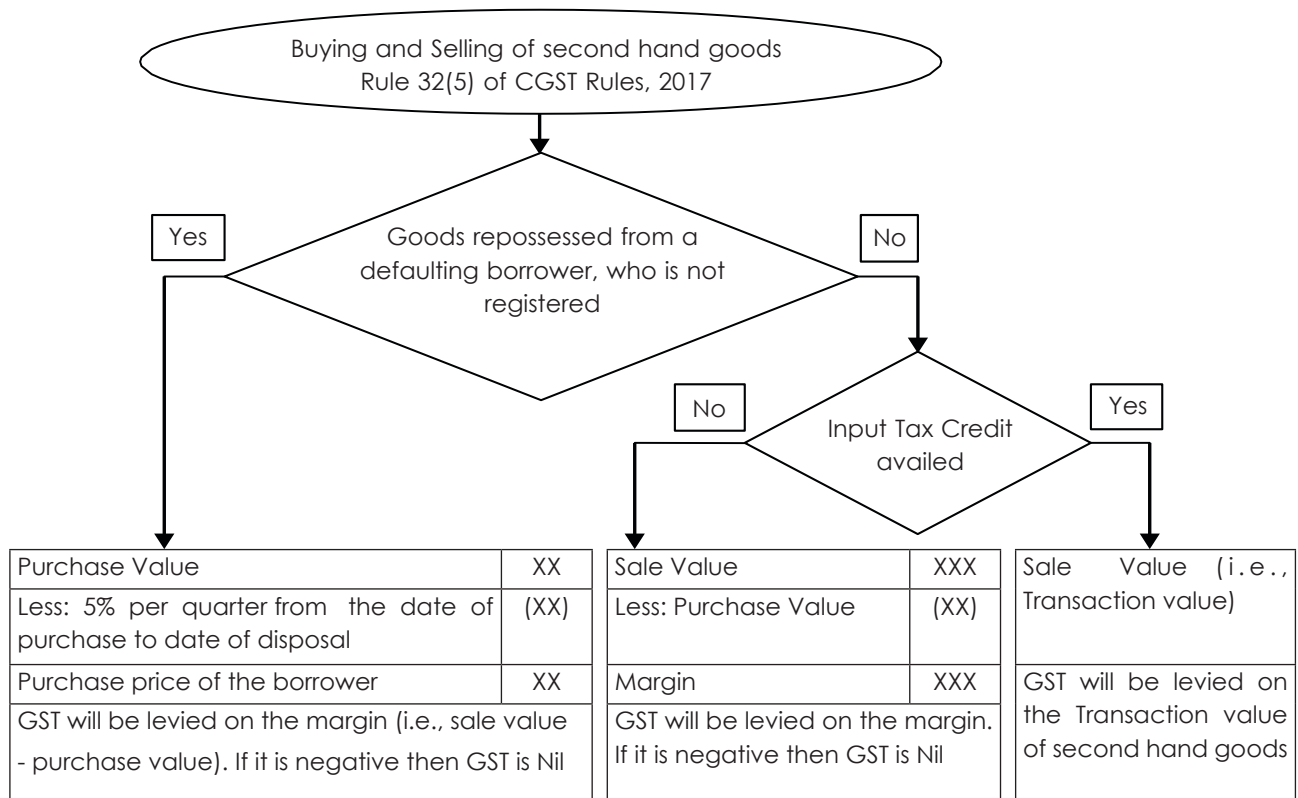
Where a taxable supply is provided by a person dealing in buying and selling of second hand goods i.e. used goods as such or after such minor processing which does not change the nature of the goods and where no input tax credit has been availed on the purchase of such goods, the value of supply shall be the difference between the selling price and the purchase price and where the value of such supply is negative, it shall be ignored (i.e. goods are sold at loss then tax will not be payable).

Provided that the purchase value of goods repossessed from a defaulting borrower, who is not registered, for the purpose of recovery of a loan or debt shall be deemed to be the purchase price of such goods by the defaulting borrower reduced by 5% points for every quarter or part thereof, between the date of purchase and the date of disposal by the person making such repossession.

When a registered second-hand goods dealer supplies second-hand goods, the dealer is liable to charge GST on the second-hand goods. For this, 2 options have been given to the dealers:

Charge GST on the full transaction value. Here, the dealer is eligible to claim input tax credit of the tax paid on purchase of the used goods.

**Simplified approach:**







**Example : 32**

Ram & Co., being a car dealer dealing in second hand cars. Ram & Co., purchases used car from Mr. Raja and sell the very same car to Miss. Rani after water wash and painting. The purchase price is ₹ 2,00,000 whereas the sale price is ₹ 2,50,000. Find the GST liability as per rule 32(5) of the CGST Rules, 2017 by following margin scheme in the hands of Ram & Co. Assume applicable rate of GST 28%.

Ram & Co., is not availing input tax credit on purchase of second hand cars. Whether your answer is different if the sale of second hand car for ₹ 1,80,000. Note: Ram & Co., and Miss. Rani are located within the State of Tamil Nadu.

**Answer:**

GST net liability is as follows:

Particulars	Value ₹	14% CGST ₹	14% SGST ₹	Remarks
Output supply	2,50,000			
Less: purchase price	2,00,000			
Difference known as margin	50,000	7,000	7,000	Charge GST on the margin or profit earned on the goods (₹ 50,000 x 28%)

**Yes. Our answer different in case of sale price is ₹ 1,80,000:**

Sale price	= ₹ 1,80,000
Less: purchase price	= ₹ (2,00,000)
Margin	= ₹ (20,000)
GST liability	= ₹ Nil

Note: For a dealer who has opted for the margin scheme, there can be a scenario where the second-hand goods are sold at zero margins or for a lesser price than the purchase price. In this case, no GST will be applicable on the supply.

**Example : 33**

Mr. D being a dealer in goods sells new brand cars at ₹ 11,00,000. He advertises that customers can sell their old car if they buy new car from him. One customer exchanged his old car for ₹ 2,00,000. Mr. D sold new car to that customer for ₹ 9,00,000. The Central Tax Department demanded to pay GST on ₹ 11,00,000 whereas Mr. D argues that he is eligible to pay GST on the difference namely margin of ₹ 9,00,000 as per Rule 32(5) of the CGST Rules, 2017. Discuss and decide the correct approach.

**Answer:**

Rule 32(5) of the CGST Rules, 2017 is applicable only when person is dealing in buying and selling of second hand goods.

In the given case Mr. D is not eligible for margin scheme as referred in rule 32(5). Since, dealer sold new car and therefore, provisions of rule 32(5) will not apply.

Therefore, from the above it is evident that the Central Tax Department view is correct.

**Example : 34**

M/s X Ltd, a registered person under GST, being a dealer dealing with second-hand goods. M/s X Ltd. supplies a used camera to a consumer in Chennai for selling price of ₹ 15,000. The used camera (i.e. second hand) was purchased for ₹ 10,000 from a registered dealer in Mumbai, on which CGST + SGST of ₹ 1,400 each was charged (i.e. GST rate applicable to cameras is 28%).

M/s X Ltd. charged IGST 28% on inter State supply.

Find the net GST liability in the following independent cases:

(a) if input tax credit availed.

(b) if input tax credit not availed.

Answer:

(i) Net GST liability in case of input tax credit availed:

Particulars	Value ₹	28% IGST ₹
Output supply	15,000	4,200
Less: ITC	10,000	
CGST 14%		(1,400)
SGST 14%		(1,400)
Net GST liability		1,400

(ii) Net GST liability in case of input tax credit not availed:

Particulars	Value ₹	28% IGST ₹	Remarks
Output supply	15,000		
Less: purchase price	12,800		ITC will form part of cost.
Difference known as margin	2,200	616	Charge GST on the margin or profit earned on the goods (₹2,200 x 28%)

Repossession of goods in case of default by the unregistered borrower:

Example : 35

Mr. C has taken a loan from the bank on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 worth ₹ 2 crore and purchased a machine. Subsequently Mr. C defaulted in paying the loan amount along with interest. At late date bank repossessed the machine from Mr. C on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021. The banker sells the said goods on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Find the value of taxable supply of goods in the hands of banker in the following two independent cases:

Case 1: machine sold for ₹ 1,90,00,000.

Case 2: machine sold for ₹ 1,70,00,000.

Note: Applicable rate of IGST 18%.

Answer:

Determination of purchase value:

Particulars	Value in ₹	Working note
Purchase value of the banker	2,00,00,000	Purchase value for the lending company will be the purchase price of the defaulter.
Less: 5% per quarter for 2 quarters	(20,00,000)	From 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021 to 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 = 2 quarters
Purchase value at the time of disposal by the bank	1,80,00,000	

Value of taxable supply in the hands of banking company:

Particulars	Case 1	Case 2	Remarks
Sale price	1,90,00,000	1,70,00,000	



Less: purchase price	(1,80,00,000)	(1,80,00,000)	In case the sale price is below ₹ 1,80,00,000, banker will not be liable to pay GST as value is nil.
Taxable value or Margin	10,00,000	Nil	
IGST 18%	1,80,000	Nil	₹ 10 lacs x 18%

**Redeemable voucher/coupons/stamp (other than postage stamp) [Rule 32(6) of the CGST Rules, 2017]:**

There are many companies who issues vouchers, coupons, stamp and so on the basis of which goods or services can be procured by the holder of such vouchers/coupons/stamps etc.

**Valuation:**

The value of a token, or a voucher, or a coupon, or a stamp (other than postage stamp) which is redeemable against a supply of goods or services or both shall be equal to the money value of the goods or services or both redeemable against such token, voucher, coupon, or stamp.

**Time of Supply of Vouchers for Goods & Services [Section 12(4) & 13(4) of CGST Act, 2017]**

If the supplies is identifiable at that point:

- Time of supply = Date of issue of voucher. If the supplies is not identifiable at that point:
- Time of supply = The date of redemption of voucher.

**Example : 36**

A voucher has face value of ₹ 5,000. The holder of voucher can purchase goods or services of equivalent value of ₹ 5,000. When the holder of voucher receives the goods or services against the voucher it is termed as redemption of voucher.

**Example : 37**

X Ltd. being a cloth merchant sold gift voucher to customer for ₹ 2,000 on 10th November to purchase specific cloth from its showroom. Goods actually purchased by customer on 15th November for ₹ 2,400. Find the time of supply and value of supply with regard to gift voucher in the hands of X Ltd.

**Answer:**

Time of supply is at the time issue of voucher i.e. 10th November. Value of supply = ₹ 2,000 for gift voucher.

**Example : 38**

Ram & Co., being dealer in electronics and electrical items, issued gift voucher to its customer for ₹ 2,000 on 15th November. Customer can used gift voucher to purchase anything which is available. Customer purchased goods worth ₹ 1,400 on 20th Nov 2019. Applicable CGST and SGST 9% each.

Find the following

- (a) time of supply
- (b) value of supply
- (c) GST liability in the hands of Ram & Co.

**Answer:**

- (a) Time of supply is 20th November 2019.
- (b) Value of supply is ₹1,400.

**(c) GST liability:**

- CGST is ₹ 126
- SGST is ₹ 126

**Working Note:** ₹ 1,400 x 9% = ₹126

**Example : 39**

Mr. & Ms. Kapoor purchase 10 gift vouchers for ₹ 500 each from Crossword, and 5 vouchers from a reputed Spa costing ₹ 1,000 each. The vouchers from a reputed Spa had a special offer for couples, where in services for both persons at the price chargeable to one. Find the value of supply in the hands of Crossword and reputed Spa.

**Answer:**

**Statement showing value of taxable supply:**

Particulars	Crossword Value in ₹	Reputed Spa value in ₹	Remarks
Value of taxable supply	5,000	10,000	10 gifts x 500 = ₹ 5,000. (5 vouchers x ₹ 1,000) x 2 = ₹ 10,000

**Value of service provided by one distinct person to another distinct person [Rule 32(7) of the CGST Rules, 2017]:**

The value of taxable services provided by such class of service providers as may be notified by the Government, on the recommendations of the Council, as referred to in paragraph 2 of Schedule I of the CGST Act, 2017 between distinct persons as referred to in section 25, where input tax credit is available, shall be deemed to be NIL.

**SCHEDULE - I****ACTIVITIES TO BE TREATED AS SUPPLY EVEN IF MADE WITHOUT CONSIDERATION**

2. Supply of goods or services or both between related persons or between distinct persons as specified in section 25, when made in the course or furtherance of business:

Provided that gifts not exceeding ₹ 50,000/- in value in a financial year by an employer to an employee shall not be treated as supply of goods or services or both.

**Value of supply of services in case of pure agent [Rule 33 of the CGST Rules, 2017]:**

Pure Agent means a person who:

- (a) enters into a contractual agreement with the recipient of supply to act on their behalf and incur expenditure or costs in the course of supply of goods or services or both;
- (b) neither intends to hold nor holds any title to the goods or services (or both) procured on behalf of or provided to the recipient of supply;
- (c) does not use the goods or services so procured for his own interest; and
- (d) receives only the actual amount incurred to procure such goods or services.

The expenditure or costs incurred by a supplier as a pure agent of the recipient of supply shall be excluded from the value of supply, if all the following conditions are satisfied namely:-

- (i) the supplier acts as a pure agent of the recipient of the supply, when he makes the payment to the third party on authorization by such recipient;



- (ii) the payment made by the pure agent on behalf of the recipient of supply has been separately indicated in the invoice issued by the pure agent to the recipient of service; and
- (iii) the supplies procured by the pure agent from the third party as a pure agent of the recipient of supply are in addition to the services he supplies on his own account.

**Example : 40**

Corporate services firm A is engaged to handle the legal work pertaining to the incorporation of Company B. Other than its service fees, A also recovers from B, registration fee and approval fee for the name of the company paid to the Registrar of Companies (ROC). The fees charged by the Registrar of Companies for the registration and approvals of the name are compulsorily levied on B. A is merely acting as pure agent in the payment of those fees. Therefore, A's recovery of such expenses is a disbursement and not part of the value of supply made by A to B.

**Example : 41**

Mr. Ram is a registered dealer under GST Law. He sold furniture to a customer for ₹ 51,000 with free delivery. In such case Mr. Ram availing the service of the transporter for his own interest and therefore, transport charges is included in selling price of ₹ 51,000 and he would be not considered as pure agent in this case.

**Example : 42**

Mr. X is a Customs Broker issues an invoice for reimbursement of a few expenses and for consideration towards agency service rendered to an importer. The amounts charged by the Customs Broker are as below:

S. No.	Component charges in invoice	Amount in ₹
1	Agency income	10,000
2	Travelling expenses	5,500
3	Hotel expenses	9,500
4	Customs duty	55,000
5	Dock dues	2,500

Find the value of taxable supply of service in the hands of Customs Broker.

Answer:

Statement showing taxable value of supply of service:

S.No.	Particulars	Amount in ₹	Remarks
1	Agency income	10,000	Addable into the value
2	Travelling expenses	5,500	-do-
3	Hotel expenses	9,500	-do-
4	Customs duty	Not addable	Pure agent reimbursement
5	Dock dues	Not addable	Pure agent reimbursement
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,000</b>	

**Airport levies under GST (CBIC Circular No. 115/34/2019-GST, dated 11-10-2019):**

Passenger Service Fee (PSF) or User Development Fee (UDF) levied by airport operator for services provided to passengers, are collected by the air lines as an agent and is not a consideration for any service provided

by the airlines. Airlines may act as a pure agent for the supply of airport services in accordance with rule 33 of the CGST Rules, 2017.

The airport operators (like Mumbai International Airport Ltd., or Airport Authority of India or Delhi International Airport Ltd. etc) shall pay GST on the PSF and UDF collected by them from the passengers through the airlines. Since, the airport operators are collecting PSF and UDF inclusive of GST, there is no question of their not paying GST collected by them to the Government.

Collection charges paid by the airport operator to airlines are a consideration for the services provided by the airlines to the airport operator and airlines shall be liable to pay GST on the same under forward charge. ITC of the same will be available with the airport operator.

**Rate of exchange of currency for determination of value [Rule 34 of the CGST Rules, 2017]:**

The rate of exchange for the determination of the value of taxable goods or services or both shall be the applicable reference rate for that currency as determined by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on the date of time of supply in respect of such supply in terms of section 12 or as the case may be, section 13 of the Act.

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for rule 34, the following shall be substituted, namely:

“34. Rate of exchange of currency, other than Indian rupees, for determination of value.—(1) The rate of exchange for determination of value of taxable goods shall be the applicable rate of exchange as notified by the Board under section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 for the date of time of supply of such goods in terms of section 12 of the Act.

(2) The rate of exchange for determination of value of taxable services shall be the applicable rate of exchange determined as per the generally accepted accounting principles for the date of time of supply of such services in terms of section 13 of the Act”;

**Example : 43**

**Compute the duty payable under the Customs Act, 1962 for imported equipment based on the following information:**

**(i) Assessable value of the imported equipment US \$10,100.**

**(ii) Date of Bill of Entry 25.10.20XX exchange rate notified by the Central Board of Excise and Customs Us \$ 1 = ` 65.**

**(iii) Date of Entry inwards 01.11.20XX exchange rate notified by the Central Board of Excise and Customs US \$ 1 = ` 60.**

**Find the taxable value of imported goods.**

**Answer:**

**Statement showing taxable value of imported goods:**

Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
Assessable value of imported goods	6,56,500	10,100 USD x ₹ 65
		Exchange rate as on the date of submission of bill of entry is relevant as per section 14 of the Customs Act, 1961.



**Value of supply inclusive of integrated tax, State tax, Union territory tax [Rule 35 of the CGST Rules, 2017]:**

Where the value of supply is inclusive of integrated tax or, as the case may be, central tax, State tax, Union territory tax, the tax amount shall be determined in the following manner, namely:-

$$\text{Tax Amount} = \left( \frac{\text{Value inclusive of tax}}{100 + \text{GST}} \right) \times \text{Rate of GST}$$

This formula is very useful in case where supplier may treat the particular supply as exempted from GST and therefore will not indicate the tax amount separately in the bill of supply prepared by him. In fact it is taxable supply with GST. In such case transaction value will be determined with help of rule 35.

**Example : 43**

An assessee was under impression that his product is exempt from GST and hence sold the goods @ ₹100 per piece without charging GST. Later, it was found that actually, the product was chargeable with IGST 18%. Department claimed that since goods were removed without GST, transaction value should be ₹100 and GST is payable accordingly. Assessee contended that price of ₹ 100 should be taken as inclusive of GST and actual GST payable should be calculated by back calculations. Determine the correct GST payable per piece.

**Answer:**

As per rule 35 of the CGST Rules, 2017 transaction value and GST liability is as follows:

The Transaction value should be taken, as cum-tax-price and tax payable should be calculated by making back calculations. Hence, the transaction value is as follows:

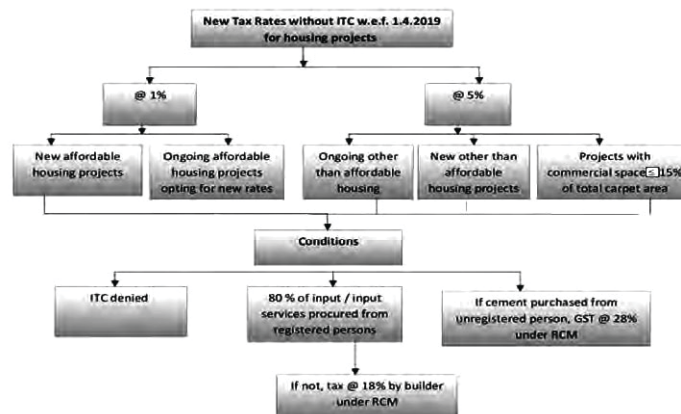
The transaction value	= ₹ 100 x 100/118	= ₹ 84.75
IGST	= ₹ 100 x 18/118	= ₹ 15.25
Total invoice price		= ₹100.00

[CCE v Maruti Udyog Ltd. (2002) 141 ELT 3 (SC)]

**W.e.f. 1-4-2019 REAL ESTATE SECTORS are summarized as under:**

**Conditions for the new tax rates:**

- At least 80% of the material to be procured from registered dealers. Further, on shortfall of purchases from 80%, tax shall be paid by the builder @ 18% on RCM basis.
- However, Tax on cement purchased from unregistered person shall be paid @ 28% under RCM, and on capital goods under RCM at applicable rates.
- Input tax credit shall not be available.



**Applicability of new tax rates:**

The new tax rates which shall be applicable as follows:

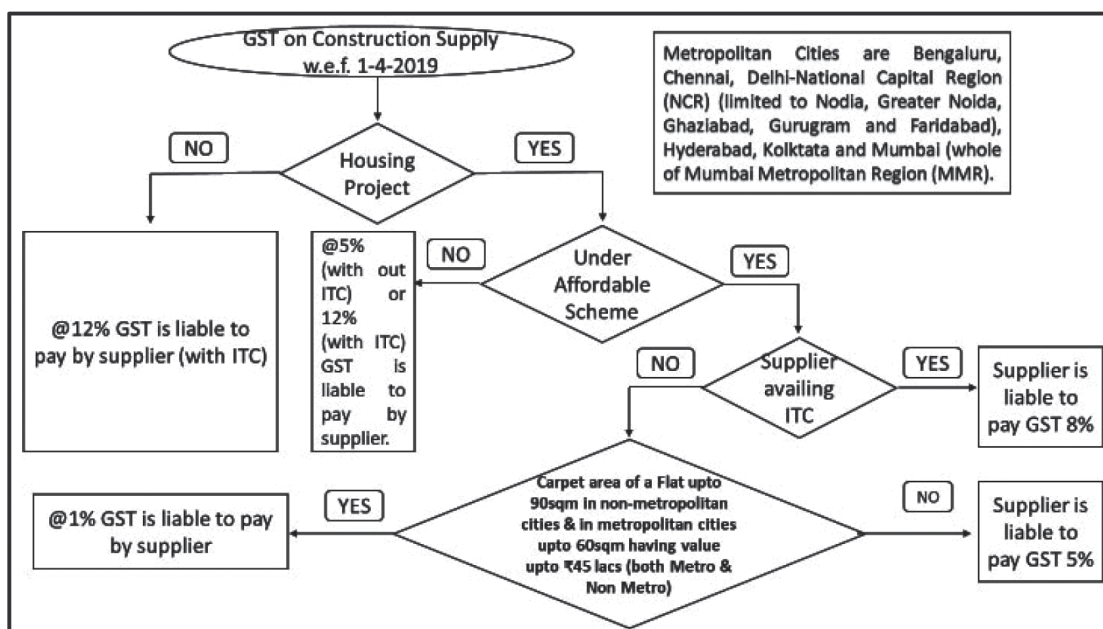
- 1% without input tax credit (ITC) on construction of affordable houses shall be available for:
- Houses having area of 60 sqm in metros/90 sqm in non-metros and value upto ₹ 45 lakhs
- Under construction affordable houses presently eligible for concessional rate of 8% GST (after 1/3rd land abatement)
- 5% without input tax credit shall be applicable on construction of:
- Under construction houses other than affordable houses presently booked prior to or after 01.04.2019. For houses booked prior to 01.04.2019, new rate shall be available on instalments payable on or after 01.04.2019.
- Commercial apartments having carpet area of not more than 15% of total carpet area of all apartments.

**The following treatment shall apply to TDR/FSI and Long term lease for projects commencing after 1-4-2019:**

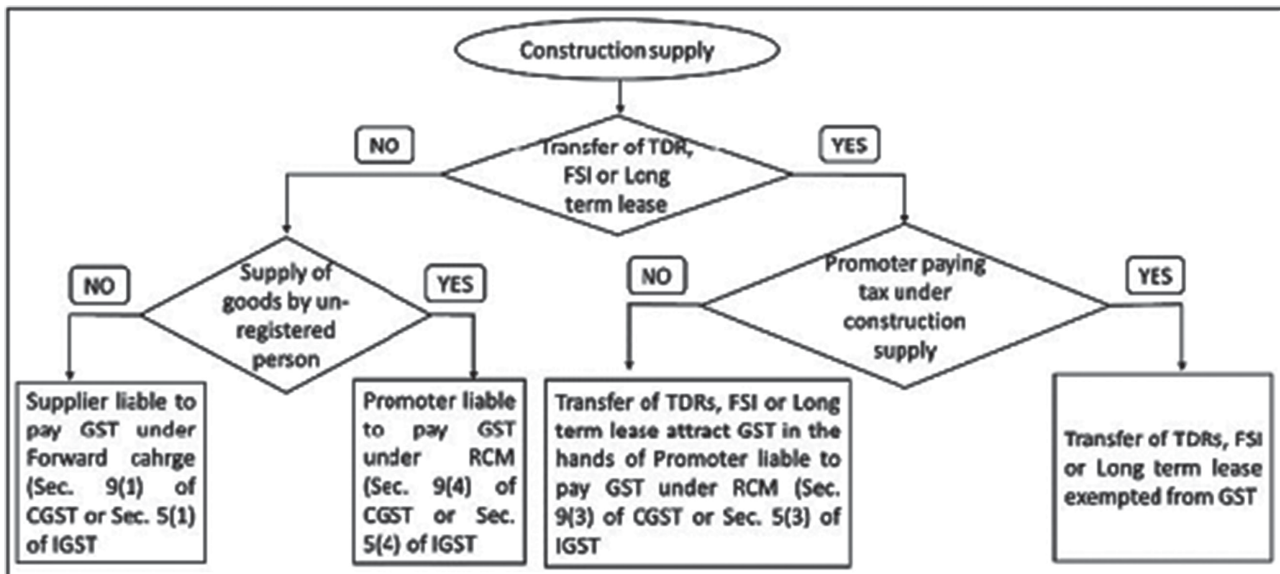
The supply of TDR, FSI, long term lease (premium) of land by a land owner to a developer shall be exempted subject to the condition that the constructed flats are sold before issuance of completion certificate and tax is paid on them. Exemption of TDR, FSI, long term lease (premium) shall be withdrawn in case of flats sold after issue of completion certificate, but such withdrawal shall be limited to 1% of value in case of affordable houses and 5% of value in case of other than affordable houses. The liability to pay tax on TDR, FSI, long term lease (premium) shall be shifted from landowner to builder under the Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM). The date on which builder shall be liable to pay tax on TDR, FSI, long term lease (premium) of land under RCM in respect of flats sold after completion certificate is being shifted to date of issue of completion certificate.

The liability of builder to pay tax on construction of houses given to land owner in a JDA is also being shifted to the date of completion.

**Simplified Approach:**







**Example 44: Does a promoter or a builder has option to pay tax at old rates of 8% & 12% with ITC?**

**Answer:**

Yes, but such an option is available in the case of an ongoing project. In case of such a project, the promoter or builder has option to pay GST at old effective rate of 8% and 12% with ITC.

To continue with the old rates, the promoter/builder has to exercise one time option in the prescribed form and submit the same manually to the jurisdictional Commissioner by the 10th of May, 2019.

However, in case where a promoter or builder does not exercise option in the prescribed form, it shall be deemed that he has opted for new rates in respect of ongoing projects and accordingly new rate of GST i.e. 5%/1% shall be applicable and all the provisions of new scheme including transitional provisions shall be applied.

There is no such option available in case of projects which commence on or after 01.04.2019. Construction of residential apartments in projects commencing on or after 01.04.2019 shall **compulsorily attract new rate of GST @1% or 5% without ITC.**

**Example 45: What is the rate of GST applicable on construction of commercial apartments [shops, godowns, offices etc.] in a real estate project?**

**Answer:**

With effect from 01-04-2019, effective rate of GST, after deduction of value of land or undivided share of land, on construction of commercial apartments [shops, godowns, offices etc.] by promoter in real estate project are as under:

Description	Effective rate of GST
Construction of commercial apartments in a Residential Real Estate Project (RREP), which commences on or after 01-04-2019 or in an ongoing project in respect of which the promoter has opted for new rates effective from 01-04-2019	5% without ITC on total consideration
Construction of commercial apartments in a Real Estate Project (REP) other than Residential Real Estate Project (RREP) or in an ongoing project in respect of which the promoter has opted for old rates	12% with ITC on total consideration

**Example 46: What is a Residential Real Estate Project?**
**Answer:**

A "Residential Real Estate Project" means a "Real Estate Project" in which the carpet area of the commercial apartments is not more than 15 per cent. of the total carpet area of all the apartments in the project.

**Example 47:** GK Developers Limited (i.e. Developer) enters into an agreement with land owner Mr. Nagarajan where Transfer Development Rights (TDRs) of the land transferred but ownership in land continues with the landowner (i.e. license to occupy land) on 31st May, 20XX. After entering to TDRs/Joint Development Agreements, the flats meant for landowner and builder are identified and a Supplementary Agreement (i.e. conveyance deed) is entered into for this purpose on 15th June, 20XX. In pursuit of this agreement a total of 10 residential units will be constructed by GK Developers Limited on the land provided by Mr. Nagarajan, whereas 40% of the units shall be given to Mr. Nagarajan.

Answer: the following:

- Transfer of TDRs is taxable supply? If so, who is liable to pay GST? Find the Time of supply for transfer of TDRs?
- Whether GST is payable on the owner's share of the flats/houses/portion of the building constructed by the builder or developer given to the landowner as per development agreement? If so, find the Time of Supply?
- Find the time of supply for the consideration received by the builder from other buyers?
- Re-work, where TDRs of the land transferred permanently and irrevocably transferred by the landowner to the developer (i.e. sale/transfer of land). If so, transfer of TDRs is taxable supply in the hands of landowner?

**Note:** All 10 residential units constructed under the category of other than affordable housing project and sold only after obtaining completion certificate.

**Answer:**

- TDRs transferred by land owner is taxable supply in the hands of promoter under RCM (Section 9(3) of CGST Act, 2017).

Time of supply = Date of completion certificate

- Flats allotted under JDA is before obtaining completion certificate and hence, it is taxable supply.

Time of supply = Date of completion certificate.

- Allotment of Flats after completion certificate is not supply of goods or services.

Hence, GST does not arise.

- Since, ownership on land is transferred, which is not a supply of goods nor supply of service. Therefore, GST is not applicable.

**Example 48:** ABC Constructions Ltd. has provided the following details with respect to individual residential units constructed by it at various cities as part of residential apartments:

Flat type	Capet area (sq.ft.)	Amount charged (₹)	
A	1980	1,10,00,000	Part of consideration received before issuance of completion certificate by the competent authority. Commercial apartments having carpet area of not more than 15% of total carpet area of all apartments.
B	2000	1,00,00,000	-do-
C	2500	1,05,00,000	-do-



Flat type	Capet area (sq.ft.)	Amount charged (₹)	
D	2400	99,50,000	Entire consideration received before issuance of completion certificate by the competent authority. Commercial apartments having carpet area of more than 15% of total carpet area of all apartments.
E	2100	1,00,00,000	-do-
F	1600	80,00,000	-do-
G	1940	90,00,000	Entire consideration received after issuance of completion certificate by the competent authority.
LIG	60 sq. Mtrs.		Under affordable houses 34 Flats constructed and ITC not availed. Project commenced from 1st April 2019 under Housing for All (Urban) Mission/ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). Construction value includes land value.
EWS	400 sqfts.		Pure labour service contracts of construction to the beneficiary-led individual house construction under Housing for All (Urban) Mission/Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).

Following details are also available:

Type of building	Amount charged ₹	
Multi-level parking for local authority	3,10,00,000	Part of consideration received before issuance of completion certificate by the competent authority
Office Completed	12,20,00,000	Entire consideration received before issuance of completion certificate by the competent authority
Shopping Mall	30,00,00,000	Entire consideration received after issuance of completion certificate by the competent authority

Find the GST liability if any?

**Answer:**

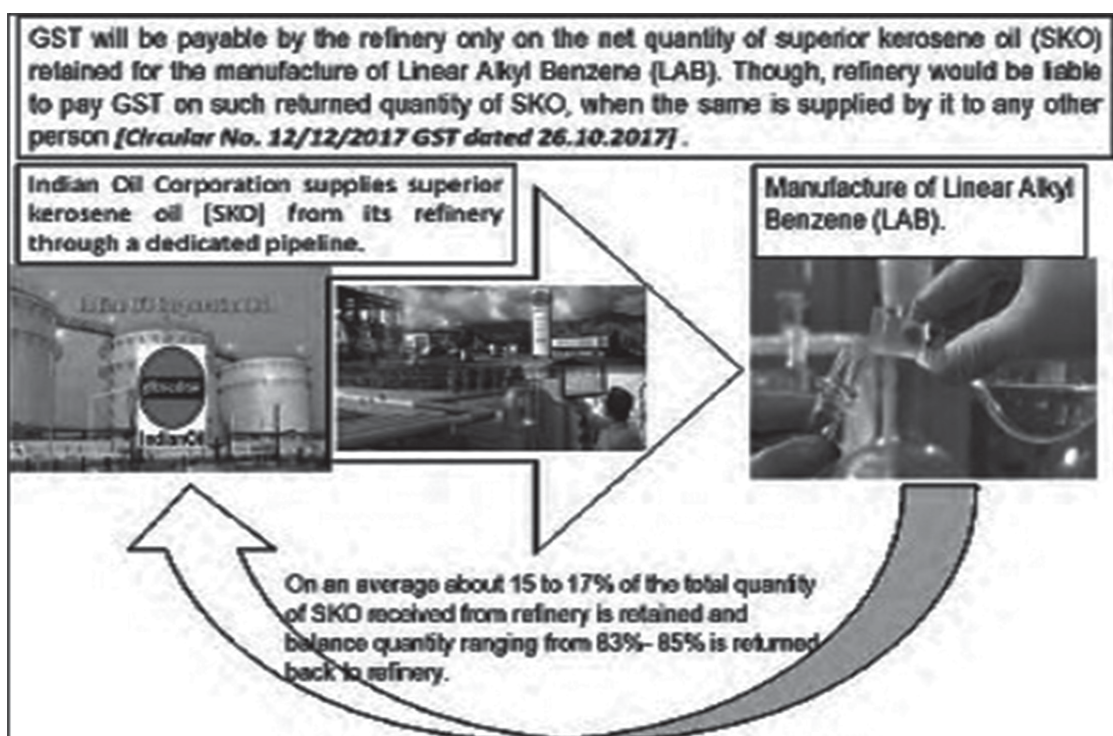
Flat type	Amount charged (₹)	Taxability	GST Rate	GST in (₹)
A	1,10,00,000	Taxable supply	5% Assumed that ITC not availed	5,50,000
B	1,00,00,000	-do-	-do-	5,00,000
C	1,05,00,000	-do-	-do-	5,25,000
D	99,50,000	Taxable supply	12% ITC allowed	11,94,000
E	1,00,00,000	-do-	-do-	12,00,000

Flat type	Amount charged (₹)	Taxability	GST Rate	GST in (₹)
F	80,00,000	-do-	-do-	9,60,000
G	90,00,000	Not a supply	-NA-	Nil
LIG	45,00,000	Taxable supply	1%	45,000
EWS	1,25,00,000	Exempted supply	Nil	Nil

Multi-level parking for local authority	3,10,00,000	Taxable supply	12%	37,20,000
Office Complex	12,20,00,000	Taxable supply	12%	1,46,40,000
Shopping Mall	30,00,00,000	Not a supply	-NA-	Nil

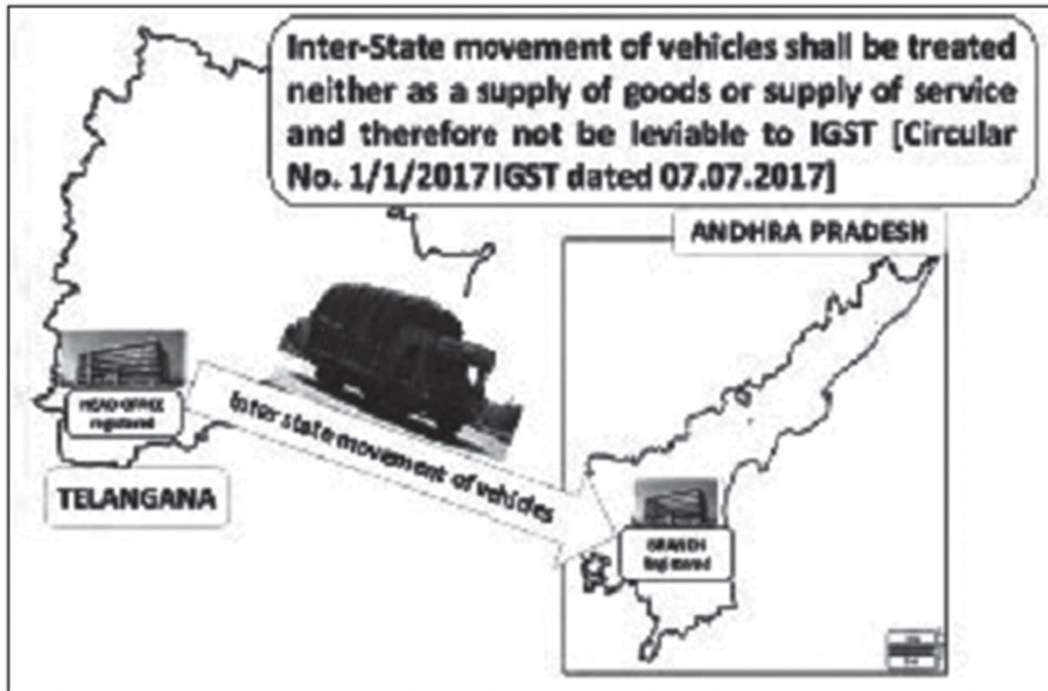
**Important points:**
**1. Whether GST is applicable on the superior kerosene oil [SKO] retained for the manufacture of Linear Alkyl Benzene [LAB]?**

**Facts of the case:** Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) manufacturers have stated that they receive superior Kerosene oil (SKO) from, a refinery, say, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). They extract n- Paraffin from SKO and return back the remaining of SKO to the refinery. In this context, the issue has arisen as to whether in this transaction GST would be levied on SKO sent by IOC for extracting n-paraffin or only on the n-paraffin quantity extracted by the LAB manufactures. Further, doubt have also been raised as to whether the return of remaining Kerosene by LAB manufactures would separately attract GST in such transaction.


**2. Clarification on Inter-state movement of various modes of conveyance, carrying goods or passengers or for repairs and maintenance:**

It is hereby clarified that the inter-state movement of goods like movement of various modes of conveyance, between distinct persons as specified in section 25(4) of the CGST Act, may not be treated as supply and consequently IGST will not be payable on such supply.

However, applicable CGST/SGST/IGST, as the case may be, shall be leviable on repairs and maintenance done for such conveyance.



**3. Inter-State Movement of Goods do not constitute Supply:**

To clarify that inter-state movement of goods like rigs, tools, spares and goods on wheel like cranes, not being in the course of furtherance of supply of such goods, does not constitute a supply. This clarification gives major compliance relief to industry as there are frequent inter-state movement of such kind during providing services to customers or for the purposes of getting such goods repaired or refurbished or for any self-use. Service provided using such goods would in any case attract applicable tax.

**4. ITC Available on Inter-state supply of Aircraft engines, Parts & Accessories:**

It is being clarified that credit of GST paid on aircraft engines, parts & accessories will be available for discharging GST on inter-state supply of such aircraft engines, parts & accessories by way of inter-state stock transfers between distinct persons as specified in section 25 of the CGST Act.

**Clarification on certain issues related to GST**

The Central Government vide Circular No. 76/50/2018-GST, dated 31st December, 2018 clarified certain issues under the GST Law as under:—

Issue	Clarification
Whether the supply of used vehicles, seized and confiscated goods, old and used goods, waste and scrap by Government departments are taxable under GST?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intra-State and inter-State supply of used vehicles, seized and confiscated goods, old and used goods, waste and scrap made by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or a local authority is a taxable supply under GST.</li> <li>2. Notification No. 36/2017-CT(R) and Notification No. 37/2017-IGST (R) notified that such <b>supply to any registered person would be subject to GST on reverse charge basis.</b></li> <li>3. Such supply to <b>an unregistered person is also a taxable supply under GST</b> but</li> </ol>

	<p>is not covered under Notification No. 36/2017-CT (R) and Notification No. 37/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate).</p> <p>4. It is clarified that the respective Government departments shall be liable to get registered and pay GST on intra-State and inter-State supply of used vehicles, seized and confiscated goods, old and used goods, waste and scrap made by them to an unregistered person subject to the provisions of sections 22 and 24 of the CGST Act.</p>
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### Clarification related to treatment of sales promotion scheme under GST

The Central Government vide Circular No. 92/11/2019-GST, dated 07th March, 2019 clarified the following issues raised with respect to tax treatment of sales promotion schemes under GST:-

#### 1. Free samples and gifts

Since the consideration is an important element of the definition supply, therefore the samples which are supplied free of cost, without any consideration, do not qualify as "supply" under GST, except where the activity falls within the ambit of Schedule I of the said Act.

Further, clause (h) of sub-section (5) of section 17 of the said Act clarified that input tax credit shall not be available to the supplier on the inputs, input services and capital goods to the extent they are used in relation to the gifts or free samples. However, where the activity of distribution of gifts or free samples falls within the scope of "supply" as per Schedule I of the said Act, the supplier would be eligible to avail of the ITC.

#### 2. Buy one get one free offer

It may appear at first glance that in case of offers like "Buy One, Get One Free", one item is being "supplied free of cost" without any consideration. In fact, it is not an individual supply of free goods but a case of two or more individual supplies where a single price is being charged for the entire supply.

Taxability of such supply will be dependent upon as to whether the supply is a composite supply or a mixed supply and the rate of tax shall be determined as per section 8 of the said Act. And, ITC shall be available to the supplier in relation to such supply.

#### 3. Discounts including 'Buy more, save more' offers

Discounts offered by the suppliers to customers including staggered discount under „Buy more, save more scheme and post supply/volume discounts established before or at the time of supply) shall be excluded to determine the value of supply provided they satisfy the parameters laid down in sub-section (3) of section 15 of the said Act, including the reversal of ITC by the recipient of the supply as is attributable to the discount. Further, the supplier shall be entitled to avail the ITC for such inputs, input services and capital goods used in relation to the supply.

#### 4. Secondary Discounts

Value of supply shall not include any discount by way of issuance of credit note(s), except in cases where the provisions contained in clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 15 of the said Act are satisfied. There is no impact on availability or otherwise of ITC in the hands of supplier.



# Study Note - 6

## PLACE OF SUPPLY UNDER GST



### This Study Note includes

- 6.1 Need for Determination of Place of Supply
- 6.2 Place of Supply in Case of Goods
- 6.3 Place of Supply in Case of Services
- 6.4 Place of Supply in case of Online Information Database Access and Retrieval (OIDAR) Services

### 6.1 NEED FOR DETERMINATION OF PLACE OF SUPPLY

GST is destination based tax i.e., consumption tax, which means tax will be levied where goods and services are consumed and will accrue to that state. So, the state where they are consumed will have the right to collect GST.

This, in turn, makes the concept of place of supply crucial under GST as all the provisions of GST revolves around it. The reasons why an accurate determination of place of Supply is important for business are listed below :

- Wrong classification of supply between interstate or intra-state and vice-versa may lead to hardship to the taxpayer as per section 19 of IGST Act and section 70 of CGST Act.
- Where wrong taxes have been paid on the basis of the wrong classification, refund will have to be claimed by the taxpayer
- The taxpayer will have to pay the correct tax along with interest for delay on the basis of revised/ correct classification
- Also, correct determination of place of supply will help us in knowing the incidence of tax. As if place of supply is determined as a place outside India, then tax will not have to be paid on that transaction

#### Place of Supply in GST:

While determining the levy of taxes based on Place of Supply, two things are considered namely:

1. **Location of Supplier:** It is the registered place of business of the supplier.
2. **Place of Supply:** It is the registered place of business of the recipient

#### Example : 1

X Ltd., is a supplier of craft products, having the registered office in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It supplies goods to schools in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Here since the supplier as well as the recipient is located in the same State i.e Tamil Nadu, it will be counted as 'Intra-State Supply of Goods' and hence SGST & CGST will be levied.

#### Example : 2

X Ltd., located in Mumbai, Maharashtra receives order from M/s Y Ltd. located in Ahmedabad, Gujarat for supply of one machine.

Find the place of supply and applicable GST?





**Answer:**

**1. Location of Supplier: Mumbai (Maharashtra).**

**2. Place of Supply: Ahmedabad (Gujarat)**

**Since, the movement of goods terminate at Ahmedabad.**

**Applicable GST = IGST**

## 6.2 PLACE OF SUPPLY IN CASE OF GOODS

### Place of supply of Goods:

Place of supply of goods under GST defines whether the transaction will be counted as intra-state or inter-state, and accordingly levy of SGST, CGST & IGST will be determined. Following topics under it are as follows:

1. Movement of Goods
2. No movement of Goods
3. Goods are assembled or installed at Site
4. Goods supplied on a vessel/ conveyance
5. Place of Supply of goods cannot be determined
6. Imports and exports

### Definition:

Section	Term	Provision
<b>Sec. 2(4) of IGST</b>	Customs frontiers of India means	the limits of a customs area as defined in section 2 of the Customs Act, 1962
<b>Sec. 2(5) of IGST</b>	Export of goods means	taking goods out of India to a place outside India
<b>Sec. 2(6) of IGST</b>	Export of services means	the supply of any service when,—  (i) the supplier of service is located in India; (ii) the recipient of service is located outside India; (iii) the place of supply of service is outside India; (iv) the payment for such service has been received by the supplier of service in convertible foreign exchange or in Indian rupees wherever permitted by Reserve Bank of India (w.e.f. 1-2-2019); and (v) the supplier of service and the recipient of service are not merely establishments of a distinct person in accordance with Explanation 1 in section 8;
<b>Sec. 2(10) of IGST</b>	Import of goods means	bringing goods into India from a place outside India
<b>Sec. 2(11) of IGST</b>	Import of services means	the supply of any service, where—  (i) the supplier of service is located outside India; (ii) the recipient of service is located in India; and (iii) the place of supply of service is in India;

Section	Term	Provision
<b>Sec. 2(16) of IGST</b>	Non-taxable online recipient means	any Government, local authority, governmental authority, an individual or any other person not registered and receiving online information and database access or retrieval (OIDAR) services in relation to any purpose other than commerce, industry or any other business or profession, located in taxable territory.

**Section 7 of IGST Act, 2107: Inter-State Supply:**

Supply of goods	Supply of service
<b>Section 7(1):</b> Subject to the provisions of section 10, supply of goods, where the location of the supplier and the place of supply are in— (a) two different States; (b) two different Union territories; or (c) a State and a Union territory, shall be treated as a supply of goods in the course of inter-State trade or commerce.	<b>Section 7(3):</b> Subject to the provisions of section 12, supply of services, where the location of the supplier and the place of supply are in— (a) two different States; (b) two different Union territories; or (c) a State and a Union territory, shall be treated as a supply of services in the course of inter-State trade or commerce.
<b>Section 7(2):</b> Supply of goods imported into the territory of India, till they cross the customs frontiers of India, shall be treated to be a supply of goods in the course of inter-State trade or commerce.	<b>Section 7(4):</b> Supply of services imported into the territory of India shall be treated to be a supply of services in the course of inter-State trade or commerce.
<b>Section 7(5):</b> Supply of goods or services or both,— (a) when the supplier is located in India and the place of supply is outside India; (b) to or by a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit; or (c) in the taxable territory, not being an intra-State supply and not covered elsewhere in this section, shall be treated to be a supply of goods or services or both in the course of inter-State trade or commerce.	

**Section 8 of IGST Act, 2107: Inter-State Supply:**

Supply of goods	Supply of service
<b>Section 8(1):</b> Subject to the provisions of section 10, supply of goods where the location of the supplier and the place of supply of goods are in the same State or same Union territory shall be treated as intra-State supply: Provided that the following supply of goods shall not be treated as intra-State supply, namely:— (i) supply of goods to or by a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit; (ii) goods imported into the territory of India till they cross the customs frontiers of India; or (iii) supplies made to a tourist referred to in section 15.	<b>Section 8(2):</b> Subject to the provisions of section 12, supply of services where the location of the supplier and the place of supply of services are in the same State or same Union territory shall be treated as intra-State supply: Provided that the intra-State supply of services shall not include supply of services to or by a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit.



**Explanation 1.** — For the purposes of this Act, where a person has, —

- (i) an establishment in India and any other establishment outside India;
- (ii) an establishment in a State or Union territory and any other establishment outside that State or Union territory; or
- (iii) an establishment in a State or Union territory and any other establishment being a business vertical registered within that State or Union territory,

then such establishments shall be treated as establishments of distinct persons.

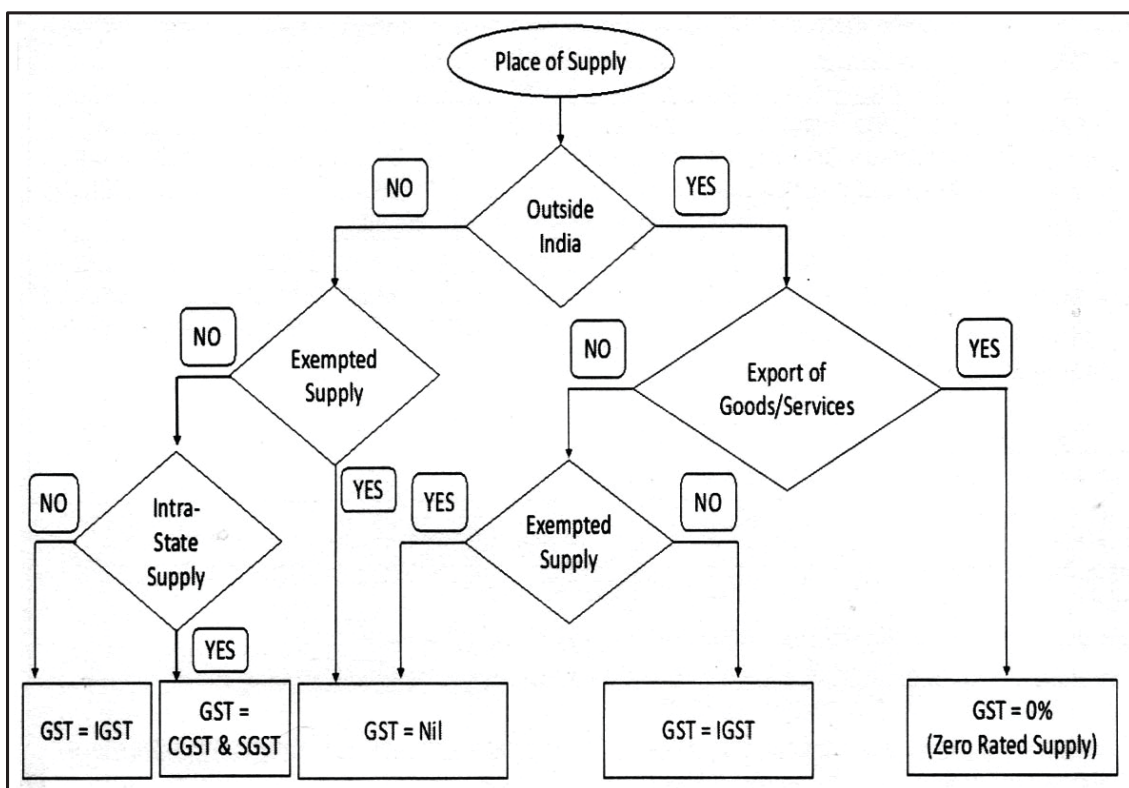
**Explanation 2.** —A person carrying on a business through a branch or an agency or a representational office in any territory shall be treated as having an establishment in that territory.

**Section 9 of IGST Act, 2107: Supplies in territorial waters.**

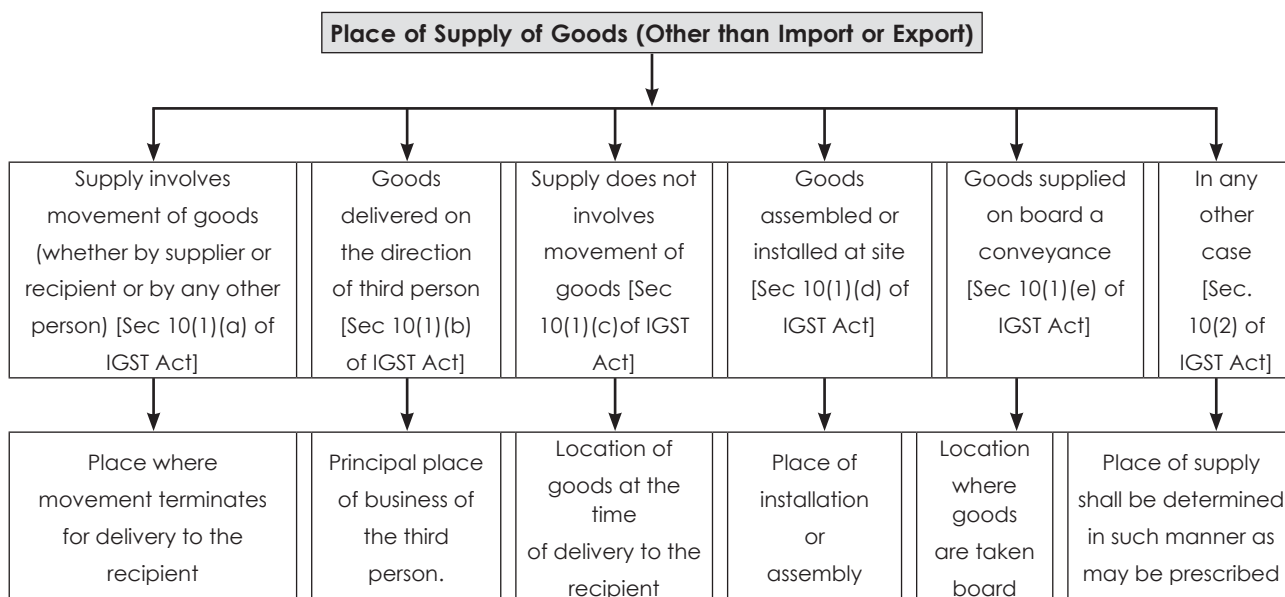
- (a) where the location of the supplier is in the territorial waters, the location of such supplier; or
- (b) where the place of supply is in the territorial waters, the place of supply,

shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be in the coastal State or Union territory where the nearest point of the appropriate baseline is located.

**Simplified approach:**



As per section 10 of the CGST Act, 2017 Place of Supply of goods other than supply of goods imported into, or exported from India, shall be as under:

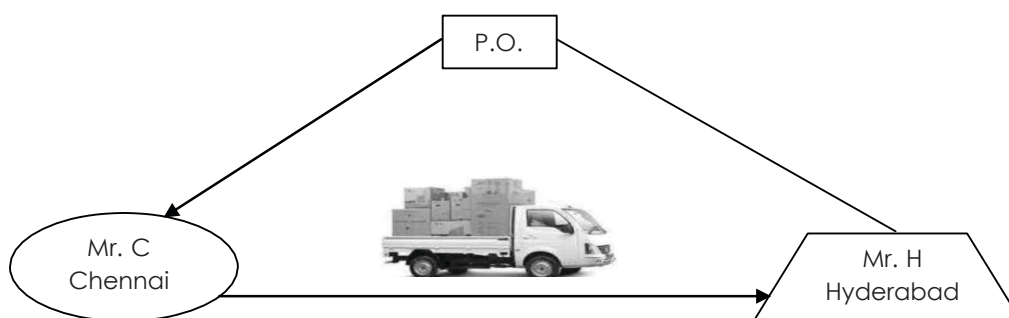


**1. Supply involves movement of goods [Section 10(1)(a) of the IGST Act, 2017]:**

Nature of supply	Place of supply of goods
Supply involves movement of goods whether by supplier or recipient or by any other person.	Location of the goods at the time at which the movement of goods terminates for delivery to the recipient.

**Example : 3**

Mr. C of Chennai received purchase order from Mr. H of Hyderabad for want of commercial goods. Now supply involves movement of goods by supplier from Chennai to Hyderabad in a truck by road.



**Place of supply of goods = Hyderabad.**

**IGST will be levied.**

**Declared outward supply of goods in Table 5 of GSTR - 1, supplier should indicate place of supply where location of supplier and recipient are different.**

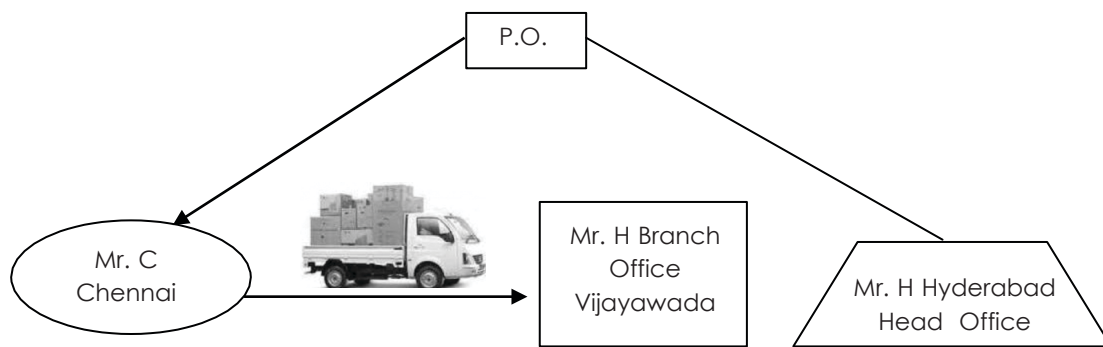
**The supplier delivers goods to a recipient or any other person on the direction of a third person by way of transfer of documents of title to the goods or otherwise [Section 10(1)(b) of the IGST Act 2017]:**

Nature of supply	Place of supply of goods
Goods are delivered by the supplier to a recipient or any other person on the direction of a third person, whether acting as an agent or otherwise, before or during movement of goods by way of transfer of documents of title to the goods or otherwise.	It shall be deemed that the said third person has received the goods and the Place of Supply of such goods shall be the principal place of business of such person.

**Example : 4**

Mr. C of Chennai received purchase order from Mr. H of Hyderabad for want of commercial goods. Now supply involves movement of goods by supplier from Chennai to Hyderabad by road in a truck.

Upon the direction of Mr. H of Hyderabad these goods are redirect to Branch office of Mr. H located in Vijayawada by way of transfer of documents of title to the goods (i.e. Lorry Receipt or LR copy).



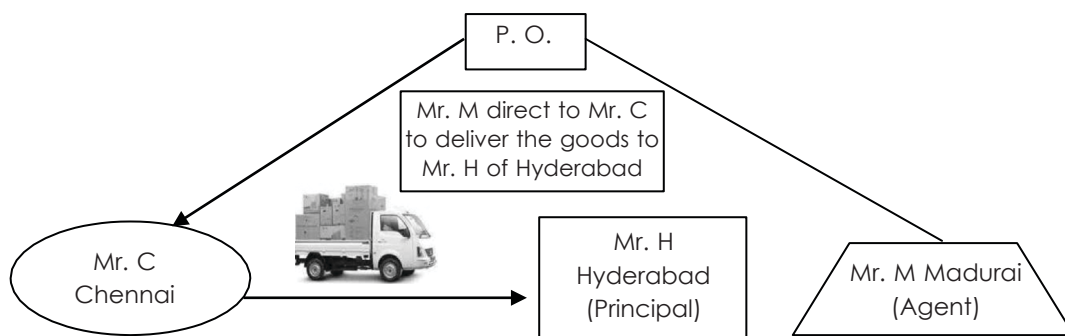
Place of supply goods = Hyderabad.

IGST will be levied.

It shall be deemed that the said third person has received the goods and the Place of Supply of such goods shall be the principal place of business of such person.

**Example : 5**

Supplier delivers goods to a Principal on the direction of an Agent.



Place of supply goods = Madurai.

CGST & SGST will be levied

It shall be deemed that the said third person has received the goods and the Place of Supply of such goods shall be the principal place of business of such person as per Sec 10(1)(b) of IGST Act, 2017, even if Mr. M acts as agent of Mr. H (namely Principal)

**2. Supply does not involve movement of goods [Section 10(1)(c) of the IGST Act, 2017]:**

Nature of supply	Place of supply of goods
Where the supply does not involve movement of goods, whether by the supplier or the recipient.	Location of such goods at the time of the delivery to the recipient (This place of supply is irrespective of the location of the buyer and seller)

**Example : 6**

A and B both located in Kerala. B comes to shop of A. A delivered goods to B. What is the place of supply of goods. Which levy will attract?

**Answer:**

Place of supply goods = Kerala.

CGST & SGST will be levied

Location of such goods at the time of the delivery to the recipient.

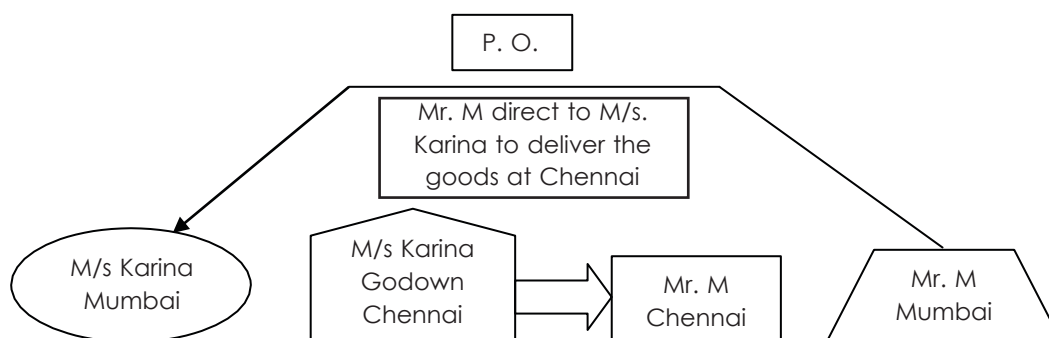
This is irrespective of the location of the buyer and seller.

**Example : 7**

M/s Karina Ltd. incorporated in Mumbai and own a godown in Chennai. Mr. M of Mumbai approached M/s Karina Ltd. of Mumbai for purchase of goods lying in godown at Chennai. Mr M further informs that he does not want delivery of goods in Mumbai. M/s Karina Ltd. issues invoice for sale of goods in Mumbai.

Find the place of supply of goods and levy of tax?

**Answer:**



Place of supply goods = Chennai

IGST will be levied

Location of such goods at the time of the delivery to the recipient where Supply does not involve movement of goods.

This place of supply is irrespective of the location of the buyer and seller.

**Example : 8**

M/s X Ltd has place of business in Chennai, being an NBFC given an asset under financial lease to M/s ABC Ltd. of Chennai. The said asset so far used by M/s ABC Ltd in their factory located at Hyderabad. At the end of lease period the said asset acquired by M/s ABC Ltd. at a nominal amount. Find the place of supply of goods and levy of GST.



**Answer:**

Place of supply of goods = Hyderabad.

IGST will be levied.

Since, there is no movement of goods from one place to another, provisions of Sec. 10(1)(c) of IGST applicable.

**3. Goods are assembled or installed at Site [Sec 10(1)(d) of IGST, 2017]:**

Nature of supply	Place of supply of goods
Where the goods are assembled or installed at site.	Place of such installation or assembly

**Example : 9**

Mr. D located in New Delhi, place order on Mr. Delhi of New Delhi for installation of Air-condition machine in his factory located in Chennai. Mr. D procures the Indoor and out-door units, set of plugs, electrical cables, distribution boards and other items from different States in India and arranges for delivery in Chennai. The said machine assembled by Mr. Delhi in Chennai. Find the Place of supply of goods and levy tax?

**Answer:**

Place of supply of goods = Chennai

Mr. Delhi is liable to pay IGST.

**4. Goods supplied on a vessel/conveyance [Section 10(1)(e) of IGST Act, 2017]:**

Nature of supply	Place of supply of goods
Where the goods are supplied on board a conveyance including a vessel, an aircraft, a train or a motor vehicle.	Location at which such goods are taken on board.

**Example : 10**

Chennai express train going from Chennai to Cochin, M/s X Ltd. located in Cochin has supplied the food which are given to passengers during night time. The food packets are loaded at Chennai Central Station, Chennai.

Find the place of supply of goods and levy of GST?

**Answer:**

Place of supply of goods = Chennai

M/s X Ltd. is liable to pay IGST.

**Example : 11**

Mr. C of Chennai supplied goods to M/s Spice Jet Airlines of Chennai flying between Delhi-Mumbai. The goods are loaded in the aircraft in Delhi. Find the place of supply of goods and levy of tax?

**Answer:**

Place of supply of goods = Delhi

Mr. C of Chennai is liable to pay IGST.

**5. Place of Supply of goods cannot be determined [Section 10(2) of the IGST Act, 2017]:**

Nature of supply	Place of supply of goods
Any thing not covered under sub-section (a) to (e) of Section 10(1) of the IGST Act, 2017	Determined in such manner as may be prescribed (i.e. as recommended by GST Council)

**6. Place of supply of goods imported into or exported from India [Sec. 11 of the IGST Act, 2017]:**

Nature of supply	Place of supply of goods
Import into India	Location of the importer
Export from India	Location of outside India

**Conclusion: IGST – Levy**
**IGST – Levy on supply of good:**

Supply of goods in the course of inter-State trade or commerce means any supply where:

- the location of the supplier  
and
- the place of supply are in different States

Deemed Inter State Supply:

- A supply of goods and/or services in the course of import
- An export of goods and/or services

**6.3 PLACE OF SUPPLY IN CASE OF SERVICES**
**The Place of Supply of Services where location of supplier and recipient is in India [Sec. 12 of IGST Act, 2017]:**

To know the Place of Supply for Services the following two concepts are very important (Section 12(1) of the IGST Act, 2017):

1. Location of the recipient of services.
2. Location of the supplier of services

**Location of the recipient of services:**

Sec 2(14) of IGST Act, the definition of location of recipient of service divided into 4 sub clauses:

Recipient of service	Location of the recipient of service
(a) Services received at place of business where registration is obtained.	Location of such place of business
(b) Services received at fixed establishment	Location of such fixed establishment
(c) Services received at more than one establishment	The location of establishment most directly concerned with the receipt of the supply
(d) Services received at other than above.	The location of the usual place of residence of the recipient.

**Location of the supplier of service:**

Sec 2(15) of IGST Act, the definition of location of supplier of service divided into 4 sub clauses:

Supplier of service	Location of the supplier of service
(a) Supply is made from a place of business where registration is obtained.	Location of such place of business
(b) Supply is made from a fixed establishment	Location of such fixed establishment





(c) Supply is made from more than one establishment	The location of establishment most directly concerned with the provision of the supply
(d) Services received at other than above.	The location of the usual place of residence of the supplier.

**Example : 12**

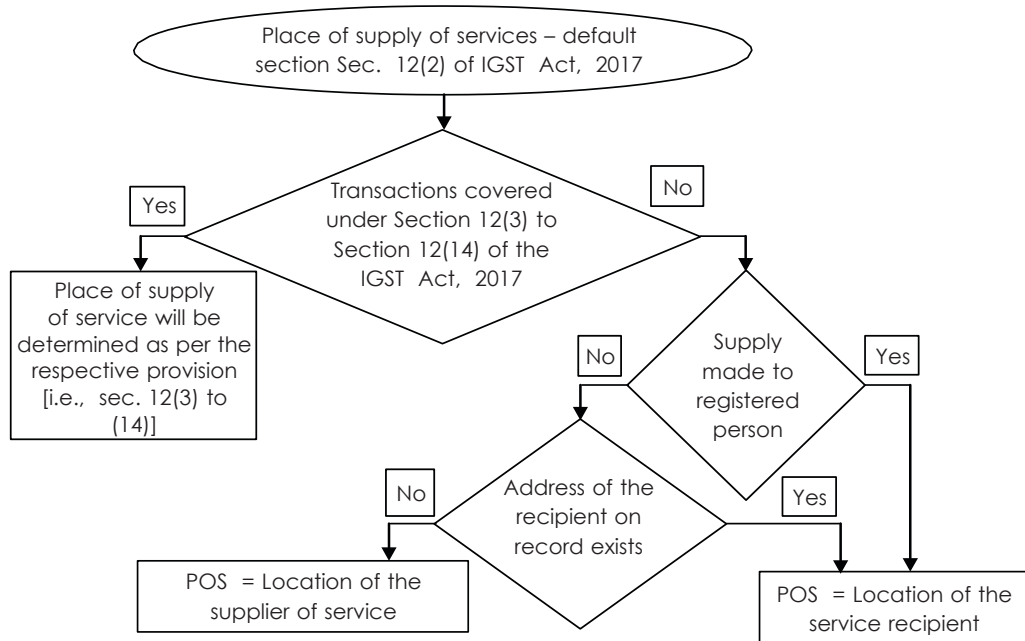
M/s X Ltd. has entered into agreement with M/s Y Ltd to maintain air conditioners. M/s. X Ltd has air conditioners located in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. M/s Y Ltd. has appointed sub-contractors for the purpose of providing the services of maintenance of air conditioners installed in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The maintenance and repair work undertaken by the sub-contractor, who is a supplier of service in the given case.

**Answer:**

Supplier of service is M/s Y Ltd., even though the services are actually provided by the sub-contractors on behalf of M/s Y Ltd.

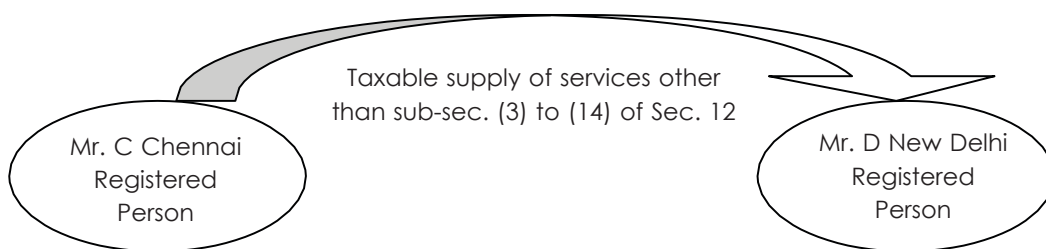
**Place of supply of services – Default Section.**

It means, Section 12(2) is applicable only when Section 12(3) to Section 12(14) is not applicable.



Here POS = Place of supply.

**Supply of service to a registered person [Sec. 12(2)(a) of IGST Act]:**

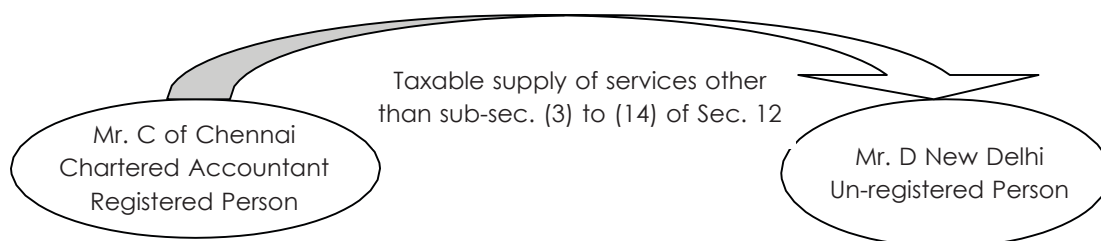


## Place of Supply under GST

Place of supply of service = Location of recipient of service (i.e., New Delhi).

Levy of Tax = IGST will be levied.

### Supply of service to a unregistered person [Sec. 12(2)(b)(i) of IGST Act] (where the address on records exists):

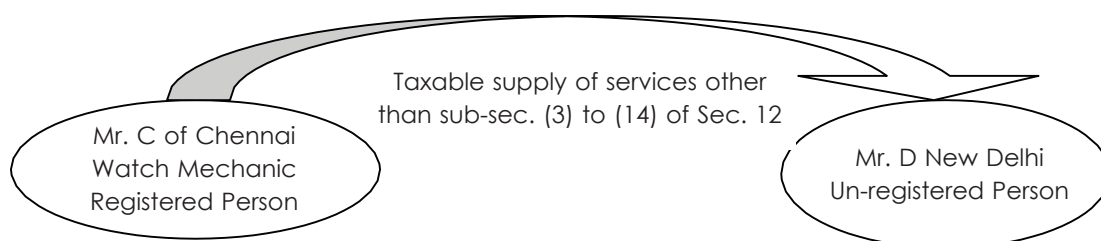


Place of supply of service = Location of the recipient where the address on records exists.

IGST will be levied.

Address on records means the address of the recipient as available in the records of the supplier.

### Supply of service to a unregistered person [Sec. 12(2)(b)(ii) of IGST Act] (where the address on records NOT exists):



Place of supply of service = Chennai

CGST & SGST will be levied.

### Place of supply of services directly in relation to an immovable property [Sec. 12(3)(a) of IGST Act, 2017]:

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Architects	Any services ancillary to these services Sec. 12(3)(d) Immovable property located or intended to be located India: • Location of Immovable property Outside India: • Location of the recipient.
2	Interior decorator	
3	Surveyors	
4	Engineers and other related experts or estate agents	
5	Any service provided by way of grant of rights to use immovable property	
6	for carrying out or co-ordination of construction work	

#### Example : 13

Mr. X located in Chennai engaged the services of Mr. Y an Architect in Chennai. Mr. X requests him to make design of residential complex to be constructed in Cochin, Kerala. Mr. Y provided drawing and design services in relation to immovable property located at Cochin.

Find the place of supply of service and levy of tax?



**Answer:**

Place of supply of service = location or intended to be locate the property (i.e. Cochin)

IGST is liable to pay by Mr. Y

**Place of supply of services by way of lodging accommodation by a [Sec. 12(3)(b) of IGST Act, 2017]:**

S. No.	Nature of service		Place of supply of service
1	Hotel	any services ancillary to these services Sec. 12(3)(d)	Property located or intended to be located in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of Immovable property or boat or vessel.</li> </ul> Outside India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of the recipient.</li> </ul>
2	Inn		
3	Guest house		
4	Home stay		
5	Club or campsite by whatever name called and including a house boat or any other vessel		

**Example : 14**

Mr. Rohit registered person in Jaipur. He went to Kolkata and stays in a Taj hotel at Kolkata. He also availed Beauty treatment services at hotel.

Find the place of supply of service and tax liability in the hands of Taj hotel.

**Answer:**

Place of supply of service = Kolkata place of supply of service is same for accommodation service by hotel as well as Beauty treatment as it is an ancillary service to the accommodation.

**Place of supply of services by way of accommodation in any immovable property for organizing [Sec. 12(3)(c) of IGST Act, 2017]:**

S. No.	Nature of service		Place of supply of service
1	Any marriage or reception or matters related thereto,	any services ancillary to these services Sec. 12(3)(d)	Property located or intended to be located in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of immovable property.</li> </ul> Outside India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of the recipient.</li> </ul>
2	Official, social, cultural, religious or business function including services provided in relation to such function at such property		

**Explanation to Sec 12(3)(a) to (d) of IGST Act:**

If the immovable property or boat or vessel is located in more than one State or Union Territory, the supply of service shall be treated as made in each of the respective States or Union Territories in proportion to value of services separately collected or determined in terms of the contract or agreement.

If there is no such contract or agreement, the value of service between two States or Union Territories shall be determined on reasonable basis as may be provided.

**Place of supply of services in relation to [Sec. 12(4) of IGST Act, 2017]:**

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Restaurant	Location where the services are actually performed.
2	Catering services	

3	Personal grooming	
4	Fitness services	
5	Beauty treatment services	
6	Health services including cosmetic and plastic surgery	

**As per 23rd GST Council Meet**

**GST Rate Changes w.e.f. 15th November 2017:**

- Restaurants within hotels (room tariff <7,500) @5% without ITC
- Restaurants within hotels (room tariff >7,500) still 18% with ITC
- Outdoor catering 18% with ITC

**Example : 15**

Mr. Navab a person staying at Dubai, trained for the purpose of grooming of horse in Chennai. Find the place of supply of service?

**Answer:**

Place of supply of service = Chennai

As the horses are groomed in Chennai.

**Example : 16**

M/s Cut Ltd., provider of hair cutting saloon services, located in Mumbai. Mr. M.S. Dhoni came from Jharkhand to Mumbai after appointment for haircut. The services are provided in Mumbai. Find the place of supply of service and tax liability in the hands of M/s Cut Ltd.

**Answer:**

Place of supply of service = Mumbai

M/s Cut Ltd is liable to pay CGST and SGST.

**Place of supply of services in relation to training and performance appraisal [Sec. 12(5) of IGST Act, 2017]:**

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Services in relation to training and performance appraisal.	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service</li> </ul> Provided to a un-registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location where the services are actually performed.</li> </ul>

**Example : 17**

Mr. A located at Kolkata provides training at Kolkata to employees of M/s Infosys Ltd, which is registered at Mumbai.

Find the place of supply of service and GST liability in the following two cases?

Case 1: Infosys is registered person under GST

Case 2: Infosys is not registered person under GST



**Answer:**

**Case 1:** If Infosys Ltd is a registered person

POS will be Mumbai.

Mr. A. is liable to pay IGST.

**Case 2:** If Infosys Ltd is not a registered than POS will be Kolkata.

Mr. A. liable to pay CGST and SGST.

**Example : 18**

Guidelines Academy registered person provides commercial training and coaching services to budding CMA's at Chennai. Many students (who are unregistered persons) from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnata and Kerala came and stay in Chennai for the purpose of undergoing training in the Guidelines Academy. Find the Place of supply of service?

**Answer:**

Place of supply of service = Chennai

As the training is performed in Chennai.

Guidelines Academy is liable to pay CGST and SGST.

**Example : 19**

X Ltd. being a registered person located in Hyderabad hires Mr. Y who is located in Chennai for appraisal performance of senior employees of their company. Mr. Y visits Hyderabad to evaluate the performance of the senior employees.

(a) Find the Place of supply of service?

(b) What would be the place of supply of service if some of the selected employees and relevant papers are sent to Chennai for evaluation where X Ltd. is un-registered person.

**Answer:**

(a) POS = Hyderabad (i.e. Location of recipient of Service, since, provided to a registered person) Mr. Y is liable to pay IGST.

(b) POS = Chennai (i.e. Location where the services are actually performed, since, provided to un-registered person)

Mr. Y is liable to pay CGST and SGST.

**Example : 20**

Mr. Remo (located in Mumbai) a best Choreographer, being a judge appraise the performance of the participants in Dance + additions. He gone to Bengaluru for appraise the performance of dance show competition of various participants.

Find the place of supply of service.

**Answer:**

POS = Bengaluru

(i.e. where the appraisal of performance has been made, since, recipients are un-registered persons)

**Place of supply of services provided by way of admission to a [Sec. 12(6) of IGST Act, 2017]:**

S. No.	Nature of service		Place of supply of service
1	Cultural	Services ancillary thereto	Where the event is actually held or where the park or such other place is located.
2	Artistic		
3	Sporting		
4	Scientific		
5	Educational		
6	Entertainment event or Amusement part or any other place.		

**Example : 21**

Board of Control for Cricket in India located at Mumbai, sold tickets on-line for IPL match, is going to conduct at Chepauk Stadium, Chennai. However, finally match conduct at Mumbai. Find the place of supply of service of admission to sporting event?

**Answer:**

**POS = Mumbai**

**BCCI is liable to pay CGST and SGST.**

**Place of supply of services provided by way of organization of a [Sec. 12(7) of IGST Act, 2017]:**

S. No.	Nature of service		Place of supply of service
1	Cultural	Services ancillary thereto or assigning of sponsorship to such events.	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service</li> </ul> Provided to an un-registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location where the event is actually held and</li> <li>• if the event is held outside India, the place of supply shall be the location of the recipient.</li> </ul>
2	Artistic		
3	Sporting		
4	Scientific		
5	Educational		
6	Entertainment event including supply of services in relation to a conference, fair, exhibition, celebration or similar events		

**Explanation to Sec 12(7)(a)&(b) of IGST Act:**

Where the event is held in more than one State or Union Territory and a consolidated amount is charged for supply of services relating to such event, the place of supply of services shall be taken as being in each of the respective States or Union Territories in proportion to the value for services separately collected or determined in terms of the contract or agreement entered into in this regard or, in the absence of such contract or agreement, on such other basis as may be prescribed.



**Example : 22**

Mr. X an event organiser, located in Chennai received an order from M/s Taxman publications, Mumbai to conduct a book fair at Chennai. Find the Place of supply of service and GST in the following two cases:

Case 1: Taxman publications is a registered person.

Case 2: Taxman publications is a un-registered person.

Answer:

Case 1: Mumbai (i.e. location of recipient of service)

Mr. X of Chennai is liable to pay IGST.

Case 2: Chennai (i.e. location where the event is actually held)

Mr. X of Chennai is liable to pay CGST & SGST.

**Example : 23**

Mr. Kapil Sharma a Jalandhar based comedian hosted a comedy show at Singapore on birth day occasion of Mumbai based actor Mr. Shah Rukh Khan's son AbRam.

Answer:

POS = Mumbai (i.e. location of service recipient).

GST = IGST is liable to pay by Mr. Kapil Sharma

**Example : 24**

Mr. D of Delhi being an event organizer hosted an exhibition at Mumbai to exhibit the products of exhibitor namely, Chennai Silks, Chennai, is a registered person.

Answer:

POS = Chennai (i.e. location of service recipient)

IGST is liable to pay by Mr. D of Dehli

**Example : 25**

Mr. C of Chennai being an event organizer hosted an exhibition at Dhaka to exhibit the products of exhibitor (namely Chennai Silks) located Chennai.

Answer:

POS = Chennai (i.e. location of service recipient)

GST = CGST and SGST is not liable to pay by Mr. C

Note: Services by an organiser to any person in respect of a business exhibition held outside India is exempted from GST (Entry No. 52).

**Example : 26**

M/s Kalyan Pvt. Ltd. is an event management company is located in Chennai. Mr. Raj located in Jaipur hires the services of M/s Kalyan Pvt. Ltd., for organizing marriage function of his son in Taj Coromandel, Chennai. Mr. Raj is not a registered person. Find the place of supply of service and GST liability?

Answer:

POS = Chennai

(i.e. where the event is actually held).

M/s Kalyan Pvt. Ltd. of Chennai is liable to pay CSGT & SGST.

**Example : 27**

The Times Group being an event organizer located at New Delhi organized Miss India 2017 beauty pageant in India in the following Cities for M/s Femina Miss India a registered person located in Mumbai:

City	No. of Days	Fee in ₹
New Delhi	12	12 crores
Chennai	18	18 crores
Mumbai	20	20 crores
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50 crores</b>

Find the place of supply of service if contract specifies clear details.

Find the place of supply of service if contract specifies lump sum amount of ₹ 48 crores.

**Answer:**

The place of supply of service if contract specifies clear details:

City	No. of Days	₹ in crore	Location of supplier of service	Place of supply of service = where the respective event is held.	GST
New Delhi	12	12	New Delhi	New Delhi	CGST & SGST
Chennai	18	18	New Delhi	Chennai	IGST
Mumbai	20	20	New Delhi	Mumbai	IGST
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>			

The place of supply of service if contract specifies lump sum amount:

City	No. of Days	₹ in crore	Location of supplier of service	Place of supply of service = where the respective event is held.	GST
New Delhi	12	11.52	New Delhi	New Delhi	CGST & SGST
Chennai	18	17.28	New Delhi	Chennai	IGST
Mumbai	20	19.20	New Delhi	Mumbai	IGST
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48.00</b>			

Place of supply of services by way of Transportation of goods including by mail or courier [Sec. 12(8) of IGST Act, 2017]:

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Services by way of Transportation of goods including by mail or courier	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service. Provided to a un-registered person:</li> <li>• Location at which such goods are handed over for their transportation.</li> </ul>

**Amendment:**

New proviso inserted in Sec. 12 (8) Integrated Goods and Service Amendment Act ,2018 which provides that if the transportation of goods is to a place outside India, the place of supply shall be the place of destination of such goods.

**Sec 2(52) of CGST Act, Goods means:**

Every kind of movable property other than money and securities but includes actionable claim, growing crops, grass and things attached to or forming part of the land which are agreed to be served before supply or under a contract of supply.





**Example : 28**

M/s Navatha a transporter registered under GST, located in Vijayawada. M/s C Ltd. of Chennai registered under GST, received services from M/s Navatha for transport of goods from its warehouse in Vijayawada to Guntur. M/s Navatha delivered goods at Guntur.

Find the place of supply of service and GST?

Whether your answer is different, if M/s C Ltd. of Chennai is not a registered person under GST?

**Answer:**

If the recipient is registered person:

POS = Chennai (i.e. location of recipient).

M/s Navatha of Vijayawada is liable to pay IGST.

If the recipient is not a registered person:

POS = Vijayawada (i.e. Location at which such goods are handed over for their transportation).

M/s Navatha of Vijayawada is liable to pay CGST & SGST.

**Example : 29**

M/s DHL courier registered under GST and located in Mumbai, provided transportation of documents like Cheques, promissory notes, pay orders (which cannot be considered as goods) belonging to Mr. C of Chennai, from Mumbai to Chennai.

Find the place of supply of services in the following independent cases:

- (a) Mr. C of Chennai is a registered person under GST.
- (b) Mr. C of Chennai is a un-registered person under GST, however his address is available in the books of M/s Navatha.
- (c) Mr. C of Chennai is a un-registered person under GST, however his address is not available in the books of M/s Navatha.

**Answer:**

Place of supply of services is as per Sec 12(2) but not under Sec 12(8) of IGST.

(a) POS = Chennai (i.e. location of recipient of service)

(b) POS = Chennai (i.e. location of recipient of service)

(c) POS = Mumbai (i.e. location of supplier of service)

**Note:** Cheques, promissory notes, pay orders cannot be considered as goods.

**Place of Supply of passenger transportation service to [Sec 12(9) of IGST Act]:**

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Passenger transportation service. Including: Rail, Mono Rail, Metro Rail, Road, Air, Vessel, boat, Cycle rickshaw, Bullock cart, Camel etc.	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service. Provided to a un-registered person:</li> <li>• Place where the passenger embarks on the continuous journey.</li> </ul>

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service [refer to Sec 12(2) of IGST]
2	Right to passage is given for future use and point of embarkation is not known at the time of issue of such right	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service. Provided to a un-registered person:</li> <li>• Location of recipient when address on record is available.</li> <li>• Location of supplier in other cases</li> </ul>

**Sec 2(3) of IGST Act, 2017 defines Continuous journey:**

Means a journey for which a single or more than one ticket or invoice is issued at the same time, either by a single supplier of service or through an agent acting on behalf of more than one supplier of service, and which involves no stopover between any of the legs of the journey for which one or more separate tickets or invoices are issued.

**Explanation:** For the purpose of this clause, the term 'stopover' means a place where a passenger can disembark either to transfer to another conveyance or break his journey for a certain period in order to resume it at a later point of time.

**Example : 30**

Mr. Ram working in Infosys Company having office in Bengaluru is registered under GST. Mr. Ram purchased the ticket from Hyderabad for transportation passenger by Air from Hyderabad to Chennai. Mr. Ram discloses the name of the organization and its registration number and the place where the organization is registered. Supplier of service is located at Hyderabad.

Find the following

- Place of supply of service and GST liability?
- Whether your answer is different if Mr. Ram is not disclosed the name of the organization and its registration number?

Answer:

(a) POS = Bengaluru (i.e. location of recipient of service) GST = IGST is liable to pay by Air Travel Operator

(b) POS = Hyderabad (i.e. Place where the passenger embarks on the continuous journey)

GST = CGST & SGST is liable to pay by Air Travel Operator

**Example : 31**

Jet Air registered under GST and located in Mumbai operates flight from Delhi-Dubai-London-Dubai-Delhi. Mr. TYN who is unregistered person, purchase air ticket for Delhi-London. Two tickets are issued to him showing Delhi- Dubai with a halt at Dubai for 5 hours and Dubai-London.

Find the Place of supply of service and GST liability?

Answer:

POS = Delhi (i.e. place of embark)

GST = Jet Air is liable to pay IGST for the entire value of air fair.

Note: since, it is continuous journey, place of embarking of passenger who is unregistered person is relevant.

**Example : 32**

Jet Airways registered under GST and located in Mumbai operates flight from Mumbai-Delhi-Mumbai. Mr. TYN who is unregistered person, purchase air ticket for Mumbai-Delhi-Mumbai. Only one ticket is issued to him showing both the route.



**Find the Place of supply of service and GST liability?**

**Answer:**

**POS = Mumbai (i.e. Mumbai-Delhi, place of embark is relevant)**

**GST = Jet Airways is liable to pay CGST & SGST.**

**POS = Delhi (i.e. Delhi-Mumbai, place of embark is relevant) GST = Jet Airways is liable to pay IGST.**

**Note:**

- (i) As per explanation, Mumbai-Delhi and Delhi-Mumbai journey will be considered two separate journeys.
- (ii) If there is stopover during the journey, the journey will not be considered as continuous journey.

**Place of Supply of service on board a conveyance [Sec 12(10) of IGST Act]:**

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Vessel	Location of the first scheduled point of departure of that conveyance for the journey.
2	Air craft	
3	Train	
4	Motor vehicle	

**Example : 33**

**A movie on demand is provided as onboard entertainment during the Delhi-Chennai leg of a Dubai-Delhi-Chennai flight.**

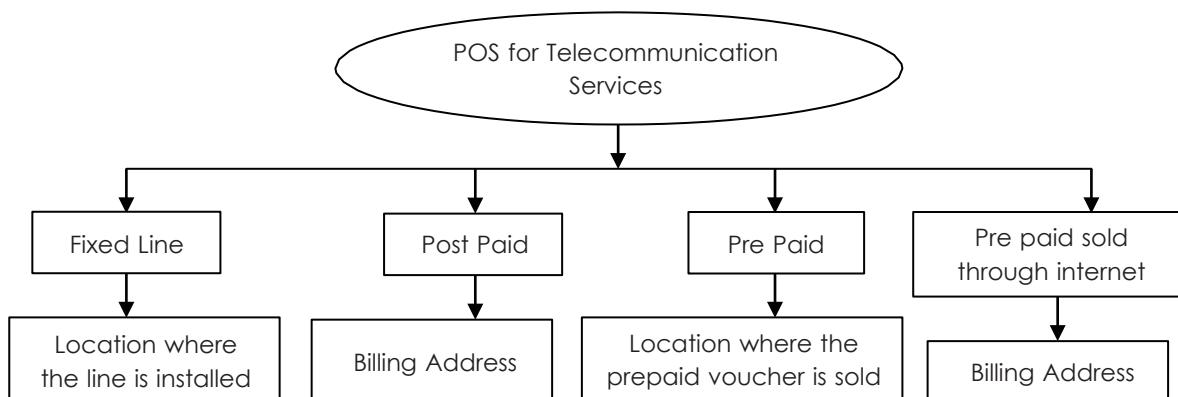
**Find the place of supply of service?**

**Answer:**

**POS = Dubai (outside the taxable territory, hence not liable to GST).**

**Place of supply of telecommunication services [Sec 12(11) of IGST Act]:**

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• data transfer, broadcasting,</li> <li>• cable and</li> <li>• direct to home television services.</li> </ul>	



Where the address of the recipient as per the records of the supplier of services is not available, the place of supply shall be location of the supplier of service.

**Example : 34**

**M/s Air Call registered under GST and located in Chennai. M/s Air Call have appointed Mr. C as a selling agent for supplying pre-payment voucher to the subscriber. Find the Place of supply of service and GST liability?**

**Answer:**

**POS = Chennai (i.e. Address of the selling agent on the record of M/s Air Call).**

**GST = CGST & SGST is liable to pay by M/s Air Call.**

**Place of Supply of banking and NBFC service including Stock broking services [Sec 12(12) of IGST Act]:**

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Banking and NBFC service including Stock broking services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location of recipient of Service on the records of the supplier of service.</li> </ul> Otherwise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location of supplier of service.</li> </ul>

**Example : 35**

**Mr. Harsha being a registered stock broker at BSE, located in Mumbai. He has clients in Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru. He purchase and sells shares of clients located in Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru. Find the place of supply of service and GST liability?**

**Answer:**

**POS = Chennai, Kolkata & Bengaluru.**

**GST = IGST is liable to pay by Mr. Harsha.**

**Example : 36**

**M/s X Ltd. has factory in Cochin, Chennai, Vijayawada and Hyderabad and office in Bengaluru. M/s X Ltd obtains insurance for the assets located in Cochin, Chennai, Vijayawada, Hyderabad and Bengaluru from insurance company located at Delhi. Premium receipt issued by the insurance company to the Bengaluru office.**

**Find the place of supply of service and GST liability?**

**Answer:**

**POS = Bengaluru**

**GST = IGST is liable to pay by the insurance company.**

**Place of supply of insurance services [Sec 12(13) of IGST Act]:**

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Insurance services	To a registered person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location of recipient of Service.</li> </ul> To a person other than registered person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location of the recipient of services on the records of the supplier of service.</li> </ul>



**Place of supply of advertisement services to specified persons [Sec 12(14) of IGST Act, 2017]**

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Advertisement services to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Government</li> <li>• State Government</li> <li>• Statutory Body</li> <li>• Local Authority</li> </ul>	Located in each of such states and the value of such supplies specific to each state shall be in proportion to amount attributable to service provided by way of dissemination in the respective states.

**Example : 37**

The Government has hired 200 hoardings in Lakshadweep and 175 hoardings in Chennai for providing advertisement of Gas subsidy and contract contains the consideration for these hoardings separately. Hoarding services supplied by M/s X Ltd. located in Hyderabad.

Find the place of supply of service and GST

**Answer:**

POS = Lakshadweep & Chennai

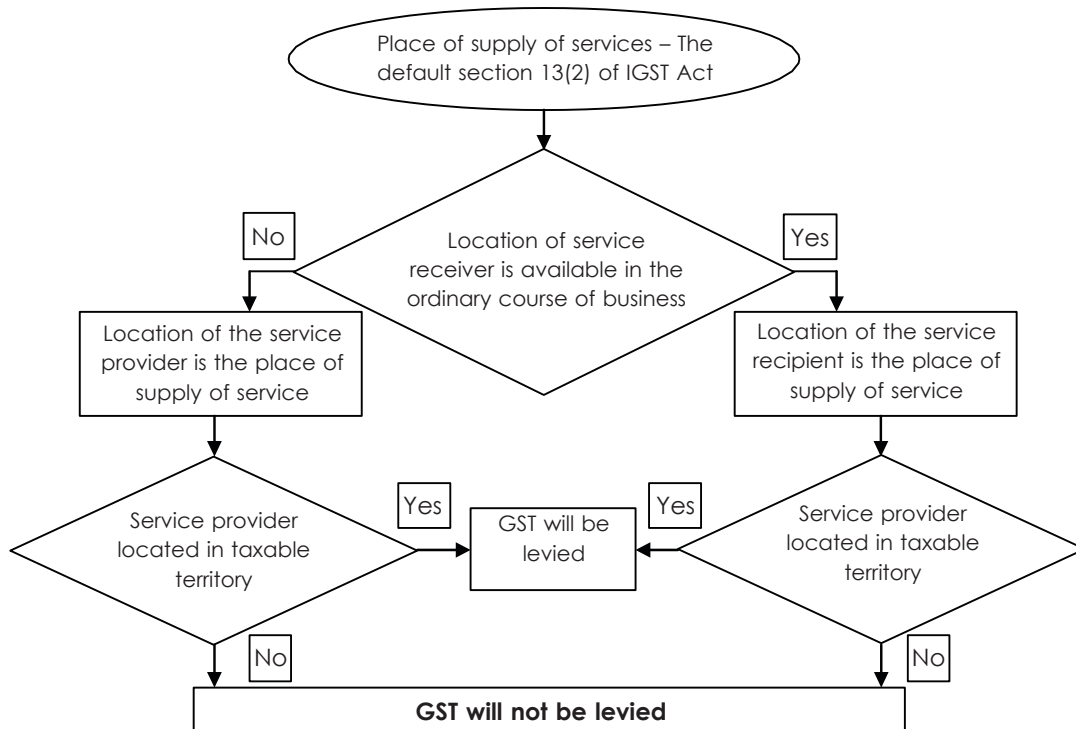
GST = IGST is liable to pay by M/s X Ltd.

**Place of supply of service where location of Supplier of Service or Location of Recipient of Service is outside India [Sec. 13 (1) of the IGST Act, 2017]**

Services are grouped into

- Default Section 13(2): It is applicable only when sub-sec (3) to (13) of Sec 13 are not applicable.
- Specific Section 13(3) to 13(13)

**Default Section 13(2):**



**Clarification regarding determination of place of supply in case of software/design services related to Electronics Semi-conductor and Design Manufacturing (ESDM) industry (CBIC Circular No. 118/37/2019-GST, dated 11th October, 2019.)**

In contracts where service provider is involved in a composite supply of software development and design for integrated circuits electronically, testing of software on sample prototype hardware is often an ancillary supply, whereas, chip design/software development is the principal supply of the service provider. The service provider is not involved in software testing alone as a separate service. The testing of software/design is aimed at improving the quality of software/design and is an ancillary activity. The entire activity needs to be viewed as one supply and accordingly treated for the purposes of taxation. Artificial vivisection of the contract of a composite supply is not provided in law. These cases are fact based and each case should be examined for the nature of supply contracted.

Therefore, it is clarified that the place of supply of software/design by supplier located in taxable territory to service recipient located in non-taxable territory by using sample prototype hardware/test kits in a composite supply, where such testing is an ancillary supply, is the location of the service recipient as per Section 13(2) of the IGST Act. Provisions of Section 13(3)(a) of IGST Act do not apply separately for determining the place of supply for ancillary supply in such cases.

**Clarification in respect of determination of place of supply in following cases: -**

**Vide CBIC Circular No. 103/22/2019 GST dated 28.06.2019**



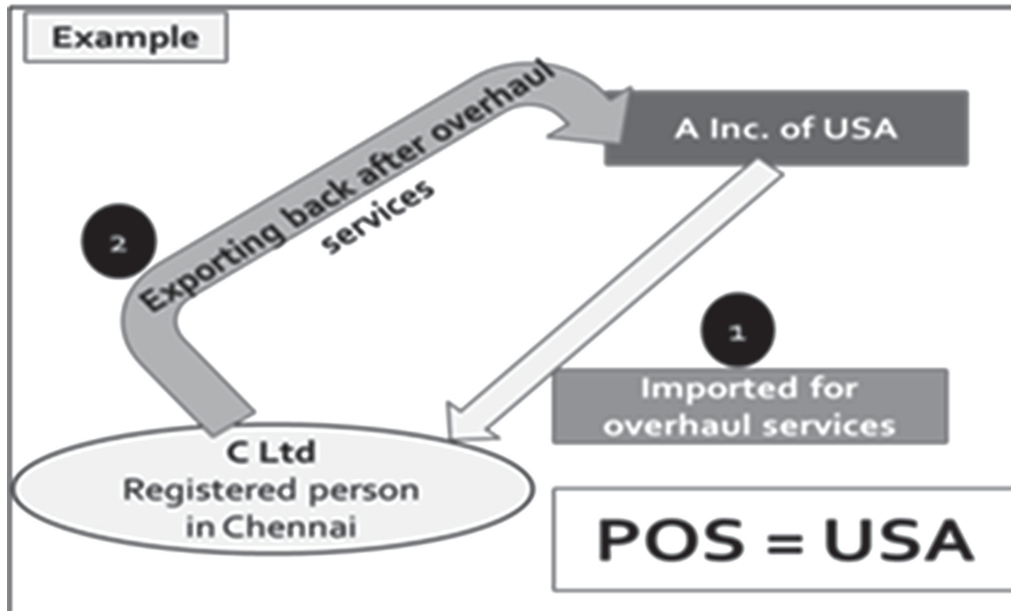
Various services are being provided by the port authorities to its clients in relation to cargo handling:

Place of supply: As per Section 12(2) or Section 13(2) of IGST Act, 2017.

Notification No. 2/2020 IT dated 26.03.2020

W.E.F 01.04.2020, B2B maintenance, repair and overhaul services have been notified as the services for which the place of supply shall be the place of effective use and enjoyment of a service as given under:

Description of services or circumstances	Place of supply
Supply of maintenance, repair or overhaul service in respect of aircrafts, aircraft engines and other aircraft components or parts supplied to a person for use in the course or furtherance of business	The place of supply of services shall be the location of the recipient of service



**Notification No. 3/2021 IT dt. 02.06.2021:**

The place of supply in respect of B2B supply of maintenance, repair or overhaul service (hereinafter referred to as MRO service) in respect of ships and other vessels, their engines and other components or parts supplied to a person for use in the course or furtherance of business shall be the location of the recipient of service.

**For an example:** ZEENA and Co., being an Indian shipping company has received MRO service in respect of a ship/vessel from a foreign supplier namely M/s M Inc. of Mexico. Place of supply of such service is in India (i.e., location of recipient being in India) and said service would qualify as an 'import of service'. Thereby, GST is payable under Reverse Charge on these services.

**Place of supply services on Goods [Sec. 13(3)(a) of IGST Act]:**

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	"in respect of goods that are made physically available, by the receiver to the service provider in order to provide the service"	location where the services are actually performed.
2	services provided by way of electronic means in relation to tangible goods,	the actual location of goods.

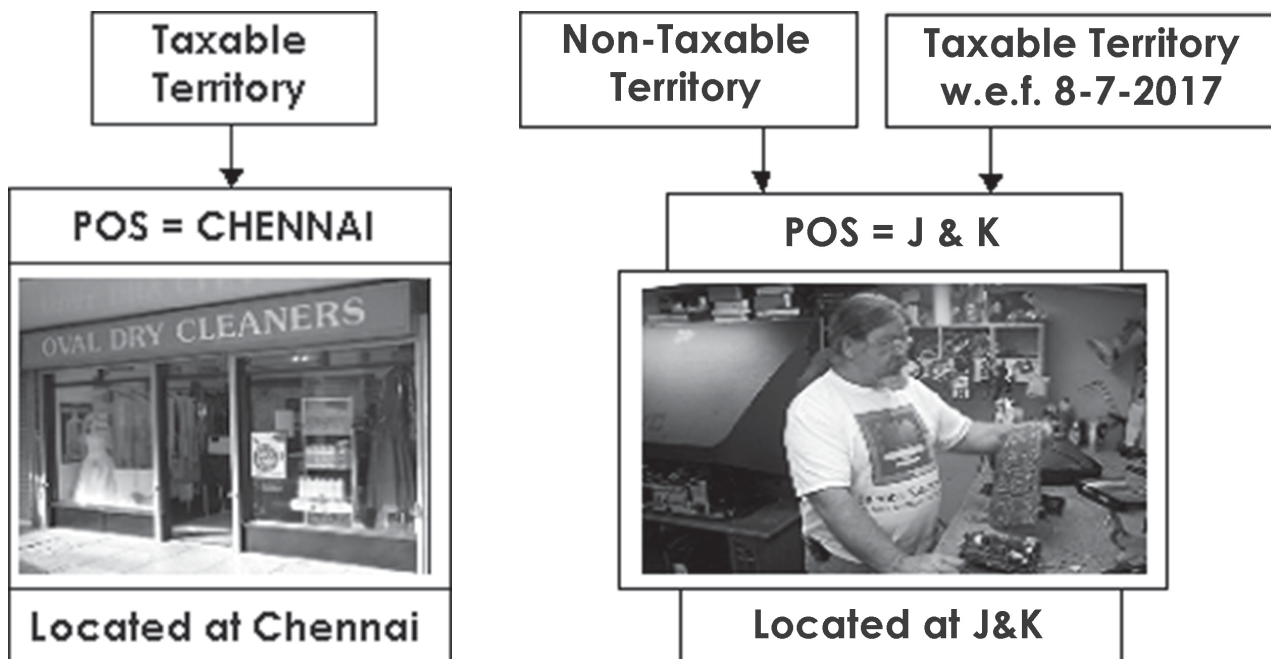
**Sec 13(3)(a) of IGST Act, 2017 is not applicable:**

If the following two conditions are satisfied then Sec 13(2) of IGST Act, 2017 is applicable:

- i. If goods are to be temporarily imported into India for repairs only as against repairs and are exported after repairs
- ii. without being put to any other use in India, than that which is required for such repairs.

**Amendment:**

Amendment vide THE INTEGRATED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018 of Sec 13 (3)(a) of IGST Act, 2017 which shall be applicable in case of any treatment or process (which may not come within the four corners of the definition of job work) done on goods temporarily imported into India and then exported without putting them to any other use in India. Hence in the instant case the place of Supply is to be Outside India.



Spice Jet company in India gets its aircraft repaired at Chennai Airport, by engineers deputed by Airbus, France an overseas firm who travel from France to Chennai for the purpose.

- The place of supply of this service is in the taxable territory (i.e., Chennai).
- This service is taxable in the hands of Spice Jet (i.e., Reverse charge)





**Example : 38**

ABC Fabricators has its factory located in Gujarat. It has temporarily imported certain goods from its customer located in China and re-exported them to China after carrying out the necessary repairs without putting them to any use in Gujarat.

Examine what would be the place of provision of service in the given case with reference to the Place of Provision of Service Rules, 2012.

Will your answer be different if the repaired goods are re-exported after being put to use in Gujarat for some time?

**Answer:**

In the given case, since goods have been temporarily imported by ABC Fabricators and have been re-exported after the repairs without being put to any use in Gujarat (taxable territory), place of provision of repair services carried out by ABC Fabricators will be determined by Sec 13(2) of IGST Act, 2017. Consequently, the place of supply of service will be the location of service receiver, viz. China (non-taxable territory).

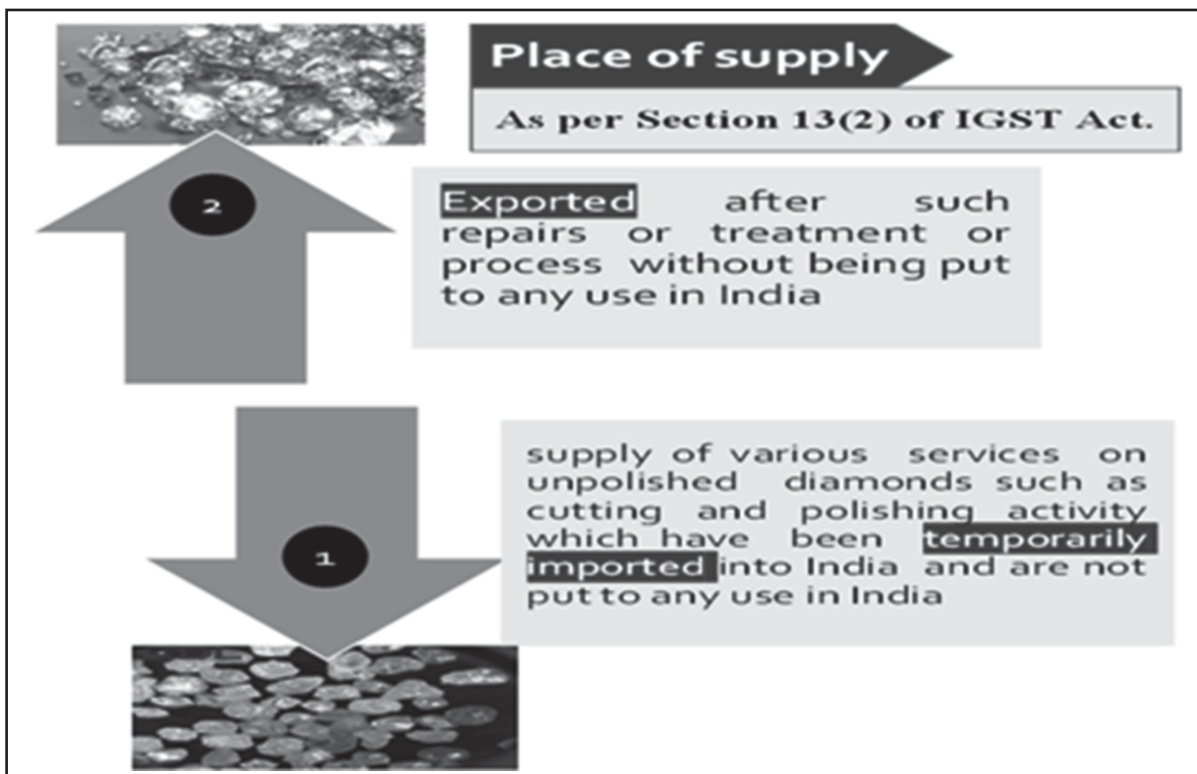
However, if repaired goods are re-exported after being put to use, the place of provision of service will be determined according to Sec 13(3)(a) of IGST Act, 2017, if the use to which such goods are put to is not required for such repair.

Therefore in such a case, the place of supply of service will be the location where the service is actually performed, which in the given case is Gujarat.

However, if the use is of such nature, which is necessary for carrying out the repairs, the place of supply of service will again be determined as per Sec 13(2) of IGST Act, 2017.

Clarification in respect of determination of place of supply in following cases: -

Vide CBIC Circular No. 103/22/2019 GST dated 28.06.2019



**Place of supply services on Goods [Sec. 13(3)(b) of IGST Act]:**

S. No.	Nature of service	Place of supply of service
1	Services supplied to an Individual, represented either as the service receiver or a person acting on behalf of the receiver, which require physical presence of the recipient or the person acting on his behalf, with the supplier for the supply of services.	location where the services are actually performed.

**Example : 39**

**Famous actress Aishwarya Rai went to London, and avail cosmetic or plastic surgery services for her nose. Find the place of supply or service. GST is liable to pay?**

**Answer:**

**POS = London (Non-taxable territory)**

**GST is not liable to pay.**

**Place of supply of services supplied directly in relation to an immovable property [Sec 13(4) of IGST Act]**

Place of supply of services supplied directly in relation to an immovable property [Sec 13(4) of IGST]:

Nature of Service	Place of Supply of Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease or a right to use, occupation enjoyment or provision of hotel accommodation by a hotel, guest house, club</li> <li>• Construction service</li> <li>• Architects</li> <li>• Interior decorators</li> <li>• Renting of immovable property</li> <li>• Real estate agents,</li> <li>• Auctioneers, engineers and similar experts or professional people, relating to land, buildings or civil engineering works etc.</li> </ul>	Where immovable property is located or intended to be located

**Example : 40**

**Mrs. Neelam Goel, an Interior Designer based in Delhi provides her service to an Indian Hotel Chain (which has business establishment in Mumbai) for its newly acquired property in London. Find the place of supply of service and the person liable to pay GST if any?**

**Answer:**

**As per section 12(3)(a) of IGST Act, 2017, Location of service recipient is the place of supply of service.**

**PoS = Mumbai. Taxable territory. Hence, attract IGST in the hands of Mrs. Neelam Goel.**

**Place of supply of services supplied by way of admission to or organization of [Sec 13(5) of IGST Act]:**

Nature of Service	Place of Supply of Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural</li> <li>• Artistic</li> <li>• Sporting</li> <li>• Scientific</li> <li>• Educational</li> <li>• Entertainment event</li> <li>• Celebration</li> <li>• Conference</li> </ul>	Where event is actually held.



Nature of Service	Place of Supply of Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fair</li> <li>Exhibition</li> <li>Similar events and</li> <li>Services ancillary to such admission or organisation</li> </ul>	

**Example : 41**

Mr. Kapil Sharma a Jalandhar based comedian hosted a comedy show at Singapore with help of event organizer located in Dubai.  
 POS = Singapore.

**Example : 42**

Mr. Kapil Sharma a Jalandhar based comedian hosted a comedy show at Singapore on birth day occasion of Mumbai based actor Mr. Shah Rukh Khan's son AbRam an un-registered person. Find the GST liability if any?  
 POS = Mumbai (i.e., location of the recipient Sec. 12(7) of IGST Act, 2017)  
 GST = IGST is liable to pay by Mr. Kapil Sharma.

**Example : 43**

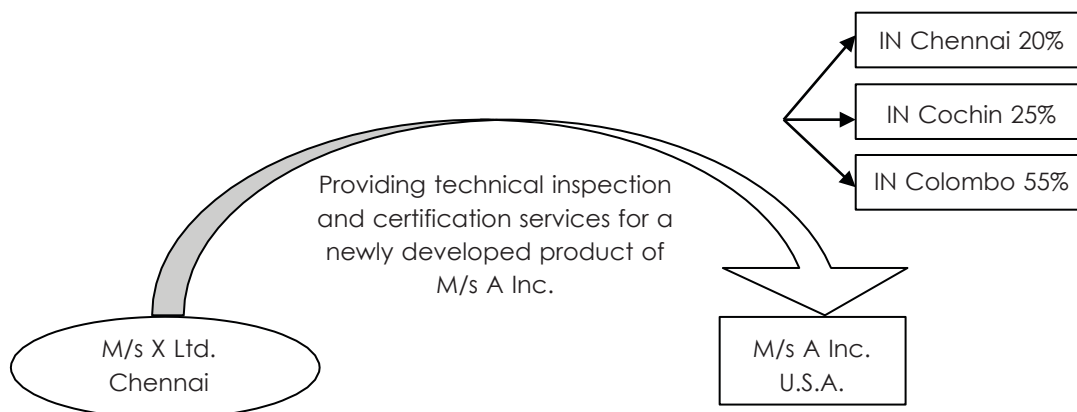
Mr. D of Delhi being an event organizer hosted an exhibition at Mumbai to exhibit the products of exhibitor (namely M/s S Silks Ltd. of Singapore).  
 PPS = Mumbai  
 GST = IGST is liable to pay by Mr. D of Delhi.

**Example : 44**

Mr. D of Dhaka being an event organizer hosted an exhibition in Mumbai to exhibit the products of exhibitor (namely M/s S Silks Ltd. of Shimla).  
 Answer:  
 PPS = Mumbai  
 GST = IGST is liable to pay by M/s S Silks Ltd. of Shimla (RCM)

**Services referred u/s 13(3) or (4) or (5) is supplied at more than one location [Sec. 13(6) of IGST Act]:**

Where any service stated in sub-sec 3, 4, or 5 of Sec 13 is provided at more than one location, including a location of taxable territory, its place of supply shall be the location in the taxable territory.



**Sec 13(3) or (4) or (5) Services performed in more than one State [Sec. 13(7) of IGST Act]:**

Sec 13(3) or (4) or (5) Services performed in more than one State or Union Territory, the Place of supply of such services shall be taken as deemed in each of the State or Union Territories in proportion to the value of services so provided.

The value of services is required to be determined in terms of the agreement or any reasonable means.

**Example : 45**

Mr. Harsha a event organiser located in Malaysia under taken to organize comedy shows of Mr. Bhrami of Hyderabad and Mr. Vadivelu of Chennai in India. The comedy shows are hosted in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry.

Gross value of contract is ₹ 60 crores.

State	No. of Days	Recipient of Service
Telangana	20	Mr Bhrami
Andhra Pradesh	15	Mr. Bhram
Tamil Nadu	14	Mr. Vadivelu
Pondicherry	01	Mr. Vadivelu
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	

Find the place of supply of services and value of service.

**Answer:**

Place of Supply of service	Value ₹ in crores	Who is liable to pay GST	GST
Telangana	24	Recipient of Service	IGST
Andhra Pradesh	18	Recipient of service	IGST
Tamil Nadu	16.80	Recipient of service	IGST
Pondicherry	1.20	Recipient of service	IGST
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>		

**Specified Services [Sec. 13(8) of IGST Act]**
**Place of Supply of Services = Location of the Service Provider**

Specified Services Includes:

- (a) Services provided by a banking company, or financial company, or a NBFC to account holders
- (b) Intermediary services
- (c) Services consisting of hiring of means of transport, other than, -
  - (i) aircrafts, and
  - (ii) vessels except yachts upto a period of one month

**Services provided by a banking company or financial company or a NBFC to account holders:**



**Example : 46**

Mr. S has a permanent residence at Chennai. He has a savings bank account with Chennai Mound Road Branch of State Bank of India. On Aug 1, 2015, Mr. S opened a safe deposit locker with the Chennai Mound Road Branch of State Bank of India. Mr. S went to Singapore for official work in Sep, 2015 and has been residing there since then. Mr. S contends that since he is a non-resident during the year 2017-18 in terms of the Income-tax Act, GST cannot be levied on the locker fee charged by State Bank of India for the year 2017-18.

Examine the correctness of the contention of Mr. S.

**Answer:**

POS = Chennai

GST = CGST and SGST is liable to pay by State Bank of India Chennai Mount Road Branch.

**Intermediary services**

Includes the following:

- Travel agent (any mode of travel)
- Tour operator
- Commission agent for a service (including an agent for buying or selling of goods)
- Recovery agent etc.,

Remittances from abroad, GST will be levied.

**Intermediary:**

As per Section 2(13) of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 intermediary means a broker, an agent or any other person, by whatever name called, who arranges or facilitates the supply of goods or services or both, or securities, between two or more persons, but does not include a person who supplies such goods or services or both securities on his own account.

**Example : 47**

**Freight Forward Services:**

**Freight Forwarder**

Also known as forwarding agent or Non-Vessel Operation common Carrier or NVOCC.

A person or company that organizes shipments for individuals, organizations or businesses to get goods from the manufacturer or producer to a final point of distribution.

S.No.	Service provider	Nature of Service	Place of supply of service	Remarks
1.	Freight forwarder acts as an agent of airline/carrier/ocean liner	Transportation of goods outside India	Intermediary service. Section 13(8)(c) of the IGST Act, 2017.	Location of service provider is the place of supply of service.
2.	Freight forwarders act as a principal. The invoice is raised by the freight forwarder on the exporter. He is bearing all the risks and liability for transportation.	Transportation of goods outside India	Transportation of goods Section 13(9) of the IGST Act, 2017.	Destination of the goods is the place of supply of service.

**Example : 48**

Write a brief note on the applicability of GST in the following cases.

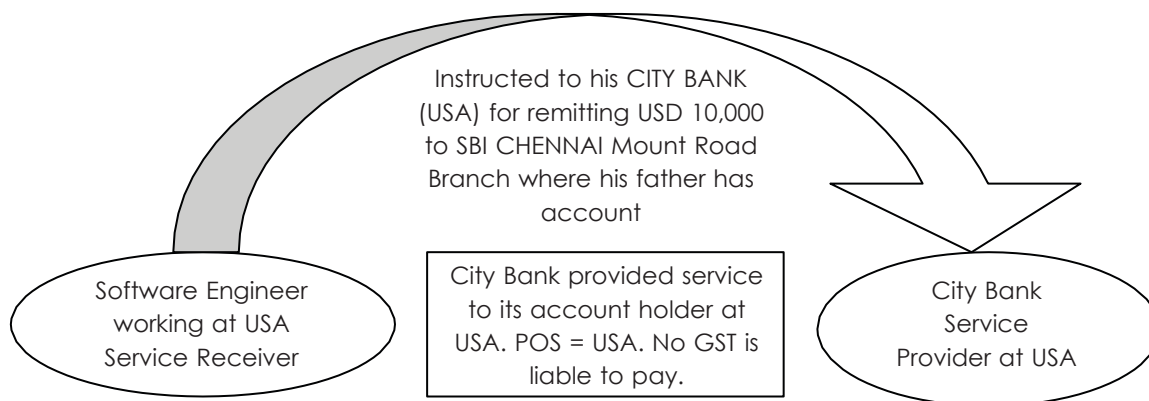
- (i) Whether the representation service provided by State Bank of India Chennai to a foreign MTSO (Money Transfer Service Operator) in relation to money transfer to a beneficiary in India falls in the category of intermediary service.
- (ii) Whether GST is leviable on the services provided as mentioned in (i) above by an intermediary / agent located in India (in taxable territory) to MTSO's located outside in India.

Answer:

- (i) Yes, the given service falls under intermediary service under section 13(8)(b) of the IGST Act, 2017.
- (ii) Place of supply of service is location of the supplier of service (i.e. taxable territory namely Chennai) and hence, GST is liable to pay by intermediary/agent.

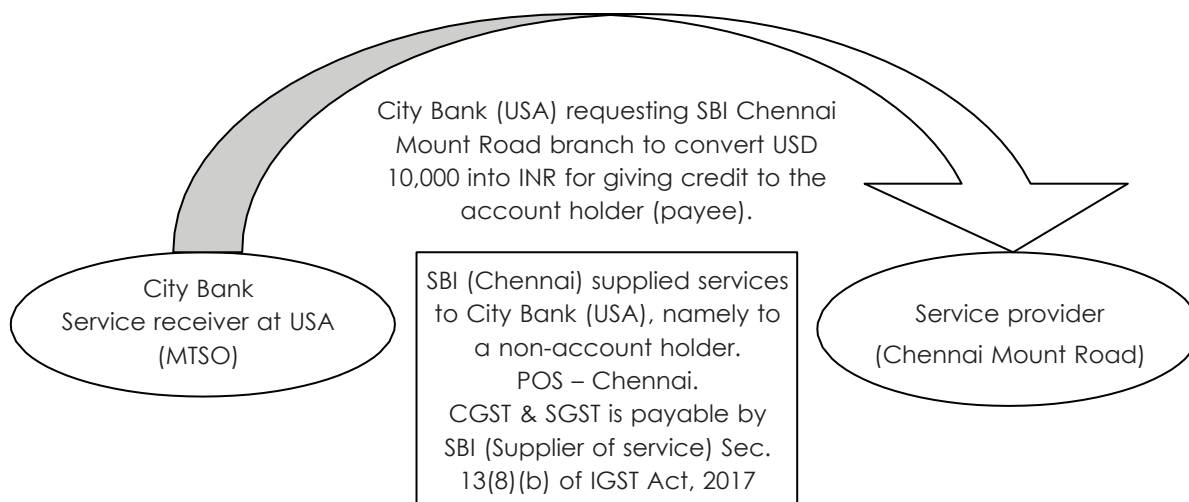
**Example : 48(a)**

MTSO (namely City Bank USA) provided services to account holder:



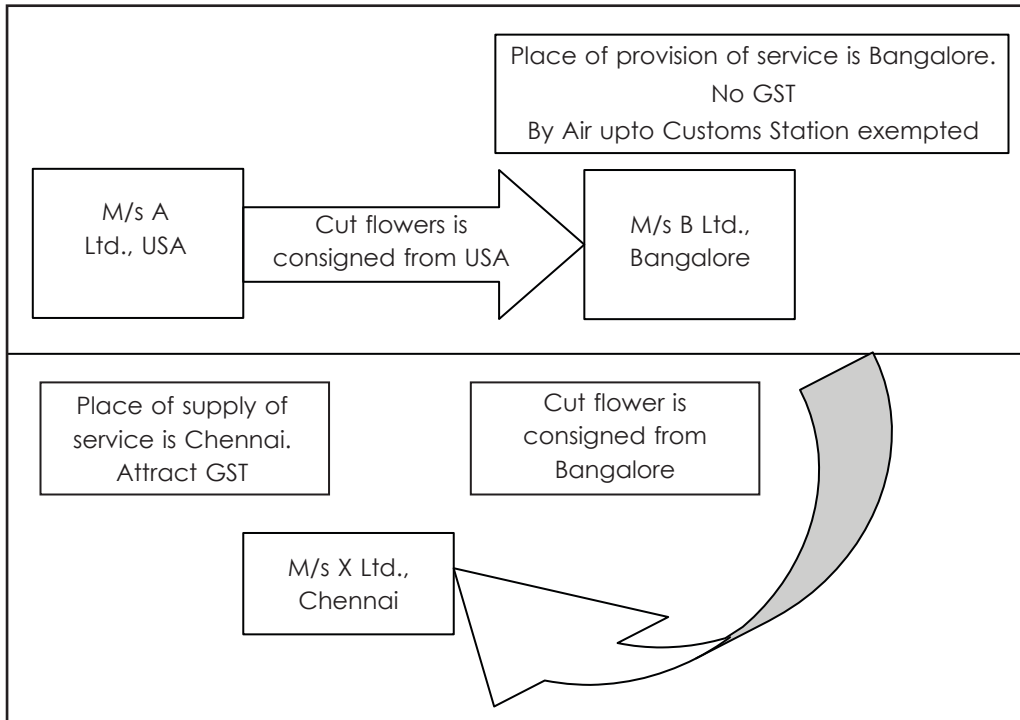
**Example : 48(b)**

State Bank of India Mount Road Branch Chennai provided services to MTSO (namely City Bank USA) by crediting beneficiary account in India by acting as intermediary:



**Place of provision of a service of transportation of goods other than by way of mail or courier [Sec. 13(9) of IGST Act]**

**Place of supply of Service = Destination of such Goods**



**In case of transshipment of goods:**

**Example : 49**

A vessel *Bhishma*, sailing from U.S.A to Australia via, India carries various types of capital goods namely 'A, B, C & D'. 'A & B' are destined to Mumbai Port. On account of submission of bill of transshipment product 'A' transhipped to Chennai port as ultimate destination in India and product 'B' transhipped to Srilanka.

Find the place of supply of service and person liable to pay GST.

**Answer:**

Place of supply of services is destination of goods and person liable to pay GST is the importer.

**In the given case**

Place of supply = Chennai (i.e. product 'A' ultimate destination in India)

Person liable to pay GST is importer on the ocean freight.

**Passenger Transportation Services [Sec 13(10) of IGST Act]:**

The place of supply of service = where the passenger embarks on the conveyance for a continuous journey.



Passengers Embarks from New Delhi.  
Place of supply is New Delhi. Hence, Taxable

**Services Provided on Board Conveyances [Sec. 13(11) of IGST Act]:**

Any service provided on board a conveyance (air craft, vessel, rail, or roadways bus) will be covered here.

POS = The first scheduled point of departure of that conveyance for the journey.

**6.4 PLACE OF SUPPLY IN CASE OF ONLINE INFORMATION DATABASE ACCESS AND RETRIEVAL (OIDAR) SERVICES**
**Online information and database access or retrieval services [Sec 13(12) of IGST Act]:**

POS = Location of the recipient of service

Recipient of service deemed to be located in the taxable territory, if any two of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) the location of address presented by the recipient of services through internet is in the taxable territory;
- (b) the credit card or debit card or store value card or charge card or smart card or any other card by which the recipient of services settles payment has been issued in the taxable territory;
- (c) the billing address of the recipient of services is in the taxable territory;
- (d) the internet protocol address of the device used by the recipient of services is in the taxable territory;
- (e) the bank of the recipient of services in which the account used for payment is maintained is in the taxable territory;
- (f) the country code of the subscriber identity module card used by the recipient of services is of taxable territory;
- (g) the location of the fixed land line through which the service is received by the recipient is in the taxable territory.

**OIDAR services includes:**

Online information and database access or retrieval [OIDAR] services means services whose delivery is mediated by information technology over the internet or an electronic network and the nature of which renders their supply essentially automated and involving minimal human intervention, and impossible to ensure in the absence of information technology and includes electronic services:

OIDAR Services includes	OIDAR Services excludes
(i) advertising on the internet;	(i) Supplies of goods, where the order and processing is done electronically
(ii) providing cloud services;	(ii) Supplies of physical books, newsletters, newspapers or journals
(iii) provision of e-books, movie, music, software and other intangibles via telecommunication networks or internet;	(iii) Services of lawyers and financial consultants who advise clients through email
(iv) providing data or information, retrievable or otherwise, to any person, in electronic form through a computer network;	(iv) Booking services or tickets to entertainment events, hotel accommodation or car hire
(v) online supplies of digital content (movies, television shows, music, etc.);	(v) Educational or professional courses, where the content is delivered by a teacher over the internet or an electronic network (in other words, using a remote link)





(vi) digital data storage; and	(vi) Offline physical repair services of computer equipment
(vii) online gaming.	(vii) Advertising services in newspapers, on posters and on television

**Examples of services whether or not OIDAR services:**

Nature of service	Whether Provision of service mediated by information technology over the internet or an electronic network	Whether it is Automated and impossible to ensure in absence information technology	OIDAR service
Pdf document manually emailed by provider. <b>Example : 50</b> <b>Guidelines Academy sent soft of work book solutions.</b>	Yes	No	No
Pdf document automatically emailed by provider's system <b>Example : 51</b> <b>Airtel receipt for post paid connections, acknowledgements for submission of documents through MCA website and so on.</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pdf document automatically downloaded from site <b>Example : 52</b> <b>downloading software like anti-virus software, software to block banner adverts showing and so on.</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stock photographs available for automatic download <b>Example : 53</b> <b>desktop themes, screen savers</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Online course consisting of pre-recorded videos and downloadable pdfs. <b>Example : 54</b> <b>on account of pressing buy button pre-recorded video classes automatically available on screen.</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Online course consisting of pre-recorded videos and downloadable pdfs plus support from a live tutor. <b>Example : 55</b> <b>recorded classes are available for those students who miss live classes.</b>	Yes	No	No
Individually commissioned content sent in digital form <b>Example : 56</b> <b>photographs, reports, medical results.</b>	Yes	No	No

**Summary:**

Type of service	Nature of service (Cross-border)	Taxable/Exempted	Liable to pay tax
B2C	OIDAR service	Taxable	Forward charge
B2C	Other than OIDAR service	Exempt	Exempted supply
B2B	OIDAR service	Taxable	Reverse charge
B2B	Other than OIDAR service	Taxable	Reverse charge

**Power to notify supply of a services or circumstances [Sec 13(13) of IGST Act]:**

In order to prevent double taxation or non-taxation of the supply of a service, or for the uniform application of rules, the Government shall have the power to notify any description of services or circumstances in which the place of supply shall be the place of effective use and enjoyment of a service.

**w.e.f. 1-10-2019:**

The CBIC vide Notification No. 04/2019-(IT), dated September 30, 2019 has notified the place of supply of R&D services related to pharmaceutical sector provided by Indian pharma companies to foreign service recipients, as the place of effective use and enjoyment of a service i.e. location of the service recipient subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:

- (i) supply of services from the taxable territory are provided as per a contract between the service provider located in taxable territory and service recipient located in non-taxable territory.
- (ii) Such supply of services fulfils all other conditions in the definition of export of services, except sub- clause
- (iii) provided at clause (6) of section 2 of Integrated Goods and Services Tax, Act, 2017.

**Section 12 and 13 of IGST Act, 2017 summary:**

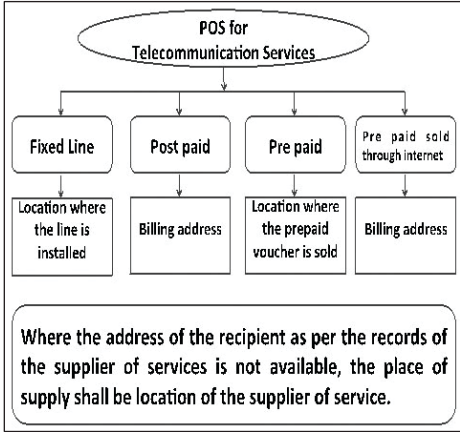
S.No.	The Place of Supply of Services where location of supplier and recipient is in India [Section 12 of IGST Act, 2017]		Place of supply of service where location of Supplier of Service or Location of Recipient of Service is outside India [Section 13(1) of the IGST Act, 2017]	
	Nature of supply	Place of supply	Nature of supply	Place of supply
1.	In relation to immovable property, short term accommodation, organising event in any immovable property (Section 12(3) of IGST Act, 2017)	Location of property. If it is outside India, then location of recipient.	On tangible goods Or On Individuals (Section 13(3))	location where the services are actually performed. services provided by way of electronic means in relation to tangible goods, then place of supply is the actual
2.	Restaurant Catering services Personal grooming Fitness services Beauty treatment services Health services including cosmetic and plastic surgery (Section 12(4) of IGST Act, 2017)	Location where the services are actually performed.	In relation to immovable property (Section 13(4) of IGST Act, 2017)	Location of property



The Place of Supply of Services where location of supplier and recipient is in India [Section 12 of IGST Act, 2017]		Place of supply of service where location of Supplier of Service or Location of Recipient of Service is outside India [Section 13(1) of the IGST Act, 2017]		
S.No.	Nature of supply	Place of supply	Nature of supply	Place of supply
3.	Services in relation to training and performance appraisal. (Section 12(5) of IGST Act, 2017)	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service Provided to an un-registered person:</li> <li>• Location where the services are actually performed.</li> </ul>	<b>Admission to or organization:</b> Cultural Artistic Sporting Scientific Educational Entertainment event or Amusement park or any other place. (Section 13(5) of IGST Act, 2017)	Where the event is actually held
4.	<b>Admission to a</b> Cultural Artistic Sporting Scientific Educational Entertainment event or Amusement park or any other place. (Section 12(6) of IGST Act, 2017)	Where the event is actually held or where the park or such other place is located.	Services in relation to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance on goods or individuals</li> <li>• Immovable property</li> <li>• Admission or organisation of events provided at more than one location, including a location of taxable territory. (Section 13(6) of IGST Act, 2017)</li> </ul>	location in the taxable territory
5.	<b>Organization of</b> a Cultural Artistic Sporting Scientific Educational Entertainment event (Section 12(7) of IGST Act, 2017)	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service</li> </ul> Provided to an un-registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location where the event is actually held and</li> <li>• if the event is held outside India, the place of supply shall be the location of the recipient.</li> </ul>	Services in relation to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance on goods or individuals</li> <li>• Immovable property</li> <li>• Admission or organisation of events performed in more than one State or Union Territory. (Section 13(7) of IGST Act, 2017)</li> </ul>	In each of the State or Union Territories
6.	Services by way of Transportation of goods including by mail or courier (Section 12(8) of IGST Act, 2017)	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service.</li> </ul> Provided to an un-registered person:	SPECIFIED SERVICES INCLUDES: (a) Services provided by a banking company, or financial company, or a NBFC to account holders	Location of the Service Provider

The Place of Supply of Services where location of supplier and recipient is in India [Section 12 of IGST Act, 2017]			Place of supply of service where location of Supplier of Service or Location of Recipient of Service is outside India [Section 13(1) of the IGST Act, 2017]	
S.No.	Nature of supply	Place of supply	Nature of supply	Place of supply
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location at which such goods are handed over for their transportation.</li> </ul> <p><b>w.e.f. 1-2-2019:</b> Provided that where the transportation of goods is to a place outside India, the place of supply shall be the place of destination of such goods.</p>	(b) Intermediary services (c) Services consisting of hiring of means of transport, other than,— (i) aircrafts, and (ii) vessels except yachts upto a period of one month (Section 13(8) of IGST Act, 2017)	
7.	Passenger transportation service. Including: Rail, Mono Rail, Metro Rail, Road, Air, Vessel, boat, Cycle rickshaw, Bullock cart, Camel etc. (Section 12(9) of IGST Act, 2017)	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location of recipient of Service.</li> </ul> Provided to an un-registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place where the passenger embarks on the continuous journey.</li> </ul>	<b>transportation of goods other than by way of mail or courier (Section 13(9) of IGST Act, 2017)</b>	<b>Destination of such Goods</b>
7a.	Right to passage is given for future use and point of embarkation is not known at the time of issue of such right (Section 12(9) of IGST Act, 2017)	Provided to a registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location of recipient of Service.</li> </ul> Provided to an un-registered person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location of recipient when address on record is available.</li> </ul>	<b>Passenger Transportation Services (Section 13(10) of IGST Act, 2017)</b>	where the passenger embarks on the conveyance for a continuous journey.
8.	<b>On board conveyance:</b> Vessel Air craft Train Motor vehicle. (Section 12(10) of IGST Act, 2017)	Location of the first scheduled point of departure of that conveyance for the journey.	<b>Services Provided on Board Conveyances (Section 13(11) of IGST Act, 2017)</b>	The first scheduled point of departure of that conveyance for the journey.



The Place of Supply of Services where location of supplier and recipient is in India [Section 12 of IGST Act, 2017]		Place of supply of service where location of Supplier of Service or Location of Recipient of Service is outside India [Section 13(1) of the IGST Act, 2017]		
S.No.	Nature of supply	Place of supply	Nature of supply	Place of supply
9.	<b>telecommunication services</b> (Section 12(11) of IGST Act, 2017)		<b>Online information and database access or retrieval services</b> (Section 13(12) of IGST Act, 2017)	Location of the recipient of service
10.	Banking and NBFC service including Stock broking services (Section 12(12) of IGST Act, 2017)	Location of recipient of Service on the records of the supplier of service. Otherwise: Location of supplier of service.	In order to prevent double taxation or non- taxation of a service, or for the uniform application of the supply of a service, or for the uniform application of the rules, the Govt. of India shall have the power to notify any description of service or circumstances in which the place of supply shall be the place of effective use and enjoyment of a service. Section 13(13) of IGST Act, 2017	<b>w.e.f. 1-10-2019:</b> The CBIC vide Notification No. 04/2019-(IT) dated September 30, 2019 has notified the place of supply of R&D services related to pharmaceutical sector provided by Indian pharma companies to foreign service recipients, as the place of effective use and enjoyment of a service i.e. location of the service recipient.
11.	Insurance services (Section 12(13) of IGST Act, 2017)	To a registered person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of recipient of Service.</li> </ul> To a person other than registered person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of the recipient of services on the records of the supplier of service.</li> </ul>		

	The Place of Supply of Services where location of supplier and recipient is in India [Section 12 of IGST Act, 2017]		Place of supply of service where location of Supplier of Service or Location of Recipient of Service is outside India [Section 13(1) of the IGST Act, 2017]	
S.No.	Nature of supply	Place of supply	Nature of supply	Place of supply
12.	Advertisement services to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central Government</li> <li>State Government</li> <li>Statutory Body</li> <li>Local Authority (Section 12(14) of IGST Act, 2017)</li> </ul>	Located in each of such states and the value of such supplies specific to each state shall be in proportion to amount attributable to service provided by way of dissemination in the respective states.		
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**Practical problems:**
**Example : 57**

Determine the place of supply of service as well as their taxability in each of the following cases with brief reasons:

- XY Ltd. of Delhi, agrees to provide 'technical inspection and certification service' in respect of a newly developed product of an overseas firm (for a newly launched motorbike which has to meet emission standards in different states or countries). The overseas firm has provided its newly developed product to XY Ltd. for the purpose of testing. The testing is carried out in Delhi (15%), Assam (35%) and Sweden (50%).
- A movie on demand is provided as on board entertainment during the Kolkata-Delhi leg of a Bangkok-Kolkata-Delhi Flight.

Answer:

- As per Section 13(6) of IGST Act, 2017, Place of supply of service will be the place in the taxable territory (i.e. Delhi and Assam).  
 X Ltd is liable to pay CGST and SGST for the part of Delhi  
 X Ltd is liable to pay IGST for the part of Assam.



X Ltd is also liable to pay CGST and SGST as well as IGST for the services rendered in Sweden in ratio 3:7. It means tax will be payable on the entire value.

- (b) As per section 13(11) of the IGST Act, 2017, PoS is Bangkok which is non taxable territory, not subject to GST.

**Example : 58**

Swamy Ltd. of Chennai acquires the business of SA Ltd. at Johansberg, South Africa. Swamy Ltd. entered into a contract with M/s Krish & Krish Architects, Chennai to do the interiors of the building of new business at South Africa. The Central Tax department issued a notice demanding GST based on the Place of supply of service provisions. Discuss briefly the applicability of the Place of supply of service to M/s Krish & Krish as the work to be done is outside the taxable territory.

**Answer:**

Place of supply of services supplied directly in relation to an Immovable Property as per Sec 13(4) of IGST is where immovable property is located or intended to be located.

However, location of supplier and location of recipient is in India we should refer section 12(3)(a) of IGST Act, 2017, accordingly place of supply of service is where immovable property located or intended to be located in India. If location of Immovable property is outside India then place of supply is location of the recipient.

In the given case place of supply of service is Chennai. Location of supplier of service is in Chennai. CGST and SGST will be levied.

**Example : 59**

With reference to the GST provisions briefly explain:

- (i) time of supply under reverse charge with respect to payment date.  
(ii) Place of supply of service of hiring of all means of transport (except vessel and air craft) upto a period of one month, where location of supplier or location of recipient is from outside India.

**Answer:**

- (i) The phrase “the date on which payment received by the recipient” or “the date of payment” means
- the date on which payment is entered in his books of accounts
  - or
  - the date on which the payment is debited to his bank account, whichever is earlier.

- (ii) Specified Services Sec. 13(8) (c) of the IGST Act, 2017:

Place of Supply of Services = Location of the Service Provider

**Example : 60**

With reference to the position of Goods and Service Tax law as applicable on or after 01.07.2017, what would be the place of supply of service in the following independent cases?

- (i) MN Trade Links of New Delhi are appointed as commission agent by a foreign company for sale of its goods to Indian customers. In lieu of their services, MN Trade Links receive a fixed percentage of commission from the concerned foreign company.  
(ii) OP Fabricators of Mumbai has temporarily imported certain goods from its customer located in Hongkong for repairs. The said goods have been re-exported to Hongkong after carrying out the necessary repairs without being put to any use in Mumbai.

(iii) UV Airlines, an airlines located in New Delhi, has hired aircrafts from a foreign Airlines for a period of 15 days.

**Answer:**

- (i) Place of supply of service = New Delhi (i.e. location of supplier of service section 13(8)(b) of the IGST Act, 2017). GST will be levied.
- (ii) Place of supply of service = Hongkong (i.e. location of recipient of service as per Section 13(2) of the IGST Act, 2017). No GST will be levied.
- (iii) Place of supply of service = New Delhi (i.e. location of recipient of service as per Section 13(2) of the IGST Act, 2017). IGST will be levied.

**Example : 61**

Determine the place of supply of service in each of the following independent cases and state whether GST is payable in each of these cases:

- (a) Mr. A travelled on a Bagdogra-Dibrugarh-Singapore-Dibrugarh-Bagdogra flight where a single ticket with no stopover has been issued by Parkinson Airlines located in Dubai.
- (b) Mr. B, a well-known comedian from Delhi, organises a stage-show in Japan. For organising the stage-show, he takes the services from a Mumbai based event organiser.

**Answer:**

- a. Place of supply of services = Bagdogra of West Bengal (As per Section 13(10) of the IGST). However, it is specifically exempted from GST under Entry No. 15 of the Notification No. 12/2017 of the Central Tax (Rate) dt. 28.06.2017).
- b. Place of supply of service = Delhi (i.e. location of recipient of service). GST is payable by supplier of service (Section 13(2) of the IGST).

**Example : 62**

M/s. X Ltd. of Chennai, engaged in various businesses has provided the following services, whose values are listed below. Compute its GST liability:

- (1) Service of interior decoration in respect of immovable property located in Jammu: ₹ 5 lakh;
- (2) Service of renting of commercial buildings in Delhi: ₹ 15 lakh;
- (3) Architectural services to an Indian Hotel Chain which has business establishment in Mumbai for its newly acquired property in Sydney: ₹ 25 lakhs;
- (4) Services provided as an Indian agent undertaking marketing in India of goods of a foreign seller: ₹ 51 lakhs;
- (5) Services provided as travel agent undertaking marketing in India of services of a foreign seller: ₹ 1 lakhs. Applicable rate of GST 18%.

**Answer:**

Particulars	Value ₹ (in lakhs)	Working note
Interior decoration services	5	PoS = J & K (Sec 12(3)(a) of IGST) taxable territory. IGST will be levied
Renting of commercial buildings	15	PoS = Delhi (Sec 12(3)(b) of IGST) Taxable territory IGST will be levied



Architectural services		25	PoS = Mumbai (Sec 12(3)(a) of IGST). Taxable territory IGST will be levied	
Marketing of Goods		51	PoS = Chennai (sec 13(8) of IGST) Taxable territory CGST & SGST will be levied.	
Travel agent		1	PoS = Chennai (sec 13(8) of IGST) Taxable territory CGST & SGST will be levied.	
Taxable supply of services		97		
Particulars	CGST	SGST	IGST	
GST liability	4.68	4.68	8.10	

**Clarification on supply of satellite launch services by ANTRIX Corporation Ltd.**

**Problem 4:** How is the taxability of satellite launch services provided to both international and domestic customers by ANTRIX Corporation Limited, which is a wholly owned Government of India Company under the administrative control of Department of Space (DOS), determined?



In view of the above, place of supply of satellite launch services supplied by ANTRIX Corporation Limited to international customers would be outside India in terms of section 13(9) of IGST Act, 2017 and such supply which meets the requirements of section 2(6) of IGST Act, thus constitutes export of service and shall be zero rated in accordance with section 16 of the IGST Act. Where satellite launch service is provided by ANTRIX Corporation Limited to a person located in India, the place of supply of satellite launch service would be governed by section 12(8) of the IGST Act and would be taxable under CGST Act, UTGST Act or IGST Act, as the case may be.

**ANTRIX Corporation Limited to international customers:**

Place of supply u/s 13(9) = outside India  
 Note: Export of service and hence, no GST.

**ANTRIX Corporation Limited to a person located in India:**

Place of supply u/s 12(8) = India

**w.e.f. 1-2-2019** Provided that where the transportation of goods is to a place outside India, the place of supply shall be the place of destination of such goods.

**ANTRIX Corporation Limited to a person located in India:**

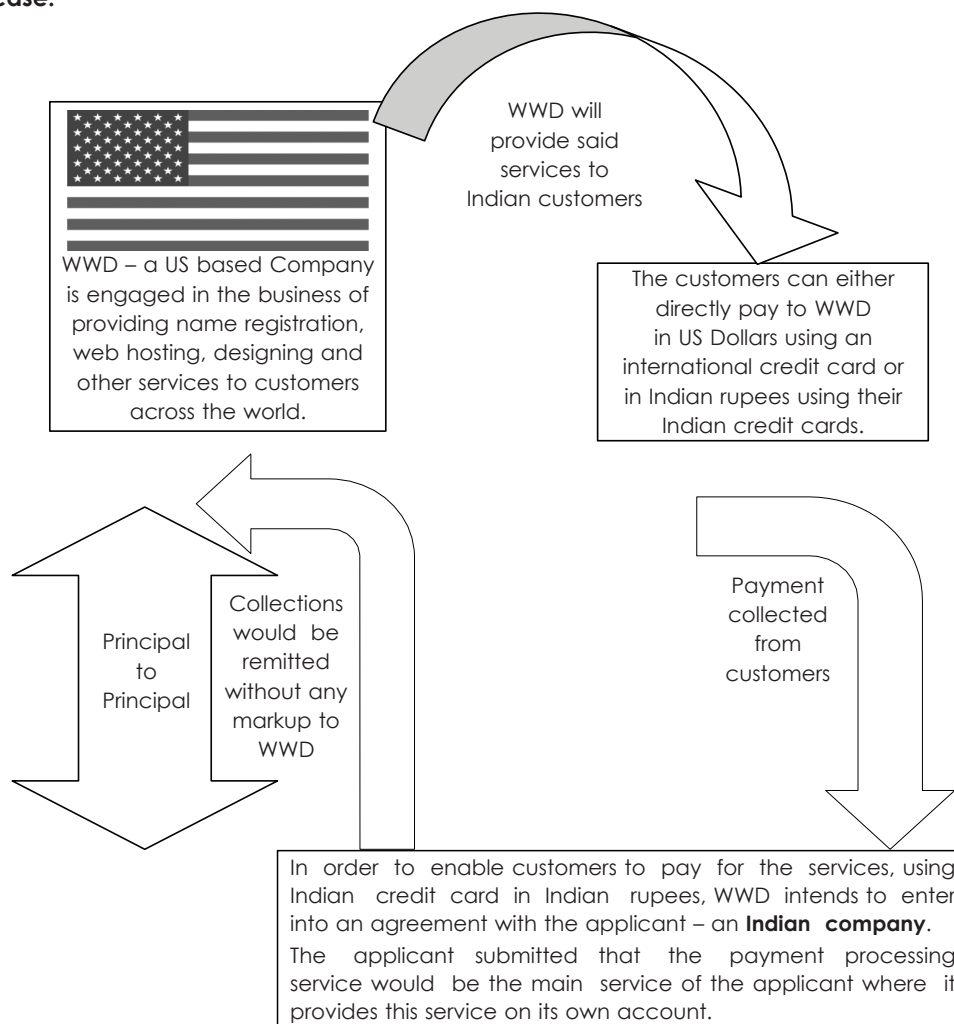
Place of supply u/s 12(8) = Outside India  
 However, Antrix Corporation Limited is not liable to pay IGST.

**Note:** Satellite services supplied by Indian Space Research Organisation, Antrix Corporation Limited or New Space India Limited is exempted from GST (vide Notification No. 6/2020 I.T. dated 15-10-2020).

**Case law : 1**

**Universal Services India (P) Ltd., In re 2016 (42) STR 585 (AAR)**

**Facts of the case:**



Point of dispute for which Advance Ruling is sought:

- (i) Whether the place of provision of payment processing service proposed to be provided by the applicant, is outside India in terms of Section 13(2) of the IGST Act, 2017?
- (ii) Whether services proposed to be provided by applicant would qualify as 'export of service'?

**Ruling of Authority for Advance Ruling:**

The definition of "intermediary" as envisaged under rule 2(f) of PoPS (now as per Section 2(13) of the IGST Act, 2017) does not include a person who provides the main service on his own account. In the present case, applicant provides main service, i.e., "business support services" to WWD on his own account. Therefore, applicant is not an "intermediary" and thus, the service provided by it is not intermediary service.



Thus, AAR ruled that the place of provision of payment processing service to be provided by the applicant, is outside India in terms of Section 13(2) of the IGST Act, 2017.

Further, while deciding the questions as to whether services provided by applicant qualify as export of service, AAR observed that all conditions mentioned under Rule 6A of STR, 1994 (now as per Section 2(6) of the IGST Act, 2017) are satisfied, and hence the said service will qualify as export of taxable service.

**Section 2(6) of the IGST Act, 2017, Export of service:**

Means the supply of any service when:-

- (i) the supplier of service is located outside India;
- (ii) the recipient of service is located outside India;
- (iii) the place of supply of service is outside India;
- (iv) the payment for such service has been received by the supplier of service in convertible foreign exchange in Indian rupees wherever permitted by Reserve Bank of India (w.e.f. 1-2-2019); and
- (v) the supplier of service and the recipient of service are not merely establishments of a distinct person in accordance with Explanation 1 in section 8 of the IGST Act, 2017.

**CLARIFICATION ON CERTAIN ISSUES UNDER GST – REGARDING PLACE OF SUPPLY**

Whether services of short-term accommodation, conferencing, banqueting etc. provided to a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) developer or a SEZ unit should be treated as an inter-State supply (under section 7(5) (b) of the IGST Act, 2017) or an intra-State supply (under section 12(3)(c) of the IGST Act, 2017)?

**The above mentioned issue is clarified vide Circular No. 48/22/2018-GST dt 14.06.2018-**

As per section 7(5) (b) of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (IGST Act in short), the supply of goods or services or both to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit shall be treated to be a supply of goods or services or both in the course of inter-State trade or commerce. Whereas, as per section 12(3)(c) of the IGST Act, the place of supply of services by way of accommodation in any immovable property for organising any functions shall be the location at which the immovable property is located. Thus, in such cases, if the location of the supplier and the place of supply is in the same State/ Union territory, it would be treated as an intra-State supply.

In the instant case, section 7(5)(b) of the IGST Act is a specific provision relating to supplies of goods or services or both made to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit, which states that such supplies shall be treated as inter-State supplies. Hence, services of short term accommodation, conferencing, banqueting etc., provided to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit shall be treated as an inter-State supply.

Rule 3 has been inserted in IGST Rules to provide a mechanism to compute the proportionate value of advertisement services attributable to different States or Union territories in the absence of any contract between the supplier of service and recipient of services.

Sl. No.	Advertisement services	Basis of apportion
1.	Newspapers and publications	No. of editions in each State/UT
2.	Pamphlets, leaflets, diaries, calendars, T-shirts, etc.	No. of pamphlets or leaflets or diaries or calendars or T-Shirts distributed in each State/UT
3.	Hoardings other than those on trains.	No. of hoarding located in each State/UT
4.	Advertisements placed on trains	Length of the track in each State/UT where the train travelled.

Sl. No.	Advertisement services	Basis of apportion
5.	Advertisements on the back of utility bills of oil and gas companies, etc.,	No. of consumers having billing addresses in such State/UT
6.	Advertisements on railway tickets	Ratio of the number of Railway Stations in each State or Union territory
7.	Advertisements over radio stations	The release order issued by Govt. Agency will show the breakup of the amount which is to be paid to each of these radio stations.
8.	Advertisement on television channels	<p>On the basis of the viewership of such channel in such State/UT shall be calculated in the following manner, namely:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the channel viewership figures for that channel for a State or Union territory shall be taken from the figures published in this regard by the Broadcast Audience Research Council;</li> <li>(ii) the figures published for the last week of a given quarter shall be used for calculating viewership for the succeeding quarter;</li> <li>(iii) where such channel viewership figures relate to a region comprising of more than one State or Union territory, the viewership figures for a State or Union territory of that region, shall be calculated by applying the ratio of the populations of that State or Union territory, as determined in the latest Census, to such viewership figures;</li> <li>(iv) the ratio of the viewership figures for each State or Union territory as so calculated, when applied to the amount payable for that service, shall represent the portion of the value attributable to the dissemination in that State or Union territory.</li> </ul> <p><b>For an example:</b> Govt. Agency issues a release order with QR channel for telecasting an advertisement relating to the 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana' in the month of November 2017. In the first phase, this will be telecast in the Union territory of Delhi, States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Jharkhand.</p> <p>Let us assume it is 1,00,000 for Delhi and 2,00,000 for the region comprising of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand and 1,00,000 for the region comprising of Bihar and Jharkhand.</p> <p>QR will ascertain the viewership figures for their channel in the last week of September 2017 from the Broadcast Audience Research Council.</p> <p>Let us assume that the ratio of the populations of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand works out to 9:1. When this ratio is applied to the viewership figures of 2,00,000 for this region, the viewership figures for Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand work out to 1,80,000 and 20,000 respectively.</p> <p>Let us assume that the ratio of populations is 4:1 and when this is applied to the viewership figure of 1,00,000 for this region, the viewership figure for Bihar and Jharkhand works out to 80,000 and 20,000 respectively. Thus, if the total amount payable to QR by Govt. Agency is ₹20,00,000, the State-wise breakup is ₹5,00,000 (Delhi), ₹9,00,000 (Uttar Pradesh) ₹1,00,000 (Uttarakhand), ₹4,00,000 (Bihar)</p>



Sl. No.	Advertisement services	Basis of apportion
		and ₹1,00,000 (Jharkhand). Separate invoices will have to be issued State-wise and Union territory-wise by QR to Govt. Agency indicating the value pertaining to that State or Union territory.
9.	Advertisements at cinema halls	No. of cinema halls or no. of screens in a multiplex. <b>Example:</b> Govt. Agency commissions ST for an advertisement on 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana' to be displayed in the cinema halls in Chennai and Hyderabad. The place of supply of this service is in the states of Tamil Nadu and Telangana. The amount actually paid to the cinema hall or screens in a multiplex, in Tamil Nadu and Telangana as the case may be, is the value of advertisement service in Tamil Nadu and Telangana respectively. Separate invoices will have to be issued State-wise and Union territory-wise by ST to Govt. Agency indicating the value pertaining to that State.
10.	Advertisements over internet,	On the basis of the internet subscribers in such State or Union territory
11.	Advertisements through short messaging service (SMS)	On the basis of the telecommunication (hereinafter referred to as telecom) subscribers in such State or Union territory

**Example 63:** Govt. Agency issues a release order with QR channel (located in Delhi) for telecasting an advertisement relating to the 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana' in the month of November 2017. In the first phase, this will be telecast in the Union territory of Delhi, States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Jharkhand.

Viewership figures for their channel in the last week of September 2017 from the Broadcast Audience Research Council is as follows:

Number of viewers 1,00,000 for Delhi and 2,00,000 for the region comprising of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand and 1,00,000 for the region comprising of Bihar and Jharkhand.

The ratio of the populations of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand is 9:1 & for Bihar and Jharkhand is 4:1.

Total amount payable to QR by Govt. Agency is ₹20,00,000.

Applicable rate of GST 18%

Find the value of supply and place of supply for each State along with CGST & SGST or IGST payable by QR for the month of November 2017.

**Answer:**

(value in ₹)

State/UT	Value of supply	Place of supply	CGST & SGST	IGST
Delhi	5,00,000	Delhi	90,000	NIL
Uttar Pradesh	9,00,000	Uttar Pradesh	NIL	1,62,000
Uttarakhand	1,00,000	Uttarakhand	NIL	18,000
Bihar	4,00,000	Bihar	NIL	72,000
Jharkhand	1,00,000	Jharkhand	NIL	18,000

**w.e.f. 1st January 2019, Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2018**

Central Government vide N. No. 04/2018-Integrated Tax, dated 31st December, 2018 notified the following rules as Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2018:—

**1. Rule 3 in clause (h):**

The words "the service shall be deemed to have been provided all over India and" inserted after the words "in the case of advertisements over internet" to clarify that the services provided over internet is not specific to 1 or more State or Union territory and shall be deemed to be provided all over India.

**2. Insertion of Rule 4:**

The place of supply in case of the supply of services attributable to different States or Union territories, under sub section (3) of section 12 of the IGST Act, 2017 shall be:—

1. Where such immovable property or boat or vessel is located in more than one State or Union territory- each of the respective States or Union territories and
2. In the absence of any contract or agreement between the supplier of service and recipient of services for separately collecting or determining the value of the services in each such State or Union territory to be determined in the following manner namely:-

- (i) Services provided by way of lodging accommodation by a hotel, inn, guest house, club or campsite, by whatever name called and services ancillary to such services:

1. Where such property is a single property located in two or more contiguous States or Union territories or both: the supply of services shall be treated as made in each of the respective States or Union territories, in proportion to the area of the immovable property lying in each State or Union territory.

**Illustration:** There is a piece of land of area 20,000 square feet which is partly in State S1 say 12,000 square feet and partly in State S2, say 8000 square feet. Site preparation work has been entrusted to T. The ratio of land in the two states works out to 12:8 or 3:2 (simplified). The place of supply is in both S1 and S2. The service shall be deemed to have been provided in the ratio of 12:8 or 3:2 (simplified) in the States S1 and S2 respectively. The value of the service shall be accordingly apportioned between the States.

2. Cases except where such property is a single property located in two or more contiguous States or Union territories or both: the supply of services shall be treated as made in each of the respective States or Union territories, in proportion to the number of nights stayed in such property.

**Illustration:** A hotel chain X charges a consolidated sum of ₹30,000/- for stay in its two establishments in Delhi and Agra, where the stay in Delhi is for 2 nights and the stay in Agra is for 1 night. The place of supply in this case is both in the Union territory of Delhi and in the State of Uttar Pradesh and the service shall be deemed to have been provided in the Union territory of Delhi and in the State of Uttar Pradesh in the ratio 2:1 respectively. The value of services provided will thus be apportioned as ₹20,000/- in the Union territory of Delhi and ₹10,000/- in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

- (ii) All other services in relation to immovable property including services by way of accommodation in any immovable property for organising any marriage or reception etc : the supply of services shall be treated as made in each of the respective States or Union territories, in proportion to the area of the immovable property lying in each State or Union territory
- (iii) services provided by way of lodging accommodation by a house boat or any other vessel and services ancillary to such services: the supply shall be treated as made in each of the respective States or Union territories, in proportion to the time spent by the boat or vessel in each such State or Union territory, determined on the basis of a declaration made to the effect by the service provider.

**Illustration 3:** A company C provides the service of 24 hours accommodation in a houseboat, which is situated both in Kerala and Karnataka inasmuch as the guests board the house boat in Kerala and stay there for 22 hours but it also moves into Karnataka for 2 hours (as declared by the service provider). The place of supply



of this service is in the States of Kerala and Karnataka. The service shall be deemed to have been provided in the ratio of 22:2 or 11:1 (simplified) in the states of Kerala and Karnataka, respectively. The value of the service shall be accordingly apportioned between the States.

### 3. Insertion of Rule 5:

The place of supply in case of supply of services attributable to different States or Union territories, under subsection (7) of section 12 of the said Act, in the case of-

1. services provided by way of organisation of a cultural, artistic, sporting, scientific, educational or entertainment event, including supply of services in relation to a conference, fair exhibition, celebration or similar events; or
2. services ancillary to the organisation of any such events or assigning of sponsorship to such events, where the services are supplied to a person other than a registered person, the event is held in India in more than one State or Union territory and a consolidated amount is charged for supply of such services, shall be taken as being in each of the respective States or Union territories, and in the absence of any contract or agreement between the supplier of service and recipient of services for separately collecting or determining the value of the services in each such State or Union territory, as the case maybe, shall be determined by application of the generally accepted accounting principles.

#### Illustration:

An event management company E has to organise some promotional events in States S1 and S2 for a recipient R. 3 events are to be organised in S1 and 2 in S2. They charge a consolidated amount of ₹10,00,000 from R. The place of supply of this service is in both the States S1 and S2. Say the proportion arrived at by the application of generally accepted accounting principles is 3:2. The service shall be deemed to have been provided in the ratio 3:2 in S1 and S2 respectively. The value of services provided will thus be apportioned as ₹6,00,000/- in S1 and ₹4,00,000/- in S2.

### 4. Insertion of Rule 6: Supply under section 12(11) of the IGST Act

In the case of supply of services relating to a leased circuit, where the leased circuit is installed in more than one State or Union territory and a consolidated amount is charged for supply of such services, shall be taken as being in **each of the respective States or Union territories**, and in the absence of any contract or agreement between the supplier of service and recipient of services for separately collecting or determining the value of the services in each such State or Union territory, as the case maybe, shall be determined in the following manner, namely:—

1. The number of points in a circuit shall be determined in the following manner:
  - (i) in the case of a circuit between two points or places, the starting point or place of the circuit and the end point or place of the circuit will invariably constitute two points;
  - (ii) any intermediate point or place in the circuit will also constitute a point provided that the benefit of the leased circuit is also available at that intermediate point;
2. the supply of services shall be treated as made in each of the respective States or Union territories, in proportion to the number of points lying in the State or Union territory.

**Illustration 1:** A company T installs a leased circuit between the Delhi and Mumbai offices of a company C. The starting point of this circuit is in Delhi and the end point of the circuit is in Mumbai. Hence one point of this circuit is in Delhi and another in Maharashtra. The place of supply of this service is in the Union territory of Delhi and the State of Maharashtra. The service shall be deemed to have been provided in the ratio of 1:1 in the Union territory of Delhi and the State of Maharashtra, respectively.

**Illustration 2:** A company T installs a leased circuit between the Chennai, Bengaluru and Mysuru offices of a

company C. The starting point of this circuit is in Chennai and the end point of the circuit is in Mysuru. The circuit also connects Bengaluru. Hence one point of this circuit is in Tamil Nadu and two points in Karnataka.

The place of supply of this service is in the States of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The service shall be deemed to have been provided in the ratio of 1:2 in the States of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, respectively.

**Illustration 3:** A company T installs a leased circuit between the Kolkata, Patna and Guwahati offices of a company C. There are 3 points in this circuit in Kolkata, Patna and Guwahati. One point each of this circuit is, therefore, in West Bengal, Bihar and Assam. The place of supply of this service is in the States of West Bengal, Bihar and Assam. The service shall be deemed to have been provided in the ratio of 1:1:1 in the States of West Bengal, Bihar and Assam, respectively.

## 5. Insertion of Rule 7

In the case of **services supplied in respect of goods** which are required to be made physically available by the recipient to the supplier, or to a person acting on behalf of the supplier, or in the case of **services supplied to an individual**, represented either as the recipient or a person acting on behalf of the recipient, which require the physical presence of the recipient or the person acting on his behalf, where the location of the supplier of services or the location of the recipient of services is outside India, and where such services are supplied in more than one State or Union territory, shall be taken as being in each of the respective States or Union territories, and the proportion of value attributable to each such State and Union territory in the absence of any contract or agreement between the supplier of service and recipient of services for separately collecting or determining the value of the services in each such State or Union territory, as the case may be, shall be determined in the following manner, namely:-

1. in the case of services supplied on the same goods, by equally dividing the value of the service in each of the States and Union territories where the service is performed;
2. in the case of services supplied on different goods, by taking the ratio of the invoice value of goods in each of the States and Union territories, on which service is performed, as the ratio of the value of the service performed in each State or Union territory;
3. in the case of services supplied to individuals, by applying the generally accepted accounting principles.

**Illustration 1:** A company C which is located in Kolkata is providing the services of testing of a dredging machine and the testing service on the machine is carried out in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. The place of supply is in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh and the value of the service in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh will be ascertained by dividing the value of the service equally between these two States.

**Illustration 2:** A company C which is located in Delhi is providing the service of servicing of two cars belonging to Mr. X. One car is of manufacturer J and is located in Delhi and is serviced by its Delhi workshop. The other car is of manufacturer A and is located in Gurugram and is serviced by its Gurugram workshop. The value of service attributable to the Union Territory of Delhi and the State of Haryana respectively shall be calculated by applying the ratio of the invoice value of car J and the invoice value of car A, to the total value of the service.

**Illustration 3:** A makeup artist M has to provide make up services to an actor A. A is shooting some scenes in Mumbai and some scenes in Goa. M provides the makeup services in Mumbai and Goa. The services are provided in Maharashtra and Goa and the value of the service in Maharashtra and Goa will be ascertained by applying the generally accepted accounting principles.

## 6. Insertion of Rule 8

In case of supply of services directly in relation to an immovable property, including services supplied by experts and estate agents, supply of accommodation by a hotel, inn, guest house, club or campsite, by whatever name called, grant of rights to use immovable property, services for carrying out or co-ordination of construction work, including that of architects or interior decorators, where the location of the supplier of services or the





location of the recipient of services is outside India, and where such services are supplied in more than one State or Union territory, in the absence of any contract or agreement between the supplier of service and recipient of services for separately collecting or determining the value of the services in each such State or Union territory, as the case maybe, shall be determined by applying the provisions of rule 4, mutatis mutandis.

### **7. Insertion of Rule 9**

In case of supply of services by way of admission to, or organisation of a cultural, artistic, sporting, scientific, educational or entertainment event, or a celebration, conference, fair, exhibition or similar events, and of services ancillary to such admission or organisation, where the location of the supplier or the location of the recipient is outside India, and where such services are provided in more than one State or Union territory, in the absence of any contract or agreement between the supplier of service and recipient of services for separately collecting or determining the value of the services in each such State or Union territory, as the case maybe, shall be determined by applying the provisions of rule 5, mutatis mutandis".

# Study Note - 7

## INPUT TAX CREDIT (ITC)



### This Study Note includes

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### 7.1 INTRODUCTION

The basic concept of Input Tax Credit (ITC) is to avoid the cascading effect of duty. Cascading effect of duty (i.e. duty on duty) happens where tax is levied at every stage of supply.

The following examples will help us understand this.

If the duty is based on the manufacture of a product, the tax burden keeps increasing as raw material and final product passes from one stage to another.

Cascading effect

Assessee	A	B
	₹	₹
Purchases	100	224
Value added	100	76
Assessable Value	200	300
Add: Excise Duty @ 12%	24	36
Sale prices	224	336

$200 \times 12\% = 24$   
 $24 \times 12\% = 2.88$   
 $76 \times 12\% = 9.12$

Duty paid on duty

### GST eliminates cascading effect of tax

Assessee	No Cascading effect	
	A	B
	₹	₹
Purchases	100	200.00
Value added	100	76.00
Assessable Value	200	276.00
Add: Excise Duty @ 12%	24	33.12
Sale prices	224	309.12

$(₹ 224 - ₹ 24)$   
 Output tax 33.12  
 Input tax (24.0)  
 net payable 9.12

i.e.  $76 \times 12\% = 9.12$



Uninterrupted and seamless chain of input tax credit (hereinafter referred to as, "ITC") is one of the key features of Goods and Services Tax. As the tax charged by the Central or the State Governments would be part of the same tax regime, the credit of tax paid at every stage would be available as set-off for payment of tax at every subsequent stage.

**Input [Sec. 2(59) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It means any goods other than capital goods used or intended to be used by a supplier in the course or furtherance of business.

**Capital Goods [Sec. 2(19) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It means goods, the value of which is capitalized in the books of account of the person claiming the input tax credit and which are used or intended to be used in the course or furtherance of business.

**Input Service [Sec 2(60) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It means any service used or intended to be used by a supplier in the course or furtherance of business.

**Input Tax [Sec. 2(62) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It in relation to a registered person, it means the Central tax, State tax, integrated tax or Union territory tax charged on any supply of goods or services or both made to him and includes:-

- (a) The integrated goods and services tax charged on import of goods;
- (b) The tax payable under the provisions of Sec 9(3) and Sec. 9(4) of the CGST Act, 2017;
- (c) The tax payable under Sec 5(3) and Sec. 5(4) of the IGST Act, 2017;
- (d) The tax payable under SGST Act (i.e. person liable to pay GST under RCM);
- (e) The tax payable under UTGST Act (i.e. person liable to pay GST under RCM), But does not include the tax paid under the composition levy.

**Input Tax Credit [Sec 2(63) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It means the credit of input tax.

**Electronic cash ledger [Sec 2(43) of the CGST Act 2017]:** It means the electronic cash ledger referred to in sub-section (1) of section 49.

**Electronic credit ledger [Sec 2(46) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It means the electronic credit ledger referred to in sub-section (2) of section 49;

**Exempted supply [Sec. 2(47) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It means supply of any goods or services or both which attracts

- nil rate of tax or
- which may be wholly exempt from tax under section 11, or
- under section 6 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, and
- includes non-taxable supply;

**Invoice or tax invoice [Sec 2(66) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It means the tax invoice referred to in section 31;

**Inward supply [Sec. 2(67) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** "inward supply" in relation to a person, shall mean receipt of goods or services or both whether by purchase, acquisition or any other means with or without consideration;

**Job work [Sec 2(68) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It means any treatment or process undertaken by a person on goods belonging to another registered person and the expression "job worker" shall be construed accordingly;

**Non-taxable supply [Sec 2(78) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It means a supply of goods or services or both which is not leviable to tax under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act;

**Output tax [Sec 2(82) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** "output tax" in relation to a taxable person, means the tax chargeable under this Act on taxable supply of goods or services or both made by him or by his agent but excludes tax payable by him on reverse charge basis;

**Outward supply [Sec 2(83) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** "outward supply" in relation to a taxable person, means supply of goods or services or both, whether by sale, transfer, barter, exchange, licence, rental, lease or disposal or any other mode, made or agreed to be made by such person in the course or furtherance of business;

**Quarter [Sec 2(92) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** "quarter" shall mean a period comprising three consecutive calendar months, ending on the last day of March, June, September and December of a calendar year;

**Works contract [Sec 2(119) of the CGST Act, 2017]:** It means a contract for building, construction, fabrication, completion, erection, installation, fitting out, improvement, modification, repair, maintenance, renovation, alteration or commissioning of any immovable property wherein transfer of property in goods (whether as goods or in some other form) is involved in the execution of such contract;

Zero rated supply means any of the following supplies of goods or services or both, namely:-

- (a) export of goods or services or both; or
- (b) supply of goods or services or both to a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), developer of SEZ unit (As referred under Section 16(1) of the IGST Act, 2017.

**Export of goods [Sec 2(5) of the IGST Act, 2017]:** with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means taking goods out of India to a place outside India;

**Export of service [Sec. 2(6) of the IGST Act, 2017]:** It means the supply of any service when,—

- (i) the supplier of service is located in India;
- (ii) the recipient of service is located outside India;
- (iii) the place of supply of service is outside India;
- (iv) the payment for such service has been received by the supplier of service in convertible foreign exchange; and
- (v) the supplier of service and the recipient of service are not merely establishments of a distinct person in accordance with Explanation 1 in section 8;

## 7.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR TAKING INPUT TAX CREDIT (ITC)

As per Section 16(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 Every registered person shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed and in the manner specified in section 49, be entitled to take credit of input tax charged on any supply of goods or services or both to him which are used or intended to be used in the course or furtherance of his business and the said amount shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of such person.

**Example 1:**

**Mr. K of Kolkata sold taxable goods to Mr. C of Chennai. Mr. B being a buyer of goods is eligible to claim the IGST as credit on purchases based on the tax invoice issued by Mr. K of Kolkata. Step by step approach:**

1. Mr K will upload the details of all tax invoices issued in GSTR 1.
2. The details with respect to sales to Mr C will auto populate/ get reflected in GSTR 2A, the same data will be pulled when Mr C will file GSTR 2 (i.e details of inward supply).
3. Mr C will then accept the details that the purchase has been made and reported by the seller correctly and subsequently the tax on purchases will be credited to 'Electronic Credit Ledger' of Mr C and he can adjust it against future output tax liability.

**Utilization of ITC:**

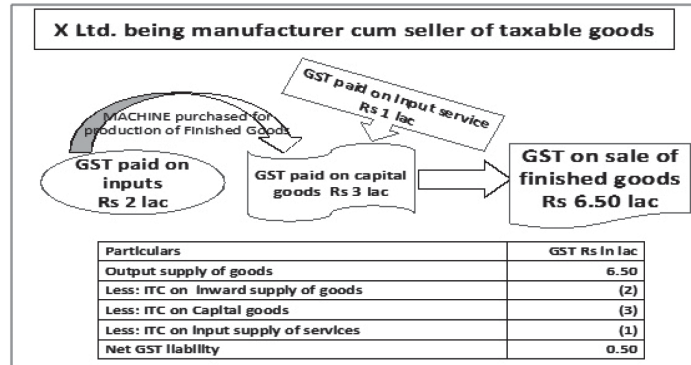
Inward supply	Outward supply			Remarks
	CGST	SGST	IGST	
ITC of CGST	Allowed	Not allowed	Allowed	1st CGST next IGST in that order
ITC of SGST	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed	1st SGST next IGST in that order
ITC of IGST	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	1st IGST next CGST and next SGST in that order

**ITC is an integration of Goods and Services:**

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Since GST is charged on both goods and services, input tax credit can be availed on both goods and services (except those which are on the exempted/negative list). Input tax credit is allowed on capital goods.

**Example 2:**



**Note:** Goods or services or both which are used or intended to be used in the course or furtherance of business and the said amount shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of such person.

**Conditions for taking ITC:**

**Section 16(2) of the CGST Act, 2017:** Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, no registered person shall be entitled to the credit of any input tax in respect of any supply of goods or services or both to him unless,—

- (a) he is in possession of a tax invoice or debit note issued by a supplier registered under this Act, or such other tax paying documents as may be prescribed;
- (b) he has received the goods or services or both.

**Explanation.** — For the purposes of this clause, it shall be deemed that the registered person has received the goods where the goods are delivered by the supplier to a recipient or any other person on the direction of such registered person, whether acting as an agent or otherwise, before or during movement of goods, either by way of transfer of documents of title to goods or otherwise;

**Note:** Further explanation has been provided for Sec 16(2)(b) explanation vide CGST Amendment Act, 2018 that: For the purposes of this clause, it shall be deemed that the registered person has received the goods or, as the case may be, services—

- (i) where the goods are delivered by the supplier to a recipient or any other person on the direction of such registered person, whether acting as an agent or otherwise, before or during movement of goods, either by way of transfer of documents of title to goods or otherwise;
  - (ii) where the services are provided by the supplier to any person on the direction of and on account of such registered person.
- (c) subject to the provisions of section 41, the tax charged in respect of such supply has been actually paid to the Government, either in cash or through utilisation of input tax credit admissible in respect of the said supply; and
  - (d) he has furnished the return under section 39:

Provided that where the goods against an invoice are received in lots or instalments, the registered person shall be entitled to take credit upon receipt of the last lot or instalment:

Provided further that where a recipient fails to pay to the supplier of goods or services or both, other than the supplies on which tax is payable on reverse charge basis, the amount towards the value of supply along with tax payable thereon within a period of one hundred and eighty days from the date of issue of invoice by the supplier, an amount equal to the input tax credit availed by the recipient shall be added to his output tax liability, along with interest thereon, in such manner as may be prescribed:

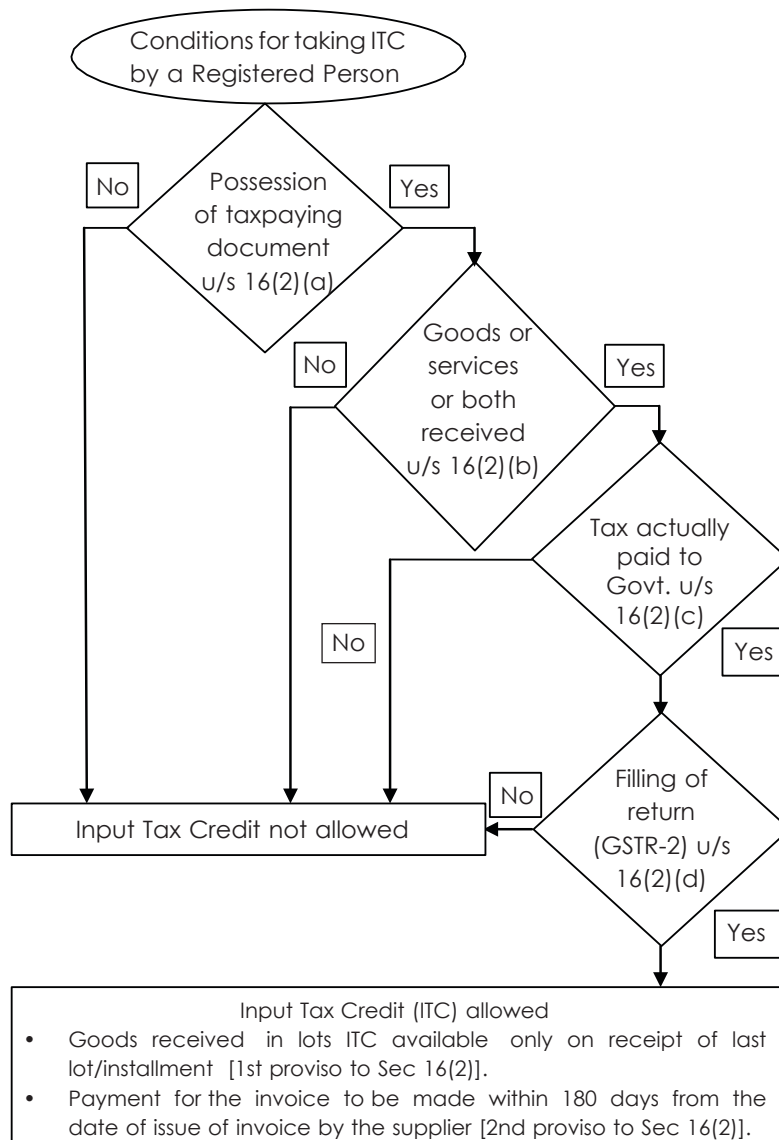
Provided also that the recipient shall be entitled to avail of the credit of input tax on payment made by him of the amount towards the value of supply of goods or services or both along with tax payable thereon.

**Note:** Even if all specified particulars stipulated by Invoice rules is not satisfied, yet the invoice contains the amount of tax charged, description of supplies, total value of supply, GSTIN of the supplier & recipient and place of supply in case of inter-state supply, then the ITC can be availed by registered taxpayers. This is a very important amendment and hence ITC cannot be denied due to certain clerical mistakes in the invoice by the supplier.

**Section 16(3) of the CGST Act, 2017:** Where the registered person has claimed depreciation on the tax component of the cost of capital goods and plant and machinery under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, the input tax credit on the said tax component shall not be allowed.

**Section 16(4) of the CGST Act, 2017:** A registered person shall not be entitled to take input tax credit in respect of any invoice or debit note for supply of goods or services or both after the due date of furnishing of the return under section 39 for the month of September following the end of financial year to which such invoice or invoice relating to such debit note pertains or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.

**Simplified Approach:**





Amendment as per Finance Act, 2021 (w.e.f. 1-1-2022): In section 16 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, in sub-section (2), after clause (a), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

(aa) the details of the invoice or debit note referred to in clause (a) has been furnished by the supplier in the statement of outward supplies and such details have been communicated to the recipient of such invoice or debit note in the manner specified under section 37;

It means ITC claims will be allowed only when the details of such invoice or debit note have been furnished by the supplier in his GSTR-1 and subsequently, it appears in GSTR-2A/2B. So, the taxpayers can no longer claim 5% provisional ITC under the CGST Rule 36(4) and ensure every ITC value claimed was reflected in GSTR-2A/2B.

Accordingly, Rule 36(4) has been substituted to provide that with effect from 01.01.2022, a registered person shall be able to avail ITC in respect of only those invoices or debit notes which have been furnished by the supplier in the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 or using the invoice furnishing facility and the details of such invoices or debit notes have been communicated to him in FORM GSTR-2B under sub-rule (7) of rule 60 (Notification No. 40/2021 – Central Tax dt. 29th December, 2021)

### **W.e.f. 1-10-2022, new clause (ba) inserted in Section 16(2) of CGST Act, 2017:**

“The details of input tax credit in respect of the said supply communicated to such registered person under section 38 has not been restricted”.

As per this amended provision, the registered person would be eligible to claim the ITC only when the details of invoices/debit notes made available to him electronically on the GSTN Portal are not restricted in the auto-generated statement referred to as GSTR-2B.

This means that details of invoices/debit note communicated to the taxpayer in GSTR-2B as per section 38, should not be restricted from claiming ITC.

‘Communication of details of inward supplies and Input Tax Credit’:

As per provisions of section 38(2) notified vide notification 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28-09-2022 effected from 01-10-2022, the details furnished by the supplier in GSTR 1 shall be communicated to the taxpayer in an auto-generated statement GSTR 2B. This statement shall consist of 2 parts.

### **One Part shall state eligible Input Tax Credit which the Recipient can avail and utilize.**

The second Part shall provide details of such supplies in respect of which Input Tax Credit cannot be availed by the Recipient wholly or partly as may be prescribed.

The above section introduces a completely new mechanism under which the auto-generated GSTR 2B shall itself decide and provide the list of Invoices or Debit notes on which ITC can be claimed by the taxpayer.

As a result recipient shall have not to do any work on to locate the supplier whose supply shall not be eligible for the purpose of input tax credit as per section 38.

### **Question:**

#### **Whether it is mandatory to claim ITC as per GSTR-2B generated under Section 38?**

### **Answer:**

Yes. As per the newly inserted clause (ba) in section 16(2), it provides mandatory condition that ITC claimed by recipient should not be restricted under section 38. Hence ITC restricted or in-eligible as per GSTR 2B cannot be claimed as per clause (ba) of section 16(2).

New clause (ba) inserted in Sec 16(2) – Additional condition for claiming ITC by buyer that ITC can be claimed only if that ITC has not been restricted in auto generated statement -GSTR-2B u/s 38 of CGST Act, 2017.

The Second Part shall provide details of such supplies in respect of which Input Tax Credit cannot be availed by the Recipient wholly or partly as may be prescribed.

Restrictions imposed under section 38 of CGST Act, 2017 for which ITC can't be availed are as follows:

1. Related to suppliers who have taken new registration for such period as may be prescribed.
2. Related to suppliers who have defaulted in payment of tax and default continues for such period as may be prescribed.
3. Related to suppliers who have declared output tax liability more in GSTR-1 but paid tax less in GSTR-3B.
4. ITC claimed more than ITC auto-populated in GSTR-2B
5. ITC claimed in violation of conditions prescribed in Section 49 (12)- Maximum proportion of output tax liability which may be discharged through electronic credit ledger.

**W.e.f. 01-10-2022, amendment in rule 36 (Documentary requirements and conditions for claiming input tax credit) –**

Pursuant to the amendment made in section 38 w.e.f. 01-10-2022, with regard to removal of Form GSTR-2 and doing away with two-way communication process, rule 36 has been amended to remove the reference to Form GSTR-2 therefrom - Rule 36(2).

Rule 36(4)(b), Further, it has been provided that the details of input tax credit in respect of invoices or debit notes shall be communicated in Form GSTR-2B.

**Quantum of credit [Section 16(1) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

The entire credit on the input and capital goods allowed can be availed at the time of receipt of input and capital goods. Thus, to this extent there is no difference between input and capital goods under GST Law.

**Tax Invoice or Debit Note [Section 16(2)(a) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

The input tax credit shall be availed by a registered person, including the Input Service Distributor, on the basis of any of the following documents (Rule 36(1) of the CGST Rules, 2017), namely,-

- (a) an invoice issued by the supplier of goods or services or both in accordance with the provisions of section 31;
- (b) an invoice issued under reverse charge;
- (c) a debit note;
- (d) a bill of entry
- (e) an Input Service Distributor invoice or Input Service Distributor credit note.

**Case Law: 1**

CCEx. v Stelko Strips Ltd. 2010 (255) ELT 397 (P&H)

**Decision:** The Cenvat (now ITC) Credit could be taken on the strength of private challans as the same were not found fake and there was proper certification that duty has been paid.

All these documents are to be furnished at the time of filing form GSTR-2, in accordance with Rule 36(2) of the CGST Rules, 2017.

As per Rule 36(3) of the CGST Rules, 2017, No input tax credit shall be availed by a registered person in respect of any tax that has been paid in pursuance of any order where any demand has been confirmed on account of any fraud, willful misstatement or suppression of facts.

**Example 3:**

**M/s. X Ltd. supplied taxable goods from the factory after manufacture in the month of Oct 2021 for sale to a distributor for ₹ 8,00,000. M/s X Ltd has suppressed this transaction. However, he deposited the GST @12% on these goods on 10-1-2022 against show cause notice issued under Section 74 (when there is fraud) of the CGST Act, 2017 by the Central Tax Officer and passed the order accordingly.**

**Whether distributor namely recipient of these goods is eligible to take input tax credit.**





**Answer:**

**As per rule 36(3) of the CGST Rules, 2017, No credit on payment of tax due to fraud, willful-misstatement or suppression of fact etc. shall be allowed.**

**In the given case no input tax credit was available to registered person if the supplier has paid tax in pursuance of order where any demand has been confirmed on account of any fraud, willful-misstatement or suppression of facts and so on under Sec. 74 of the CGST Act, 2017.**

**Hence, input tax credit is not allowed to recipient of these goods (i.e. distributor in the given case).**

**Notification No. 39/2018-CT, dated 4-9-2018:**

Input tax credit may be availed based on following particulars:

- (i) Amount of tax charged
- (ii) Description of goods or services
- (iii) Total value of supply of goods or services or both
- (iv) GSTIN of the supplier and recipient and
- (v) Place of supply in case of inter-State supply,

**ITC on receipt of goods or services [Section 16(2)(b) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

**(a) No credit when tax paid on advance receipt:**

As we are aware of that time of supply of goods (Sec 12 of the CGST Act, 2017) or time of supply of supply of service (Sec 13 of the CGST Act, 2017) where time of supply is the date on which the supplier receives the payment if the payment is received prior to raising of invoice/supply of goods or services (except where supply of goods turnover does not exceed ₹ 150 lacs. In such case date of invoice namely supply of goods is the time of supply).

GST paid by supplier on advance is not auto populated to the account of receipt of goods or services. The recipient of goods or services is not entitled for credit of tax paid on advances by the supplier. Section 16(2) (b) provides that the receiver should have received the goods or services for availment of credit. When the payments are made on advance receipt of supplier, the recipient has not received the goods or services. Therefore, he is not entitled for credit on input tax paid.

**(b) Receipt of goods and services:**

Registered person shall receive the goods or services and used or intended to be used in the course or furtherance of business. In case of input or input services are not received, by the registered person, the question of its use in the course or furtherance of business does not arise and hence, ITC not allowed.

In case goods received in installment:

**Example 4:**

**M/s C Ltd Chennai procured goods 10,000 Kgs @ ₹ 100 per Kg. From M/s D Ltd of Delhi. These goods came to M/s C Ltd of Chennai in the following manner:**

Date of dispatch	No. Kgs dispatched	Date of receipt	Normal loss in transit kgs	Abnormal loss in transit Kgs	No. Kgs received
10th Oct	2,000	15th Nov	2	Nil	1,998
2nd Nov	5,000	20th Nov	5	Nil	4,995
3rd Dec	3,000	1st Jan	1	20	2,979

Invoice shows 10,000 Kgs. and GST @18%.

You are required to answer:

- (a) M/s C Ltd can avail the proportionate credit on 15th Nov and 20th Nov.
- (b) M/s C Ltd is eligible for input tax credit if so when. (c) How much credit is allowed to M/s C Ltd.

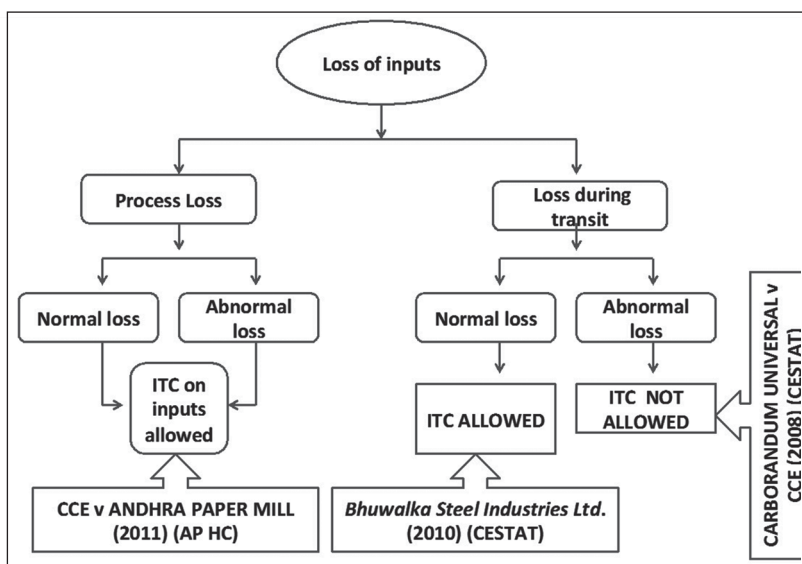
Answer:

- (a) M/s C Ltd. cannot take proportionate credit on the quantity received on 15th Nov and 20th Nov.
- (b) M/s C Ltd is eligible to avail the input tax credit on 1st Jan.
- (c) Input tax credit allowed = ₹ 1,79,640/- [(10,000 Kgs x ₹ 100) x 18% x 9980 kgs/10,000 kgs.]

**Note:**

- (i) Goods received in lots ITC available only on receipt of last lot/installment [1st proviso to Sec 16(2)]
- (ii) Entire input tax credit is allowed in case of transit loss (i.e. normal loss). Whereas input tax credit is not allowed to the extent of transit loss (i.e. abnormal loss).

**Loss of Inputs:**

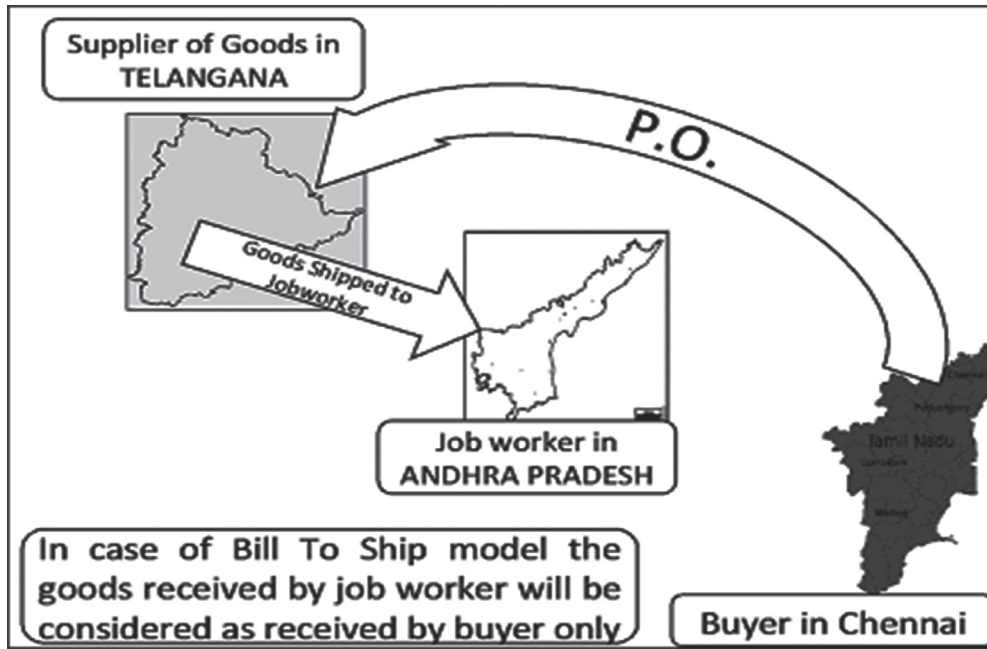


**Deemed receipt of goods [Explanation to Sec 16(2)(b) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

The explanation expands the meaning of receipt of goods to provide that it is not necessary that the goods are physically received by the recipient. The recipient can issue directions to deliver the goods to third person.

**Example 5:**

Goods sent to job worker from supplier on the directions of buyer (i.e. Bill To Ship).



Tax charged in respect of such supply has been actually paid to the Government (Sec 16(2)(c) of the CGST Act, 2017 subject to the provisions of Sec 41 of the CGST Act, 2017:

It is now specially provided that the supplier has actually paid to the credit of appropriate Govt. the tax amount on the supply made by him.

The liability of payment of tax will be computed by the common portal based on the information of outward supply declared by the supplier goods or services or by recipient himself. The liability so computed as per GSTR 3 will automatically reflected in common portal in tax liability register of taxpayer in Part 1 of the GST-PMT-1.

The taxpayer can make the payment of such liability either by using the balance available in the credit ledger or cash ledger. The payment is required to be made by 20th of following month.

It means supplier will give the credit to recipient only when tax paid to the Govt.

**Example 6:**

M/s. X Ltd. supplied taxable goods from the factory after manufacture in the month of Oct 2020 for sale to a distributor for ₹ 8,00,000. However, he deposited the GST @12% on these goods on 10-1-2021 against show cause notice issued under Section 74 (when there is fraud) of the CGST Act, 2017 by the Central Tax Officer and passed the order accordingly.

During the month of December 2017, M/s X Ltd received goods worth ₹ 5,00,000 by paying GST 12%.

- (a) Find the Net GST deposited by M/s X Ltd. into the Government Account on 10th January 2021.
- (b) Your answer is different if M/s X Ltd. paid GST 12% against show cause notice issued under section 73 (when there is no fraud).
- (c) Rework, M/s X Ltd. paid output tax by following self-assessment (i.e. when there is no show cause notice issued)

**Note:** Ignore penalty and interest

**Answer:****(a) Statement showing Net GST deposited by M/s X Ltd. (where there is fraud Sec. 74 of the CGST Act):**

Particulars	CGST 6%	SGST 6%	Remarks
Output tax	48,000	48,000	(₹ 8 lac x 6%)
Less: ITC (Since, it is paid against the order where there is fraud)	Not allowed	Not allowed	GST @12% paid on ₹ 5 lac is not allowed as ITC.
Net GST liability	48,000	48,000	

**(b) Our answer remain same as stated in (a) above.****(c) Statement showing Net GST deposited by M/s X Ltd. (where there is no show cause notice issued):**

Particulars	CGST 6%	SGST 6%	Remarks
Output tax	48,000	48,000	(₹ 8 lac x 6%)
Less: ITC	(30,000)	(30,000)	GST @12% paid on ₹ 5 lac is allowed as ITC.
Net GST deposited	18,000	18,000	

**Return under Section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017 must submit to avail the credit Sec. 16(2)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017:**

**Example 7:**

**M/s X Ltd supplied goods in the month of December 2021; the entry for debit must be made by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022. In the absence of making payment of tax, the return cannot be filed under section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017. In such case credit to the recipient of goods or services will be denied.**

It means the credit will be denied even when the recipient has paid tax to the supplier and supplier has failed to pay the tax to the Government.

**Payment to supplier of goods or services or both [2nd Proviso to Section 16(2) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

The recipient shall pay to the supplier of goods or services or both, other than the supplies on which tax is payable on reverse charge basis, the value along with the tax payable thereon within a period of 180 days from the date of issue of invoice by the supplier.

It means recipient of goods/services should pay to the supplier (Including Taxes), within 180 days from the date of issue of invoice, else the Input Credit shall be reversed

**Reversal of input tax credit in the case of non payment of consideration [Rule 37(1A) of the CGST Rules, 2017]**

A registered person, who has availed of input tax credit on any inward supply of goods or services or both, but fails to pay to the supplier thereof, the value of such supply along with the tax payable thereon, within the time limit specified in the second proviso to sub-section (2) of section 16 (i.e. 180 days from the date of invoice), shall furnish the details of such supply, the amount of value not paid and the amount of input tax credit availed of proportionate to such amount not paid to the supplier in FORM GSTR-2 for the month immediately following the period of one hundred and eighty days from the date of the issue of the invoice:

It means, if 180 days expires on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017, the details are required to be declared in GSTR-2 for the month of January 2018.

Provided that the value of supplies made without consideration as specified in Schedule I of the said Act shall be deemed to have been paid for the purposes of the second proviso to sub-section (2) of section 16.



It means, where supply is made without consideration in respect of activities specified in **Schedule I** then in such case proviso to sub-rule (1) to Rule 37 makes the deeming fiction that value against such supplies has deemed to be paid within 180 days from the date of issue of invoice.

**Notification No. 26/2018-CT, dated 13-6-2018:**

**Reversal of input tax credit in case of non-payment of consideration is not required (i.e. Deemed to have been paid): Notification No. 26/2018-CT, dated 13-6-2018:**

Value of supplies on account of any amount added in accordance with the provisions of section 15(2)(b) of CGST Act, 2017 shall be deemed to have been paid for the purposes of the second proviso to section 16(2) of the CGST Act, 2017.

The following paragraph has been inserted vide **Notification No. 26/2018 – Central Tax, dated 13.6.2018 to amend Rule 37 sub rule (1):**

“Provided further that the value of supplies on account of any amount added in accordance with the provisions of clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 15 shall be deemed to have been paid for the purposes of the second proviso to sub-section (2) of section 16.”

This proviso has been inserted so that any amount that the supplier is liable to pay in relation to supply but which has been incurred by the recipient of the supply and not included in the price actually paid or payable for the goods or services or both shall be deemed to have been paid and no reversal of input tax credit on such amount is required to be made in case recipient fails to pay to the supplier the amount towards the value of supply along with tax payable thereon within a period of one hundred and eighty days from the date of issue of invoice.

The following paragraph has been inserted vide **Notification No. 39/2018 – Central Tax, dated 04.9.2018 to amend Rule 36 sub rule (2):**

“Provided that if the said document does not contain all the specified particulars but contains the details of the amount of tax charged, description of goods or services, total value of supply of goods or services or both, GSTIN of the supplier and recipient and place of supply in case of inter-State supply, input tax credit may be availed by such registered person.”.

Even if all specified particulars stipulated by Invoice rules is not satisfied, yet the invoice contains the amount of tax charged, description of supplies, total value of supply, GSTIN of the supplier & recipient and place of supply in case of inter-state supply, then the ITC can be availed by registered taxpayers. This is a very important amendment and hence ITC cannot be denied due to certain clerical mistakes in the invoice by the supplier.

**Example 8:**

**M/s A Ltd of Aluva (Kerala) receives the input service from M/s B Ltd of Bengaluru who raises the invoice for supply of service on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 and availed the credit on the same date.**

**Find the time limit within which M/s A Ltd is required to pay the bill amount inclusive of tax to supplier of service. Also explain consequence if payment is not made within the stipulated time period as mentioned in 2<sup>nd</sup> proviso to section 16(2) of the CGST Act, 2017.**

**Re-credit is allowed if the payment is made to the supplier of service after expiry of time period as mentioned in 2<sup>nd</sup> proviso to section 16(2) of the CGST Act, 2017.**

**Answer:**

**In the given case M/s A Ltd must pay to M/s B Ltd the value of services and GST payable thereon by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

<b>Working note:</b>		
<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>No. of days</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>In case M/s A Ltd does not pay by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the credit availed by it will be added to his output liability. The amount will be added to their output tax liability with interest.</b>		

The 3rd proviso to Section 16(2) of the CGST Act, 2017, provides that the amount so reversed can be again taken as a credit when the payment for receipt goods or services has been made to the supplier of goods or services.

As per Rule 37(4) of the CGST Rules, 2017, the time limit specified in sub-section (4) of section 16 shall not apply to a claim for re-availing of any credit, in accordance with the provisions of the Act or the provisions of this Chapter that had been reversed earlier.

<p><b>Example 9:</b>  <b>M/s X Ltd. has establishment in Chennai, and establishment in Hyderabad. Supply of goods (open market value of ₹ 5,00,000) made by M/s X Ltd. Chennai to M/s X Ltd. Hyderabad. M/s X Ltd. Chennai paid IGST of ₹ 60,000. Accordingly M/s X Ltd. Hyderabad availed the input tax credit of ₹ 60,000. 2nd Proviso to Section 16(2) of CGST Act, 2017 is applicable in the given case (i.e to reverse the credit where payment is not made within 180 days from the date of invoice). Advise.</b></p> <p><b>Answer:</b>  <b>As per proviso to rule 37(1) of the CGST Rules, 2017, the value of supplies made without consideration as specified in Schedule I of the said Act shall be deemed to have been paid for the purposes of the second proviso to sub- section (2) of section 16.</b>  <b>In the given case M/s X Ltd. Hyderabad is not required to reverse the input tax credit. Since, as per Section 25(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 two establishments are considered as establishment of distinct person and accordingly, supply made by one establishment to another establishment will be covered under Schedule I without consideration.</b></p>
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**W.e.f 01-10-2022, Amendment in rule 37, Reversal of input tax credit in case of non-payment of consideration within 180 days:** vide Notification No. 19/2022-CT dated 28.09.2022) whereby sub-rule (1) and (2) have been substituted [and sub-rule (3) has been omitted] as below -

Rule 37 (1) A registered person, who has availed of input tax credit on any inward supply of goods or services or both, other than the supplies on which tax is payable on reverse charge basis, but fails to pay to the supplier thereof, the amount towards the value of such supply along with the tax payable thereon, within the time limit specified in the second proviso to sub-section(2) of section 16, shall pay an amount equal to the input tax credit availed in respect of such supply along with interest payable thereon under section 50, while furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the tax period immediately following the period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of the issue of the invoice:

Provided that the value of supplies made without consideration as specified in Schedule I of the said Act shall be deemed to have been paid for the purposes of the second proviso to sub-section (2) of section 16:

Provided further that the value of supplies on account of any amount added in accordance with the provisions of clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 15 shall be deemed to have been paid for the purposes of the second proviso to sub-section (2) of section 16.;

Rule 37(2) Where the said registered person subsequently makes the payment of the amount towards the value of such supply along with tax payable thereon to the supplier thereof, he shall be entitled to re-avail the input tax credit referred to in sub-rule (1).



Rule 37(3) OMITTED. Sub-rule (3) providing for payment of interest has been omitted since the same as now been incorporated in sub-rule (1).

Rule 37(4) The time limit specified in sub-section (4) of section 16 shall not apply to a claim for re-availing of any credit, in accordance with the provisions of the Act or the provisions of this Chapter, that had been reversed earlier.

**Example:**

If 180 days expires on 06.10.2022, the tax period following the said period is November 2022 and hence the reversal should be made in the GSTR-3B return for the month of November 2022, which would be filed on 20th December 2022. But nothing prevents the taxpayer to reverse the same in the GSTR-3B return for the month of October 2022 itself, which would be filed on 20th November 2022, so that the interest liability could be reduced further.

**Depreciation on GST component of the Capital Goods under Income Tax Act, 1961 [u/s 16(3) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

Taxable person shall not claim depreciation on tax component of the cost of capital goods under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961. If the depreciation under section 32 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 is claimed on the tax component by capitalizing with the cost of capital goods, input tax credit shall not be allowed.

**Example 10:**

**M/s Jay Ltd. being a manufacturer purchased machinery worth ₹ 10,00,000 on which GST ₹ 1,80,000 is paid. The manufacturer has following two options:**

**Option 1: claim depreciation on the entire value of machinery inclusive of GST (i.e., ₹ 11,80,000) by forgoing ITC on capital goods.**

**Option 2: claim depreciation on the cost of machine (i.e. ₹ 10,00,000) and avail the ITC of GST portion (i.e. 1,80,000).**

**Time limit to avail the input tax credit [Section 16(4) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

W.e.f. 01-10-2022, A registered person shall not be entitled to take input tax credit in respect of any invoice or debit note for supply of goods or services or both after the 30th November following the end of financial year to which such invoice or debit note pertains (prior to 01-10-2022 due date of furnishing of the return under section 39 for the month of September following the end of financial year to which such invoice or invoice relating to such debit note pertains) or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.

The words were "invoice relating to such" has been omitted w.e.f. 1-1-2021) It means the recipient can avail ITC of GST paid through debit note, even if the supply pertains to previous financial years.

**Time limit to avail the input tax credit:**

**(a) 30th November of the following financial year**

**OR**

**(b) Filling of annual return**

**Whichever is earlier**

Similarly, W.e.f 01-10-2022, the time limit of 20th October prescribed in section 34 for declaring detail of a Credit Note pertaining to any supply made in preceding FY is also revised and allowed upto 30th November or furnishing of Annual Return, whichever is earlier.

The time limit under Sec 16(4) does not apply to claim for re-availing of credit that had been reversed earlier.

### Restrictions on utilisation of ITC [Rule 86A]

A new rule 86A has been inserted in the CGST Rules to empower the Commissioner/ an officer (not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner) authorised by him, to impose restrictions on utilization of ITC available in the electronic credit ledger if he has reasons to believe that such ITC has been fraudulently availed or is ineligible.

The restrictions can be imposed in the following circumstances:

- (i) ITC has been availed on the basis of tax invoices/valid documents -
  - issued by a non-existent supplier or by a person not conducting any business from the registered place of business; or
  - without receipt of goods or services or both; or
  - the tax in relation to which has not been paid to the Government
- (ii) Registered person availing ITC has been found non-existent or not to be conducting any business from the registered place of business; or
- (iii) Registered person availing ITC is not in possession of tax invoice/valid document.

If the ITC is so availed, the restrictions can be imposed by not allowing such ITC to be used for discharging any liability under section 49 or not allowing refund of any unutilised amount of such ITC. Such restrictions can be imposed for a period up to 1 year from the date of imposing such restrictions. However, the Commissioner/officer authorised by him, can withdraw such restriction if he is satisfied that conditions for imposing the restrictions no longer exist.

### [Notification No. 75/2019-CT, dated 26.12.2019]

**The CBIC has issued Guidelines for disallowing debit of electronic credit ledger under Rule 86A of the CGST Rules, 2017. The salient points of the Guidelines are elaborated below:**

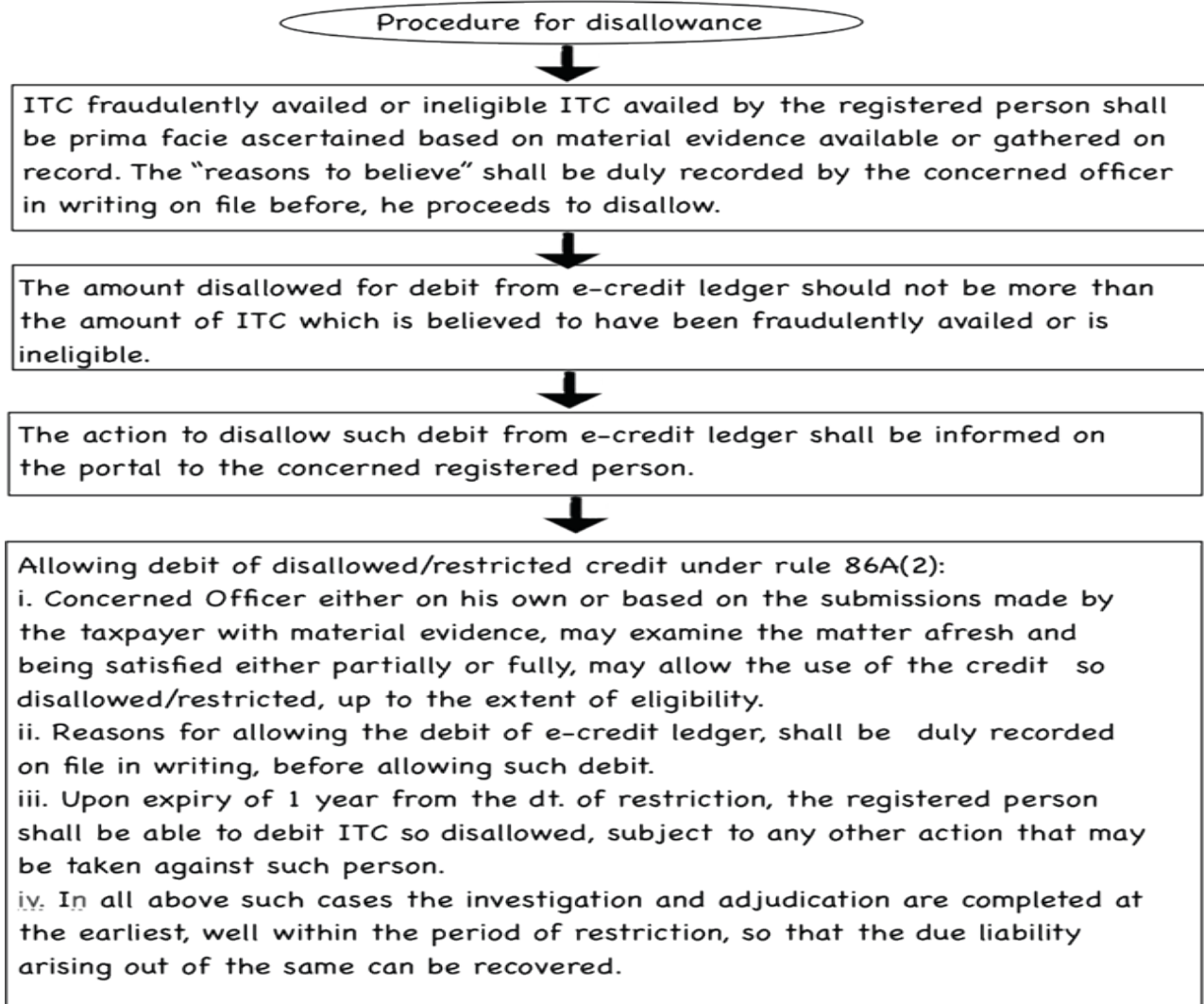
#### Grounds for disallowing debit of amount from electronic credit ledger

1. The Commissioner or an officer authorised by him, not below the rank of Assit. Comm. must "form an opinion" for disallowing debit of an amount from E-Credit Ledger where such disallowance is necessary for restricting him from utilizing/passing on fraudulently availed or ineligible ITC to protect the interest of revenue.
2. Disallowing debit of amount only after careful examination of all the facts of the case.

3. Total amount of ineligible fraudulently availed ITC	Officer authorized to disallow debit of amount from electronic credit ledger under rule 86A
≤ ₹1 crore	Deputy / Assistant Commissioner
> ₹1 crore ≤ ₹5 crore	Additional / Joint Commissioner
> ₹5 crore	Principal Comm. / Commissioner

4. During audit u/s 65 or 66 it is noticed that any ITC has been fraudulently availed or is ineligible as per the grounds mentioned in rule 86A, the concerned Commissioner/Principal Comm of CGST Audit Commissionerate may refer the same to the jurisdictional CGST Commissioner for examination of the matter for exercise of power under rule 86A.





Source: Guidelines for disallowing debit of electronic credit ledger under rule 86A of the CGST Rules, 2017

**Restriction on use of amount available in Electronic Credit Ledger Rule 86B of the CGST Rules, 2017:**

**w.e.f. 1-1-2021**, New Rule 86B has been inserted which restricts the use of credit available in Electronic Credit Ledger. The said rule restricts the use of Input Tax Credit by more than 99% against output tax liability. This restriction is applicable for taxpayers whose taxable supply other than exempt supply and zero-rated supply exceeds Rs. 50 lakhs in a month.

**Example:** The total value of inter-State supply of Shiva & Sons for the month of March 2021 is of ₹100 lakh. Said supply is taxable @ 18% IGST. Thus, total output tax liability of Shiva & Sons is ₹18 lakh. Amount available in electronic credit ledger is ₹ 20 lakh (IGST).

In terms of restriction imposed by rule 86B, Shiva & Sons can discharge @ 99% of its output tax liability, i.e. ₹17,82,000 (99% of ₹18,00,000) from the amount available in electronic credit ledger. However, it has to mandatorily discharge the balance 1% of the output tax liability i.e. ₹ 18,000 (1% of ₹ 18,00,000) through electronic cash ledger only.

Further, the said rule is not applicable in the following cases:—

- (a) The taxpayer (proprietor/Karta/managing director/partner/Whole Time Director/Members of the managing committee of Association/Board of Trustees) have paid income tax exceeding ₹1 lakh in each of the 2 preceding financial years or
- (b) Where taxpayers have received a refund of unutilized input tax credit exceeding ₹1 lakh in the preceding financial year on account of exports or supplies to SEZ or
- (c) Where taxpayers have received a refund of unutilized input tax credit exceeding ₹1 lakh in the preceding financial year on account of inverted duty structure or
- (d) The taxpayer has discharged his liability towards output tax through the Electronic Cash Ledger for an amount which is more than 1% of the total output liability, applied cumulatively, up to the said month in the current financial year or
- (e) The taxpayer is—
  - Government Department
  - Public Sector Undertaking
  - Local authority
  - Statutory body

The Commissioner or any officer authorized by him on this behalf may remove the said restriction after such verification and safeguards as he may deem fit (vide Notification No. 94/2020-CT., dated 22-12-2020)

**W.e.f. 01-10-2022, section 49(12) of CGST Act, 2017 has been inserted concerning the above rule. This insertion gives rule 86B legal backing**

### 7.3 BLOCKED CREDIT

#### Common inputs and input services for taxable and exempted supplies [Section 17 of the CGST Act, 2017]:

Section 17(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 where the goods or services or both are used by the registered person partly for the purpose of any business and partly for other purposes, the amount of credit shall be restricted to so much of the input tax as is attributable to the purposes of his business.

Section 17(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 where the goods or services or both are used by the registered person partly for effecting taxable supplies including zero-rated supplies under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act and partly for effecting exempt supplies under the said Acts, the amount of credit shall be restricted to so much of the input tax as is attributable to the said taxable supplies including zero-rated supplies.

Section 17(3) of the CGST Act, 2017 the value of exempt supply under sub-section (2) shall be such as may be prescribed, and shall include supplies on which the recipient is liable to pay tax on reverse charge basis, transactions in securities, sale of land and, subject to clause (b) of paragraph 5 of Schedule II, sale of building.

The following explanation was inserted for Sec 17(3) vide CGST Amendment Act,2018 ,namely:

“For the purposes of this sub- section, the expression ‘‘value of exempt supply’’ shall not include the value of activities or transactions specified in Schedule III, except those specified in paragraph 5 of the said Schedule”.

**Note:** The objective to amend Sec 17(3) vide CGST Amendment Act,2018 is to specify the scope of input tax credit.

**Exempted supply for the purpose of Rule 42 and Rule 43**

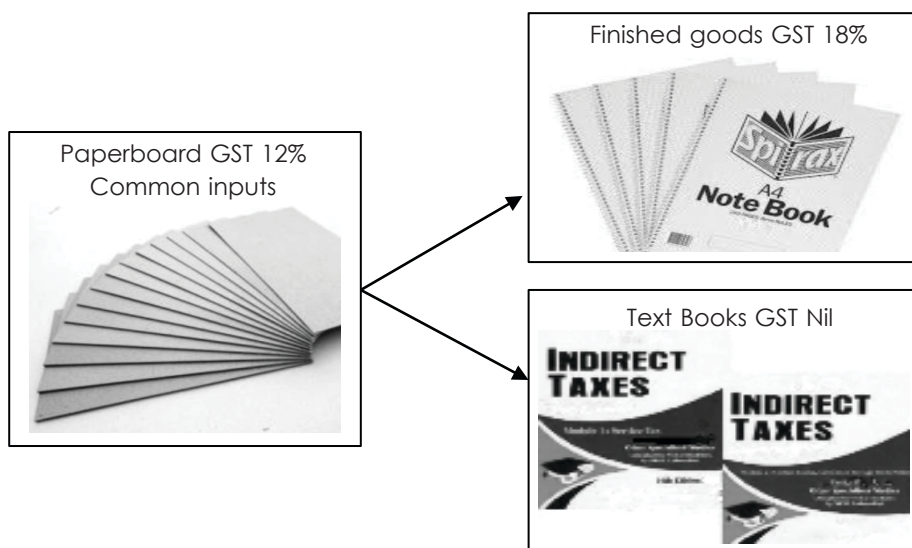
**Includes**

- i. Outward supplies on which recipient is liable to pay tax under RCM.
- ii. Transactions in securities (value of supply shall be taken as 1% of the sale value of such securities).
- iii. Sale of land (value shall be taken as the same as adopted for the purpose of paying Stamp Duty).
- iv. Sale of building value shall be taken as the same as adopted for the purpose of paying Stamp Duty (except construction of complex where supply is made before obtaining completion certificate).
- v. Nil rate of supply.
- vi. Non-taxable supply.

**Excludes**

- i. Activities specified in Schedule III (except sale of land & building).
- ii. Interest earned on deposits, loans and advances (except Banks/NBFCs).
- iii. Supply of services by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from the customs station of clearance in India to a place outside India.
- iv. Excise duty, Sales Tax.
- v. The value of supply of duty credit scrips like MEIS, RoDTEP's, SEIS & EPCG (NT No.14/2022 CT Dt 5th July 2022).

Section 17(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 where the goods or services or both are used by the registered person partly for effecting taxable supplies including zero-rated supplies and partly for effecting exempt supplies the amount of credit shall be restricted to so much of the input tax as is attributable to the said taxable supplies including zero-rated supplies.



**Manner of determination of input tax credit in respect of inputs or input services and reversal thereof (Rule 42 (1) of the CGST Rules, 2017:**

The input tax credit in respect of inputs or input services, which attract the provisions of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 17, being partly used for the purposes of business and partly for other purposes, or partly used for effecting taxable supplies including zero rated supplies and partly for effecting exempt supplies, shall be attributed to the purposes of business or for effecting taxable supplies in the following manner, namely,-

Step 1: Calculate common input tax credit on inputs and input services which are used to supply taxable as well as exempted output supplies:

Particulars	Value in ₹	CGST Rules, 2017
Total ITC on inputs and input services	xxx	As per rule 42(1)(a)
Less: ITC on supplies exclusively used for the purpose other than business	(xx)	As per rule 42(1)(b)
Less: ITC on supplies exclusively used for providing exempted supplies	(xx)	As per rule 42(1)(c)
Less: ITC not available u/s 17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017	(xx)	As per rule 42(1)(d)
Input tax credit which are used to supply taxable as well as exempted output supplies	xxx	As per rule 42(1)(e)
Less: ITC on supplies used exclusively for taxable supply including Zero rated supply (i.e. ITC on normal supplies)	(xx)	As per rule 42(1)(f)
Common ITC, which are used to supply taxable as well as exempted output supplies (denoted as "C2")	xx	As per rule 42(1)(h)

**Note:** As per Rule 42(1)(g) of the CGST Rules, 2017, information relating to Rule 42(1)(b), (c), (d) and (f) shall be determined and declared by the registered person at the invoice level in FORM GSTR-2;

**Step 2:** Amount of reversal of input tax credit attributable towards Exempt supplies rule 42(1)(i) of the CGST Rules, 2017 (denoted as "D1"):

$$= \left[ \frac{\text{Exempted Supplies during the Tax Period ('E')}}{\text{Total turnover in the State of the registered person during the tax period ('F')}} \right] \times \text{Common ITC which are used to supply taxable as well as exempted, output supplies}$$

Provided that where the registered person does not have any turnover during the said tax period or the aforesaid information is not available, the value of 'E/F' shall be calculated by taking values of 'E' and 'F' of the last tax period for which the details of such turnover are available, previous to the month during which the said value of 'E/F' is to be calculated;

**Explanation:** For the purposes of this clause, it is hereby clarified that the aggregate value of exempt supplies and the total turnover shall exclude the amount of any duty or tax levied under entry 84 of List I of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and entry 51 and 54 of List II of the said Schedule;

The ITC so availed by the recipient of deemed export supplies would not be subjected to provisions of Section 17 of the CGST Act, 2017 (vide CBIC Circular No 172/04/2022 GST dt.6th July 2022).

**Notification No. 55/2017-Central Tax, dated 15th November 2017, w.e.f. 15th November, 2017:**

An explanation has been inserted after sub-rule (2) in rule 43 for the purposes of rule 42 and this rule that the aggregate value of exempt supplies shall exclude the value of supply of services having place of supply in Nepal or Bhutan, against payment in Indian Rupees.



**Notification No. 3/2018-Central Tax, dated 23rd January 2018:**

For the purposes of rule 42 and this rule, it is hereby clarified that the aggregate value of exempt supplies shall exclude:—

- (a) the value of services by way of accepting deposits, extending loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount, except in case of a banking company or a financial institution including a non-banking financial company, engaged in supplying services by way of accepting deposits, extending loans or advances; and
- (b) the value of supply of services by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from the customs station of clearance in India to a place outside India.”;

**Tax period:**

As per section 2(106) of the CGST Act, 2017 tax period means for the purpose for which return is required to be furnished. As per section 39 return is required to be furnished on monthly basis by the registered person except the person opting for composition scheme or persons eligible to file return quarterly based on their aggregate turnover not exceeds ₹ 150 lacs.

This rule is not applicable to persons opting for composition scheme.

**Computing proportionate amount attributable to use for non-business purposes (i.e. Personal purpose) [Rule 42(1)(j) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

The amount of credit attributable to non-business purposes if common inputs and input services are used partly for business and partly for non-business purposes, be denoted as ‘D2’, and shall be equal to **five per cent** of C2; and

Common ITC, which are used to supply taxable as well as exempted output supplies (denoted as “C2”)	××	As per rule 42(1)(h)
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Thus, if input or input services have been used for the purpose of non-business, as per rule 42(1)(j) of the CGST Rules, 2017 credit of 5% of “C2” will be required to be reversed. It means the same should be deducting from input tax credit on input or input services exclusively used for taxable supply in the electronic credit ledger.

**Quantum of eligible ITC [Rule 42(1)(k) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

The remainder of the common credit shall be the eligible input tax credit attributed to the purposes of business and for effecting supplies other than exempted supplies but including zero rated supplies and shall be denoted as ‘C3’, where,-

$$C3 = C2 - (D1 + D2)$$

**Eligible ITC to be separately computed for different taxes [Rule 42(1)(l) of the CGST Rules, 2017]:**

That “C3” shall be computed separately for CGST, SGST, UTGST and IGST.

**Added to the output tax liability [Rule 42(1)(m) of the CGST Rules, 2017]:**

Person shall compute D1 and D2 (i.e. ineligible credit in addition to ineligible credit at invoice level and add that amount to the output tax liability. This will be added on monthly basis and the registered person should pay the amount.

**Adjustment at the year end [Rule 42(2) of the CGST Rules, 2017]:**

The input tax credit determined under sub-rule (1) shall be calculated finally for the financial year before the due date for furnishing of the return for the month of September following the end of the financial year to which such credit relates, in the manner specified in the said sub-rule and-

- (a) where the aggregate of the amounts calculated finally in respect of 'D1' and 'D2' exceeds the aggregate of the amounts determined under sub-rule (1) in respect of 'D1' and 'D2', such excess shall be added to the output tax liability of the registered person in the month not later than the month of September following the end of the financial year to which such credit relates and the said person shall be liable to pay interest on the said excess amount at the rate specified in sub-section (1) of section 50 for the period starting from the first day of April of the succeeding financial year till the date of payment; or
- (b) where the aggregate of the amounts determined under sub-rule (1) in respect of 'D1' and 'D2' exceeds the aggregate of the amounts calculated finally in respect of 'D1' and 'D2', such excess amount shall be claimed as credit by the registered person in his return for a month not later than the month of September following the end of the financial year to which such credit relates.

**w.e.f. 1st February 2019**, The Central Government vide Notification No. 03/2019-CT, dated 29th January 2019 has amended CGST Rules, 2017 details of which are explained below:

Rule	Revised	Comment
Insertion of Rule 41A [Transfer of credit on sale, merger, amalgamation, lease or transfer of a business]:	<p>1. A registered person who has obtained separate registration for multiple places of business in accordance with the provisions of rule 11 and who intends to transfer, either wholly or partly, the unutilized ITC lying in his electronic credit ledger to any or all of the newly registered place of business, shall furnish within 30 days from obtaining such separate registrations, the details in FORM GST ITC-02A electronically,</p> <p>Provided that the ITC shall be transferred to the newly registered entities in the ratio of the value of assets (value of the entire assets of the business whether or not input tax credit has been availed thereon.) held by them at the time of registration and upon such acceptance by newly registered person (transferee), the unutilized input tax credit specified in FORM GST ITC-02A shall be credited to his electronic credit ledger.</p>	Please note that this rule is especially where separate registration is obtained under the amended section 25(2).

**w.e.f. 1st February 2019**, The Central Government vide Notification No. 03/2019-CT, dated 29th January, 2019 has amended CGST Rules, 2017 details of which are explained below:

Rule	Revised	Comment
<b>Insertion in Explanation to Rule 42 and Rule 43</b> [Manner of determination of input tax credit in respect of inputs or input services /capital goods and reversal thereof]	<p>After the word and figures "entry 84", the word, figures and letter "and entry 92A" shall be inserted. Therefore for the purposes of Rule 42 &amp; 43, the aggregate value of exempt supplies and the total turnover shall exclude the amount of any duty or tax levied under entry 84 and entry 92 A* of List I of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and entry 51 and 54 of List II of the said Schedule</p> <p>*Entry 92A levy taxes on the sale or purchase of goods other than newspapers, where such sale or purchase takes place in the course of inter-State trade or commerce.</p>	



The Central Government vide Notification No. 16/2019-CT, dated 29th March 2019 has amended Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. Amendments made are explained below:

Rule	Revised	Comment
Rule 41: (Transfer of credit on sale, merger, amal- gamation, lease or transfer of a business)	Insertion of Explanation: - it is hereby clarified that the "value of assets" means the value of the entire assets of the business, whether or not input tax credit has been availed thereon.	Comment: With the insertion of this explanation it is clarified that for the purpose of apportionment of ITC in case of demerger on the basis of ratio of assets of the new units as specified in the demerger scheme value of assets means value of all assets whether ITC claimed or not.
<b>Insertion in Rule 42: (Manner of determination of input tax credit in respect of inputs or input services and reversal thereof)</b>	<p>Insertion of Explanation in clause (f): For the purpose of calculation of T4, it is hereby clarified that in case of supply of services covered by clause (b) of paragraph 5 of Schedule II (Construction of complex, building, civil structure or part thereof except where entire consideration received after issuance of completion certificate), value of T4 shall be zero during the construction phase because inputs and input services will be commonly used for construction of apartments booked on or before the date of issuance of completion certificate or first occupation of the project, whichever is earlier, and those which are not booked by the said date.</p> <p><b>Insertion in clause (g):</b> T1', 'T2', 'T3' and 'T4' shall be determined and declared by the registered person at the invoice level in FORM GSTR-2 <b>and at summary level in FORM GSTR-3B</b></p>	<p>Comment: In case of service of Construction of complex, building, civil structure or part thereof except where entire consideration received after issuance of completion certificate value of T4 shall be zero during the construction phase.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> Now, a taxpayer shall declare T1', 'T2', 'T3' and 'T4' at summary level in FORM GSTR-3B as well earlier this information was only required in GSTR- 2 at the invoice level.</p>
	<p><b>Insertion of proviso in clause (i):</b> Provided that in case of supply of services covered by clause (b) of paragraph 5 of Schedule II of the Act, the value of 'E/F' for a tax period shall be calculated for each project separately, taking value of E and F as under:-</p> <p>E = aggregate carpet area of the apartments, construction of which is exempt plus but are identified to be sold after issue of completion certificate or first occupation, whichever is earlier</p> <p>F = aggregate carpet area of the apartments in the project. Further as per explanation, value of E shall also include aggregate carpet area of the apartments, which have not been booked.</p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> A proviso has been inserted to provide that in case of service of Construction of complex, building, civil structure or part thereof except where entire consideration received after issuance of completion certificate, value of 'E/F' for a tax period shall be calculated for each project separately.</p>

Rule	Revised	Comment
	<p><b>Substitution in Sub Rule (1) clause (l):</b> the amount 'C3', 'D1' and 'D2' shall be computed separately for input tax credit of central tax, State tax, Union territory tax and integrated tax and declared in FORM GSTR-3B or through FORM GST DRC-03</p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> This now gives teeth the instructions from CBIC to carry out reversals (for earlier years) through DRC03. It was seen that reversals for earlier year were made through GSTR 3B which resulted in double counting of reversal in subsequent financial year.</p>
	<p><b>Substitution Sub Rule (1) clause (m):</b> the amount equal to aggregate of 'D1' and 'D2' shall be <b>reversed by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B or through FORM GST DRC-03</b></p>	
	<p><b>Substitution in sub rule (2): Except in case of supply of services covered by clause (b) of paragraph 5 of the Schedule II of the Act, the input tax credit 44</b> determined under sub-rule (1) shall be calculated finally for the financial year before the due date for furnishing of the return for the month of September following the end of the financial year to which such credit relates, in the manner specified in the said sub-rule</p>	
	<p><b>Substitution in sub rule (2) clause (a):</b> where the aggregate of the amounts calculated finally in respect of 'D1' and 'D2' exceeds the aggregate of the amounts determined under sub-rule (1) in respect of 'D1' and 'D2', such excess shall be <b>reversed by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B or through FORM GST DRC-03</b> 45 in the month not later than the month of September following the end of the financial year to which such credit relates.....</p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> This is consequential effect that is required to accommodate previous rule changes.</p>
	<p><b>Insertion of Sub Rule (3):</b> In case of supply of services covered by clause (b) of paragraph 5 of the Schedule II of the Act, the input tax determined under sub-rule (1) shall be calculated finally, for each ongoing project or project which commences on or after 1st April, 2019, which did not undergo or did not require transition of input tax credit consequent to change of rates of tax on 1st April, 2019 In the manner prescribed in the said sub-rule.</p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> Where transition adjustment has been made (into new rate-regime), the reversal effect needs to be treated without allowing these adjustments to unduly impact the reversal.</p>





Rule	Revised	Comment
<p><b>Rule 43: Manner of determination of input tax credit in respect of capital goods and reversal thereof in certain cases.</b></p>	<p><b>Insertion in sub rule 1 clause (a):</b> the amount of input tax in respect of capital goods used or intended to be used exclusively for non-business purposes or used or intended to be used exclusively for effecting exempt supplies shall be indicated in FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR-3B and shall not be credited to his electronic credit ledger.</p> <p><b>Insertion in sub rule 1 clause (b):</b> he amount of input tax in respect of capital goods used or intended to be used exclusively for effecting supplies other than exempted supplies but including zero-rated supplies shall be indicated in FORM GSTR-2 and <b>FORM GSTR-3B</b> and shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger.</p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> Earlier the ITC on capital goods used for non-business purpose and used for effecting exempt supplies was required to be indicated in GSTR 2 only. Now, it shall be indicated in GSTR 3B as well.</p> <p>Further, ITC in respect of capital goods used for effecting supplies other than exempted but including zero rated shall also be indicated in GSTR 3B now.</p>
	<p><b>Insertion of explanation in clause (b):</b> For the purpose for calculating ITC on capital goods used for effecting supplies other that exempted, it is hereby clarified that in case of supply of services covered by clause (b) of paragraph 5 of the Schedule II of the said Act, the amount of input tax in respect of capital goods used or intended to be used exclusively for effecting supplies other than exempted supplies but including zero rated supplies, shall be zero during the construction phase because capital goods will be commonly used for construction of apartments booked on or before the date of issuance of completion certificate or first occupation of the project, whichever is earlier, and those which are not booked by the said date.</p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> This is welcome as difficulty in determining reversal during year of construction which would have impacted the correctness of reversal which could be favourable or unfavourable to RPs and subverts correct determination of reversal required.</p>
	<p><b>Insertion in clause (g):</b> 'F' is the total turnover in the State of the registered person during the tax period:</p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> Earlier the clause defining abbreviation "F" is modified in a way to provide that total turnover only within a state will be considered.</p>
	<p><b>Insertion of proviso in clause (g):</b>            Provided that in case of supply of services covered by clause (b) of paragraph 5 of the Schedule II of the Act, the value of 'E/F' for a tax period shall be calculated for each project separately, taking value of E and F as under            E = aggregate carpet area of the apartments, construction of which is exempt from tax plus aggregate carpet area of the apartments, construction of which is not exempt from tax, but are identified by the promoter to be sold after issue of completion certificate or first occupation, whichever is earlier.            F = aggregate carpet area of the apartments in the project</p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> A proviso has been inserted to provide that in case of service of Construction of complex, building, civil structure or part thereof except where entire consideration received after issuance of completion certificate, value of 'E/F' for a tax period shall be calculated for <b>each project separately</b>.</p>

Rule	Revised	Comment
	<b>Insertion of clause (i) :</b> The amount $T_e$ shall be computed separately for input tax credit of central tax, State tax, Union territory tax and integrated tax and declared in FORM GSTR 3B	<b>Comment:</b> A new clause has been inserted to provide that calculation of the amount of common credit attributable towards exempted supplies shall be computed separately for each tax type.
	<b>Substitution of sub rule 2:</b> In case of supply of services covered by clause (b) of paragraph 5 of schedule II of the Act, the amount of common credit attributable towards exempted supplies ( $T_e$ final) shall be calculated finally for the entire period (from commencement to completion or occupation whichever earlier) as under: $T_e \text{ final} = [(E1 + E2 + E3)/F] \times T_c \text{ final}$ , where value of $T_e$ final exceeds the aggregate of amounts of $T_e$ determined for each tax period under sub-rule (1), such excess shall be reversed by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B or through FORM GST DRC-03 in the month not later than the month of September and the said person shall be liable to pay interest on the said excess amount. Such excess amount shall be claimed as credit by the registered person in his return	<b>Comment:</b> This is welcome as it takes into consideration the timing-difference of projects executed over more than one financial year.

**Example 15:**

M/s. Vipin Ltd. purchased raw material 'A' 10,000 kg @ ₹ 80 per Kg. plus GST. The said raw material was used to manufacture product 'P'. The other information's are as under:

- (i) Processing loss : 2% on inputs 'A'.  
 (ii) Transaction value of 'P' : ₹ 100 per kg.  
 (iii) Other material 'M' used in the manufacture of 'P' : ₹ 2 lac plus GST.  
 (iv) GST on capital goods imported during the period and used in the manufacture of 'P':  
 - Basic customs duty ₹ 20,000  
 - IGST under customs under section 3(1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 ₹ 10,000;  
 (v) Rate of GST on 'A', 'M' and 'P' : 12%.

M/s. Vipin Ltd. is not eligible for composition scheme under Section 10 of CGST Act, 2017

Compute: (a) Amount of input tax credit available and  
 (b) Net GST payable by M/s. Vipin Ltd.

Answer:

(a) Statement showing eligible input tax credit of M/s Vipin

Particulars	Value in ₹	Working note
Raw material 'P'	96,000	(10,000 kg x ₹ 80) x 12%



Other material 'M'	24,000	2,00,000 x 12%
Capital goods (imported)	10,000	IGST allowed as ITC.
<b>Total ITC</b>	<b>1,30,000</b>	

(b) Net GST liability of M/s Vipin  
 Input 'A' 10,000 kg → Out put 'P' 9,800 kg

	₹	
GST payable on value of supply 'P'	=	1,17,600
(9,800 kg x ₹ 100) x 12%		
less: ITC allowed	=	(1,30,000)
Excess ITC c/f	=	(12,400)

**Example 16:**  
 M/s X Ltd manufacturer of textile products. Company received order from Government to supply goods to defense (exempted supply). The turnover of the other taxable goods and exempted goods ₹ 4 crore and ₹ 1 crore respectively. Common inputs on which GST paid ₹ 20,000.  
 Calculate the eligible ITC on common inputs?  
**Answer:**

Common inputs credit	=	₹ 20,000
Total turnover	=	₹ 5 crores
Credit attributable to exempted supplies	=	₹ 4,000
(₹ 20,000 x ₹ 1 crore/₹ 5 crore)		
Eligible ITC is ₹ 16,000 (i.e 20,000 – 4,000)		

**Example 17:**  
 M/s Lips Ltd., manufactures four types of 'Nail Polishes', namely Sweety, Pretty, Beauty, Tweety.  
 The Company has taken input tax credit of ₹ 3,00,000 on the common inputs used in the manufacture of 'Nail Polishes'. Common inputs also used partly for non-business purposes. During the financial year 2021-22 (w.e.f 1-7-2021) the company manufactured 1000 liters of each type of 'Nail Polishes'. The Company was not in a position to maintain separate set of records with regards to inputs used for final products. GST payable on final goods @12%.  
 You are required to calculate the net GST payable by M/s Lips Ltd. for the year 2021-22 from the following data:

Product Name	Description	Sale price (Exclusive of GST)
Sweety	Sale to Domestic Tariff Area	₹ 30 per 20ml. bottle
Pretty	Sale to a Special Economic Zone (SEZ)	₹ 40 per 20ml. bottle
Beauty	Sale to A Ltd. of USA	₹ 50 per 20ml. bottle
Tweety	Sale to Defence Canteen (Exempted from GST)	₹ 60 per 20ml. bottle

**Answer:**  
 Statement showing GST on outward supplies:

Product Name	Description	Sale price (Exclusive of GST)	Transaction Value ₹	GST liable to pay ₹	Remarks
Sweety	Sale to Domestic Tariff Area	₹ 30 per 20ml. bottle	15,00,000	1,80,000	₹ 15,00,000 (1000 liters × 1000ml./ 20ml × ₹ 30) GST = ₹ 1,80,000 (₹ 15,00,000 × 12%)
Pretty	Sale to a unit of SEZ (treated as exports)	₹ 40 per 20ml. bottle	20,00,000	Zero rated supplies	₹ 20,00,000 (1000 liters × 1000ml./ 20ml × ₹ 40)
Beauty	Sale to A Ltd. of USA (export sales)	₹ 50 per 20ml. bottle	25,00,000	Zero rated supplies	₹ 25,00,000 (1000 liters × 1000ml./ 20ml × ₹ 50)
Tweety	Sale to Defence Canteen (Exempted from GST)	₹ 60 per 20ml. bottle	30,00,000	Exempted	₹ 30,00,000 (1000 liters × 1000ml./ 20ml × ₹ 60)
	<b>Total</b>		<b>90,00,000</b>	<b>1,80,000</b>	

As per Section 17(3) of the CGST Act, 2017 read with rule 42(1)(i) and rule 42(1)(j) of the CGST Rules, 2017 proportionate reversal of credit is as follows:

Particulars	ITC reversal ₹	Working note
Input tax credit proportionate reversal on common inputs [rule 42(1)(i)]	1,00,000	(₹ 30,00,000/ ₹ 90,00,000) × ₹ 3,00,000
Credit attributable to non-business purposes on common inputs [rule 42(1)(j)]	15,000	₹ 3,00,000 × 5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,15,000</b>	

Quantum of eligible ITC (Rule 42(1)(k) of the CGST Rules, 2017) is ₹ 1,85,000/- [₹ 3,00,000 – (1,00,000 + 15,000)]

Statement showing net GST liability or excess credit:

Therefore, the GST payable on taxable supply of goods	=	₹ 1,80,000
Less: ITC credit allowed	=	₹ 1,85,000
Excess ITC can be carried forward into next month	=	₹ (5,000)

#### Example 18:

Assume in Example 3 above, M/s Lips Ltd., utilized the credit ₹ 2,25,000. Excess credit paid on 15th April 2022. Find the interest if any payable by M/s Lips Ltd.

Answer:

As per Rule 42(2) of the CGST Rules, 2017 where the aggregate of the amount calculated finally in respect of ineligible credit exceeds the aggregate of the amounts determined under rule 42(1)(i) and (j), such excess shall be added to the output tax liability of the registered person in the month not later than the month of September following the end of the financial year to which such credit relates and the said person shall be liable to pay interest on the said excess amount at the rate specified in sub-section (1) of Section 50 for the period starting from the 1st day of April of the succeeding financial year till the date of payment.

Interest = ₹ 296/-

[(2,25,000 – 1,85,000) × 18% × 15/365]



**Example 19:**

Y Ltd. manufactures taxable and exempted goods. Y Ltd. also simultaneously provides taxable as well as exempted output services. Raw material 10,000 units were purchased @ ₹ 100 per unit used commonly during the month of January 2022 to produce all final products. GST paid on inputs 12%. Input services commonly used for all goods and services in the month of January 2022. Total ITC on inputs and input services taken into books of account in the relevant tax period is ₹ 1,74,000.

Turnover for the month of January 2022 (excluding all taxes)

Particulars	Value of finished goods (₹)
Taxable supply of goods	2,00,000
Exempted supply of goods (₹ 80 per unit)	1,00,000
Taxable supply of services	1,00,000
Exempted supply of services	50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,50,000</b>

You are required to compute the amount of reversal of input tax credit as per rule 42(1)(i) of the CGST Rules, 2017 of the month of January 2022.

**Note:** Each unit of exempted final product needs 2 units of raw materials. Assumed that there is no process loss.

**Answer:**

**Step 1:** Calculate common input tax credit on inputs and input services which are used to supply taxable as well as exempted output supplies:

Particulars	Value in ₹	Working note
Total ITC on inputs and input services	1,74,000	rule 42(1)(a)
Less: ITC on supplies exclusively used for the purpose other than business	Nil	rule 42(1)(b)
Less: ITC on supplies exclusively used for providing exempted supplies	(30,000)	2,500u x ₹100 x 12% [rule 42(1)(c)]
Less: ITC not available u/s 17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017	Nil	rule 42(1)(d)
Input tax credit which are used to supply taxable as well as exempted output supplies	1,44,000	rule 42(1)(e).
Less: ITC on supplies used exclusively for taxable supply including Zero rated supply (i.e. ITC on normal supplies)	(90,000)	(10,000u - 2,500u) x 12% As per rule 42(1)(f)
Common ITC, which are used to supply taxable as well as exempted output supplies (denoted as "C2")	54,000	As per rule 42(1)(h)

**Step 2:** Amount of reversal of input tax credit attributable towards exempted supplies rule 42(1)(i) of the CGST Rules, 2017 is as follows:

$$(\text{₹ } 1,50,000 / 4,50,000) \times \text{₹ } 54,000 = \text{₹ } 18,000/-$$

**Working Note:**

- (i) Number of units of exempted final products 1,250 units (i.e. ₹ 1,00,000/₹ 80 per unit = 1,250 units)
- (ii) Since, each unit of exempted final product needs 2 units of raw materials. Raw material used exclusively for exempted final product 2,500 units (i.e. 1,250 units x 2 units = 2,500 units).

**Example 20:** Ram & Co., being a registered person under GST supplied the following in the month of January 20XX:

Particulars	Value in ₹
Taxable supply of goods	20,00,000
Exempted supply of goods	5,00,000
Sale of land	12,50,000
Recovery Agent services supplied to OK Bank	2,50,000
Deposit on which interest received	2,00,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,00,000</b>

Common inputs for the relevant tax period is ₹2,00,000.

GST applicable rate on outward supply of goods @28%.

Find the GST liability?

**Answer:**

St. showing net GST liability:		₹
Output tax	=	5,60,000
Add: ITC reversed	=	95,238
Out tax liability	=	6,55,238
Less: ITC	=	(2,00,000)
<b>Net GST liability</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>4,55,238</b>

**Working note:**

(1) Exempted supply:

	₹
Exempted supply of goods	5,00,000
Sale of land	12,50,000
Recovery Agent services supplied to OK Bank	2,50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,00,000</b>

(2) Net ITC allowed = ₹1,04,762 (₹2,00,000 - ₹95,238)

(3) GST liability on outwards supply

$$₹20,00,000 \times 28\% = ₹5,60,000$$

(4) ITC not allowed as per Rule 42(1)(i) of CGST Rules, 2017  $2,00,000 \times 20/42 = ₹95,238/-$

Sale of land and Recovery Agent to a banking company is treated as exempted supply as per Section 17(3) of the CGST Act, 2017

W.e.f. 25.1.2018, interest on deposits should not include in exempted supply. However, it is included in total turnover.

**Rule 43 of the CGST Rules, 2017: Manner of determination of input tax credit in respect of capital goods and reversal thereof in certain cases:**

This provision elucidated in the following manner:



**Example 21:** Soren Enterprises is in possession of certain capital goods and purchases more of them as per the following particulars:

Particulars	Input tax on Capital Goods (₹)	Status of its use
Capital goods A	12,000	Exclusively used for non-business purpose.
Capital goods B	24,000	Exclusively used for zero-rated supplies
Capital goods C	60,000	Used both for taxable and exempted supplies.
Capital goods D (has been exclusively used for 2 years for exempted supplies)	1,20,000	Now there is change in use, both for taxable and exempted supplies.
Capital goods E (has been exclusively used for 3 years for taxable supplies)	1,80,000	Now there is change in use, both for taxable and exempt supplies.

Useful life of all the above capital goods is considered as 5 years.

Apportion the input tax credit of capital goods, while being informed that aggregate value of exempted supplies during the tax period being ₹6,00,000 and total turnover during the tax period being ₹12,00,000.

**Answer:** Statement showing eligible ITC for the tax period is as follows:

Particulars	Input tax on Capital Goods (₹)	Status of its use	Provision under CGST
Capital goods A	Not allowed	Exclusively used for non-business purpose.	Rule 43(1)(a) of CGST Rules, 2017
Capital goods B	24,000	Exclusively used for zero-rated supplies	Fully allowed as per Rule 43(1)(b) of CGST Rules, 2017
Capital goods C	60,000		
Capital goods D	72,000		
Total ITC eligible for the tax period	1,56,000		
Capital goods C, D and E	1,700	Common credit attributable to exempt supplies	Such credit, along with the applicable interest, shall be added to the output tax liability of Soren Enterprises

**Working note:**

(1) As per rule 43(1)(c) of the CGST Rules, 2017 the amount of input tax in respect of capital goods not covered under clauses (a) and (b) of Rule 43(1), denoted as 'A', shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger and the useful life of such goods shall be taken as **five years** from the date of the invoice for such goods:

Provided that where any capital goods earlier covered under clause (a) is subsequently covered under this clause, the value of 'A' shall be arrived at by reducing the input tax at the rate of **5% points** for every quarter or part thereof and the amount 'A' shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger;

**Explanation** — An item of capital goods declared under clause (a) of rule 43(1) on its receipt shall not attract the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 18, if it is subsequently covered under this clause.

**Note:** Rule 43 of CGST Rules, 2017 is subject to the provisions of Section 16(3) of the CGST Act, 2017 (i.e. assessee should not avail depreciation on the portion of Tax paid on capital goods)

Particulars	Value in ₹ (Denoted 'A')	Working note	
Used both for taxable and exempted supplies	60,000	As per rule 43(1)(c) of CGST Rules, 2017	
Capital goods D (has been exclusively used for 2 years for exempted supplies). Now there is change in use, both for taxable and exempted supplies.	72,000	Proviso to rule 43(1)(c) of CGST Rules, 2017.	
		ITC	1,20,000
		Less: 5% p. q. for 8 quarters 1.20 L x 5% x 8	-48,000
		ITC attributable for taxable and exempted	72,000
Capital goods E (has been exclusively used for 3 years for taxable supplies).  Now there is change in use, both for taxable and exempt supplies.	72,000	Proviso to rule 43(1)(d) of CGST Rules, 2017	
		ITC	1,80,000
		Less: 5% p. q. for 12 quarters 1.80 L x 5% x 12	-1,08,000
		ITC attributable for taxable and exempted	72,000
Common credit	2,04,000		
the amount of input tax credit attributable to a tax period on common capital goods during their useful life	3,400	As per Rule 43(1)(e) of the CGST Rules, 2017 calculated as: $2,04,000 \div 60 = ₹3,400$	
the amount of common credit attributable towards exempted supplies	1,700	As per Rule 43(1)(g) of the CGST Rules, 2017 calculated as: $₹3,400 \times ₹6,00,000 / ₹12,00,000$ .	
<b>Note:</b> The amount ITC not allowed of ₹1,700 along with the applicable interest shall, during every tax period of the useful life of the concerned capital goods, be added to the output tax liability of the person making such claim of credit as per Rule 43(1)(h) of CGST Rules, 2017.			

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this clause, it is hereby clarified that the aggregate value of exempt supplies and the total turnover shall exclude the amount of any duty or tax levied under entry 84 of List I of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution (i.e. Central Excise duty) and entry 51 and 54 of List II of the said Schedule (i.e. Sales Tax);

**Example 22:** Oberoi Industries is a manufacturing company registered under GST. It manufactures two taxable products 'X' and 'Y' and one exempt product 'Z'. The turnover of 'X', 'Y' and 'Z' in the month of April, 20XX was ₹2,00,000, ₹10,00,000 and ₹12,00,000. Oberoi Industries is in possession of certain machines and purchases more of them. Useful life of all the machines is considered as 5 years.

From the following particulars furnished by it, compute the amount to be credited to the electronic credit ledger of Oberoi Industries and amount of common credit attributable towards exempted supplies, if any, for the month of April, 20XX.

Particulars	GST paid (₹)
Machine 'A' purchased on 01.04.20XX for being exclusively used for non-business purposes	19,200
Machine 'B' purchased on 01.04.20XX for being exclusively used in manufacturing zero-rated supplies	38,400
Machine 'C' purchased on 01.04.20XX for being used in manufacturing all the three products – X, Y and Z	96,000
Machine 'D' purchased on April 1, 2 years before 01.04.20XX for being exclusively used in manufacturing product Z. From 01.04.20XX, such machine will also be used for manufacturing products X and Y.	1,92,000





Machine 'E' purchased on April 1, 3 years before 01.04.20XX for being exclusively used in manufacturing products X and Y. From 01.04.20XX, such machine will also be used for manufacturing product Z.	2,88,000
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Answer: Statement showing Common ITC on Capital Goods as on 1st April 20XX

Particulars	Value in ₹ (Denoted 'A')	Working note	
Capital goods C Used both for taxable and exempted supplies	96,000	As per rule 43(1)(c) of CGST Rules, 2017	
Capital goods D (has been exclusively used for 2 years for exempted supplies). Now there is change in use, both for taxable and exempted supplies.	1,15,200	Proviso to rule 43(1)(c) of CGST Rules, 2017.	
		ITC	1,92,000
		Less: 5% p. q. for 8 quarters 1.92 L x 5% x 8	-76,800
		ITC attributable for taxable and exempted	1,15,200
Capital goods E (has been exclusively used for 3 years for taxable supplies).  Now there is change in use, both for taxable and exempt supplies.	1,15,200	Proviso to rule 43(1)(d) of CGST Rules, 2017	
		ITC	2,88,000
		Less: 5% p. q. for 12 quarters 2.88 L x 5% x 12	-1,72,800
		ITC attributable for taxable and exempted	1,15,200
Common credit	3,26,400		
the amount of input tax credit attributable to a tax period on common capital goods during their useful life	5,440	As per Rule 43(1)(e) of the CGST Rules, 2017 calculated as: $3,26,400 \div 60 = ₹ 5,440$	
the amount of common credit attributable towards exempted supplies	2,720	As per Rule 43(1)(g) of the CGST Rules, 2017 calculated as: $₹ 5,440 \times ₹ 12,00,000 / ₹ 24,00,000$ .	
<b>Note:</b> The amount ITC not allowed of ₹2,720 along with the applicable interest shall, during every tax period of the useful life of the concerned capital goods, be added to the output tax liability of the person making such claim of credit as per Rule 43(1)(h) of CGST Rules, 2017.			

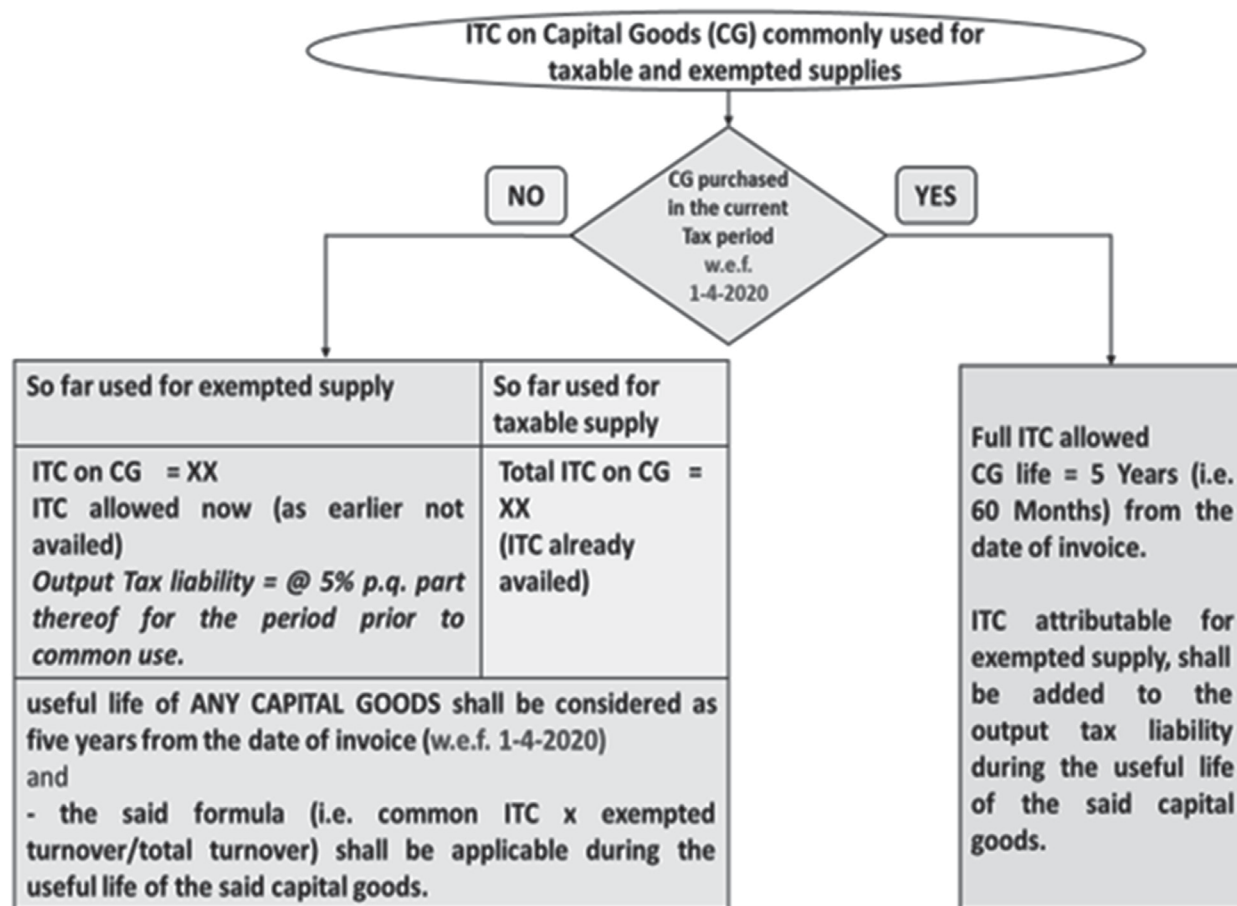
Statement showing Total ITC to the Electronic Credit Ledger for the month of April 20XX:

Particulars	Value in ₹ (Denoted 'A')
Capital goods B used exclusively for taxable supplies (i.e. Zero-rated supply)	38,400
Capital goods C Used both for taxable and exempted supplies	96,000
Capital goods D (has been exclusively used for 2 years for exempted supplies). Now there is change in use, both for taxable and exempted supplies.	1,15,200
<b>Electronic Credit Ledger</b>	<b>2,49,600</b>

**NEW PROVISION – Rule 43 of the CGST Rules, 2017: Manner of determination of input tax credit in respect of capital goods and reversal thereof in certain cases:**

**w.e.f 1-4-2020**, For the removal of doubt, it is clarified that useful life of any capital goods shall be considered as five years from the date of invoice and the said formula shall be applicable during the useful life of the said capital goods.

Amendment in rule 43 of the CGST Rules which prescribes the manner of determination of ITC in respect of capital goods and reversal thereof in certain cases w.e.f. 1-4-2020.



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**Example 23:** Roi Industries is a manufacturing company registered under GST. It manufactures two taxable products 'X' and 'Y' and one exempt product 'Z'. The turnover of 'X', 'Y' and 'Z' in the month of April, 20XX was ₹2,00,000, ₹10,00,000 and ₹12,00,000. Roi Industries is in possession of certain machines and purchases more of them. Useful life of all the machines is considered as 5 years.

From the following particulars furnished by it, compute the amount to be credited to the electronic credit ledger of Roi Industries and amount of common credit attributable towards exempted supplies, if any, for the month of April, 20XX.

Particulars	GST paid (₹)
Machine 'A' purchased on 01.04.20XX for being exclusively used for non-business purposes	19,200
Machine 'B' purchased on 01.04.20XX for being exclusively used in manufacturing zero-rated supplies	38,400
Machine 'C' purchased on 01.04.20XX for being used in manufacturing all the three products – X, Y and Z	96,000
Machine 'D' purchased on April 1, 2 years before 01.04.20XX for being exclusively used in manufacturing product Z. From 01.04.20XX, such machine will also be used for manufacturing products X and Y.	1,92,000



Machine 'E' purchased on April 1, 3 years before 01.04.20XX for being exclusively used in manufacturing products X and Y. From 01.04.20XX, such machine will also be used for manufacturing product Z.	2,88,000
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Answer:

Statement showing Common ITC on Capital Goods as on 1st April 20XX

Particulars	Value in ₹	Working note
Capital goods C Used both for taxable and exempted supplies	96,000	As per rule 43(1)(c) of CGST Rules, 2017
Capital goods D (has been exclusively used for 2 years for exempted supplies). Now there is change in use, both for taxable and exempted supplies.	1,92,000	Proviso to rule 43(1)(c) of CGST Rules, 2017. ₹ 1,92,000 ITC allowed fully, provided, ₹ 77,800 is considered as output tax liability in April, 20XX. $1.92 \text{ L} \times 5\% \times 8 \text{ quarters} = ₹ 76,800$ .
Capital goods E (has been exclusively used for 3 years for taxable supplies). Now there is change in use, both for taxable and exempt supplies.	2,88,000	Proviso to rule 43(1)(d) of CGST Rules, 2017. ITC already availed and hence, ITC in April 20XX is not allowed.
Common credit	5,76,000	---
the amount of input tax credit attributable to a tax period on common capital goods during their useful life	9,600	As per Rule 43(1)(e) of the CGST Rules, 2017 calculated as: $5,76,000 \div 60 = ₹ 9,600$
the amount of common credit attributable towards exempted supplies	4,800	As per Rule 43(1)(g) of the CGST Rules, 2017 calculated as: $₹ 9,600 \times ₹ 12,00,000 / ₹ 24,00,000$ .

Statement showing Total ITC to the Electronic Credit Ledger for the month of April 20XX:

Particulars	Value in ₹
Capital goods B used exclusively for taxable supplies (i.e. Zero-rated supply)	38,400
Capital goods C Used both for taxable and exempted supplies	96,000
Capital goods D (has been exclusively used for 2 years for exempted supplies).	
Now there is change in use, both for taxable and exempted supplies.	1,92,000
Electronic Credit Ledger	3,26,400

**Banking Company or NBFC Section 17(4) of the CGST Act, 2017**

A banking company or a financial institution including a non-banking financial company, engaged in supplying services by way of accepting deposits, extending loans or advances shall have the option to either comply with the provisions of sub-section (2), or avail of, every month, an amount equal to 50% of the eligible input tax credit on **inputs, capital goods and input services** in that month and the rest shall lapse:

Provided that the option once exercised shall not be withdrawn during the remaining part of the financial year:  
Provided further that the restriction of 50% shall not apply to the tax paid on supplies made by one registered person to another registered person having the same Permanent Account Number.

W.e.f. 01-10-2022, Rule 38 providing for claim of credit by a banking company or a financial institution has been amended to remove the reference to Form GSTR-2 therefrom.

**Example 24:**

X Bank of India has corporate office in Mumbai and branches in Chennai, Delhi and Kolkata. Mumbai office provided services to Chennai office accordingly IGST paid. Office of Chennai will avail the credit of IGST. Chennai office is required to reverse such credit? Explain.

**Answer:**

As per Section 17(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 that reversal of 50% shall not be made for the credit availed by Chennai office on services provided by corporate office. Thus, no credit reversal shall be made for the credit availed on input services provided by one registered person to another registered person holding same PAN.

**Example 25:**

OK Bank has availed credit of ₹ 25,00,000 lacs in the month of December 2017. Total credit, out of which ₹ 5,00,000 pertains to non-business purpose and ₹ 7,00,000 pertains to credit availed under 2nd proviso of section 17(4). Find the total input tax credit eligible to OK Bank.

Note: OK Bank opted to avail ITC an amount equal to 50% of eligible credit.

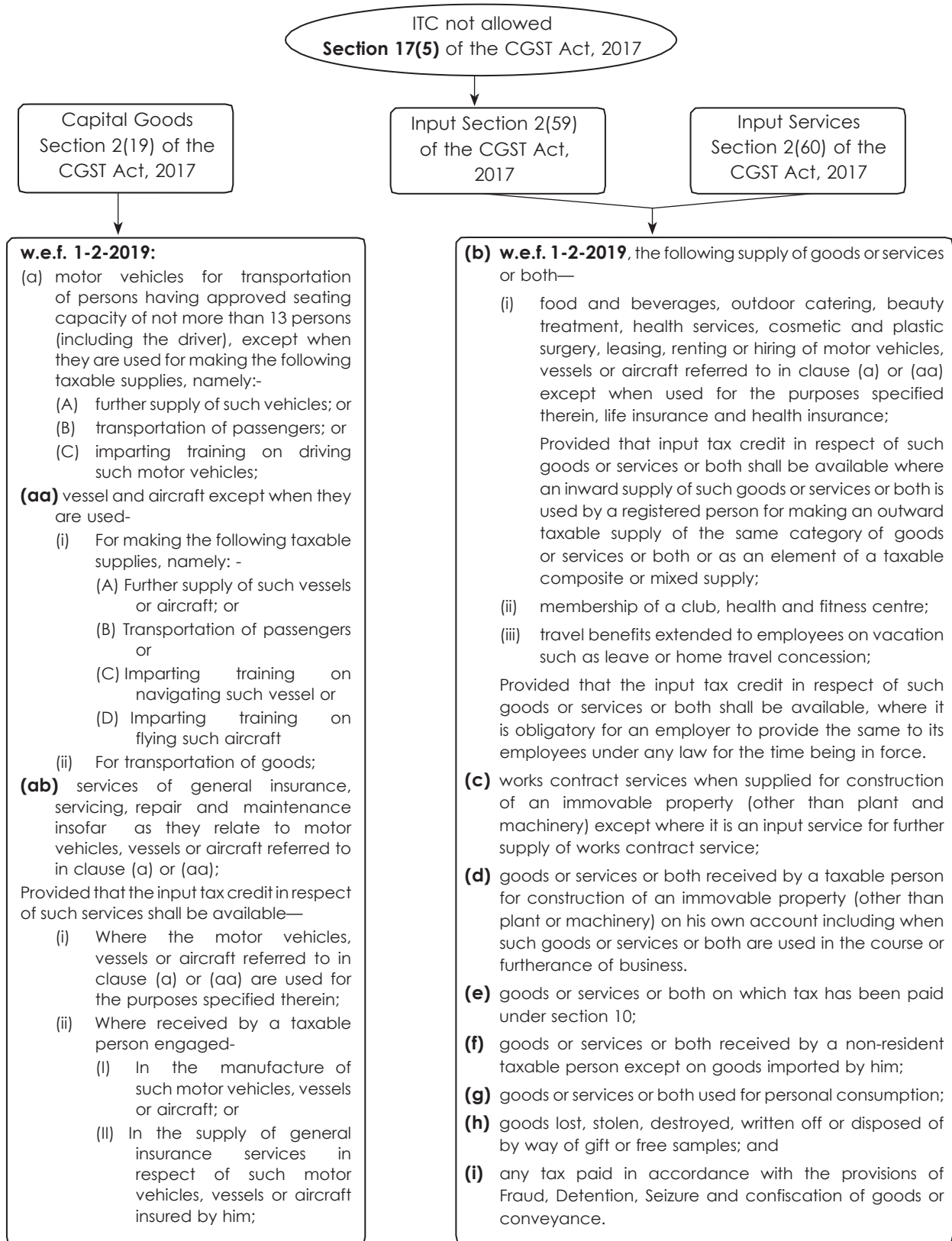
**Answer:**

Statement showing eligible ITC to OK Bank for the month of December 2017:

Particulars	ITC Amount in ₹	Remarks
Input tax credit attributable to non-business purpose	Nil	ITC fully not allowed
ITC from its other establishment	7,00,000	ITC fully allowed.
Other ITC	6,50,000	$(25,00,000 - 5,00,000 - 7,00,000) \times 50\%$
<b>Total ITC allowed in Form GSTR-2</b>	<b>13,50,000</b>	

**Input Tax Credit (ITC) not applicable goods and services [Section 17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) of section 16 and sub-section (1) of section 18, input tax credit shall not be available in respect of the following:



**Explanation** — For the purposes of clauses (c) and (d) of Section 17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017, the expression “construction” includes re-construction, renovation, additions or alterations or repairs, to the extent of capitalization, to the said immovable property;

Section 2(76) of the CGST Act, 2017 “motor vehicle” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (28) of section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;

Section 2(34) “conveyance” includes a vessel, an aircraft and a vehicle;

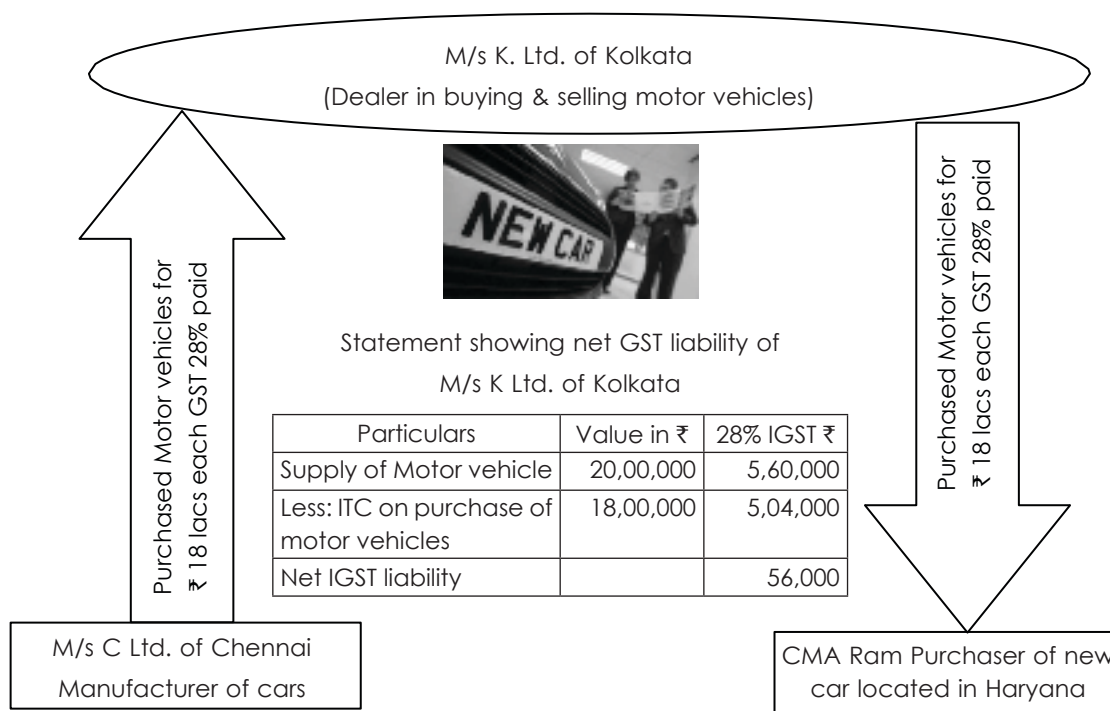
Section 17(5)(a)(ii) of the CGST Act, 2017 further provides that credit on any motor vehicle or other conveyance used for transportation of goods by the company himself or for making taxable supply will be available to avail credit on motor vehicles.

Section 17(5)(a) motor vehicles and other conveyances except when they are used— (i) for making the following taxable supplies, namely:—

**Section 17(5)(a)** motor vehicles and other conveyances ITC Not allowed except when they are used—

(i) for making the following taxable supplies, namely:—

**(A) Motor vehicles or conveyances are used for further supply of such vehicles or conveyances:**



There are many taxable persons who are engaged in purchase and sale of used cars. These dealers purchase used cars from others by paying GST then the credit of GST paid will be available to such dealers (i.e. while selling they are liable to pay GST).

**Example 26:**

**M/s A Ltd. a registered person under GST law and purchased 10 cars for ₹ 45 lakh plus 28% GST. M/s A Ltd sold 8 cars for ₹ 55 Lakh plus 28% GST.**

**Find the GST liability in the following two independent cases:**

**(a) M/s A Ltd is a dealer of motor vehicles**

**(b) M/s A Ltd is not a dealer of motor vehicles**



**Answer:**  
**Statement showing net GST liability of M/s A Ltd.**

Particulars	M/s A Ltd. is a dealer in motor vehicles ₹ in lacs	M/s A Ltd. is not a dealer in motor vehicles ₹ in lacs	Remarks
GST on Supply of goods	15.40	15.40	₹ 55 lacs x 28%
Less: ITC	(12.60)	Not allowed	₹ 45 lacs x 28%
Net GST liability	2.80	15.40	

**Section 17(5)(a)** motor vehicles and other conveyances ITC not allowed except when they are used—  
(i) for making the following taxable supplies, namely:—  
**(B) Motor vehicles or conveyances are used for transportation of passengers:**

The person boarding in the motor vehicle for performing the journey can be considered as passenger under GST. As a result transportation of passengers from one place to another in any motor vehicle can be considered as transportation of passenger.

**Example 27:**  
M/s Parveen Travels transporting passengers from Chennai-Mumbai-Chennai. For this purpose M/s Parveen Travels purchased Volvo Bus (air-conditioned) for ₹ 55 lakhs plus GST 28%. M/s Parveen Travels is eligible for ITC on Volvo Bus in the following two cases:  
1. M/s Parveen Travels paying GST 12% on supply of output supplies.  
2. M/s Parveen Travels paying GST 5% on supply of output supplies.  
**Answer:**  
Case (1). Yes. M/s Parveen Travels is eligible to avail the ITC on purchase of Volvo Bus.  
Case (2). No. M/s Parveen Travels is not eligible to avail the ITC on capital goods and input goods (except input services).  
**Note:** AC contract/stage carriage other than motor cab GST @ 5% – with ITC of input services only from similar line of business (vide Notification No. 31/2017-Central Tax (Rate) Dt.13th October 2017)

**Example 28:**  
M/s MR Ltd. manufacturer of motor vehicles. Company purchased passenger motor vehicle for ₹ 20 lacs plus GST 28% for transportation of their employees from their residence to factory and from factory to their residence. M/s MR Ltd. is eligible to avail the credit on purchase motor vehicle?  
**Answer:**  
No. M/s MR Ltd. is not in the business of transporting passengers and hence credit on purchase of motor vehicle is not allowed.  
**Note:** If the taxable person transports its own employees free of cost it will not be covered by the aforesaid clause and hence he will not be able to claim benefit of input tax credit in respect of the same.

**Example 29:**  
Sukhee Bhava Hospital is a clinical establishment purchased four ambulances for ₹ 32 lakhs plus GST 28%. Find the input tax credit available to Sukhee Bhava Hospital.  
**Answer:**  
Input tax credit = nil  
**Note:** Since, supply of services of Sukhee Bhava is exempted from GST under health care services.

**Example 30:**

Ferrari Company for conducting Formulae One car races purchased 20 Racing Cars for ₹ 80 lakhs plus GST 28%. Ferrari company is eligible for availing ITC on purchase of Racing Cars.

**Answer:**

No. Ferrari Company can not avail the ITC on purchase of Racing Cars which are not treated as passenger vehicles.

**Example 31:**

Mr. Ram a school van driver and also registered person under GST law. He purchased Omni vehicle for ₹ 8 lacs plus GST 28%. Mr. Ram is eligible for ITC on this vehicle. Explain.

**Answer:**

Since, Mr. Ram is a registered person supplying taxable services in the nature of transportation of passengers, he is eligible to avail the ITC on motor vehicle.

**Section 17(5)(a)** motor vehicles and other conveyances ITC not allowed except when they are used—

(i) for making the following taxable supplies, namely:—

**(C) Motor vehicles or conveyances are used for imparting training on driving, flying, navigating such vehicles or conveyances;**

**Example 32:**

M/s Maruti Driving School Pvt. Ltd. supplied taxable services in the month of October 2017 for ₹ 15 lacs (plus GST 18%) to provide training on driving. Company purchased two vehicles for this purpose namely passenger vehicle for ₹ 20 lacs plus GST 28% and goods vehicle for ₹ 33 lacs plus GST 28%. Find the net GST liability of M/s Maruti Driving School Pvt. Ltd.

**Answer:**

GST on output supply	=	₹ 2,70,000
Less: ITC		
On passenger vehicle	=	₹ -5,60,000
On goods vehicle	=	₹ -9,24,000
Net Excess ITC c/f	=	₹ 12,14,000

**Example 33:**

Course completion certificate/training offered M/s Sky Ltd. (Flying Training Institute) purchased aircraft for ₹ 22 crores plus GST 28%. Whether the flying institute is eligible for input tax credit on purchase of air craft.

**Answer:**

Yes. M/s Sky Ltd. (Flying Training Institute) is eligible to avail ITC.

Navigating means: transport to direct the way that a ship, aircraft, etc. will travel, or to find a direction across, along, or over an area of water or land, often by using a map.

**Section 17(5)(a)** motor vehicles and other conveyances ITC not allowed except when they are used—

(ii) for transportation of goods





Credit of GST paid on motor vehicle and other conveyance will be available when motor vehicle and other conveyance are used for transportation of goods. The motor vehicle and other conveyance can be used for

- (a) making outward supply of transportation of goods;
- (b) transporting own goods.

**Example 34:** M/s Sharma Travels supplied rent-a-cab services to M/s Infosys Company for transporting their employees (i.e. pickup and drop). Accordingly, M/s Sharma Travels charging monthly rent of ₹22,500 per cab plus GST 12%. 10 Motor cabs purchased by M/s Sharma Travels for ₹85,000 each plus GST 28% and used for transporting company employees. Find the Net GST liability of M/s Sharma Travels for the financial year.

**Answer:** Statement showing GST liability of M/s Sharma Travels for the Financial year:

Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
Output supply: Rent-a-cab	3,24,000	22,500 x 12% x 12 months x 10Nos
Less: ITC on motor vehicle	2,38,000	Since, M/s sharma travel using motor cabs for further supply, ITC allowed. 85,000 x 10 Nos x 28%
Net GST liability	86,000	

Therefore, M/s Sharma Travels is liable to GST for the Financial year ₹86,000.

**Section 17(5)(b) the following supply of goods or services or both— ITC not allowed:**

- (i) food and beverages,  
outdoor catering,  
beauty treatment,  
health services,  
cosmetic and plastic surgery

except where an inward supply of goods or services or both of a particular category is used by a registered person for making an outward taxable supply of the same category of goods or services or both or as an element of a taxable composite or mixed supply;

**Example 35:**  
Guidelines Academy organizes parents meeting and provides meal during meeting to students and their parents. The supplier of food charged ₹ 72,500 plus GST 18%, under the category of outdoor catering. Explain Guidelines Academy being provider of taxable supply of services namely commercial training and coaching services is eligible to avail the credit of GST paid on outdoor catering service.  
**Answer:**  
GST paid on outdoor catering is not allowed as ITC even though such services are used for business purpose. Since, it is specifically mentioned under Section 17(5)(b)(i) of the CGST Act, 2017 where credit is not allowed.

**Example 36:**  
Annapoorna caterings supply outdoor catering services to its customers by sub-contracting the same. Sub-contractor supplied food items like ice creams, North Indian Meals, South Indian Meals and so on to Annapoorna caterings. Sub-contractor raised invoice on Annapoorna caterings for supply of outdoor catering services ₹ 2,00,000 plus GST 18%. Annapoorna caterings supplied outdoor catering to its customers for ₹ 2,10,000 plus GST 18%. Find the Net GST liability of Annapoorna caterings.

**Answer:**

**Statement showing net GST liability of Annapoorna caterings:**

Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
GST on outward supply	37,800	₹ 2,10,000 x 18%
Less: ITC from similar line of business	(36,000)	₹ 2,00,000 x 18%
<b>Net GST liability</b>	<b>1,800</b>	

**Example 37:**

Sky Ltd. is engaged in supply of transport of passengers by air services. The company avails outdoor catering services of M/s Anna Caterers in order to provide food and beverages to the passengers. M/s Anna Caterers raises an invoice on Sky Ltd. charging GST.

Sky Ltd. wants to avail the ITC on outdoor catering services supplied by M/s Anna Caterers. Advise.

**Answer:**

ITC shall be available where an inward supply of goods or services or both of a particular category is used by a registered person as an element of a taxable composite or mixed supply.

**Advise:** In the given case, Sky Ltd. will be entitled to avail the ITC of the GST paid to M/s Anna Caterers since outdoor catering services forms part of taxable composite supply of passengers by air services.

**Section 17(5)(b)** the following supply of goods or services or both— ITC not allowed

(ii) membership of a club, health and fitness centre;

the following are not eligible for availing ITC:

(a) only Membership charges.

**Example 38:**

**if you have taken any subscription of the gym, yoga classes, or membership of any club for any sport or for anything else, the ITC credit shall not be allowed.**

**Section 17(5)(b)** the following supply of goods or services or both— ITC Not allowed:

(iii) rent-a-cab, life insurance and health insurance except where—

(A) the Government notifies the services which are obligatory for an employer to provide to its employees under any law for the time being in force; or

(B) such inward supply of goods or services or both of a particular category is used by a registered person for making an outward taxable supply of the same category of goods or services or both or as part of a taxable composite or mixed supply;

**Example 39:**

Wipro Pro Ltd is a BPO which works on night shift basis. As per the Government Notification, it has to provide rent a cab facilities to its employees who work on night shifts.

Whether, Wipro Pro is eligible to avail ITC on rent a cab services.

**Answer:**

**Yes. Wipro pro Ltd can claim ITC on the GST paid on such rent-a-cab services.**



**Example 40:**

Hotel King Pvt Ltd. provider of short-term accommodation services and also provides picking up guest from airport. Accordingly, Hotel King Pvt. Ltd availed rent-a-cab services from M/s X & Co.

Rent-a-cab services provided by M/s X & Co to Hotel King Pvt Ltd. during Nov 2017 for ₹ 2,00,000 plus GST 18%. Hotel King Pvt Ltd. provided short-term accommodation services to its customers (i.e. guests) during Nov 2017 for ₹ 15,75,250 plus GST 18%.

Find the Net GST liability of Hotel King Pvt Ltd. during the month of November 2017.

**Answer:**

Statement showing Net GST liability of Hotel King Pvt. Ltd for the month of Nov 2017

Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
GST on outward supplies	2,83,545	15,75,250 x 18%
Less: ITC on rent-a-cab service	(36,000)	2,00,000 x 18%
Net GST liability	2,47,545	

**Note:** In the given case Hotel King Pvt. Ltd. providing a composite supply of rent-a-cab and accommodation service. The principal supply of service is accommodation service. Hence, GST paid on rent-a-cab will be available as a credit to Hotel King Pvt. Ltd.

**Example 41:**

Infosys Ltd. being a registered person under GST Law paid insurance premium for its employees along with GST thereon. Infosys Ltd. is can avail the ITC of GST paid on insurance premium?

**Answer:**

No. Infosys Ltd cannot avail the ITC benefit in the given case.

**Example 42:**

M/s MRFL Ltd.being a manufacturer of taxable goods paid general insurance premium to cover loss of stock of finished goods. Company wants to avail the GST paid on such premium as input tax credit. Advise.

**Answer:**

GST paid on general insurance premium to cover loss of stock of finished goods is well allowed as input tax credit. Hence, M/s MRFL Ltd. is eligible to avail the tax paid on general insurance premium as ITC.

**Section 17(5)(b)** the following supply of goods or services or both— ITC Not allowed:

- (iv) travel benefits extended to employees on vacation such as leave or home travel concession;

ITC on tax paid on travel benefits extended to employees on vacation such as leave or home travel concession shall not be available under any circumstances. This restriction is absolute and no exception has been provided.

Proviso after sub-clause (iii) of Section 17(5)(b) "That scope of input tax credit is being widened, and it would now be made available in respect of Goods or services which are obligatory for an employer to provide to its employees, under any law for the time being in force."

As per CBIC Circular No. 172/04/2022 GST dt 6th July 2022, it is clarified that that the proviso after sub-clause (iii) of clause (b) of sub-section (5) of section 17 of the CGST Act is applicable to the whole of clause (b) of sub-section

(5) of section 17 of the CGST Act.

It is clarified that "leasing" referred in sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-section (5) of section 17 refers to leasing of motor vehicles, vessels and aircrafts only and not to leasing of any other items. Accordingly, availment of ITC is not barred under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-section (5) of section 17 of the CGST Act in case of leasing, other than leasing of motor vehicles, vessels and aircrafts (CBIC Circular No. 172/04/2022 GST dt 6th July 2022).

**Section 17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017 ITC Not allowed:**

- (c) works contract services when supplied for construction of an immovable property (other than plant and machinery) except where it is an input service for further supply of works contract service;

**Situations in which ITC can be availed on any tax paid on work contract services:**

ITC for any tax paid on work contract services shall be available in the following cases:

- When supplied for construction of plant and machinery
- Where it is an input service for further supply of works contract service.

**Works contract:**

Under Sec 2(119) of CGST Act "works contract" means a contract for building, construction, fabrication, completion, erection, installation, fitting out, improvement, modification, repair, maintenance, renovation, alteration or commissioning of any immovable property wherein transfer of property in goods (whether as goods or in some other form) is involved in the execution of such contract.

The expression 'works contract' is limited to contracts to do with immovable property, unlike the existing understanding of the phrase which also extends to moveable property. A contract will amount to a 'works contract' only where there is a transfer of property in goods, while such a transfer may result in goods or anything else (i.e., immovable property).

**Construction** [applicable to clause (c) and (d)]:

The expression "construction" includes re-construction, renovation, additions or alterations or repairs, to the extent of capitalization, to the said immovable property.

**Plant and Machinery:**

The expression 'plant and machinery' means apparatus, equipment and machinery fixed to earth by foundation or structural support that are used for making outward supply of goods or services or both and includes such foundation and structural supports but excludes:

- land, building or any other civil structures
- telecommunication towers; and
- pipelines laid outside the factory premises.

**Section 17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017 ITC Not allowed:**

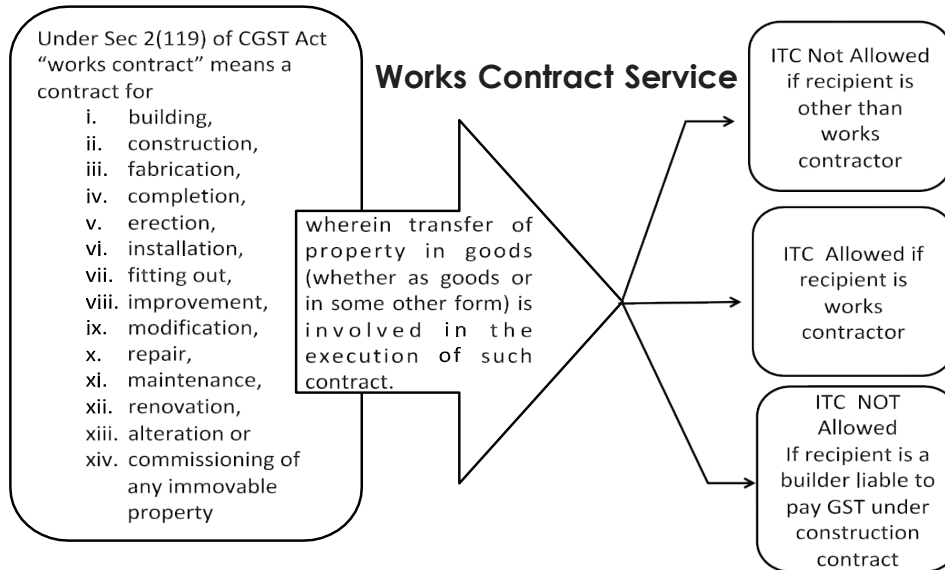
- (d) goods or services or both received by a taxable person for construction of an immovable property (other than plant or machinery) on his own account including when such goods or services or both are used in the course or furtherance of business.

**It is important to note: Distinction between Section 17(5)(c) and Section 17(5)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017:**

**Section 17(5)(c)**, deals with works contract services i.e when such services are received under composite contracts and used for the purpose of construction of an immovable property (other than plant and machinery).

**Section 17(5)(d)**, deals with situations when goods or services or both are received under different independent contracts i.e supply of goods and supply of services under separate contracts for the construction of an immovable property (other than plant and machinery).

**Concept of Input Tax Credit in Real Estate Industry:**



This concept further elucidated in the following table:

Nature of service	ITC	Remarks
Cement is used for construction of administration building	Not allowed	Building is not plant and machinery.
Cement is used for foundation of pillars supporting a boiler	Allowed	As such structural support for plant and machinery is included in definition of plant and machinery.
Works contract services is provided by sub-contractor to a contractor	Allowed	Works contracts service is excluded except when used for providing work contract service
Steel and other structural supports are used for Land, building or any other civil structures; or setting up a telecommunication tower; or pipelines laid outside the factory premises	Not allowed	These are specifically excluded from the term plant and machinery. <b>Note:</b> Credit of tax paid on goods and services used for construction of immovable property including work contract service has been allowed only if such immovable property is in the nature of "plant and machinery".
GST paid on parts of telecommunication towers or parts of pipelines.	Not Allowed	GST paid on any inputs or capital goods used for construction of telecommunication towers, pipeline laid outside the factory, will not be available as input tax credit.

**Input tax credit (ITC) shall not be available in respect of the following [Section 17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

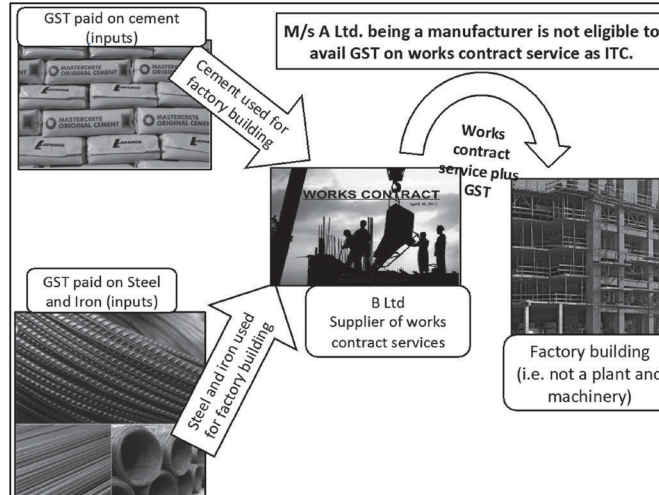
(c) works contract services when supplied for construction of an immovable property (other than plant and machinery) except where it is input service for further supply of works contract service;

**Explanation:** For the purpose of Chapter V (i.e Input Tax Credit) and Chapter VI (i.e. Registration), the expression "plant and machinery" means apparatus, equipment, and machinery fixed to earth by foundation or structural support that are used for making outward supply of goods or services or both and includes such foundation and structural support but excludes-

- (i) land, building or any other civil structures;
- (ii) telecommunication towers; and
- (iii) pipelines laid outside the factory premises.

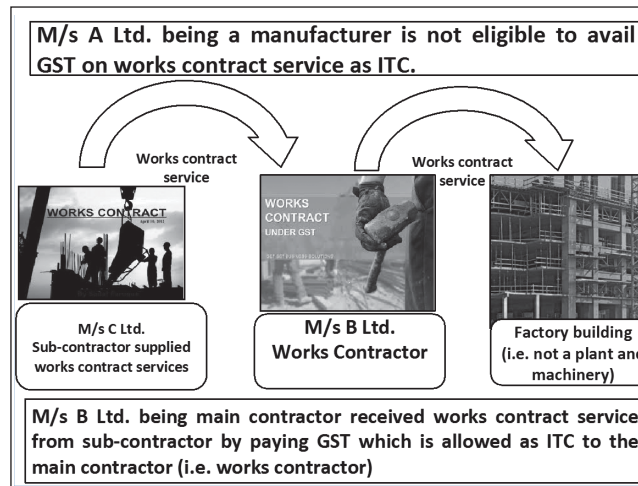
**Example 43:**

M/s A Ltd. being a manufacturer of laptops registered under GST. Company appointed M/s B Ltd. for construction of factory building in the factory premises.



**Example 44:**

M/s A Ltd. being a manufacturer of laptops registered under GST. Company appointed M/s B Ltd. for construction of factory building in the factory premises. Accordingly M/s B Ltd. sub-contacted works contract service to M/s C Ltd.



**Example 45:**

M/s A Ltd. being a manufacturer of laptops registered under GST. Company appointed M/s B Ltd. for construction of foundation or structural support of Hot Mix Plant (i.e. plant and machinery) that are used for making outward supply of goods or services or both. Accordingly M/s B Ltd used cement, steel, Iron, water, chemicals and labour to complete the job. GST paid on such works contract service is allowed as input tax credit to M/s A Ltd. GST paid on Hot Mix Plant (i.e. plant and machinery) is also allowed as input tax credit to M/s A Ltd.

**Input tax credit (ITC) shall not be available in respect of the following [Section 17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

- (d) goods or services or both received by a taxable person for construction of an immovable property (other than plant or machinery) on his own account including when such goods or services or both are used in the course or furtherance of business.;

**Explanation:** Construction [applicable to clause (c) and (d) of Section 17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017]:

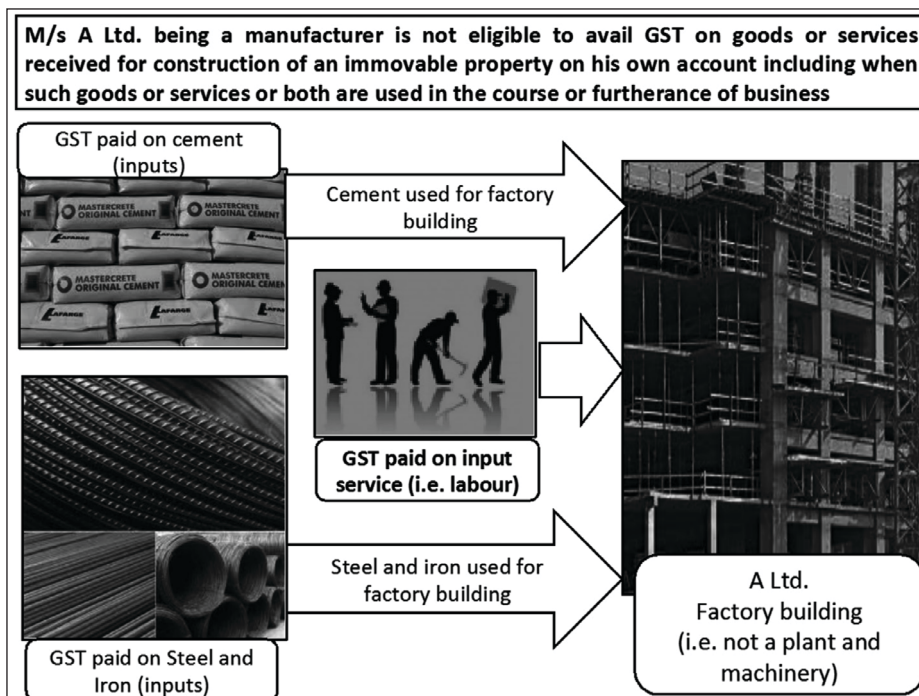
The expression "construction" includes re-construction, renovation, additions or alterations or repairs, to the extent of capitalization, to the said immovable property.

**Explanation:** For the purpose of Chapter V (i.e Input Tax Credit) and Chapter VI (i.e. Registration), the expression "plant and machinery" means apparatus, equipment, and machinery fixed to earth by foundation or structural support that are used for making outward supply of goods or services or both and includes such foundation and structural support but excludes-

- (i) land, building or any other civil structures;
- (ii) telecommunication towers; and
- (iii) pipelines laid outside the factory premises.

**Example 46:**

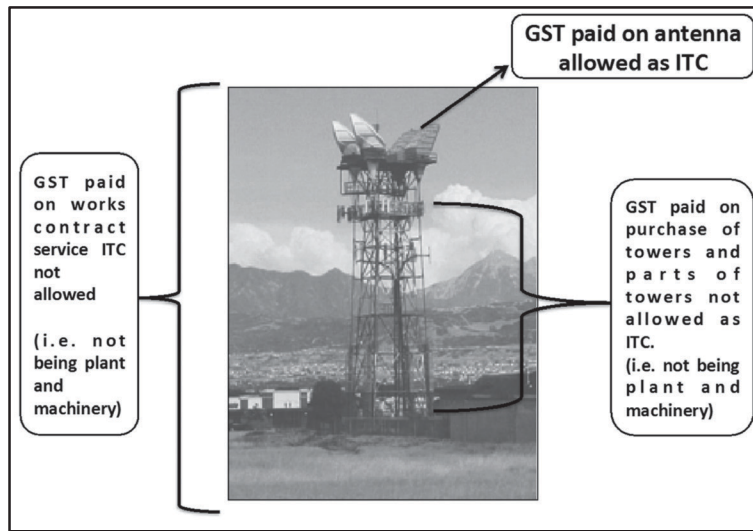
M/s A Ltd. being a manufacturer of laptops registered under GST. Company appointed M/s B Ltd. for construction of factory building in the factory premises. M/s B Ltd. agreed to undertake only labour contract plus GST. Material supplied by M/s C Ltd, plus GST.



**Example 47:**

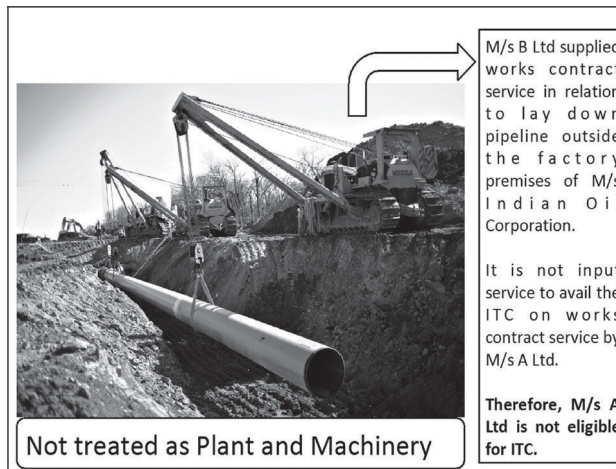
M/s Bharti Airtel Limited purchased antennas, towers and parts thereof by paying GST. Company also received works contract service from M/s B Ltd. for its installation by paying GST thereon. Finally towers and parts thereof are fastened and are fixed to the earth and after their erection become Immovable. Find the eligibility of input tax credit to M/s Bharti Airtel Limited.

**Answer:**



**Example 48:**

M/s Indian Oil Corporation wants to lay down pipeline from Bhubaneswar to Chennai. Company awarded this contract to M/s B Ltd. for a consideration plus GST. Is it input service to M/s Indian Oil Corporation.



**Example 49:**

M/s X Ltd manufacturer of taxable goods and registered under GST Law. M/s X Ltd assigned the contract in the month of January 2022, for ₹ 5,00,000 plus GST 18% to M/s Y Ltd. for constructing structural support of Hot Mix Plant, which is used for making taxable supply of goods.

Accordingly M/s Y Ltd used cement, steel, Iron, water, chemicals and labour to complete the job. Entire work has been completed and payment also be received in the month of January 2022.

M/s X Ltd further provides the following information to find net GST liability of M/s X Ltd. for the month of January 2018:

Inward Supply	Value in ₹	GST Rate	Outward Supply	Value in ₹	GST Rate
Raw material (10 Kgs)	2,00,000	18%	Finished goods	15,00,000	28%





Hot Mix Plant	6,00,000	28%		
Works contract service	5,00,000	18%		

Note: There is process loss @1% while converting raw materials into finished goods.

Answer:

Statement showing net GST liability for the month of January 2022 of M/s X Ltd.

Particulars	GST ₹	Remarks
Output tax	4,20,000	15,00,000 × 28%
Less: ITC on Input	(36,000)	2,00,000 × 18%
ITC on Capital goods	(1,68,000)	6,00,000 × 28%
ITC on Input service	(90,000)	5,00,000 × 18%
Net GST Liability	1,26,000	

Note: Hot Mix Plant is capital goods, hence ITC allowed.

Inputs and input services used for constructing of building or any other civil structures ITC not allowed:

Example 50:

M/s A Ltd. being a manufacturer of laptops registered under GST. Company appointed M/s B Ltd. for construction of factory building in the factory premises. Contract price is ₹ 120 lacs plus GST 18%. M/s B Ltd., supplied cement, steel and labour while executing the contract. Whether M/s A Ltd is eligible to avail the input tax credit on such works contract service.

Answer:

GST paid on works contract services which is used for land, building or any other civil structures specifically excluded from availing input tax credit under section 17(5)(c) of the CGST Act, 2017.

Therefore, in the given case M/s A Ltd is not eligible for input tax credit.

Example 51:

Mr. X being a contractor undertaken construction work of an individual residential unit otherwise than as part of a residential complex.

You are required to answer:

- (a) Mr. X is liable to pay GST where he under taken pure labour contract.
- (b) Mr. X is liable to pay GST where he under taken both labour and material contract.
- (c) Mr. X is gives contract to sub-contractor, can sub-contractor also get exemption if it is pure labour contract.

Answer:

As per Notification No. 12/2017 Central tax (rate) "Services by way of pure labour contracts of construction, erection, commissioning, or installation of original works pertaining to a single residential unit otherwise than as a part of a residential complex." are exempt from GST.

- (a) Since, Mr. X under taken services by way of pure labour contracts of construction of single residential unit is exempt from GST.
- (b) If in case Mr. X providing service with both labor and material i.e. termed as works contract under GST. He will be charged 12% GST.
- (c) Yes. Services provided by a sub-contractor to a contractor are also exempt as he is providing labor for the construction of residential house.

**Example 52:**

M/s Raji builders appoint M/s Viswa contractors for providing the service of plastering of walls. As per terms of contract M/s Raji builders provides the entire material namely cement, water, bricks and chemicals and so on. As a result M/s Viswa contractors does not use any material.

Is it works contract service?

Answer:

It cannot be considered as works contract service, as it does not involve the transfer of property.

**Example 53:**

M/s MR Ltd. manufacturer of laptops. Company appoints M/s RM Constructions for constructing a new factory building. Terms and conditions of contract are as follows:

S.No.	Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
(1)	Land value	2 crore	Land owned by M/s MR Ltd.
(2)	Material cost	30 lacs	Material supplied by M/s RM Constructions
(3)	Service cost	10 lacs	Supplied by RM Constructions

(a) Construction completed in the month of October 2017.

(b) Assume Time of supply in the month of October 2017.

(c) Applicable rate of GST 18%.

(d) Fully payment made in the month of October 2017.

Output supplies of M/s MR Ltd during the month of October 2017 are ₹ 20,00,000 plus GST 18%.

Find the net liability of GST in the hands of M/s MR Ltd. in the month of October 2017.

Rework, if M/s MR limited is provider of works contract service.

Answer:

Net GST liability in the month of October 2017 is ₹ 3,60,000.

(20,00,000 x 18%).

Note: works contract service is not input service to M/s MR Ltd.

Net GST liability in the month of October 2017 is ₹

GST on output supply = ₹ 3,60,000

Less: ITC on Works contract service (₹ 30 lacs + ₹ 10 lacs) x 18% = ₹ (7,20,000)

Excess ITC c/f = ₹ (3,60,000)

Note: works contract services are an input service to a supplier of works contract services.

**Example 54:**

M/s P Ltd. appoints M/s Q Ltd. for laying of pipelines inside its factory premises which resulting into movable property. For which M/s P Ltd. purchased pipelines for ₹ 10,00,000 plus GST 12%. On completion of works contract service M/s Q Ltd charged for ₹ 2,00,000 plus GST 18%. Find the eligible input tax credit to M/s M/s P Ltd.

Answer:

The credit of GST paid on pipelines inside the factory will be available. Since, pipelines laid inside the factory premises are in the course or furtherance of business (i.e. capital goods). Therefore, input tax credit allowed is ₹ 1,20,000.

GST paid on works contract services, which are used for laying of pipelines resulting into movable property, is also qualify for claiming input tax credit of ₹ 36,000.

Therefore, total eligible input tax credit is ₹ 1,56,000.



**Example 55:**

Ram is the chairman of reputed construction company. He ordered certain input goods or services like cement, steel and labour to be used for the construction of his house. Cement purchased was also used partly for the company building (i.e. captive use).

Input tax credit allowed on purchase of cement?

**Answer:**

ITC would not be available on purchase of cement including steel and labour.

**Note:** As per Section 17(5)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017, No ITC will be provided for materials used in the construction of immovable property of for furtherance of business. ITC will not be available for the goods or services or both provided to a taxable person used in the construction of an immovable property on his own account including when such goods or services or both are used in the course or furtherance of business.

**Example 56:**

Determine the amount of input tax credit available with Arihant Manufacturing Ltd. in respect of the following items procured by them in the month of January 2022:

Items	GST paid in ₹
Raw materials	72,000
Food and beverages & catering services are used in the guesthouse primarily for the stay of the newly recruited employees.	40,000
Inputs used for making structures for support of plant and machinery	1,25,000
Capital goods used as parts and components for use in the manufacture of final product	40,000

**Answer:**

Statement showing eligible input tax credit to Arihant Manufacturing Ltd.

Items	ITC in ₹
Raw materials	72,000
Food and beverages & catering services are used in the guesthouse primarily for the stay of the newly recruited employees.	Not allowed
Inputs used for making structures for support of plant and machinery	1,25,000
Capital goods used as parts and components for use in the manufacture of final product	40,000
<b>Total credit allowed</b>	<b>2,37,000</b>

**Example 57:**

ABC India Ltd. is engaged in the manufacture of some taxable goods. It purchased the following goods in the month of February, 2022

Items	GST paid in ₹
Raw material used for the production of the final product	1,00,000
Goods used for generation of electricity for captive consumption	20,000
Goods used for providing free warranty – Value of such free warranty provided by ABC India Ltd. is included in the price of the final product and is not charged separately from the customers	10,000
Light diesel oil	5,000

**Note:** ABC India Ltd. is also purchased High Speed Diesel oil by paying central excise duty of ₹ 12,000, which is also used in the manufacturer of taxable output.

Compute the amount of input tax credit available to ABC India Ltd.

**Answer:**

Statement showing Input tax Credit of ABC India Ltd.

Items	ITC in ₹
Raw material used for the production of the final product	1,00,000
Goods used for generation of electricity for captive consumption	20,000
Goods used for providing free warranty – Value of such freewarranty provided by ABC India Ltd. is included in the price of the final product and is not charged separately from the customers	10,000
Light diesel oil	5,000
High Speed Diesel oil	Not allowed
<b>Total input tax credit</b>	<b>1,35,000</b>

**Section 17(5)(e) of the CGST Act, 2017 Goods or services or both on which tax has been paid under section 10;**

Goods and/ or services on which tax is paid to the supplier under composition scheme is not eligible for ITC.

Accordingly, a small supplier who has opted for composition scheme would stand to lose business, because neither supplier nor recipient of supply is eligible for ITC.

**Section 17(5)(f) of the CGST Act, 2017 goods or services or both received by a non-resident taxable person except on goods imported by him;**

Input tax credit shall not be available in respect of goods or services or both received by a non-resident taxable person except on goods imported by him. It means IGST on import of goods allowed as ITC. It is to avoid double taxation.

The taxes paid by a non-resident taxable person shall be available as credit to the respective recipients.

**Example 58:**

**Mr. A of USA being technician came to India to assemble parts of machinery. He also imported goods worth ₹ 10,00,000 and paid following customs duties:**

**(i) Basic customs duty is ₹ 1,00,000.**

**(ii) Education Cess 2% plus 1% Secondary and Higher Education Cess together it is ₹ 3,000.**

**(iii) Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) of ₹ 1,98,540.**

**In India Mr. A wants to register as non-resident taxable person and his estimated liability is ₹ 2,50,000. How much Mr. A is liable to pay as advance tax?**

**Answer:**

**Mr. A of USA is liable to pay advance tax of ₹ 51,460.**

**(i.e ₹ 2,50,000 – 1,98,540)**

**Section 17(5)(g) of the CGST Act, 2017 goods or services or both used for personal consumption;**

Input tax paid on goods and or services used for personal consumption is not eligible for ITC.



If the goods or services on which input tax credit has been availed are used for personal consumption, it actually means that the credit on the input or input services to the extent of its use for personal consumption shall be disallowed. It means reverse the credit by debiting to profit and loss account or pay an amount to the department by using electronic cash ledger account.

**Example 59:**

**M/s X Ltd purchased shoes for their employee's personal consumption by paying GST thereon. ITC not allowed on such goods.**

**Example 60:**

**M/s Y Ltd. for safety reasons purchased hand gloves and shoes for workers as mandatory. Hence, ITC on such goods cannot be considered as used for personal purpose. Therefore, ITC allowed.**

**Example 61:**

**M/s Info Ltd. providing various facilities to their employees like club, sports facilities etc. to ensure that the employees stay comfortably in the colony. It increases the efficiency of employee. Examine the credit applicability in this case.**

**Answer:**

**Expenses incurred in colony are in the course or furtherance of business. Hence, credit of GST paid on such services will also be available to the taxable person.**

**Example 62:**

**M/s Andhra ITC Ltd. purchased inputs and capital goods by paying GST to produce electricity or steam for manufacture of taxable goods. The electricity generated for use in manufacture of goods is sometimes also supplied in the residential colony of employees. Whether, M/s Andhra ITC Ltd. is eligible to avail the credit fully?**

**Answer:**

**As per the GST Law provisions there is no requirement of use of electricity in manufacture of goods. The only requirement is that the input or capital goods shall be used in the course or furtherance of business. This view also confirmed by Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh High Court in the case of ITC Ltd. 2013(32) STR 283 (AP).**

**Therefore, M/s Andhra ITC Ltd. is eligible to avail input tax credit.**

**Section 17(5)(h) of the CGST Act, 2017 goods lost, stolen, destroyed, written off or disposed of by way of gift or free samples;**

Credit of GST paid on input or capital goods is permitted when input or capital goods are used in the course or furtherance of business.

ITC not allowed in the following cases:

- Goods lost
- Goods stolen
- Goods destroyed
- Goods written off or
- Disposed of by way of gift
- Disposed of by way of free samples

**Note:** As per Section 17(5)(h) of the CGST Act, 2017 input tax credit shall be reversed when the goods have been disposed of by way of gift or free sample. In this case, there is no consideration for sale of goods and GST is not payable on output supply. However, the input tax credit availed on such goods shall be reversed or pay GST to the department as the case may be.

**Drugs or medicines – Return of time expired drugs or medicines (CBEC Circular No. 72/46/2018-GST dated 26-10- 2018):**

(A) Return of time expired goods to be treated as fresh supply:

- (a) The wholesaler or manufacturer, as the case may be, who is the recipient of such return supply, shall be eligible to avail Input Tax Credit (ITC).
- (b) Where the time expired goods which have been returned by the retailer/wholesaler are destroyed by the manufacturer, he/she is required to reverse the ITC availed on the return supply in terms of the provisions of Section 17(5)(h) of the CGST Act, 2017.

**Example 63:** Manufacturer has availed ITC of ₹10,000 at the time of purchase of inputs to manufacture of medicines. At the time of return of such medicine on the account of expiry, the ITC available to the manufacturer on the basis of fresh invoice issued by the retailer/wholesaler is ₹15,000.

If so, how much ITC is required to reverse, at the time expired medicines are destroyed by the manufacturer?

**Answer:** Manufacturer would be required to reverse ITC of ₹15,000 and not of ₹10,000.

(B) Return of time expired goods by issuing Credit Note:

	Date of supply of goods from manufacturer/ wholesaler to wholesaler/ retailer	Date of return of time expired goods from retailer/ wholesaler to wholesaler/ manufacturer	Treatment in terms of tax liability & credit note
Case 1	1st July 2017	20th September 2-18	Credit note will be issued by the supplier (manufacturer/ wholesaler) and the same to be uploaded by him on the common portal. Subsequently, tax liability can be adjusted by such supplier provided the recipient (wholesaler/retailer) has either not availed the ITC or if availed has reversed the ITC
Case 2	1st July 2017	20th October 2018	Credit note will be issued by the supplier (manufacturer/ wholesaler) but there is no requirement to upload the same on the common portal. Subsequently, tax liability cannot be adjusted by such supplier

It may be noted that though this circular discusses the scenarios in relation to return of goods on account of expiry of the same, it may be applicable to such other scenarios where the goods are returned on account of reasons other than the one detailed above.

**Section 17(5)(i) of the CGST Act, 2017 any tax paid in accordance with the provisions of Fraud, Detention, Seizure and confiscation of goods or conveyance.**



- (a) Section 74 of the CGST Act, 2017: Show cause notice issued in case of fraud, to recover the GST.
- (b) Section 129 of the CGST Act, 2017: Tax is paid, when goods are under detention by the officers for further investigation
- (c) Section 130 of the CGST Act, 2017: Tax paid, when the goods or conveyance are being confiscated.

GST paid under the above provisions, credit is not available to a taxable person.

**Note:** Section 73 of the CGST Act, 2017: Show cause notice issued in case other than fraud to recover the GST. It means duty paid under section 73 of the CGST Act, 2017 can avail the credit by the taxable person (namely receipt of goods or services)

**Example 64:**

M/s X Ltd. sold goods to M/s Y Ltd. for ₹ 2,00,000 plus GST ₹. 36,000. M/s X Ltd. remitted the GST on or before the due date. During the audit of M/s X Ltd. books by the Central Tax Department quantified the GST liability ₹ 72,000 and demanded to pay differential duty of ₹ 36,000 u/s 74 of the CGST Act, 2017. Finally, M/s X Ltd. paid the differential GST of ₹ 36,000.

M/s Y Ltd. wants to avail the input tax credit of differential amount of GST, advise.

**Answer:**

Since, the differential GST paid by M/s X Ltd. against show cause notice u/s 74 of the CGST Act, 2017, will not be available as credit to M/s Y Ltd. in view of clause (i) of section 17(5) of the CGST Act, 2017.

**Case Law: 2**

**Commr. of C. Ex., & S.T., LTU v. Rane TRW Steering Systems Ltd. 2015 (039) STR 13 (Mad.)**

Facts of the case: Assessee had availed credit of GST paid on housekeeping and gardening services. However, Revenue disallowed the credit and also imposed penalty on the ground that the assessee was not eligible to avail credit of GST on these services.



**Decision:** The High Court noted that principle laid down in the case of CCE v. Millipore India Pvt. Ltd. 2012 (26) S.T.R. 514 (Kar.). In this case, the Karnataka High Court held that landscaping of factory or garden certainly would fall within the concept of modernization, renovation, repair, etc., of the office premises. The environmental law expects the employer to keep the factory without contravening any of those laws. That apart, now the concept of corporate social responsibility is also relevant. It is to discharge a statutory obligation, when the employer spends money to maintain their factory premises in an eco-friendly manner, certainly, the tax paid on such services would form part of the costs of the final products. Therefore, housekeeping and gardening services would fall within the ambit of input services and the assessee is entitled to claim the benefit of input tax credit on the same.

#### Amendments:

The following amendments were made vide CGST Amendment Act, 2018 to amend Sec 17(5) of CGST Act, 2017:

1. **Motor Vehicles - input tax credit will be available in respect of dumpers, work-trucks, fork-lift trucks and other special purpose motor vehicles, vessels and aircraft when these are used for personal purposes.**
2. **ITC allowed for motor vehicles used for transportation of money for or by a banking company or a financial institution**
3. **ITC allowed in respect of food and beverages or both where the provision of such goods or services or both is obligatory for an employer to provide to its employees under any law for the time being in force.**

### 7.4 METHOD OF REVERSAL OF CREDIT

Under GST, a registered person can use input tax on purchase to pay output GST Tax on supply/sale.

Apart from general ITC rule and list of ineligible ITC, availed ITC of input supplies need to be reversed on subsequent occurrence of the below-mentioned event:

1. Recipient of supply Doesn't pay to the supplier within 180 days of issue of the invoice.
2. Recipient of supply uses input goods/services for any purpose other than business or for supplying exempted supplies [like Personal use]
3. Recipient of supply uses capital goods for any purpose other than business or for supplying exempted supplies
4. A person transfer his regular GST registration into Composite Scheme [u/s 18(4)] or Cancels GST registration [u/s 29(5)]
5. A person sells Capital good or Plant and machinery [u/s 18(6)].

In Form GSTR-2, point 11 deals with reversal of input tax credit. Following format is seen for reversal of input tax credit:

Description for reversal of Input Tax Credit	To be added or to be reduced from output tax liability	Amount of Input Tax Credit			
		IGST	CGST	SGST	Cess
Amount in terms of rule 37(2)	To be Added				
Amount in terms of rule 42(1)(m)	To be Added				
Amount in terms of rule 43(1)(h)	To be Added				
Amount in terms of rule 42(2)(a)	To be Added				
Amount in terms of rule 42(2)(b)	To be Added				
On account of amount paid subsequent to reversal of ITC	To be Reduced				
Any other liability					





The detailed Analysis of the Reversal of Input Tax credit are as follows:

Amount in terms of Rule 37(2):

Reversal of Input Tax credit in case of Non-payment of consideration

- If a registered person who has availed input tax credit on any inward supply of goods or services or both, but fails to pay the supplier within a period of 180 days, then ITC availed is to be reversed. If part of the invoice is paid then ITC will be reversed on a proportionate basis.
- The amount of input tax credit shall be added to the output tax liability of the registered person.
- The registered person shall be liable to pay interest not exceeding 18% for the period starting from the date of availing the credit till the date when the amount added to the output tax liability.

### For example –

Mr.A received goods on 1st July 2017 worth ₹ 10000 on which GST ₹ 1800 was charged. Mr. A claimed the GST of Rs 1800 as ITC in his GSTR 2

Mr. A could not pay the invoice amount till December 2017.

This means that Mr. A will have to reverse the ITC of Rs 1800 while filing GSTR 2 for December 2017 in January 2018.

Amount in terms of rule 42(1) (m):

ITC on input supplies partly used for business and partly for exempt supplies or personal use:

The ITC used for exempt supplies and personal purpose has to be reversed in GSTR 2.

How to Calculate ITC reversal on Exempt Supplies:

#### Step 1: Calculate Common Credit

Common Credit = Total ITC on Input Supplies

(Less) ITC on input supplies used for Personal purposes (non-business)

(Less) ITC on input supplies used for providing exempt supplies

(Less) ITC on which credit is not available (section 17(5))

(Less) ITC on input supplies other than exempted but including zero rated supplies

In simple words, Common Credit is ITC on inputs partly used for exempt supplies or personal use.

#### Step 2: Amount of reversal of input tax credit attributable to inputs partly used for Exempt supplies

= (Value of Exempt Supplies \* Common Credit) / Total Turnover in the State

How to Calculate ITC on Personal Use: 5 % of Common Credit

The ITC amounts as calculated above has to be reversed in the GSTR 2 filed by the registered person.

Amount in terms of rule 43(1) (h):

ITC on Capital Goods partly used for business and partly for exempt supplies or personal use:

ITC on capital goods used for the supply of exempt supplies and non-business purposes will also be reversed.

The calculation will be similar to the calculation for ITC on inputs used for exempt supplies and personal use.

**Step 1:** Calculate Common Credit – Common Credit = ITC on Capital Goods

(Less) ITC on capital goods put to personal use

(Less) ITC on capital goods used for exempted goods

(Less) ITC on capital goods used in supplies other than exempted but including zero rated supplies (ITC on normal supplies)

**Step 2:** Amount of ITC reversal attributable to capital goods partly used for Exempt supplies and Personal use

= (Value of Exempt Supplies \* Common Credit)/Total Turnover in the State

**Step 3:** This reversal of input tax credit has to be done on a monthly basis. The life of any asset is considered as 5 years. So the amount of ITC reversal every month will be

= Amount arrived at in Step 2 / 60 (months)

#### **Amount in terms of rule 42(2) (a)**

Reversal of ITC on inputs used for exempted/non-business purpose is more than the ITC reversed during the year:

If the total of ITC on input supplies for exempted/non-business is more than total ITC reversed during the year in GSTR-2, then the differential amount should be reversed in GSTR-2 that is it should be added to the output tax liability.

#### **Amount in terms of rule 42(2) (b)**

ITC reversed during the year is more than ITC on inputs used for exempted/non-business purpose:

At the year-end after filing GSTR-9 (Annual Return), if the total of ITC reversed is more than the ITC on inputs used for exempted/non-business purpose, then the differential amount should be reclaimed as ITC that is it should be reduced from output tax liability.

## **7.5 INPUT TAX CREDIT IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

### **Availability of credit in special circumstances [Section 18 of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

#### **Section 18**

(1) Subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed—

- (a) a person who has applied for registration under this Act within thirty days from the date on which he becomes liable to registration and has been granted such registration shall be entitled to take credit of input tax in respect of inputs held in stock and inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock on the day immediately preceding the date from which he becomes liable to pay tax under the provisions of this Act;



- (b) a person who takes registration under sub-section (3) of section 25 (i.e. voluntary registration) shall be entitled to take credit of input tax in respect of inputs held in stock and inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock on the day immediately preceding the date of grant of registration;
- (c) where any registered person ceases to pay tax under section 10 (i.e. from composition levy to normal levy of GST), he shall be entitled to take credit of input tax in respect of inputs held in stock, inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock and on capital goods on the day immediately preceding the date from which he becomes liable to pay tax under section 9:

Provided that the credit on capital goods shall be reduced by such percentage points as may be prescribed;

- (d) where an exempt supply of goods or services or both by a registered person becomes a taxable supply, such person shall be entitled to take credit of input tax in respect of inputs held in stock and inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock relating to such exempt supply and on capital goods exclusively used for such exempt supply on the day immediately preceding the date from which such supply becomes taxable:

Provided that the credit on capital goods shall be reduced by such percentage points as may be prescribed.

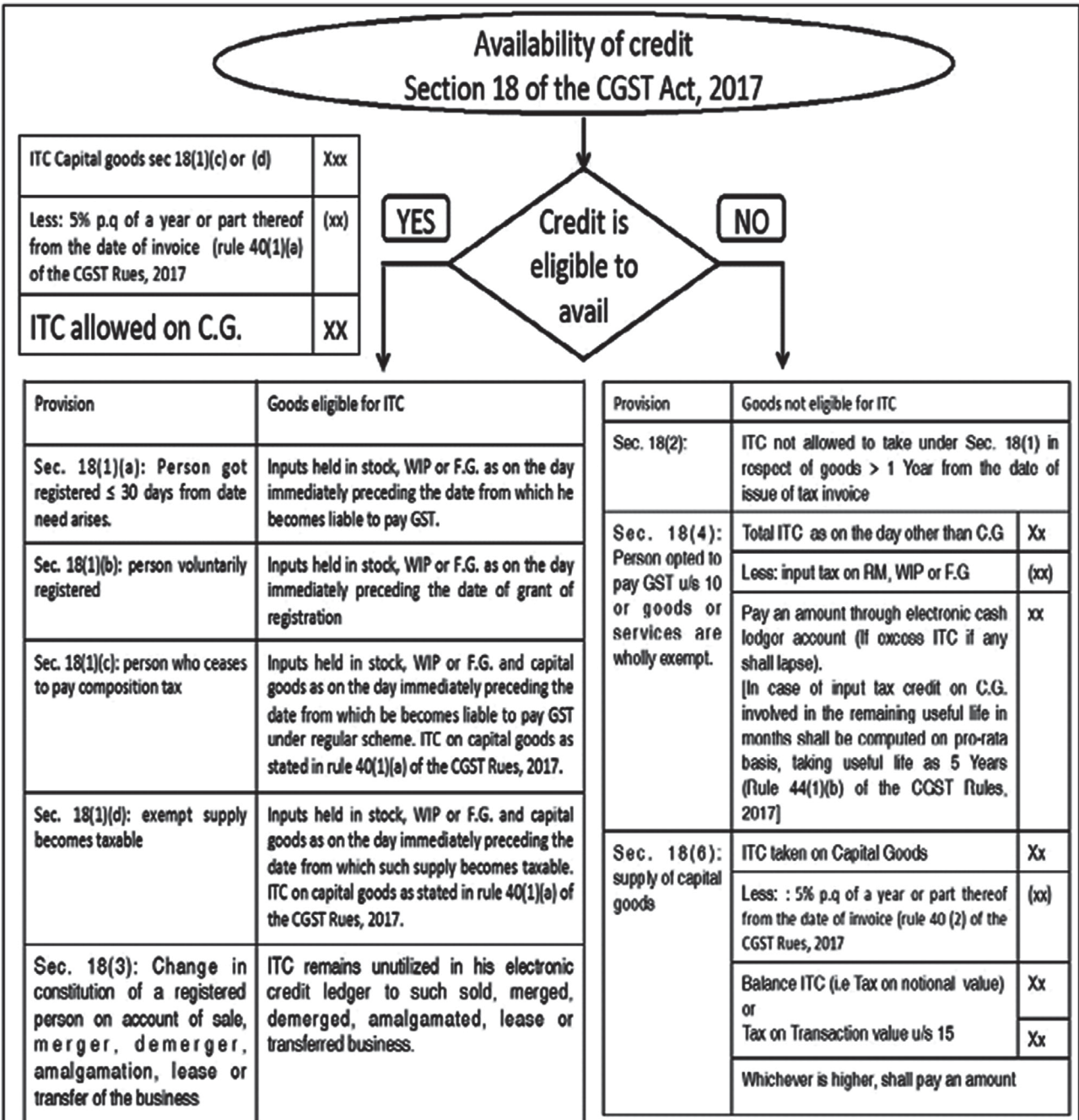
- (2) A registered person shall not be entitled to take input tax credit under sub-section (1) in respect of any supply of goods or services or both to him after the expiry of one year from the date of issue of tax invoice relating to such supply.
- (3) Where there is a change in the constitution of a registered person on account of sale, merger, demerger, amalgamation, lease or transfer of the business with the specific provisions for transfer of liabilities, the said registered person shall be allowed to transfer the input tax credit which remains unutilised in his electronic credit ledger to such sold, merged, demerged, amalgamated, leased or transferred business in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (4) Where any registered person who has availed of input tax credit opts to pay tax under section 10 or, where the goods or services or both supplied by him become wholly exempt, he shall pay an amount, by way of debit in the electronic credit ledger or electronic cash ledger, equivalent to the credit of input tax in respect of inputs held in stock and inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock and on capital goods, reduced by such percentage points as may be prescribed, on the day immediately preceding the date of exercising of such option or, as the case may be, the date of such exemption:

Provided that after payment of such amount, the balance of input tax credit, if any, lying in his electronic credit ledger shall lapse.

- (5) The amount of credit under sub-section (1) and the amount payable under sub-section (4) shall be calculated in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (6) In case of supply of capital goods or plant and machinery, on which input tax credit has been taken, the registered person shall pay an amount equal to the input tax credit taken on the said capital goods or plant and machinery reduced by such percentage points as may be prescribed or the tax on the transaction value of such capital goods or plant and machinery determined under section 15, whichever is higher:

Provided that where refractory bricks, moulds and dies, jigs and fixtures are supplied as scrap, the taxable person may pay tax on the transaction value of such goods determined under section 15.

**Simplified approach with regard to Section 18 of the CGST Act, 2017:**



Proviso to section 18(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 where refractory bricks, moulds and dies, jigs and fixtures are supplied as scrap, the taxable person may pay tax on the transaction value of such goods determined under Sec. 15. It means 5% p.q reduction not required to apply.

As per Rule 40(1)(b) of the CGST Rules, 2017 the registered person shall within a period of 30 days from the date of his becoming eligible to avail the input tax credit under sub-section (1) of section 18 shall make a declaration, electronically, on the common portal in FORM GST ITC-01 to the effect that he is eligible to avail the input tax credit as aforesaid;



As per Rule 40(1)(d) of the CGST Rules, 2017 the details furnished in the declaration under clause (b) shall be duly certified by a practicing **Chartered Accountant** or a **Cost Accountant** if the aggregate value of the claim on account of central tax, State tax, Union territory tax and integrated tax exceeds ₹ 2,00,000;

**Manner of reversal of credit under special circumstances:** As per Rule 44(1)(b) of the CGST Rules, 2017 the amount

**Illustration:**

**Capital goods have been in use for 4 years, 6 month and 15 days.**

**The useful remaining life in months = 5 months ignoring a part of the month.**

**Input tax credit taken on such capital goods = C**

**Input tax credit attributable to remaining useful life =  $C \times 5/60$ .**

**Therefore, input tax credit attributable to remaining useful life shall be reversed or pay as an amount.**

of tax credit relating to capital goods held in stock shall, for the purpose of Section 18(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 (i.e. person opted to pay composition scheme or supplies are exempted wholly from GST) or section 29(5) of the CGST Act, 2017 (i.e. registration cancelled), be determined in the following manner, namely:-

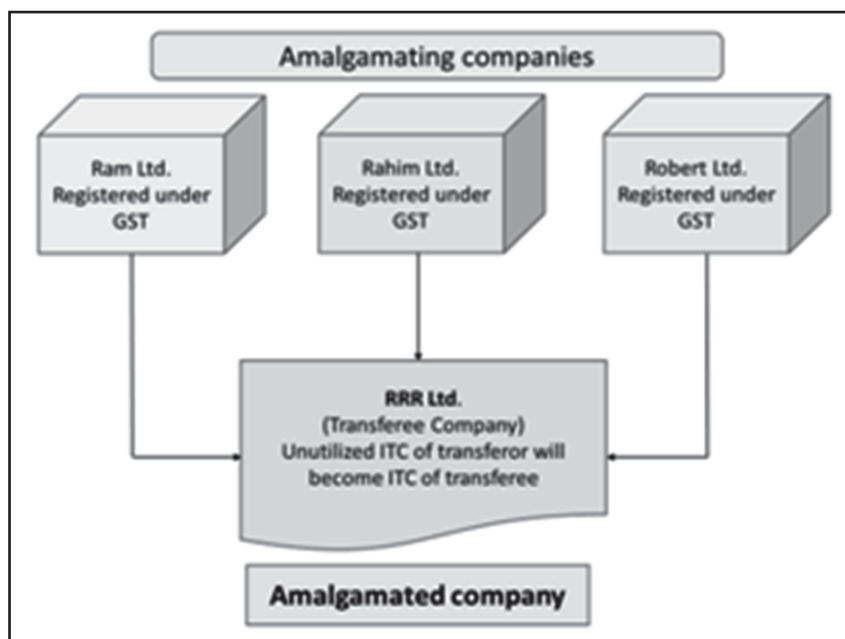
For capital goods held in stock, the input tax credit involved in the remaining useful life in months shall be computed on pro-rata basis, taking the useful life as five years.

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the amount of input tax in respect of capital goods used or intended to be used exclusively for non-business purposes or used or intended to be used exclusively for effecting exempt supplies shall be indicated in FORM GSTR- 2 [and FORM GSTR3B] and shall not be credited to his electronic credit ledger;

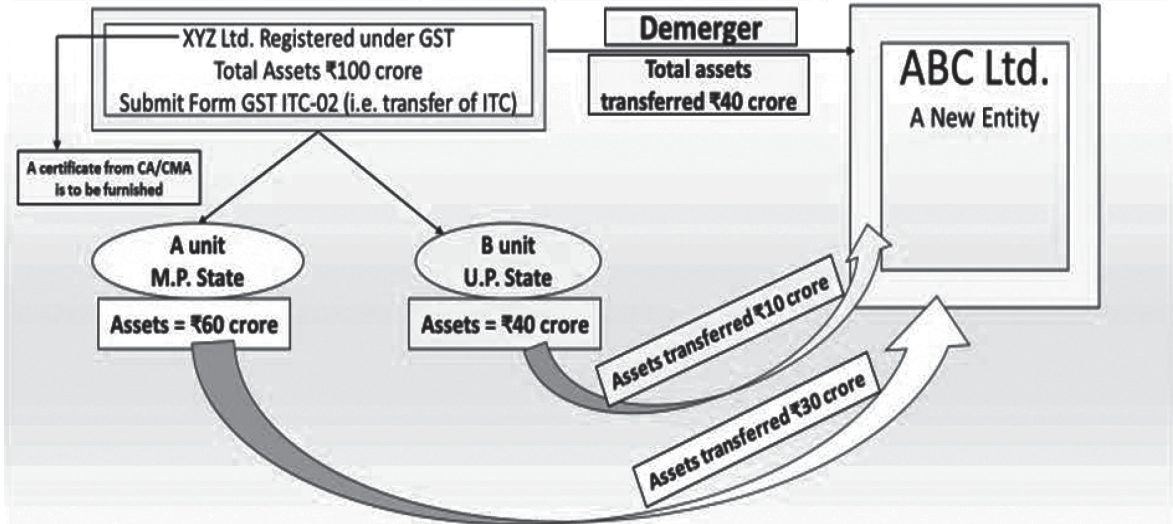
An item of capital goods declared as above on its receipt shall not attract the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 18, if it is subsequently covered under this clause.

Clarification in respect of apportionment of ITC in cases of business reorganization under section 18(3) of the CGST Act read with rule 41(1) of the CGST Rules



**Circular No. 133/03/2020- GST dated 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2020 Demerger – ITC apportioned in ratio of value of assets**

	M.P. State (₹)	U.P. State (₹)	Total assets (₹)	clarification
Value of assets	60 crore	40 crore	100 crore	As per Rule 41 of CGST Rules, the value of assets of the new units is to be taken at the State level (at the level of distinct person) and not at the all-India level. Applicable for all types of business re-organisation.
Assets transferred on demerger	30 crore	10 crore	40 crore	
Unutilised ITC transferred to the demerged entity	30/60 = 0.50	10/40 = 0.25		



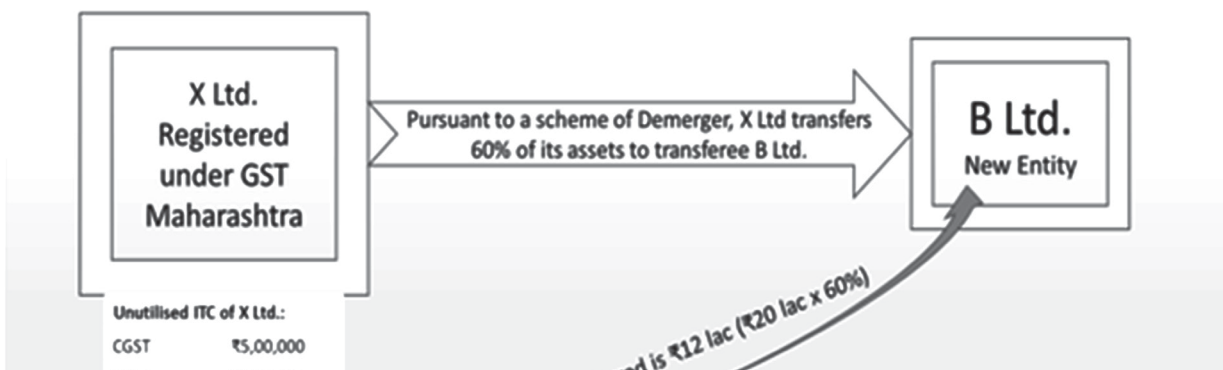
**Question:**

Is the transferor required to file FORM GST ITC – 02 in all States where it is registered?

**Answer:**

No. The transferor is required to file FORM GST ITC-02 only in those States where both transferor and transferee are registered.

the ratio of value of assets, as prescribed under proviso to sub-rule (1) of rule 41 of the CGST Rules, shall be applied to the total amount of unutilized input tax credit (ITC) of the transferor i.e. sum of CGST, SGST/UTGST and IGST credit. The said formula need not be applied separately in respect of each heads of ITC (CGST/SGST/IGST). Further, the said formula shall also be applicable for apportionment of Cess between the transferor and transferee.





**How to determine the amount of ITC that is to be transferred to the transferee under each tax head (IGST/CGST/SGST) while filing of FORM GST ITC - 02 by the transferor?**

The total amount of ITC to be transferred to the transferee (i.e., sum of CGST, SGST/UTGST and IGST credit) should not exceed the amount of ITC to be transferred, as determined under Rule 41(1) of the CGST Rules.

However, the transferor shall be at liberty to determine the amount to be transferred under each tax head (IGST, CGST, SGST/UTGST) within this total amount, subject to the ITC balance available with the transferor under the concerned tax head.

In other words for the purpose of apportionment of ITC under sub-rule (1) of rule 41 of the CGST Rules, while the ratio of the value of assets should be taken as on the "appointed date of demerger" (Sec. 232(6) of the Companies Act, 2013), the said ratio is to be applied on the ITC balance of the transferor on the date of filing FORM GST ITC - 02 to calculate the amount to transferable ITC.

1	2	3	4	5	6
State	Asset Ratio of Transferee	Tax Heads	ITC balance of transferor (pre-apportionment) as on the date of filing Form GST ITC - 02	Total amount of ITC transferred to the Transferee under Form GST ITC - 02	ITC balance of Transferor (post apportionment) after filing of Form GST ITC - 02 [4-5]
Delhi	70%	CGST	10,00,000	10,00,000	0
		SGST	10,00,000	10,00,000	0
		IGST	30,00,000	15,00,000	15,00,000
		TOTAL	50,00,000	35,00,000	15,00,000
Haryana	40%	CGST	25,00,000	3,00,000	22,00,000
		SGST	25,00,000	5,00,000	20,00,000
		IGST	20,00,000	20,00,000	0
		TOTAL	70,00,000	28,00,000	42,00,000

**Example 65:**

M/s X Ltd. becomes liable to pay tax on 1st December and has obtained registration on 15th December. The GST paid goods lying in the premises of M/s X Ltd. as on 30th November are as follows:

Particulars	Value in ₹ (Excluding tax)	GST ₹
Raw material	2,00,000	36,000
Capital goods	5,00,000	1,40,000
Raw material lying work in progress	3,00,000	54,000
Raw material lying in Finished Goods	12,00,000	2,16,000

You are required to answer the following:

- (a) Eligible amount of input tax credit.
- (b) Time limit to submit declaration on common portal.
- (c) Whether any certification required while availing the credit, if so from whom.

Answer:

- (a) Eligible input tax credit is ₹ 3,06,000/-
- (b) Declaration in Form GST ITC -01 on or before 14th January should be submitted on common portal of GSTN.



(c) Declaration regarding inputs tax credit shall be duly certified by a practicing Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant if the aggregate value of the claim on account of central tax, State tax, Union territory tax and integrated tax exceeds ₹ 2,00,000.

In the give case, since, input tax credit declared is ₹ 3,06,000. Therefore, certificate from a practicing Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant is required.

Note: M/s X Ltd. cannot take ITC on capital goods.

**Example 66:**

Mr. A applies for voluntary registration on 22nd November and obtained registration on 25th November.

Mr. A has stock on the following two dates:

Date	Opening balance (units)	Purchased (units)	Sold (units)
21st November	12,000	20,000	8,000

On 24th November, Mr. A purchased 5,000 units and sold 15,000 units.

On 24th November, Mr. A is also purchased plant and machinery for ₹ 2,00,000 plus GST 28%.

Mr. A purchased good at uniform rate through out the year at ₹ 100 per unit plus GST paid 18%.

You are required to find the eligible input tax credit to Mr. A.

Answer:

Stock as on 24th November = 14,000 units

Value of stock = ₹ 14,00,000

(i.e. 14,000 units x ₹ 100 per unit).

Input tax credit eligible is ₹ 2,52,000/-.

Note: ITC on capital goods not allowed.

**Example 67:**

Mr. C a registered taxable person, was paying tax at composition scheme upto 30th July. However, w.e.f. 31st July, Mr. C becomes liable to pay tax under regular scheme.

Other information:

(a) Input as on 30th July for ₹ 3,54,000 (inclusive of GST paid @18%).

(b) Capital goods purchased for ₹ 5,00,000 (invoice date 22nd April 2017, GST 18%)

Find the eligible ITC to Mr. C.

Note: Mr. C not availed depreciation on the GST paid on capital goods.

Answer:

ITC allowed on inputs = ₹ 54,000

ITC allowed on capital goods

ITC on capital goods = 90,000

Less: 5% p.q. = - 4,500 = ₹ 85,500

(₹ 90,000 x 5% x 1)

Total ITC allowed to Mr. C as on 31st July = ₹1,39,500





**Illustration:**

Capital goods have been in use for 4 years, 6 month and 15 days.

The useful remaining life in months = 5 months ignoring a part of the month.

Input tax credit taken on such capital goods = C

Input tax credit attributable to remaining useful life = C x 5/60.

Therefore, input tax credit attributable to remaining useful life shall be reversed or pay as an amount.

**Example 68:**

M/s A Ltd. sold plant and machinery after being used in the manufacture of taxable goods for ₹ 4,00,000 on 1st November 2018. GST is payable on transaction value of plant and machinery 18%. M/s A Ltd. was purchased this machine vide invoice dated 22nd November 2017 for ₹ 5,50,000/- plus GST 18%.

M/s A Ltd. availed the credit on said plant and machinery. Find the amount payable by M/s A Ltd. under section 18(6) of the CGST Act, 2017.

**Answer:**

Particulars	Amount in ₹	Working note
ITC taken on capital goods	99,000	5,50,000 x 18%
Less: 25% reduction	(24,750)	No. of quarters = 5 5% x 5 = 25% reduction
Balance ITC	74,250	
Tax on Transaction value	72,000	4,00,000 x 18%

**Note:** M/s A Ltd. shall pay amount equal to the input tax credit taken on the said capital goods reduced by 5% per quarter or part thereof from the date of the issue of the invoice for such goods or the tax on the transaction value of such capital goods u/s 15 of the CGST Act, 2017 whichever is higher.

Therefore, M/s A Ltd. is liable to pay an amount of ₹ 74,250/-.

**Example 69:**

The goods manufactured by Royal Ltd. have been exempted from GST with effect from 15th November 20XX. Earlier these goods were liable to tax @18%. Its inputs were liable to GST @12%. Following information is supplied on 15th November 20XX:

- (i) The inputs costing ₹ 1,44,720 are lying in stock.
- (ii) The inputs costing ₹ 77,184 are in process.
- (iii) The finished goods valuing ₹ 4,82,400 are in stock, the input cost is 50% of the value.
- (iv) The balance in electronic credit ledger account shows credit balance of ₹ 2,79,104.
- (v) Royal Ltd. also purchased capital goods for ₹ 2,00,000 by paying GST 28% (invoice dated 10th July 20XX)

The department has asked Royal Ltd. to reverse the credit taken on inputs referred above. However, Royal Ltd contends that credit once validly taken is indefeasible and not required to be reversed. Decide.

What would be your answer if the balance in electronic credit ledger receivable account as on 15th November 20XX were ₹ 29,104?

**Answer:**

Statement showing amount to be paid by Royal Ltd. as on 15th November 20XX

S.No.	Particulars	Amount to be paid (₹)	Workings
(i)	Inputs lying in stock	17,366	₹ 1,44,720 x 12/100 = ₹ 17,366
(ii)	Inputs in process (i.e. Work in Progress)	9,262	₹77,184 x 12/100 = ₹ 9,262
(iii)	Inputs contained in finished goods lying in stock	28,944	₹4,82,400 x 50% x 12/100 = ₹28,944
(iv)	Capital goods	51,333	Useful life as per rule 44(1)(b) = 5 years (i.e. 60 months). No. of months capital goods have been in use = 4months 5 days (i.e. 5 months) The useful remaining life in months = 55 months 2,00,000 x 28% x 55/60 = ₹ 51,333
	<b>Amount to be paid by Royal Ltd.</b>	<b>1,06,906</b>	
<p><b>Amount payable by Royal Ltd. = ₹1,06,906</b></p> <p><b>Less: ITC Receivable = ₹(2,79,104)</b></p> <p><b>Excess ITC = ₹ (1,72,198)</b></p> <p><b>Excess ITC in electronic credit ledger of ₹1,72,198 shall lapse as 15th November 2017.</b></p> <p><b>If the balance in electronic credit ledger as on 15th November 20XX is ₹ 29,104, then amount payable is as follows:</b></p> <p><b>Amount payable by Royal Ltd. = ₹1,06,906</b></p> <p><b>Less: ITC Receivable = ₹(29,104)</b></p> <p><b>Amount payable = ₹77,802</b></p>			

## 7.6 INPUT TAX CREDIT IN RESPECT OF GOODS SENT FOR JOB-WORK

Taking input tax credit in respect of inputs and capital goods sent for job work [Section 19 of the CGST Act, 2017]:

- (1) The principal shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, be allowed input tax credit on inputs sent to a job worker for job work.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 16, the principal shall be entitled to take credit of input tax on inputs even if the inputs are directly sent to a job worker for job work without being first brought to his place of business.
- (3) Where the inputs sent for job work are not received back by the principal after completion of job work or otherwise or are not supplied from the place of business of the job worker in accordance with clause (a) or clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 143 within one year of being sent out, it shall be deemed that such inputs had been supplied by the principal to the job worker on the day when the said inputs were sent out:
 

Provided that where the inputs are sent directly to a job worker, the period of one year shall be counted from the date of receipt of inputs by the job worker.
- (4) The principal shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, be allowed input tax credit on capital goods sent to a job worker for job work.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 16, the principal shall be entitled to take credit of input tax on capital goods even if the capital goods are directly sent to a job worker for job work without being first brought to his place of business.

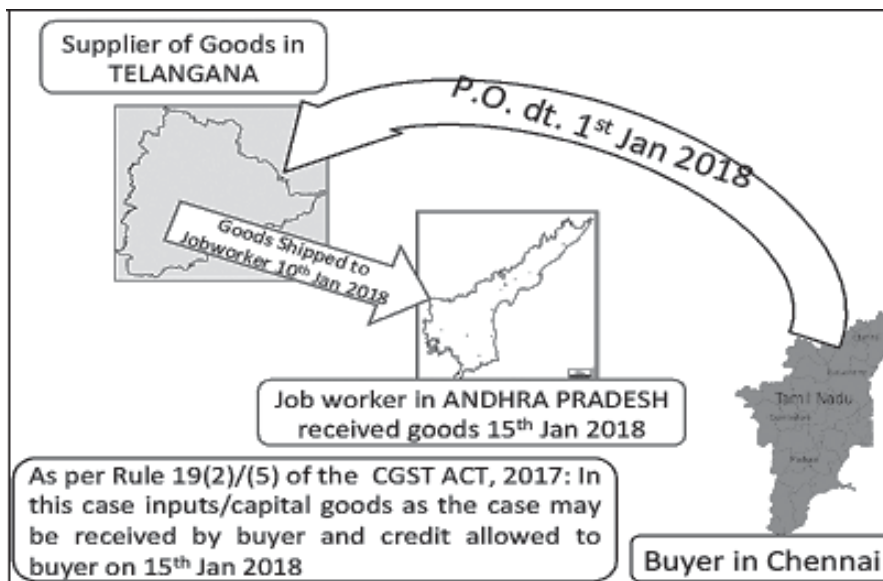
(6) Where the capital goods sent for job work are not received back by the principal within a period of three years of being sent out, it shall be deemed that such capital goods had been supplied by the principal to the job worker on the day when the said capital goods were sent out:

Provided that where the capital goods are sent directly to a job worker, the period of three years shall be counted from the date of receipt of capital goods by the job worker.

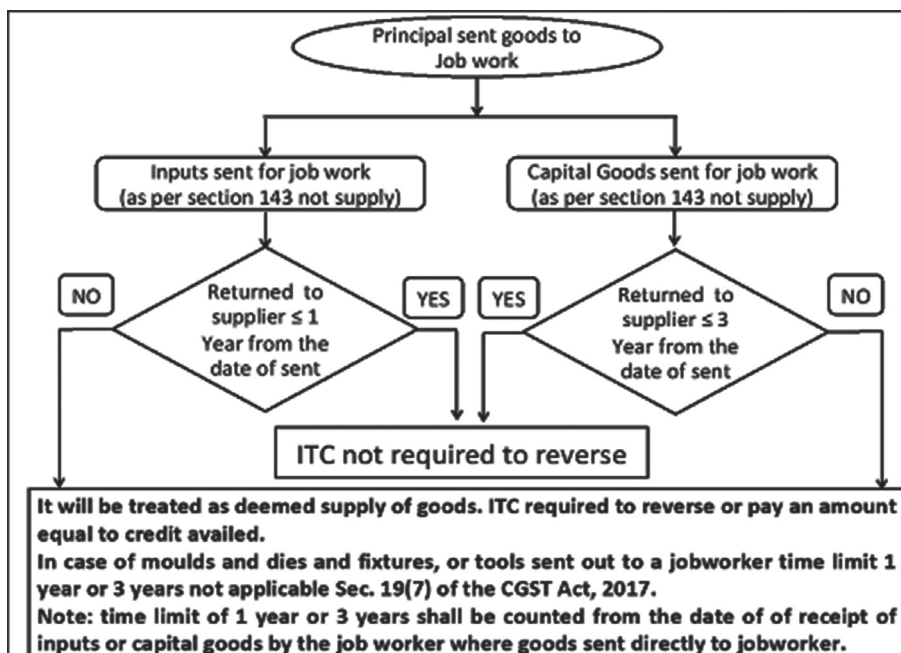
(7) Nothing contained in sub-section (3) or sub-section (6) shall apply to moulds and dies, jigs and fixtures, or tools sent out to a job worker for job work.

**Explanation** — For the purpose of this section, “principal” means the person referred to in section 143.

**As per Section 19(2) or (5) of the CGST Act, 2017:**



**As per Section 19(3)/19(6) of the CGST Act, 2017:**



**w.e.f. 1-2-2019: 2<sup>nd</sup> Proviso to section 143 of the CGST Act, 2019:**

the period of one year and three years may, on sufficient cause being shown, be extended by the Commissioner for a further period not exceeding one year and two years respectively.

**What is job-work?**

Section 2(68) of the CGST Act, 2017 defines job-work as 'any treatment or process undertaken by a person on goods belonging to another registered person'. The one who does the said job would be termed as 'jobworker'.

Contents of a job-work:

- The ownership of the goods does not transfer to the job-worker but it rests with the principal.
- The jobworker is required to carry out the process specified by the principal on the goods.

**Who is Principal?**

Section 143 of the CGST Act, 2017: A registered person (hereafter in this section referred to as the "principal") may under intimation and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, send any inputs or capital goods, without payment of tax, to a job worker for job work and from there subsequently send to another job worker and likewise.

**Deemed supply:**

As per section 143(3) and 143(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 makes provision for payment of tax when the inputs or capital goods respectively are not returned back by the job worker.

The inputs after processing shall be returned back within ONE year of their being sent out. Other wise it will be treated as deemed supply (i.e. supplied by the principal to the job worker on the day when the said inputs were sent out). Therefore, the principal will have to pay tax along with interest.

**Example 70:**

**M/s X Ltd. has supplied inputs to job worker M/s Y Ltd on 25th August 2021. These inputs not received back till 24th August 2022 by M/s X Ltd., after processing. Find the consequences in this regards?**

**Answer:**

**As per section 143(3) of the CGST Act, 2017 principal will be required to pay the tax on supply of inputs. The time of supply is 25th August 2021. If the principal decided to pay tax on 25th August 2022 he will have to pay tax with interest of one year.**

**Example 71:**

**M/s X Ltd. (i.e. seller) supplied capital goods on 20th August 2021 directly to job worker M/s Y Ltd and the same received on 25th August 2021 by the job worker, based on the directions of M/s Z (i.e. Buyer-Principal). These capital goods not received back till 24th August 2024 by M/s Z Ltd. after processing.**

**Find the consequences in this regards?**

**Answer:**

**These capital goods not received back by 24th August 2024 by M/s Z Ltd., after processing. As per section 143(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 principal will be required to pay the tax on supply of capital goods. The time of supply is 25th August 2021. If the principal decided to pay tax on 25th August 2024 he will have to pay tax with interest of 3 year.**



### Job-work procedural aspects:

Certain facilities with certain conditions are offered in relation to job-work, some of which are as under:

- (a) A registered person (Principal) can send inputs/capital goods under intimation and subject to certain conditions without payment of tax to a job-worker and from there to another job-worker and after completion of job-work bring back such goods without payment of tax. The principal is not required to reverse the ITC availed on inputs or capital goods dispatched to job-worker.
- (b) Principal can send inputs or capital goods directly to the job-worker without bringing them to his premises and can still avail the credit of tax paid on such inputs or capital goods.
- (c) However, inputs and/or capital goods sent to a job worker are required to be returned to the principal within 1 year and 3 years, respectively, from the date of sending such goods to the job-worker.
- (d) After processing of goods, the job-worker may clear the goods to-
  - (i) Another job-worker for further processing
  - (ii) Dispatch the goods to any of the places of business of the principal without payment of tax
  - (iii) Remove the goods on payment of tax within India or without payment of tax for export outside India on fulfilment of conditions.

The facility of supply of goods by the principal to the third party directly from the premises of the jobworker on payment of tax in India and likewise with or without payment of tax for export may be availed by the principal on declaring premise of the job-worker as his additional place of business in registration.

In case the job-worker is a registered person under GST, even declaring the premises of the job-worker as additional place of business is not required.

Before supply of goods to the job-worker, the principal would be required to intimate the Jurisdictional Officer containing the details of the description of inputs intended to be sent by the principal and the nature of processing to be carried out by the job-worker.

The said intimation shall also contain the details of the other job-workers, if any. The inputs or capital goods shall be sent to the jobworker under the cover of a challan issued by the principal.

The challan shall be issued even for the inputs or capital goods sent directly to the job-worker. The challan shall contain the details specified in Rule 10 of the Invoice Rules. The responsibility for keeping proper accounts for the inputs or capital goods shall lie with the principal.

### Waste clearing provisions:

As per Section 143 (5) of the CGST Act, 2017, waste generated at the premises of the job-worker may be supplied directly by the registered job-worker from his place of business on payment of tax or the principal may clear such waste, in case the job-worker is not registered.

### Latest up-dations under job work (w.e.f. 23-3-2018):

- (i) In case of goods sent from one job worker to another job worker, the challan may be issued either by the principal or the job worker sending the goods to another job worker as per rule 55 of the CGST Rules, 2017.
- (ii) Where the goods are sent by one job worker to another or are returned to the principal, the challan issued by the principal may be endorsed by the job worker, indicating therein the quantity and description of goods. Such endorsed challan may be further endorsed by another job worker, indicating therein the quantity and description of goods.
- (iii) the details of challans in respect of goods dispatched to a job worker or received from a job worker or sent from one job worker to another **during a quarter** shall be furnished for that period on or before the **25th day** of the month succeeding the said quarter (**Form GST ITC-04**).

**Frequency of filing GST ITC-04 revised from quarterly to annual/half-yearly:**

**(Notification no. 35/2021 CT dated 24.09.2021)**

In respect of a principal whose aggregate turnover during the immediately preceding FY	Form GST ITC-04 is required to be furnished
More than ₹5 crore	On half year basis 25th October and 25th April
Upto ₹5 crore	On annual basis 25th April

(iv) CGST Commissioner or SGST/UTGST Commissioner to grant extension of time period for furnishing of the said details. Thus, now the said details may be furnished on or before the 25th day of the month succeeding the said quarter or within such further period as may be extended by the Commissioner by a notification in this behalf [Notification No. 51/2017-CT, dated 28.10.2017]

The due of furnishing of FORM ITC-04 for the quarter ending March, 2020 stands extended upto 30-6-2020 (vide CBIC Circular No. 138/08/2020 GST dated 6-5-2020).

CBIC has notified that the due dates to furnish ITC-04 for the January-March 2020 and April-June 2020 quarters (falling due between 20th March 2020 to 30th August 2020) stands extended till 31st August 2020.

The due of furnishing of FORM ITC-04 for the quarter ending September 2020 stands extended upto 30-11-2020 (vide Notification No. 87/2020 CT dated 10-11-2020).

**Place of supply in case of job work:**

**Example:** The principal is located in State A, the job worker in State B and the recipient in State C. In case the supply is made from the job worker's place of business / premises, the invoice will be issued by the supplier (principal) located in State A to the recipient located in State C. The said transaction will be an inter-State supply. In case the recipient is also located in State A, it will be an intra-State supply.

**17.29.6 Commissioner empowered to extend the time period for submission of quarterly details of challans relating to job work under rule 45(3) of CGST Rules**

**Rule 45(3)** of the CGST Rules lays down that the details of challans in respect of goods dispatched to a job worker or received from a job worker or sent from one job worker to another during a quarter shall be furnished for that period on or before the 25th day of the month succeeding the said quarter.

**Rule 45(3)** has been amended to empower the CGST Commissioner or SGST/UTGST Commissioner to grant extension of time period for furnishing of the said details. Thus, now the said details may be furnished on or before the 25th day of the month succeeding the said quarter or within such further period as may be extended by the Commissioner by a notification in this behalf [Notification No. 51/2017-CT, dated 28.10.2017].

**7.7 DISTRIBUTION OF CREDIT BY INPUT SERVICE DISTRIBUTOR (ISD)**

**Manner of distribution of credit by Input Service Distributor [Section 20 of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

- (1) The Input Service Distributor shall distribute the credit of central tax as central tax or integrated tax and integrated tax as integrated tax or central tax, by way of issue of a document containing the amount of input tax credit being distributed in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (2) The Input Service Distributor may distribute the credit subject to the following conditions, namely:—



- (a) the credit can be distributed to the recipients of credit against a document containing such details as may be prescribed;
- (b) the amount of the credit distributed shall not exceed the amount of credit available for distribution;
- (c) the credit of tax paid on input services attributable to a recipient of credit shall be distributed only to that recipient;
- (d) the credit of tax paid on input services attributable to more than one recipient of credit shall be distributed amongst such recipients to whom the input service is attributable and such distribution shall be pro rata on the basis of the turnover in a State or turnover in a Union territory of such recipient, during the relevant period, to the aggregate of the turnover of all such recipients to whom such input service is attributable and which are operational in the current year, during the said relevant period;
- (e) the credit of tax paid on input services attributable to all recipients of credit shall be distributed amongst such recipients and such distribution shall be pro rata on the basis of the turnover in a State or turnover in a Union territory of such recipient, during the relevant period, to the aggregate of the turnover of all recipients and which are operational in the current year, during the said relevant period.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this section,—

- (a) the “relevant period” shall be—
  - (i) if the recipients of credit have turnover in their States or Union territories in the financial year preceding the year during which credit is to be distributed, the said financial year; or
  - (ii) if some or all recipients of the credit do not have any turnover in their States or Union territories in the financial year preceding the year during which the credit is to be distributed, the last quarter for which details of such turnover of all the recipients are available, previous to the month during which credit is to be distributed;
- (b) the expression “recipient of credit” means the supplier of goods or services or both having the same Permanent Account Number as that of the Input Service Distributor;
- (c) the term “turnover”, in relation to any registered person engaged in the supply of taxable goods as well as goods not taxable under this Act, means the value of turnover, reduced by the amount of any duty or tax levied under entry 84 of List I of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and entries 51 and 54 of List II of the said Schedule.

**Manner of distribution of credit by Input Service Distributor Section 20 of the CGST Act, 2017 [Notification No. 3/2018-CT, dated 23.01.2018]**

Provisions introduced for issuance of invoice/debit note/credit note by registered taxable person (having same PAN and State code as ISD) to ISD to transfer the credit of common input services

A new sub-rule (1A) has been inserted in rule 54 of CGST Rules. The new sub-rule provides as under:

- (a) A registered person, having the same PAN and State code as an input service distributor (ISD), may issue an invoice/credit note/debit note to transfer the credit of common input services to the ISD, which shall contain the following details:—
  - (i) name, address and GSTIN of the registered person having the same PAN and same State code as the ISD;
  - (ii) a consecutive serial number not exceeding 16 characters, in one or multiple series, containing alphabets or numerals or special characters - hyphen or dash and slash symbolised as “-” and “/”

- respectively, and any combination thereof, unique for a financial year;
- (iii) date of its issue;
  - (iv) GSTIN of supplier of common service and original invoice number whose credit is sought to be transferred to the ISD;
  - (v) name, address and GSTIN of the ISD;
  - (vi) taxable value, rate and amount of the credit to be transferred; and
  - (vii) signature or digital signature of the registered person or his authorised representative.
- (b) The taxable value in the invoice issued under clause (a) shall be the same as the value of the common services.

## 7.8 RECOVERY OF INPUT TAX CREDIT

### Manner of recovery of credit distributed in excess [Section 21 of the CGST Act, 2017]:

Where the Input Service Distributor distributes the credit in contravention of the provisions contained in section 20 resulting in excess distribution of credit to one or more recipients of credit, the excess credit so distributed shall be recovered from such recipients along with interest, and the provisions of section 73 or section 74, as the case may be, shall, mutatis mutandis, apply for determination of amount to be recovered.

### Claim of input tax credit and provisional acceptance thereof (Section 41 of the CGST Act, 2017):

#### Availment of ITC [Section 41 of the CGST Act, 2017] w.e.f. 01-10-2022:

- (1) Every registered person shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, be entitled to avail the credit of eligible input tax, as self-assessed, in his return and such amount shall be credited to his electronic credit ledger.
- (2) The credit of input tax availed by a registered person under sub-section (1) in respect of such supplies of goods or services or both, the tax payable whereon has not been paid by the supplier, shall be reversed along with applicable interest, by the said person in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that where the said supplier makes payment of the tax payable in respect of the aforesaid supplies, the said registered person may re-avail the amount of credit reversed by him in such manner as may be prescribed."

The new section 41 provides that the taxpayer shall self-assess and claim ITC in GSTR 3B. It further provides that in case the taxpayer has claimed ITC of GST which is not paid/ deposited by the corresponding supplier, than the taxpayer / recipient shall reverse the ITC along with interest. The recipient shall be eligible to re-claim the ITC reversed, on payment of GST by the supplier.

Note: Provisional ITC and Matching Concept under Section 41 of CGST Act, 2017 is now overruled w.e.f. 01.10.2022.





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W.e.f. 01-10-2022, sections 42 (OMITTED): Matching, Reversal and Reclaim of ITC.

W.e.f. 01-10-2022, Section 43 of CGST Act 2017 (OMITTED): Matching, Reversal and Reclaim of Reduction in Output Tax Liability.

W.e.f. 01-10-2022, section 43A (OMITTED): Procedure for furnishing return and availing input tax credit.

# Study Note - 8

## REGISTRATION UNDER GST



### This Study Note includes

- 8.1 Introduction
- 8.2 Persons not liable for Registration
- 8.3 Compulsory Registration in Certain Cases
- 8.4 Procedure for Registration
- 8.5 Concept of Distinct Person under GST
- 8.6 Cancellation of Registration
- 8.7 Revocation of Registration

### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

Registration is the most fundamental requirement for identification of taxpayers ensuring tax compliance in the economy. Without registration, a person can neither collect tax from his customers nor claim any input tax credit of tax paid by him.

Registration of any business entity under the GST Law implies obtaining a unique number from the concerned tax authorities for the purpose of collecting tax on behalf of the government and to avail input tax credit for the taxes on his inward supplies.

#### Advantages of registration:

The following are advantages to a taxpayer who obtain registration under GST:

- (i) He is legally recognized as supplier of goods or services or both.
- (ii) He is legally authorized to collect taxes from his customers and pass on the credit of the taxes paid on the goods or services supplied to the purchasers/recipients.
- (iii) He can claim Input Tax Credit of taxes paid and can utilize the same for payment of taxes due on supply of goods or services.
- (iv) Seamless flow of Input Tax Credit from suppliers to recipients at the national level.
- (v) Registered person is eligible to apply for Government bids or contracts or assignments. (vi) Registered person under GST can easily gain trust from customers.

#### Exception of One Registration for One State:

- (i) Multiple registrations permitted for separate business vertical.
- (ii) One as an input service distributor and other for outward supply

#### Example : 1

**Apple manufactures computers, tablets, phones, headphones, music players and more. Management at Apple can divide the overall company performance into smaller segments based on these products to measure where the company is succeeding.**

**Note: It is similar to AS 17 Business Segments**

**Sec. 22 (1):** Every supply shall be liable to be registered under the GST other than special category States, from where he makes a taxable supply of goods and services or both, if his aggregate turnover in a financial year exceeds the threshold limits:

**Registration is mandatory if aggregate turnover exceeds threshold limit.**

**Exemption from obtaining registration w.e.f April 1, 2019:**

Sr. No.	States	w.e.f 1 April 2019 (Notification No. 10/2019- Central Tax)
<b>FOR SUPPLIER ENGAGED EXCLUSIVELY IN "SUPPLY OF GOODS"</b>		
1	Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura	₹10 Lakh
2	Uttarakhand, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Puducherry, Telangana	₹20 Lakh
3	Rest States of India	₹40 Lakh
<b>FOR SUPPLIER ENGAGED IN "SUPPLY OF SERVICES" OR BOTH "GOODS AND SERVICES"</b>		
1	Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura	₹10 Lakh
2	Rest States of India	₹20 Lakh

For the purpose of Section 22(1) of CGST Act, 2017 a person shall be considered to be engaged exclusively in the supply of goods even if he is engaged in exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount.

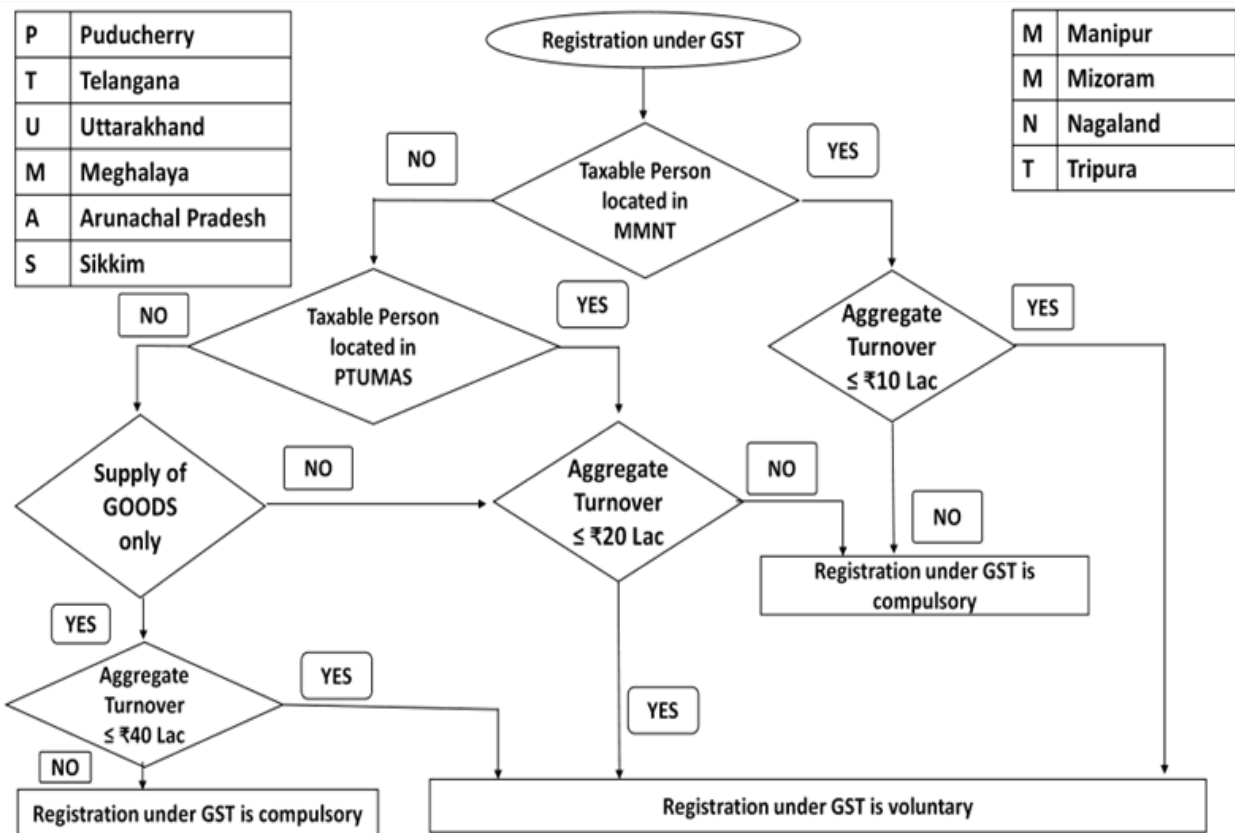
Any person engaged in exclusive supply of goods and whose turnover in the financial year does not exceeds ₹40 Lakh exempted from registration. Exceptions to this exemption are as follows:

- (a) persons required to take compulsory registration under section 24 of the CGST Act, 2017
- (b) to persons exclusively engaged in making supplies of following goods namely: -

S. No.	Tariff item, Sub-Heading, or Heading or Chapter	Description
1.	2105 00 00 	Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa.
2.	2106 90 20 	Pan Masala
3.	24 	All goods, i.e. Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes
4.	2202 10 10 	w.e.f. 1-10-2019 Aerated Water

5.	6815		w.e.f. 1-4-2022 NT No. 14/2019 dated 7.3.2019 Fly ash bricks or fly ash aggregate with 90% or fly ash content; Fly ash blocks
6.	6901 00 10		w.e.f. 1-4-2022 NT No. 14/2019 dated 7.3.2019 Bricks of fossil meals or similar siliceous earths
7.	6904 10 00		w.e.f. 1-4-2022 NT No. 14/2019 dated 7.3.2019 Building Bricks
8.	6905 10 00		w.e.f. 1-4-2022 NT No. 14/2019 dated 7.3.2019 Earthen or roofing tiles

Note: Persons exclusively engaged above goods threshold limit is ₹20 lakh or ₹10 lakh as the case may be.





**w.e.f. 1-2-2019, Exemption from Registration not applicable to specified Job workers:**

The Central Government vide Notification No. 02/2019-IT, dated 29th January 2019 has provided that the job workers who are involved in making supply of services in relation to Live poultry i.e fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls are compulsorily required to take registration.

Further, it is also provided that job workers who are involved in making supply of services in relation to Jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares and other articles are eligible for exemption from registration where such job workers engaged in making inter-State supply of services to a registered person.

**Advantages of voluntary registration under GST:**

- (i) Legally recognized as supplier of goods or services; This helps in attracting more customers.
- (ii) Provide input tax credit to customers. As they can issue taxable invoices, they can collect GST. Their customers can take input credit on their purchases.
- (iii) They will be more competitive than other small business as buying from them will ensure input credit.
- (iv) Voluntarily registered persons can take input credit on their own purchases and input services like legal fees, consultation fees etc.
- (v) They can make inter-state sales without many restrictions.

**Note:** The following paragraph has been inserted vide THE CENTRAL GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (AMENDMENT), ACT, 2018 to amend Sec 22(1) of CGST Act,2018:

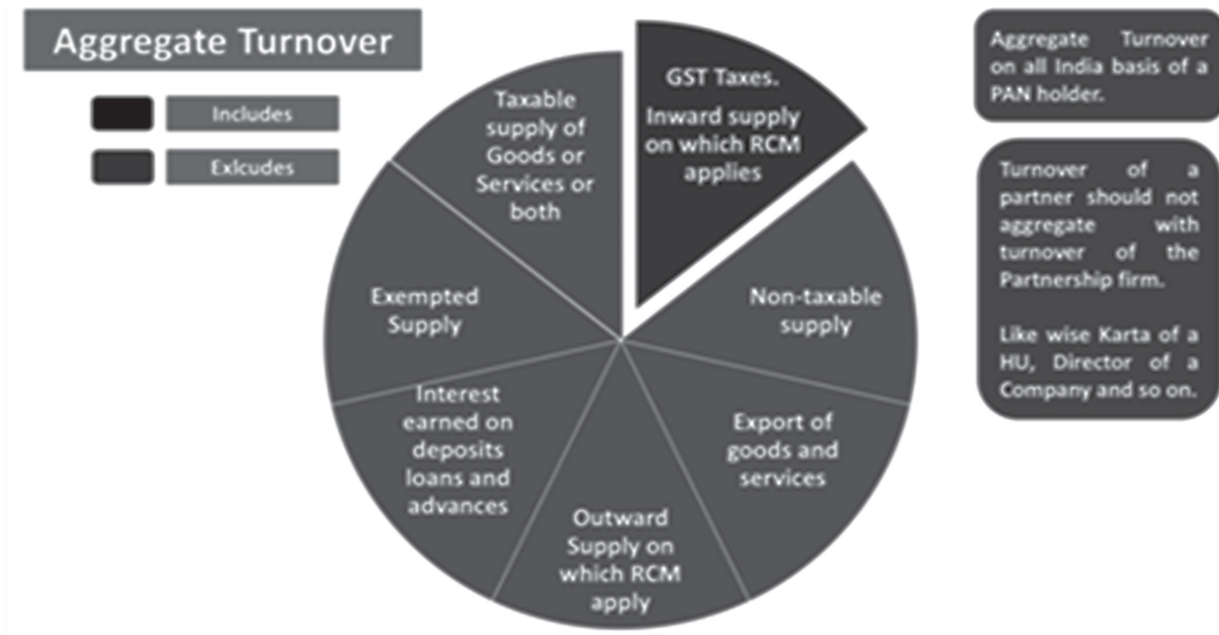
"Provided further that the Government may, at the request of a special category State and on the recommendations of the Council, enhance the aggregate turnover referred to in the first proviso from ten lakh rupees to such amount, not exceeding twenty lakh rupees and subject to such conditions and limitations, as may be so notified";

However, the objective to amend Section 22 of the Act is to enhance the exemption limit for registration in the special category States from ten lakh rupees to twenty lakh rupees.

**Aggregate turnover in a Financial Year [Sec. 2(6) of CGST] Act:**

Aggregate value of all taxable supplies (excluding the value of inward supplies on which tax is payable by a person on reverse charge basis), exempt supplies, exports of goods or services or both and inter-state supplies of person having the same PAN, to be computed on all India basis but excludes Central Tax, State Tax, Union Territory Tax, integrated tax and Cess.

Aggregate turnover includes	Aggregate turnover excludes
The value of exported goods/services	Inward supplies on which the recipient is required to pay tax under Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM).
Exempted goods/services or both which attracts nil rate of tax or wholly exempt from tax and includes non-taxable supply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central tax (CGST),</li> <li>• State tax (SGST),</li> <li>• Union territory tax and</li> <li>• Integrated tax (IGST)</li> </ul>
Inter-State supplies between distinct persons having same PAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compensation Cess</li> </ul>
Supply on own account and on behalf of principal.	



**Important points:**

- (i) The turnover will be computed PAN wise.
- (ii) The partner and partnership firm will have different PAN Nos. Thus the turnover of the partner and partnership firm will not be aggregated.
- (iii) The HUF and individual coparcener of the family have different PAN Nos. Hence, turnover of Karta of HUF in his individual capacity and turnover of Karta as a Karta of HUF will not be aggregated.
- (iv) Supply of goods, after completion of jobwork, by a registered jobworker shall be treated as the supply of goods by the principal referred to in Sec. 143 of the CGST Act, 2017, and the value of such goods shall not be included in the aggregate turnover of the registered jobworker. It will be included in the turnover of turnover of principal.

**Example : 2**

Mr. J has been involved in supplying taxable material in J&K, since, 1st July 20XX. His turnover in the month of Nov 20XX exceeded the limit of ₹40 lacs. Mr. J is required to register under GST law?

**Answer:**

Taxable turnover exceeds ₹ 40 lacs, and then the supplier shall apply for registration in the month of Nov 20XX. Therefore, Mr. J is required to register under GST law.

**Example : 3**

Mr. C of Calicut is trading on his own goods and also acting as an agent of Mr. B of Bengaluru. Mr. C turnover in the financial year 2021-22 is ₹ 12 lacs in his own account and ₹ 9 lacs on behalf of principal. Whether Mr. C is liable to register compulsorily under GST law.

**Answer:**

As per explanation 1 in computing the total turnover, both the value of supply on his own account that is ₹ 12 lacs and on behalf of principal ₹ 9 lacs will be aggregated. Hence, the aggregate turnover will be ₹ 21 lacs. However, Mr. C is liable to register compulsorily under the GST law under Section 24(vii) of CGST Act, 2017.



**Example : 4**

Mr. Rajan is a farmer in the Tamil Nadu State with an annual turnover in relation to agriculture of ₹ 38,00,000 lakh. Since this income is agriculture-related, the turnover is exempt from GST. However, Mr. Rajan also supplies plastic bags worth of ₹2,50,000 (taxable goods) along with his crop and charges separately for this. Mr. Rajan is required to register under GST? Advise.

**Answer:**

Mr. Rajan is required to register under GST because his aggregate turnover exceeds the threshold limit of ₹ 40 lakh.

**Example 5:**

Mr. X a dealer dealing with Intra State supply of goods and services has place of business in India furnished the following information in the financial year.

1. Sale of taxable goods by Head Office located in Chennai for ₹ 1,00,000
2. Supply of taxable services by Branch office at Bengaluru for ₹ 50,000
3. Supply of goods exempted from GST ₹ 10,000
4. Export of goods and services for ₹ 2,00,000
5. Sale of goods acting as agent on behalf of principal for ₹ 15,00,000 covered under section 24(vii) of CGST Act, 2017

**Answer:**

Statement showing aggregate turnover in a Financial Year

Particulars	Value in ₹
Sale of taxable goods by Head Office located in Chennai	1,00,000
Supply of taxable services by Branch office at Bengaluru	50,000
Supply of goods exempted from GST	10,000
Export of goods and services	2,00,000
Sale of goods acting as agent on behalf of principal	15,00,000
<b>Aggregate turnover</b>	<b>18,60,000</b>

Since, aggregate turnover does not exceeds ₹ 20 lakhs, however, Mr. X is required to register under GST (i.e. compulsory registration u/s 24(vii) of CGST Act, 2017).

**Registration effective w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 under GST**

**Sec. 22(2):** Every person who, on the day immediately preceding, the appointed day, is registered or holds a licence under an existing law shall be liable to be registered under this Act with effect from the appointed day.

**Registration under GST in case of transfer of going concern**

**Sec. 22(3):** Where a business carried on by a taxable person registered under this Act is transferred, whether on account of succession or otherwise, to another person as a going concern, the transferee or the successor, as the may be, shall be liable to be registered w.e.f. The date of such transfer or succession.

**Registration under GST in case of amalgamation or demerger**

**Sec. 22(4):** in case of transfer pursuant to sanction of a scheme or an arrangement for amalgamation or, as the case may be, demerger of two or more companies pursuant to an order of High Court, Tribunal or otherwise,

the transferee should be liable to be registered, w.e.f the date on which the Registrar of Companies issues a certificate of incorporation giving effect to such order of the High Court or Tribunal.

## 8.2 PERSONS NOT LIABLE FOR REGISTRATION

**Sec 23(1)(a):** Any person engaged exclusively in the business of supplying of goods or services or both they are not liable to tax or wholly exempt from tax under CGST or IGST.

**Sec 23(1)(b):** An agriculturist, to the extent of supply of produce out of cultivation of land.

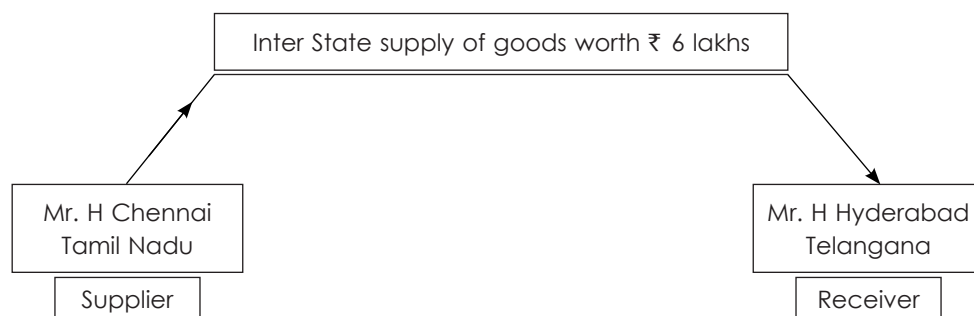
**Sec. 23(2):** The Government may, on the recommendation of the GST Council.

## 8.3 COMPULSORY REGISTRATION IN CERTAIN CASES

Sec. 24: the following categories of persons shall be required to be registered under GST:

- (i) Person making any inter-state taxable supply;
- (ii) Causal taxable persons making taxable supply;
- (iii) Person who are required to pay tax under reverse charge;
- (iv) Person who are required to pay tax under section 9(5) of CGST (i.e. Electronic Commerce Operator);
- (v) Non-resident taxable person making taxable supply;
- (vi) Persons who are required to deduct tax under section 51, whether or not separately registered under this Act;
- (vii) Persons who make taxable supply of goods or services or both on behalf of other taxable person whether as an agent or otherwise;
- (viii) Input Service Distributor, whether or not separately registered under CGST;
- (ix) Persons who supply of goods or services or both, other than supplies specified under section 9(5), through such electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52;
- (x) Every electronic commerce operator **"who is required to collect tax at source under section 52"** shall be inserted as per the Finance Act, 2018 w.e.f. 1-2-2019.;
- (xi) Every person supplying online information and database access or retrieval services from place outside India to a person in India, other than a registered person; and
- (xii) Such other person or class of persons as may be notified by the Govt. on the recommendation of the Council.

### (i) Person making any inter state taxable supplies;



If a person makes a single inter-state supply, he will be liable to obtain registration and pay GST.





**Inter State supply of services exempted from registration:**

The GST Council, in its 22nd meeting held on 6th October 2017, has recommended that it has now been decided to exempt those service providers whose annual aggregate turnover is less than ₹ 20 lacs (₹ 10 lacs in special category states. ₹ 20 lacs for J & K) from obtaining registration even if they are making inter-State taxable supplies of services (vide Notification No. 10/2017 – Integrated Tax Dt 13th Oct 2017).

**Example : 6**

**Mr. CMA Manish, an unregistered person under GST, has place of profession in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, supplies taxable services to Infosys Ltd, a registered person under GST in Bangalore.**

**Answer the following:**

**(a) Is it inter-State supply or intra-State supply.**

**(b) Who is liable to pay GST.**

**Note: Mr. CMA Manish turnover in the P.Y. is ₹ 18 lakhs.**

**Answer:**

**Any person making inter-state supply has to compulsorily obtain registration and therefore in such cases, section**

**5(4) of IGST will not come into play.**

**However, Services providers providing aggregate supplies including inter-state services up to ₹ 20 lakh will be exempted from registration.**

**(a) It is inter-State supply.**

**(b) Mr. C is not liable to pay IGST. Since, registration is not made mandatory to him.**

**Example : 7**

**M/s Moon Pvt. Ltd. is incorporated in Chennai on 1st July 2019 has the following details for the year 2021-22:**

S.No.	Particulars	Value (₹ in lacs)
i	Inter-State exempted supply of goods	4.0
ii	Intra-State supplies of services	5.0
iii	Non-taxable supplies	2.0
iv	Exempted supplies of services	0.60
v	Value of export of goods	7.0

**M/s Moon Pvt. Ltd. is required to register compulsorily under GST Law, advise.**

**Whether your answer is different if S.No. (i) above, inter-State taxable supply goods for ₹ 4 lacs.**

**Answer:**

**Aggregate turnover is as follows:**

S.No.	Particulars	Value (₹ in lacs)
i	Inter-State exempted supply of goods	4.0
ii	Intra-State supplies of services	5.0
iii	Non-taxable supplies	2.0
iv	Exempted supplies of services	0.60
v	Value of export of goods (i.e. Inter State Supply)	7.0
	<b>Aggregate turnover</b>	<b>18.60</b>

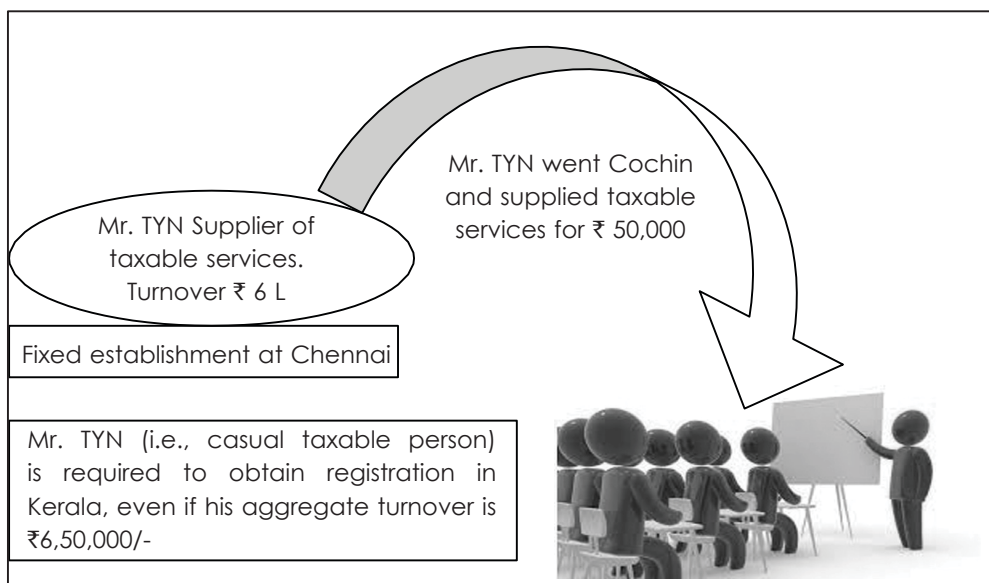
**Advise:** Since, aggregate turnover of Moon Pvt. Ltd. does not exceeds ₹ 20 lakhs, however, registration is compulsory in the financial year 2021-22 (covered under section 24(i) of CGST Act, 2017.

**No.** Our answer is same even in the case of M/s Moon Pvt. Ltd. made inter state taxable supply of goods. As per Sec. 24 of the CGST Act, 2017 Person making any inter-state taxable supply of goods is required to register under GST Law irrespective of his aggregate turnover. Therefore, M/s Moon Pvt. Ltd. is required to register under GST Law.

**(ii) Causal taxable persons making taxable supply [Sec 2(20)]:**

Causal taxable person means a person who occasionally undertakes transactions involving supply of goods or services or both in the course or furtherance of business, whether as principal, agent or in any other capacity, in a State or a Union territory where he has no fixed place of business.

**Example : 8**



**Registration compulsory:**

A casual taxable person making taxable supply in India has to compulsorily take registration. There is no threshold limit for registration. A casual taxable person cannot exercise the option to pay tax under composition levy.

**Application for Registration:**

Casual taxable persons are required to obtain GST registration under a special category at least 5 days prior to the undertaking business.

There is no special form to register as a casual taxable person. Casual taxable person can use the normal form GST REG-01 which is used by other taxable persons for registration.

A casual taxable person, before applying for registration, declare his:

- Permanent Account Number,
- mobile number,
- e-mail address,
- State or Union territory

in Part A of FORM GST REG-01 on the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.



The Permanent Account Number shall be validated online by the common portal from the database maintained by the Central Board of Direct Taxes. The mobile number declared shall be verified through a one-time password sent to the said mobile number; and the e-mail address shall be verified through a separate one-time password sent to the said e-mail address.

On successful verification of the Permanent Account Number, mobile number and e-mail address, a temporary reference number shall be generated and communicated to the applicant on the said mobile number and e-mail address. Using this reference number generated, the applicant shall electronically submit an application in Part B of FORM GST REG-01, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code, along with the documents specified in the said Form at the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

### **Advance Payment of Tax:**

The Common Portal, after making the mandatory advance deposit of tax for an amount equivalent to the estimated tax liability of such person for the period for which the registration is sought will give the applicant a temporary reference number. The registration certificate shall be issued electronically only after the said deposit appears in his electronic cash ledger. The amount deposited shall be credited to the electronic cash ledger of casual taxable person.

On depositing the amount, an acknowledgement shall be issued electronically to the applicant in FORM GST REG-02.

The casual taxable person can make taxable supplies only after the issuance of the certificate of registration.

### **Validity of Registration:**

The certificate of registration shall be valid for the period specified in the application for registration or ninety days from the effective date of registration, whichever is earlier.

The proper officer may extend registration for a period not exceeding 90 days. The casual taxable person shall make an advance deposit of tax (i.e. ADVANCE PAYMENT OF TAX) in an amount equivalent to estimated tax liability of such person for the period for which extension of registration is sought.

### **Returns:**

The casual taxable person is required to furnish the following returns electronically through the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner:

- (a) **FORM GSTR-1** giving the details of outward supplies of goods or services to be filed on or before the tenth day of the following month.
- (b) **FORM GSTR-2**, giving the details of inward supplies to be filed after tenth but before before the fifteenth day of the following month.
- (c) **FORM GSTR-3** to be filed after fifteenth day but before the twentieth day of the following month.

### **Annual return:**

However, a casual tax person shall not be required to file any annual return as required by a normal registered taxpayer.

### **Refund by Casual taxable person:**

The casual taxable person is eligible for the refund of any balance of the advance tax deposited by him after adjusting his tax liability. The balance advance tax deposit can be refunded only after all the returns have been furnished, in respect of the entire period for which the certificate of registration was granted to him had remained in force. The refund relating to balance in the electronic cash ledger has to be made in serial no. 14 of the last FORM GSTR-3 return required to be furnished by him.

"If the estimated tax is much more than what is payable, it would be a lengthy process to obtain a refund. In the absence of output tax in the state where the goods or service has been supplied as a casual taxable person, input tax credit also cannot be claimed."

**Input Tax Credit:**

Input tax credit shall be availed in respect of goods or services or both received by a casual taxable person. The taxes paid by a casual taxable person shall be available as credit to the respective recipients.

**Example : 9**

**Mr. Gold runs a retail shop for handmade jewellery and is registered in Chennai. Mr. Gold is planning to sell the jewellery at an exhibition in Mumbai, to be held from 1st January 2022 to 10th January 2022. Advise time with regard to registration and payment of GST.**

**Answer:**

**Mr. Gold should apply for registration as a casual taxable person within 5 days prior to the date of commencing the exhibition on 1st January 2022. Mr. Gold should also make an advance deposit of the estimated tax liability for the period from 1st January 2022 to 10th January 2022.**

**Example : 10**

**M/s X Ltd is an advertising company located in Chennai and is registered as a normal taxable person there. Now, they have secured an assignment to manage digital marketing for the Koti Deepothsavam Festival, which will take place in Hyderabad, Telangana. This will require M/s X Ltd. to displace some resources in Hyderabad until the festival is over. Advise M/s X Ltd. to obtain for separate registration in the State of Telangana.**

**Answer:**

**In this case, since M/s X Ltd does not have too many assignments coming from Hyderabad, they can register as a Casual Taxable Person in Telangana for 90 days. This will enable the organizers of the festival to take input credit on all GST paid to M/s X Ltd.**

**(iii) Person who are required to pay tax under reverse charge;**

Already discussed.

**(iv) Person who are required to pay tax under sec. 9(5) of CGST (i.e. Electronic Commerce Operator):**

Electronic commerce operator: shall include every person who, directly or indirectly, owns, operates or manages an electronic platform that is engaged in facilitating the supply of any goods and/or services or in providing any information or any other services incidental to or in connection there with but shall not include persons engaged in supply of such goods and/or services on their own behalf.

However, Titan company supplying watches and jewels through its own website would not be considered as an e-commerce operator for the purpose of this provision.

**(v) Non-resident taxable person making taxable supply:**

Sec 2(77): non-resident taxable person means any person who occasionally undertakes transactions involving supply of goods or services or both, whether as principal or agent or in any other capacity, but who has no fixed place of business or residence in India. A non-resident taxable person cannot exercise the option to pay tax under composition levy.



### **Registration compulsory:**

A non-resident taxable person making taxable supply in India has to compulsorily take registration. There is no threshold limit for registration.

### **Application for Registration:**

Non-resident taxable person has to apply for registration at least five days prior to commencing his business in India using a valid passport (and need not have a PAN number in India).

A non-resident taxable person is not required to apply in normal application for registration being filed by other taxpayers. A simplified form GST REG-09 is required to be filled. A non-resident taxable person has to electronically submit an application, along with a self-attested copy of his valid passport, for registration, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code (EVC), in FORM GST REG-09, at least five days prior to the commencement of business at the Common Portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

In case the non-resident taxable person is a business entity incorporated or established outside India, the application for registration shall be submitted along with its tax identification number or unique number on the basis of which the entity is identified by the Government of that country or its PAN, if available.

The application for registration made by a non-resident taxable person has to be signed by his authorized signatory who shall be a person resident in India having a valid PAN. On successful verification of PAN, mobile number and e-mail address the person applying for registration as a non-resident taxable person will be given a temporary reference number by the Common Portal for making the mandatory advance deposit of tax for an amount equivalent to the estimated tax liability of such person for the period for which the registration is sought.

The registration certificate shall be issued electronically only after the said deposit appears in his electronic cash ledger. The amount deposited shall be credited to the electronic cash ledger of the Non-resident person.

The non-resident taxable person can make taxable supplies only after the issuance of the certificate of registration.

### **Advance tax:**

A non-resident taxable person has to make an advance deposit of tax in an amount equivalent to his estimated tax liability for the period for which the registration is sought.

### **Validity of Registration:**

The certificate of registration shall be valid for the period specified in the application for registration or ninety days from the effective date of registration, whichever is earlier.

In case the non-resident taxable person intends to extend the period of registration indicated in his application of registration, an application in FORM GSTREG-11 shall be submitted electronically through the Common Portal, either directly or through Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner, before the end of the validity of registration granted to him.

The validity period of 90 days can be extended by a further period not exceeding ninety days. The extension will be allowed only on payment of the amount of an additional amount of tax equivalent to the estimated tax liability for the period for which the extension is sought has to be deposited.

### **Input Tax Credit:**

Input tax credit shall not be available in respect of goods or services or both received by a non-resident taxable person except on goods imported by him. The taxes paid by a non-resident taxable person shall be available as credit to the respective recipients.

**Returns:**

The non-resident taxable person shall furnish a return in FORM GSTR-5 electronically through the Common Portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner, including therein the details of outward supplies and inward supplies and shall pay the tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the Act or these rules within 20 days after the end of a calendar month or within 7 days after the last day of the validity period of registration, whichever is earlier.

**Refund:**

The amount of advance tax deposited by a non-resident taxable person under, will be refunded only after the person has furnished all the returns required in respect of the entire period for which the certificate of registration granted to him had remained in force. Refund can be applied in the serial no. 13 of the FORM GSTR -5.

**(vi) Persons who are required to deduct tax under Sec 51 whether or not separately registered under this Act:**

As per 22nd GST Council meeting of 6th October 2017 Provisions of TDS deferred to 1st April 2018.

**(vii) Persons who make taxable supply of goods or services or both on behalf of other taxable person whether as an agent or otherwise;**

Clearing and forwarding (C&F) Agent receives the goods on behalf of the principal. Subsequently he supplies goods to the customer as an agent of the principal. He maintains the stock and report to the principal. If so such an agent shall be liable to obtain the registration compulsorily irrespective of the aggregate turnover of such agent.

**(viii) Input Service Distributor whether or not separately registered under CGST;**

As per Sec. 2(61) of the CGST Act, 2017, Input Service Distributor (ISD) means an office of the supplier of goods or services or both which receives tax invoices issued under section 31 of the CGST Act, 2017 towards receipt of input services and issues a prescribed document for the purposes of distributing the credit of central tax (CGST), State tax (SGST)/ Union territory tax (UTGST) or integrated tax (IGST) paid on the said services to a supplier of taxable goods or services or both having same PAN as that of the ISD.

It is important to note that the ISD mechanism is meant only for distributing the credit on common invoices pertaining to input services only and not goods (i.e. inputs or capital goods).

**Registration compulsory:**

An ISD will have to compulsorily take a separate registration as such ISD and apply for the same in form GST REG-1. There is no threshold limit for registration for an ISD. The other locations may be registered separately.

**Distribution of input tax credit by ISD:**

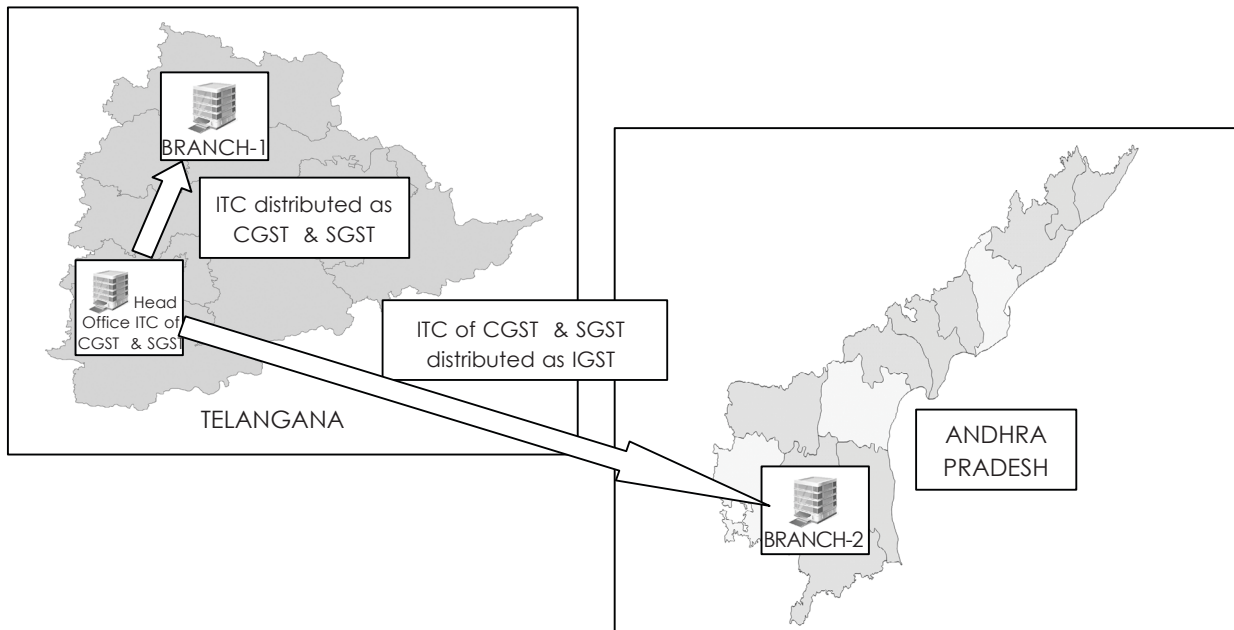
The Head Office would be procuring certain services which would be for common utilization of all units across the country. The bills for such expenses would be raised on the Head Office. But the Head Office itself would not be providing any output supply so as to utilize the credit which gets accumulated on account of such input services. ISD mechanism enables such proportionate distribution of credit of input services amongst all the consuming units.

For the purposes of distributing the input tax credit, an ISD has to issue an ISD invoice, as prescribed in rule 54(1) of the CGST Rules, 2017, clearly indicating in such invoice that it is issued only for distribution of input tax credit.

The input tax credit available for distribution in a month shall be distributed in the same month and details furnished in FORM GSTR-6. Further, an ISD shall separately distribute both the amount of ineligible and eligible input tax credit.

**Distribution of CGST and SGST or UTGST:**

**Distribution of CGST and SGST or UTGST by Input Service Distributor**



**Distribution of IGST:**

**Distribution of IGST by Input Service Distributor**

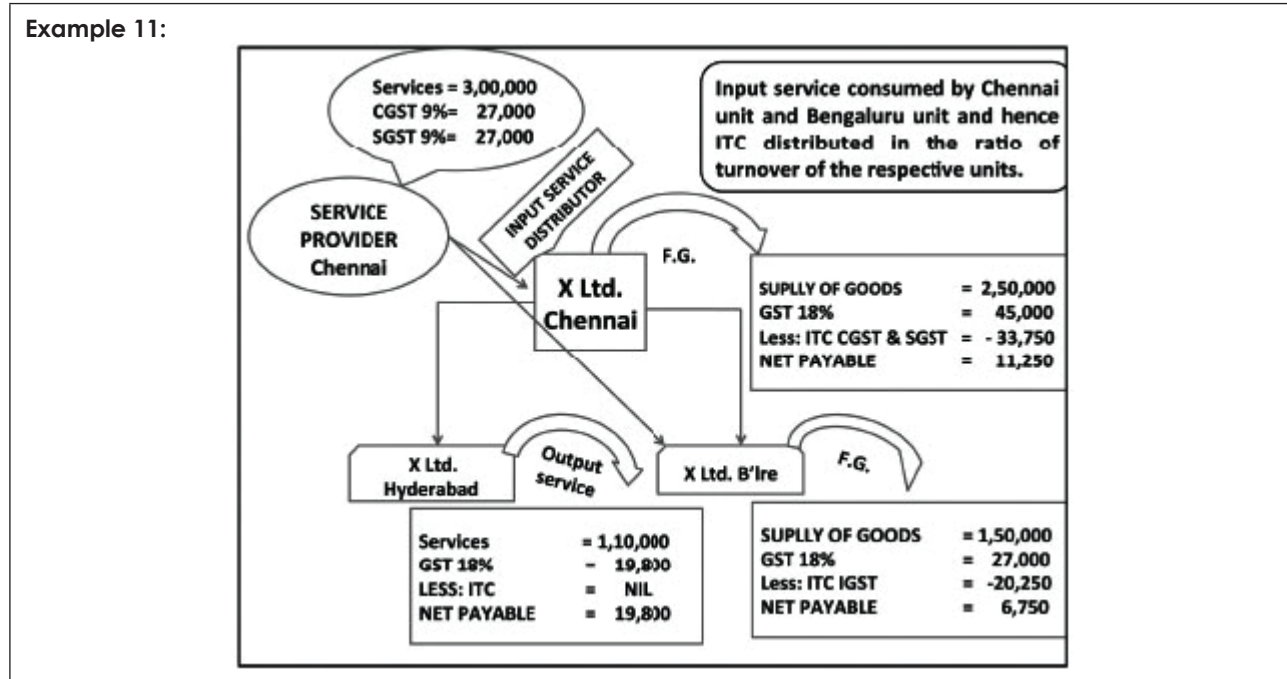


**Manner of Distribution of ITC by ISD:**

- (i) The credit has to be distributed only to the unit to which the supply is directly attributable to.  
**For example**, if an ISD has 4 units across the country. However, if a particular input service pertains exclusively to only one unit and the bill is raised in the name of ISD, the ISD can distribute the credit only to that unit and not to other units.

- (ii) If input services are attributable to more than one recipient of credit, the distribution shall be in the pro-rata basis of turnover in the State/Union Territory.

**For example**, if an ISD has 4 units across the country. If the input services are common for all units, then it will be distributed according to the ratio of turnover of all the units.



**Example : 12**

M/s X Ltd. incorporated in Bangalore, with its business locations of selling and servicing of goods in Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata.

M/s X Ltd. an ISD situated in Bangalore receives invoices indicating ₹ 4 lakhs of Central tax, ₹ 4 lakhs of State tax and ₹ 7 lakhs of integrated tax on input service. Input services commonly used by the units of M/s X Ltd. How these taxes are distributed by M/s X Ltd. to their other units.

**Answer:**

M/s X Ltd. can distribute central tax, State tax as well as integrated tax of ₹ 15 lakhs as credit of integrated tax amongst its locations at Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata through an ISD invoice containing the amount of credit distributed.

**Example : 13**

M/s XYZ Ltd, having its head Office at Mumbai, is registered as ISD. It has three units in different states namely 'Mumbai', 'Chennai' and 'Delhi' which are operational in the current year. M/s XYZ Ltd furnishes the following information for the month of December 2017. You are required to distribute the below input tax credit.

(i) CGST and SGST paid on services used only for Mumbai Unit: ₹3,00,000/-

(ii) IGST, CGST & SGST paid on services used for all units: ₹12,00,000/-

Total Turnover of the units for the Financial Year 2016-17 are as follows: -





Unit	Turnover in ₹
Turnover of Mumbai unit	5,00,00,000
Turnover of Chennai	3,00,00,000
Turnover of Delhi	2,00,00,000
Total turnover	10,00,00,000

**Answer:**  
**Statement showing distribution of input tax credit:**

Particulars	Credit distributed to all the units			
	Total credit available ₹	Mumbai ₹	Chennai ₹	Delhi ₹
CGST & SGST paid on services used only for Mumbai Unit.	3,00,000	3,00,000	0	0
IGST, CGST & SGST paid on services used in all units Distribution on pro-rata basis to all the units which are operational in the current year	12,00,000	6,00,000	3,60,000	2,40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,00,000</b>	<b>9,00,000</b>	<b>3,60,000</b>	<b>2,40,000</b>

**Working note:**  
(1) CGST & SGST paid on services used only for Mumbai Unit should be distributed only to that unit.  
(2) Credit distributed pro rata basis on the basis of the turnover of all the units is as under: -

	₹
(a) Unit Mumbai: $(5,00,00,000/10,00,00,000) \times 12,00,000$	6,00,000
(b) Unit Chennai: $(3,00,00,000/10,00,00,000) \times 12,00,000$	3,60,000
(c) Unit Delhi: $(2,00,00,000/10,00,00,000) \times 12,00,000$	2,40,000

**Return:**

An ISD will have to file monthly returns in GSTR-6 within 13 days after the end of the month and will have to furnish information of all ISD invoices issued.

The details in the returns will be made available to the respective recipients in their GSTR 2A.

The recipients may include these in its GSTR-2 and take credit.

**Annual Return:**

An ISD shall not be required to file Annual return.

**Important Note:** An ISD cannot accept any invoices on which tax is to be discharged under reverse charge mechanism. This is because the ISD mechanism is only to facilitate distribution of credit of taxes paid. The ISD itself cannot discharge any tax liability (as person liable to pay tax) and remit tax to government account. If ISD wants to take reverse charge supplies, then in that case ISD has to separately register as Normal taxpayer.



### Clarifications of certain issues under GST

Clarification on issues under GST related to casual taxable person and recovery of excess Input Tax Credit distributed by an Input Service distributor – under GST Law

The above mentioned issue has been clarified vide Circular No. 71/45/2018-GST dt 26.10.2018:

1. CBEC has clarified that the amount of advance tax, which a casual taxable person is required to deposit while obtaining registration should be calculated after considering the due eligible ITC, which might be available to such taxable person.
2. The Circular clarified that in case of long running exhibitions (for a period more than 180 days), the taxable person cannot be treated as a CTP and thus such person would be required to obtain registration as a normal taxable person, subject to certain conditions as prescribed in the said circular.
3. It has also directed that recipient unit(s) who have received excess credit from ISD may deposit the said excess amount voluntarily along with interest if any by using FORM GST DRC-03. If not, then proceedings under section 73 or 74 of the CGST Act can be initiated against the said recipient unit(s) and general penalty may also be imposed.

S. No.	Issue	Clarification
1	Whether the amount required to be deposited as advance tax while taking registration as a casual taxable person (CTP) should be 100% of the estimated gross tax liability or the estimated tax liability payable in cash should be calculated after deducting the due eligible ITC which might be available to CTP?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It has been noted that while applying for registration as a casual taxable person, the FORM GST REG-1 (S. No. 11) seeks information regarding the "estimated net tax liability" only and not the gross tax liability.</li> <li>2. It is accordingly clarified that the amount of advance tax which a casual taxable person is required to deposit while obtaining registration should be calculated after considering the due eligible ITC which might be available to such taxable person.</li> </ol>
2	As per section 27 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), period of operation by casual taxable person is ninety days with provision for extension of same by the proper officer for a further period not exceeding ninety days. Various representations have been received for further extension of the said period beyond the period of 180 days, as mandated in law.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is clarified that in case of long running exhibitions (for a period more than 180 days), the taxable person cannot be treated as a CTP and thus such person would be required to obtain registration as a normal taxable person.</li> <li>2. While applying for normal registration the said person should upload a copy of the allotment letter granting him permission to use the premises for the exhibition and the allotment letter/consent letter shall be treated as the proper document as a proof for his place of business.</li> <li>3. In such cases he would not be required to pay advance tax for the purpose of registration.</li> <li>4. He can surrender such registration once the exhibition is over.</li> </ol>
3	Representations have been received regarding the manner of recovery of excess credit distributed by an Input Service Distributor (ISD) in contravention of the provisions contained in section 20 of the CGST Act.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. According to Section 21 of the CGST Act where the ISD distributes the credit in contravention of the provisions contained in section 20 of the CGST Act resulting in excess distribution of credit to one or more recipients of credit, the excess credit so distributed shall be recovered from such recipients along with interest and penalty if any.</li> <li>2. The recipient unit(s) who have received excess credit from ISD may deposit the said excess amount voluntarily along with interest if any by using FORM GST DRC-03.</li> </ol>



3. If the said recipient unit(s) does not come forward voluntarily, necessary proceedings may be initiated against the said unit(s) under the provisions of section 73 or 74 of the CGST Act as the case may be. FORM GST DRC-07 can be used by the tax authorities in such cases.
4. It is further clarified that the ISD would also be liable to a general penalty under the provisions contained in section 122(1)(ix) of the CGST Act.

**(ix) Persons who supply of goods or services or both, other than supplies specified under Sec 9(5) through such Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO) who is required to collect tax at source under Sec 52;**

As per 22nd GST Council meeting of 6th October 2017 Provisions TCS deferred to 1st April 2018.

**Now TCS is mandatory w.e.f. 1st Oct 2018.**

**(x) Every electronic commerce operator:**

As per section 2(45) of the CGST Act, 2017, Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO) means any person who owns, operates or manages digital or electronic facility or platform for electronic commerce.

As per CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 – In Section 24 [Compulsory registration in certain cases], now small e-commerce operators who are not required to collect TCS u/s 52 would not be liable for registration.

**Registration compulsory:**

As per Section 24(x) of the CGST Act, 2017 the benefit of threshold exemption is not available to e-commerce operators and they are liable to be registered irrespective of the value of supply made by them.

A person supplying goods or services through e-commerce operator would not be entitled to threshold exemption (i.e. ₹ 20 lacs or ₹ 10 lacs as the case may be). This requirement is, however, applicable only if the supply is made through such electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52 of the CGST Act, 2017.

Hence, any person who intends to sell on Flipkart or Amazon or Snapdeal must obtain GST registration.

An e-commerce operator is any online business that operates using a marketplace model. Under the marketplace model, an organization sets up an online portal where several small suppliers put up their products for sale. The organization that runs the portal collects payments, takes a percentage as a convenience fee, and sends the rest of the payment to the suppliers (like Flipkart, Amazon, and Snapdeal etc.).

However, where the e-commerce operators are liable to pay tax on behalf of the suppliers under a notification issued under section 9 (5) of the CGST Act, 2017, the suppliers of such services are entitled for threshold exemption.

**(xi) Every person supplying online information and database access or retrieval services from place outside India to a person in India, other than a registered person;**

Sec. 2(17) of IGST Act, 2017 “online information and database access or retrieval services” means services whose delivery is mediated by information technology over the internet or an electronic network and the nature of which renders their supply essentially automated and involving minimal human intervention and impossible to ensure in the absence of information technology and includes electronic services such as:-

- (i) advertising on the internet;

- (ii) providing cloud services;
- (iii) provision of e-books, movie, music, software and other intangibles through telecommunication networks or internet;
- (iv) providing data or information, retrievable or otherwise, to any person in electronic form through a computer network;
- (v) online supplies of digital content (movies, television shows, music and the like); (vi) digital data storage; and
- (vii) online gaming;

## 8.4 PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

### Registration Procedure under GST [u/s 25 of CGST]:

Every person who is liable to be registered shall apply for registration within 30 days from the date on which he becomes liable to registration, before applying for registration declare his

1. Legal name of business
2. PAN,
3. Mobile number,
4. e-mail address,
5. State or Union territory

in Part A of Form GST REG -01 on Common Portal.

On successful verification of these numbers, a reference number will be generated.

Applicant shall submit Part B of Form GST REG-01, duly signed, along with documents specified in the said Form at the Common Portal.

Form GST REG – 02: Acknowledgement of Application

If these documents are found to be in order, the Proper Officer shall approve the registration within 3 working days from the date of submission.

## 8.5 CONCEPT OF DISTINCT PERSON UNDER GST

Distinct persons are persons with different GSTINs belonging to one legal entity (single PAN) situated within the same state or in two different states or in a different country.

Provisions of Distinct Person under the CGST (Amendment) Act[u/s 25 (2),(4) and (25)]:

(2) A person seeking registration under this Act shall be granted a single registration in a State or Union territory: Provided that a person having multiple business verticals in a State or Union territory may be granted a separate registration for each business vertical, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

(4) A person who has obtained or is required to obtain more than one registration, whether in one State or Union territory or more than one State or Union territory shall, in respect of each such registration, be treated as distinct persons for the purposes of this Act.

**For example:** If person has one place of business in Maharashtra for which registration is obtained and another place of business of the same person in Gujarat for which registration is obtained then such place of businesses will be considered as distinct person.



(5) Where a person who has obtained or is required to obtain registration in a State or Union territory in respect of an establishment, has an establishment in another State or Union territory, then such establishments shall be treated as establishments of distinct persons for the purposes of this Act.

**As per the Finance Act, 2018:**

2<sup>nd</sup> proviso to section 25(1) shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided further that a person having a unit, as defined in the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, in a Special Economic Zone or being a Special Economic Zone developer shall have to apply for a separate registration, as distinct from his place of business located outside the Special Economic Zone in the same State or Union territory.”;

**w.e.f 1-8-2019, Authentication or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar Number:**

In section 25 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, after sub-section (6), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(6A) Every registered person shall undergo authentication, or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number, in such form and manner and within such time as may be prescribed:

Provided that if an Aadhaar number is not assigned to the registered person, such person shall be offered alternate and viable means of identification in such manner as Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, prescribe:

Provided further that in case of failure to undergo authentication or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or furnish alternate and viable means of identification, registration allotted to such person shall be deemed to be invalid and the other provisions of this Act shall apply as if such person does not have a registration.

(6B) On and from the date of notification, every individual shall, in order to be eligible for grant of registration, undergo authentication, or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number, in such manner as the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, specify in the said notification: Provided that if an Aadhaar number is not assigned to an individual, such individual shall be offered alternate and viable means of identification in such manner as the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, specify in the said notification.

(6C) On and from the date of notification, every person, other than an individual, shall, in order to be eligible for grant of registration, undergo authentication, or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number of the Karta, Managing Director, whole time Director, such number of partners, Members of Managing Committee of Association, Board of Trustees, authorised representative, authorised signatory and such other class of persons, in such manner, as the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, specify in the said notification:

Provided that where such person or class of persons have not been assigned the Aadhaar Number, such person or class of persons shall be offered alternate and viable means of identification in such manner as the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, specify in the said notification.

(6D) The provisions of sub-section (6A) or sub-section (6B) or sub-section (6C) shall not apply to such person or class of persons or any State or Union territory or part thereof, as the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, specify by notification.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this section, the expression “Aadhaar number” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (a) of section 2 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016.”.



**w.e.f. 1-1-2021, Biometric authentication for grant of GST registration:**

The authentication is done until now while applying for GST registration was based on Aadhar number authentication. However, now the Individual/Karta/Managing Director/Whole Time Director/Partner/Members of the managing committee of Association/Board of Trustees, Authorized Representatives or Authorized Signatory will have to get biometric-based Aadhar authentication and photographs submitted.

In case a person wishes not to opt for Aadhar authentication, biometric information along with photographs and other KYC documents are to be submitted. Only upon verification of such documents, the registration would be granted.

These activities would have to be physically carried out at one of the Facilitation centers as notified by the Commissioner.

Physical verification for grant of GST Registration—

Where a person has not opted for Aadhar authentication or fails to undergo Aadhar authentication or where the proper officer deems it fit there shall be physical verification of the place of business of the person applying for GST registration. In such a case where physical verification has been carried out, one of the following steps will be carried out:

- (a) registration shall be granted in FORM GST REG-06 (where documents are in order); or
- (b) deficiency memo shall be issued (where further documents or clarifications are required) in FORM GST REG-03

Either one of the above activities needs to be carried out within 30 days of the submission of the application.

**Persons/class of persons exempt from aadhaar authentication:**

The provisions of Section 25(6B) and (6C) of CGST Act, 2017 shall not apply to a person who is—

- (a) Not a citizen of India; or
- (b) A Department or establishment of the Central Government or State Government; or
- (c) A local authority; or
- (d) A statutory body; or
- (e) A Public Sector Undertaking; or
- (f) A person applying for registration under the provisions of sub-section (9) of Section 25 of the CGST Act, 2017 (i.e. United Nations Organisation or any Multilateral Financial Institution and Organisation notified under the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947, Consulate or Embassy of foreign countries or person holding Unique Identity Number (UIN)). **(Notification No. 3/2021-CT, dated 23-2-2021)**

**Deemed Registration:**

- (a) If no physical verification was carried out: In such a case if registration is not granted within 7 working days of receipt of application which is complete in all aspects or within 7 working days of receipt of clarification to FORM GST REG-03 in FORM GST REG-04, the application for registration shall be deemed to have been approved.
- (b) Where physical verification was carried out (Omitted): In such a case if registration is not granted or a deficiency memo is not issued within 30 days of receipt of the application, the application for registration shall be deemed to have been approved.

The Proper Officer is satisfied with the clarification; he may approve the grant of registration to the applicant within 7 working days on receipt of such clarification.

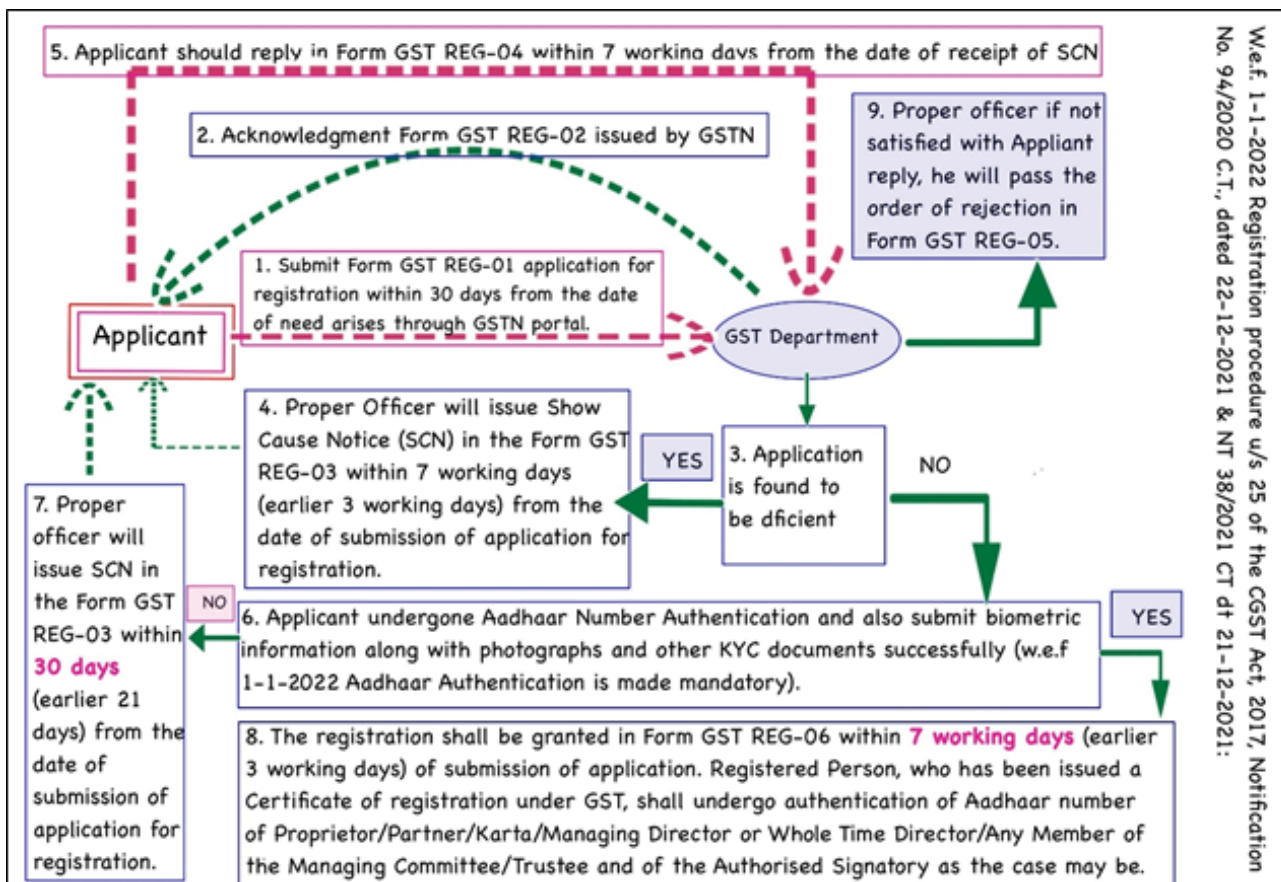


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If no reply is furnished by applicant in response to notice issued or Proper Officer is not satisfied with the clarification, he shall reject such application with reasons in writing and inform the applicant in Form GST REG-05.

Where no action is taken in 7 working days on the clarification received from the applicant, the registration is deemed to have been granted.

Aadhaar authentication mandatory for the new registrations and as well as for the existing registered persons under GST w.e.f. 1-1-2022.



After Aadhaar Authentication such person is also eligible for the following purposes:

- For filing of application for revocation or cancellation of registration
- For filing of refund application in Form RFD-01
- For refund of the IGST paid on goods exported out of India.

If an Aadhaar number is not assigned to an existing registered person, such person shall be offered alternate and viable means of identification in the prescribed manner. Such manner has been prescribed by rule 10B as follows:

- (A) Such person shall furnish her/his Aadhaar Enrolment ID slip; and
- (B) (i) Bank passbook with photograph or
- (ii) Voter Identity card issued by the Election Commission of India; or
- (iii) Passport; or
- (iv) Driving Licence issued by the Licensing Authority.

Such person shall undergo the authentication of Aadhaar number within a period of 30 days of the allotment of the Aadhaar number.

**Persons exempted from Aadhaar Authentication:**

- (a) Not a citizen of India or
- (b) A Department or establishment of the Central Government or State Government; or
- (c) A local authority
- (d) A statutory body
- (e) A Public Sector Undertaking
- (f) A person applying for registration under GST and holding UIN.

**Certificate of Registration:**

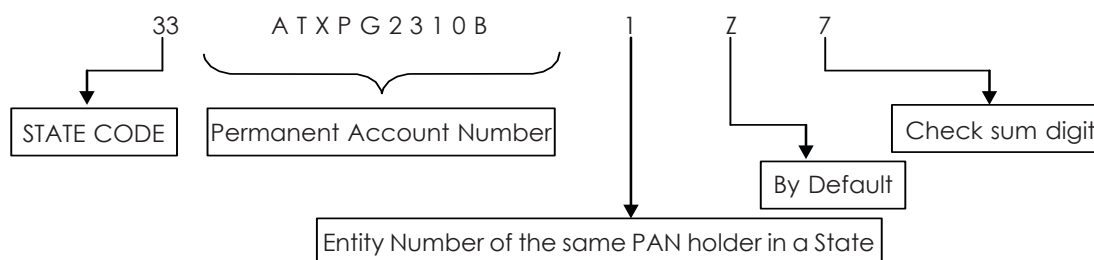
Certificate of registration shall be granted in Form GST REG-06.

Certification of registration contains Goods and Service Tax Identification Number (GSTIN):

- Two characters for the State code
- Ten characters for the PAN
- Two characters for the entity code; and
- One checksum character

**Structure of GSTIN**

Each taxpayer is assigned a state-wise PAN-based 15 - digit Goods and Services Taxpayer Identification Number (GSTIN).



**Furnishing of Bank Account Details.**

After a certificate of registration in FORM GST REG-06 has been made available on the common portal and a Goods and Services Tax Identification Number has been assigned, the registered person, except those who have been granted registration under rule 12 or, as the case may be rule 16, shall as soon as may be, but not later than forty five days from the date of grant of registration or the date on which the return required under section 39 is due to be furnished, whichever is earlier, furnish information with respect to details of bank account, or any other information, as may be required on the common portal in order to comply with any other provision." (Notification No. 31/2019 – Central Tax dated 28-6-2019).

This relaxation is not available for those who have been granted registration as TDS deductor/ TCS collector under rule 12 or who have obtained suo-motu registration under rule 16.

**Suo-moto registration (Rule 16 of CGST Rules, 2017):**

During any survey, enquiry, inspection, search or any other proceedings, the Proper Officer finds that a person liable to registration but not registered, such officer may register the said person on a temporary basis and issue an order in Form GST REG-12.





Person to whom a temporary registration has been granted shall, within 90 days from the date of grant of such registration, submit an application for registration (i.e GST REG -01 or GST REG-07).

If said person has filed an appeal against the grant of temporary registration, in such case, the application for registration shall be submitted within 30 days from the date of the issuance of the order upholding the liability to registration by the Appellate Authority.

Registration is effective from the date of such order granting registration in Form GST REG-12.

**Foreign Diplomatic Mission/UN Organization to be granted centralized UIN:**

Rule 17 of the CGST Rules has been amended to provide that the Unique Identity Number granted to any specialised agency of the UN or any Multilateral Financial Institution and Organisation notified under the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947, Consulate or Embassy of foreign countries shall be applicable to the territory of India. Such centralized UIN will lessen the compliance burden on Foreign Diplomatic Missions/ UN Organizations.

[Notification No. 75/2017-CT, dated 29.12.2017]

**Effective date of amendment in registration details can be earlier than the date of submission of the application for amendment only when the Commissioner orders the same for reasons to be recorded in writing:**

Rule 19 of the CGST Rules, 2017 prescribes the provisions for amendment of particulars furnished in application for registration. The said rule has been amended to provide that any particular of the application for registration shall not stand amended with effect from a date earlier than the date of submission of the application for amendment on the common portal except with the order of the Commissioner for reasons to be recorded in writing and subject to such conditions as the Commissioner may, in the said order, specify.

[Notification No. 75/2017-CT, dated 29.12.2017]

**w.e.f. 1st February 2019**, The Central Government vide **N No. 03/2019-CT, dated 29th January 2019** has amended CGST Rules, 2017 details of which are explained below:

	Comment
<b>Omission of proviso to Rule 8</b> [Application for registration]:-	Therefore, Special Economic Zone developer is no more required to take separate registration as a business vertical distinct from his other units located outside the Special Economic Zone. Please note that SEZ who's supplies may be included in the returns along with non-SEZ supplies, all supplies 'to or by' SEZ continue to be inter-State supplies.

**Verification of the application and approval (w.e.f. 1-4-2020):**

Vide NT No. 16/2020 – CT dt. 23.03.2020: As per Rule 8(4A), The applicant shall, while submitting an application under sub-rule (4), with effect from 01.04.2020, undergo authentication of Aadhaar number for grant of registration.

Provided that where a person, other than those notified under sub-section (6D) of section 25, fails to undergo authentication of Aadhaar number as specified in sub-rule (4A) of rule 8, then the registration shall be granted only after physical verification of the principle place of business in the presence of the said person, not later than 60 days from the date of application, in the manner provided under rule 25 and the provisions of sub-rule (5) shall not be applicable in such cases (i.e. Deemed Registration).

The Central Government vide Notification No. 62/2020- Central Tax dated 20th August 2020; has made the following amendments in the Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017 :-



Rule	Amendments
<b>Rule 8:</b> (Application for registration)	Substitution of sub-rule (4A) wef 1st April,2020:- “(4A) Where an applicant, other than a person notified under sub-section (6D) of section 25, opts for authentication of Aadhaar number, he shall, while submitting the application under sub-rule (4), with effect from 21st August, 2020, undergo authentication of Aadhaar number and the date of submission of the application in such cases shall be the date of authentication of the Aadhaar number, or fifteen days from the submission of the application in Part B of FORM GST REG-01 under sub rule (4), whichever is earlier.”
<b>Rule 9:</b> (Verification of the application and approval.)	Amendments w.e.f 21st August,2020:- (i) Substitution of proviso in sub-rule (1):- in sub-rule (1), for the proviso, the following provisos shall be substituted, namely:- “Provided that where a person, other than a person notified under sub-section (6D) of section 25, fails to undergo authentication of Aadhaar number as specified in sub-rule (4A) of rule 8 or does not opt for authentication of Aadhaar number, the registration shall be granted only after physical verification of the place of business in the presence of the said person, in the manner provided under rule 25: Provided further that the proper officer may, for reasons to be recorded in writing and with the approval of an officer not below the rank of Joint Commissioner, in lieu of the physical verification of the place of business, carry out the verification of such documents as he may deem fit.”; (ii) Insertion of proviso in sub-rule (2):- in sub-rule (2), before the Explanation, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: - “Provided that where a person, other than a person notified under sub-section (6D) of section 25, fails to undergo authentication of Aadhaar number as specified in sub-rule (4A) of rule 8 or does not opt for authentication of Aadhaar number, the notice in FORM GST REG-03 may be issued not later than twenty one days from the date of submission of the application.”; (iii) in sub-rule (4), for the word, “shall”, the word “may” shall be substituted; (iv) Substitution of sub-rule (5):- for sub-rule (5), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely: - “(5) If the proper officer fails to take any action, - (a) within a period of three working days from the date of submission of the application in cases where a person successfully undergoes authentication of Aadhaar number or is notified under subsection (6D) of section 25; or (b) within the time period prescribed under the proviso to sub-rule (2), in cases where a person, other than a person notified under sub- section (6D) of section 25, fails to undergo authentication of Aadhaar number as specified in sub-rule (4A) of rule 8; or (c) within a period of twenty one days from the date of submission of the application in cases where a person does not opt for authentication of Aadhaar number; or (d) within a period of seven working days from the date of the receipt of the clarification, information or documents furnished by the applicant under sub-rule (2), the application for grant of registration shall be deemed to have been approved.”.
<b>Rule 25:</b> (Physical verification of business premises in certain cases.)	Insertion in Rule 25:- with effect from 21st August, 2020, after the words “failure of Aadhaar authentication”, the words “or due to not opting for Aadhaar authentication” shall be inserted.



## 8.6 CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Cancellation (or suspension w.e.f. 1-2-2019) of GST Registration:

The following persons are allowed to cancel GST registration:

- (1) The registered person himself
- (2) By a GST officer
- (3) The legal heir of the registered person

The above mentioned section has been amended vide CGST (Amendment Act), 2018 wherein the word after the word "CANCELLATION", the words "OR SUSPENSION" shall be inserted.

However, the purpose to amend Sec 29 of the Act so as to insert a provision for temporary suspension of registration while cancellation of registration is under process.

### (1) Cancellation by the registered person him self [Sec. 29(1)]:

Registered person under GST can himself/herself cancel their registration in any one of the following cases:

- Business has been discontinued.
- The business has been sold or transferred to some other party. That other party needs to register under GST.
- There is any change in the constitution of the business (like Partnership firm now converted into Private Limited company and so on).
- Turnover is not more than threshold limit.
- As per Finance Act, 2020, Voluntary registration can be cancelled by proper officer on own or on application by registered person or his legal heir.

**As per the Finance Act, 2018 (w.e.f. 1-2-2019)**, the following proviso shall be inserted under section 29(1), namely:—

"Provided that during pendency of the proceedings relating to cancellation of registration filed by the registered person, the registration may be suspended for such period and in such manner as may be prescribed".

### Clarification on issues relating to Cancellation of Registration- Under GST Law

The above mentioned issue has been clarified vide Circular No. 69/43/2018 –GST dated 26.10.2018:

The clarification on the same are as below:

1. The Circular clarified that in cases where it is difficult to exactly identify or pinpoint the day on which occurrence of the event warranting cancellation of registration occurs, 30-days deadline may be liberally interpreted and taxpayers application for cancellation of registration may not be rejected because of possible violation of deadline.
2. It has also directed the proper officers to accept all applications within 30 days (except where application is incomplete or in case of transfer, merger or amalgamation where new entity is unregistered) since cancellation of registration has no effect on liability of taxpayer for any acts of commission/omission committed before or after date of cancellation
3. Person whose registration has been cancelled shall file a final return in Form GSTR-10, failing which notice in Form GSTR-3A has to be issued and in case the failure continues, assessment order in Form GST ASMT-13 under section 62 shall be issued to determine liability of taxpayer.

### (2) Cancellation by a GST officer [Section 29(2)]:

GST registration of a person or business can be cancelled by a proper GST officer in one of the following cases:

- If the registered person has violated any of GST provisions or laws.
- W.e.f. 1st October 2022, A composition registered person has not furnished the return for a financial year beyond 3 months from the due date of furnishing of the said return as against the earlier provision which provided non-filing for 3 consecutive tax periods.
- W.e.f. 1st October 2022, A normal registered person (other than composition scheme) who is required to file return:

Monthly	not furnished for a continuous period of 6 months in case of regular taxpayers
Quarterly	not furnished for a continuous period of 2 tax periods in case of QRMP scheme.

- A voluntarily registered person who has not commenced any business in the six months from the registration date.
- If the registration is obtained by fraud methods, the proper officer has the right to cancel the registration with retrospective effect.

**W.e.f. 1-1-2021 (vide NT 94/2020-CT, dated 22-12-2020)**

- If a registered person avails input tax credit in violation of the provisions of section 16 of the Act or rules made thereunder or
- If a registered person furnishes details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 for one or more tax periods in excess of outward supplies declared in GSTR-3B
- If a registered person violates provisions of newly inserted rule 86B (i.e. restriction on the use of ITC while discharging output liability)

Provided that the proper officer shall not cancel the registration without giving the person an opportunity of being heard.

**Rule 21A(2) of the CGST Rules, 2017, W.e.f. 1-1-2021 (vide NT 94/2020-CT, dated 22-12-2020)**

No opportunity of being heard – Where the proper officer has reasons to believe that the registration of a person is liable to be cancelled, he may without affording the said person a reasonable opportunity of being heard, suspend the registration of such person with effect from a date to be determined by him.

- (a) where there is a significant difference or anomaly between outward supplies in GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B.
- (b) where there is a significant difference or anomaly between GSTR2A and GSTR 3B

This should result in any contraventions to the provisions of the Act or the rules thereunder. Further to such suspension, an intimation shall be send to the taxpayer in his e-mail ID requiring him to explain within 30 days as to why his registration shall not be cancelled.

Restrictions in case of Suspension of GST registration- A registered person whose registration has been cancelled can neither make any taxable supplies nor shall be granted refund.

Removal of suspension before completion of proceeding- The proper officer shall now have the option to revoke the suspension of registration anytime during the pendency of proceedings for cancellation.

Provided that the proper officer shall not cancel the registration without giving the person an opportunity of being heard.

The following proviso of the Sec 22(1) of CGST Act has been inserted, vide CGST (Amendment ) Act,2018:  
 "Provided further that during pendency of the proceedings relating to cancellation of registration, the proper officer may suspend the registration for such period and in such manner as may be prescribed;"



Note : The above paragraph inserted vide the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 :

In rule 22, in sub-rule (4), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that where the person instead of replying to the notice served under sub-rule (1) for contravention of the provisions contained in clause (b) or clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 29, furnishes all the pending returns and makes full payment of the tax dues along with applicable interest and late fee, the proper officer shall drop the proceedings and pass an order in FORM GST-REG 20.

**As per the Finance Act, the following proviso shall be inserted under section 29(2), namely:—**

**after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:— “Provided further that during pendency of the proceedings relating to cancellation of registration, the proper officer may suspend the registration for such period and in such manner as may be prescribed.”.**

**w.e.f. 1st February 2019**, The Central Government vide N No. 03/2019-CT, dated 29th January 2019 has amended CGST Rules, 2017 details of which are explained below:

	Revised	Comment
<b>Insertion of Rule 21A</b> [Suspension of registration]:-	<p>(1) Where a registered person has applied for cancellation of registration under rule 20, the registration shall be deemed to be suspended from the date of submission of the application or the date from which the cancellation is sought, whichever is later.</p> <p>(2) Where the proper officer has reasons to believe that the registration is liable to be cancelled under section 29 or under rule 21, he may, after affording the said person a reasonable opportunity of being heard, suspend the registration of such person with effect from a date to be determined by him</p> <p>(3) A registered person, whose registration has been suspended shall not make any taxable supply during the period of suspension and shall not be required to furnish any return under section 39.</p> <p>(4) The suspension of registration under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2) shall be deemed to be revoked upon completion of the proceedings by the proper officer under rule 22 and such revocation shall be effective from the date on which the suspension had come into effect.</p>	With this insertion, where cancellation is applied but continues to appear online, please ensure that suspension order is obtained to avoid late fee. The exemption from late fee is only in respect of returns upto Sept 2018.

**W.e.f. 1-1-2021 (vide NT 94/2020-CT, dated 22-12-2020)**

Suspension of Registration in special cases – Registration of a taxpayer can be suspended in the following cases:

- (a) where there is a significant difference or anomaly between outward supplies in GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B
- (b) where there is a significant difference or anomaly between GSTR2A and GSTR 3B.

This should result in any contraventions to the provisions of the Act or the rules thereunder. Further to such suspension, an intimation shall be send to the taxpayer in his e-mail ID requiring him to explain within 30 days as to why his registration shall not be cancelled.



Restrictions in case of Suspension of GST registration- A registered person whose registration has been cancelled can neither make any taxable supplies nor shall be granted refund.

Removal of suspension before completion of proceeding- The proper officer shall now have the option to revoke the suspension of registration anytime during the pendency of proceedings for cancellation.

**CBIC issued a clarification titled “MYTHS VS FACTS” in regard to GST registration cancellations and other steps taken for plugging tax evasion:**

**Myth 1:** No opportunity of being heard will be given if the proper officer believes that registration is liable to be cancelled.

**Fact 1:** GST registration is liable to be cancelled for those who have not filed 6 or more returns. It is, therefore, wrong to say that the cancellation will be done without reasons. To protect the interest of revenue, this provision has been put in the law so that fraudsters do not runaway with GST collected from their customers.

No cancellation of registration would be done without giving the proper opportunity of hearing to the taxpayer.

Immediate action for suspension is necessary in cases where unscrupulous operators seek to pass on huge fake credit by gaming the system. Such action will not affect genuine taxpayers and will provide them with a level playing field.

Moreover, the suspension may be revoked by the officer based on the taxpayer's representation.

**Myth 2:** Even if there is a clerical error in filing returns, GSTIN will be cancelled. No option to correct your mistakes.

**Fact 2:** This is absolutely not true. Only in fraudulent cases where there are significant discrepancies based on data analytics and sound risk parameters, and not mere clerical errors, the action of suspension and cancellation will be taken up.

An example of a fraudulent case and serious discrepancy is where one has passed on Crores of Rupees of Input Tax Credit and not filed GSTR 3B returns, nor has he filed Income Tax returns or disclosed very little liability in Income Tax returns etc.

**Myth 3:** The proposed change will impact the ease of doing business.

**Fact 3:** Not True. Fraudsters are misusing the system to the detriment of the interest of genuine taxpayers.

Consequently, data-driven targeting of the fraudsters is the need of the hour. The data is being collected from Income Tax, Banks, Customs and necessary matching are being done to identify fraudsters and take action of suspension and cancellation after following due process of law.

Section 29(3) of the CGST Act, 2017, the cancellation of registration under this section shall not affect the liability of the person to pay tax and other dues under this Act or to discharge any obligation under this Act or the rules made thereunder for any period prior to the date of cancellation whether or not such tax and other dues are determined before or after the date of cancellation.

Section 29(4) of the CGST Act, 2017, the cancellation of registration under the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be a cancellation of registration under this Act.

Section 29(5) Every registered person whose registration is cancelled shall pay an amount, by way of debit in the electronic credit ledger or electronic cash ledger, equivalent to the credit of input tax in respect of inputs held in stock and inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock or capital goods or plant and machinery on the day immediately preceding the date of such cancellation or the output tax payable on such goods, whichever is higher, calculated in such manner as may be prescribed:



Provided that in case of capital goods or plant and machinery, the taxable person shall pay an amount equal to the input tax credit taken on the said capital goods or plant and machinery, reduced by such percentage points as may be prescribed or the tax on the transaction value of such capital goods or plant and machinery under section 15, whichever is higher.

### **Guidelines regarding cancellation of registration:**

The CBEC has issued guidelines to its officers for cancellation of registration under rule 22(3) of the CGST Rules, 2017. It has been instructed that since the legal provision stipulates passing of order in respect of the application of cancellation of registration within 30 days of the date of the application, and also as it has already been clarified vide Circular No. 69/43/2018-GST dated 26.10.2018 that cancellation of registration has no effect on the liability of the taxpayer for any acts of commission/omission committed before or after the date of cancellation, the proper officer should act as per prescribed legal process within the stipulated time in order to avoid any delay. All the Principal Chief Commissioners / Chief Commissioners of Central Tax have been requested to suitably instruct all the officers under their jurisdiction to scrupulously follow the due process as envisaged in the law in time bound manner and issue the requisite order in respect of all such applications within a period of 30 days from the date of the application. [CBIC-20/16/34/2019-GST/802 dated May 24, 2021]

### **vide Notification No. 15/2021 Central Tax, dated 18th May, 2021 as under: Rule 23-Revocation of cancellation of registration**

Amendment in sub-rule (1)

The amendment in section 30 made vide the Finance Act, 2021 has been made effective from 01.01.2021. The amended provision provides for extension of time limit for applying for revocation of cancellation of registration on sufficient cause being shown and for reasons to be recorded in writing, by:

- (a) the Additional or Joint Commissioner, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding thirty days;
- (b) the Commissioner, for a further period not exceeding thirty days, beyond the period specified in clause (a) above.

Consequential amendment has been made in rule 23(1) to provide that the time period of 30 days available for submission of an application for revocation of cancellation of registration in Form GST REG21 can be extended by the Additional Commissioner or the Joint Commissioner or the Commissioner, as the case may be, in exercise of the powers provided under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 30 of the CGST Act, 2017.

Further, consequential amendment has also been made in Form GST REG-21. Under sub-heading of "Instructions for submission of application for revocation of cancellation of registration", in the first bullet point "after the words "date of service of the order of cancellation of registration", the words and figures "or within such time period as extended by the Additional Commissioner or the Joint Commissioner or Commissioner, as the case may be, in exercise of the powers provided under proviso to subsection (1) of section 30," have been inserted.

Till the time an independent functionality for extension of time limit for applying in Form GST REG21 is developed on the GSTN portal, Circular No. 148/04/2021 GST dated 18th May, 2021 has been issued to prescribe the following SOP for implementation of the provisions of above rule across the field formations:

Where a person applies for revocation of cancellation of registration beyond a period of 30 days from the date of service of the order of cancellation of registration but within 60 days of such date, the said person may request, through letter or e-mail, for extension of time limit to the proper officer by providing the grounds on which such extension is sought. The proper officer shall forward the request to the jurisdictional Joint/Additional Commissioner for decision on the request for extension of time limit, who, after examination of the request, may extend the time limit on sufficient cause being shown and for reasons to be recorded in writing.

In case the request is accepted, the extension of the time limit shall be communicated to the proper officer.

The request will be rejected only after giving the person an opportunity of being heard and the grounds for such rejection may be communicated to the person concerned, through the proper officer.

On receipt of the decision of the Joint/Additional Commissioner, the proper officer shall process the application according to the law and procedure laid down in this regard. Similar procedure shall be followed mutatis mutandis in case a person applies for revocation of cancellation of registration beyond a period of 60 days from the date of service of the order of cancellation of registration but within 90 days of such date.

### (3) Cancellation by the legal heir of the registered person:

The legal heir of the registered person can request cancellation through an application, in case of death of the person.

**Procedure for cancellation of registration under GST:** GST registration can be cancelled by using the forms below.

Particulars	Relevant Form
Application for cancellation Note: The voluntary registrations can only be cancelled after one year or more from the date of GST registration.	GST REG 16
A proper officer can send the show cause / cancellation notice to a registered person	GST REG 17
The concerned person must reply back in this form within 7 days of notice explaining why his/her registration should not be cancelled	GST REG 18
This form will be used by the proper officer to issue a formal order for cancellation of registration. The order is to be sent within 30 days from the application date or from the date of response in GST REG 18 form.	GST REG 19
If the proper officer is satisfied with the explanation, he can use this form to drop the cancellation proceeding and pass a formal order.	GST REG 20
Application for cancellation of provisional registration by the migrated taxpayer, who is not liable for registration under GST. <b>Note:</b> The voluntary registrations can only be cancelled after one year or more from the date of GST registration. w.e.f. 25-1-2018 Taxable persons who have obtained voluntary registration will now be permitted to apply for cancellation of registration even before the expiry of one year from the effective date of registration. Taxpayer can Login with credentials, click on link "Cancellation of Provisional Registration" at the Dashboard (under view profile), mention reason, sign and Submit. The cancellation will be effective from appointed date.	GST REG 29

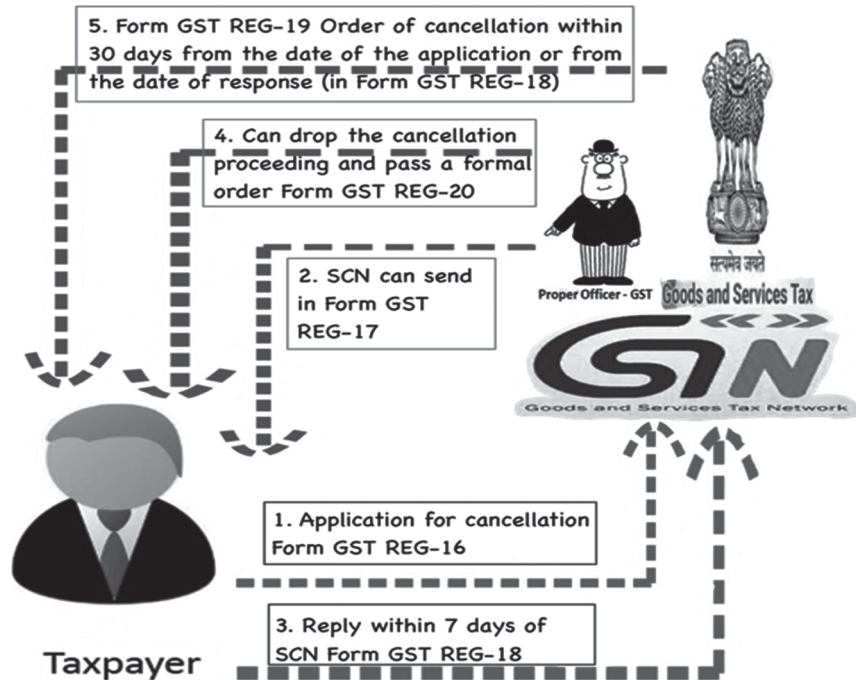
#### As per Rule 21A(3) of the CGST Rules, 2017 (vide NT 49/2019 – Central Tax dated 9-10-2019):

"shall not make any taxable supply" shall mean that the registered person shall not issue a tax invoice and, accordingly, not charge tax on supplies made by him during the period of suspension.";

**As per Rule 21A(5) of CGST Rules, 2017** Where any order having the effect of revocation of suspension of registration has been passed, the provisions of clause (a) of sub-section (3) of section 31 and section 40 in respect of the supplies made during the period of suspension and the procedure specified therein shall apply."



**Procedure for cancellation of registration under GST:**



**8.7 REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION**

**Revocation of cancellation of registration [Section 30 of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

As per section 30(1) of the CGST Act, 2017, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, any registered person, whose registration is cancelled by the proper officer on his own motion, may apply to such officer for revocation of cancellation of the registration in the prescribed manner within 30 days from the date of service of the cancellation order.

As per section 30(2) of the CGST Act, 2017, the proper officer may, in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed, by order, either revoke cancellation of the registration or reject the application:

Provided that the application for revocation of cancellation of registration shall not be rejected unless the applicant has been given an opportunity of being heard.

As per Section 30(3) of the CGST Act, 2017, the revocation of cancellation of registration under the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be a revocation of cancellation of registration under this Act.

**Procedure for Revocation of Cancellation of Registration as per Rule 23 of the CGST Rules, 2017:**

Particulars	Relevant Form
Application for revocation of cancellation of registration within 30 days from the date of service of the order of cancellation of registration.	GST REG-21
As per Finance Act, 2020: Provided that such period may on sufficient cause being shown, and for reasons to be recoded in writing, be extended	<b>Note:</b> Application for revocation cannot be filed if cancellation is on account of failure to furnish returns or failure to pay liability unless such return is filed / liabilities are discharged.
(a) by the Additional Commissioner or the Joint Commissioner, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding 30 days.	
(b) by the Commissioner, for a further period not exceeding 30 days, beyond the period specified in clause (a).	



For justified reasons, proper officer shall revoke cancellation of registration within 30 days of application or receipt of clarification by passing an order	GST REG-22
For unjustified reasons, proper officer shall issue show cause notice	GST REG-23
Reply shall be filed in within 7 days.	GST REG-24
For justified reasons, proper officer shall revoke cancellation of registration within 30 days of application or receipt of clarification by passing an order.	GST REG-22
For unjustified reasons, proper officer shall reject the application for revocation of cancellation of registration by passing an order.	GST REG-05

**Note:** Notification No. 56/2018 – Central Tax, dated 23.10.2018 seeks to exempt a person making inter-state taxable supplies of handicrafts goods from the requirement to obtain registration.

Provided that the aggregate value of such supplies, to be computed on all India basis, does not exceed the amount of aggregate turnover above which a supplier is liable to be registered in the State or Union territory in accordance with sub-section (1) of section 22 of the said Act, read with clause (iii) of the Explanation to that section.

Such persons making inter-State taxable supplies shall be required to obtain a Permanent Account Number and generate an e-way bill in accordance with the provisions of rule 138 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017.

**Note:** NOTIFICATION No. 58/2018 – Central Tax, dated 26.10.2018 notifies the persons whose registration under the CST Act has been cancelled by the proper officer on or before the 30th September, 2018, as the class of persons who shall furnish the Final Return in FORMGSTR-10 of the said rules till the 31st December, 2018.

**2nd & 3rd Proviso to Rule 23(1) of CGST Rules, 2017 (Inserted vide Notification No. 20/2019-CT, dated 23.04.2019):**

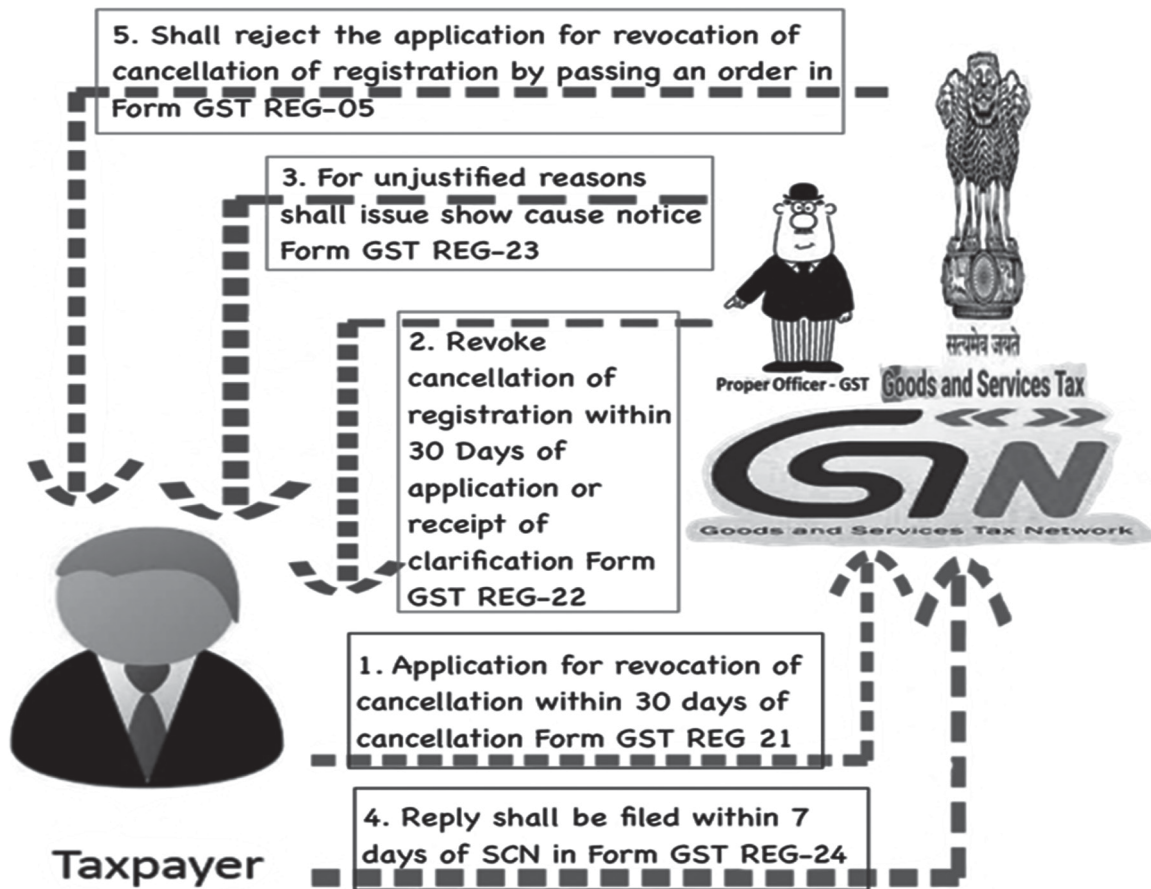
Provided further that all returns due for the period from the date of the order of cancellation of registration till the date of the order of revocation of cancellation of registration shall be furnished by the said person within a period of thirty days from the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration:

Provided also that where the registration has been cancelled with retrospective effect, the registered person shall furnish all returns relating to period from the effective date of cancellation of registration till the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration within a period of thirty days from the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration.

**Notification No. 39/2018, dated 4.9.2018:**

Where the person instead of replying to the notice served under sub-rule (1) of rule 22 (i.e. **Cancellation of Registration**) for contravention of provisions contained in clause (b) or (c) of sub-section (2) of section 29 (namely a person paying tax under section 10 has not furnished returns for 3 consecutive tax periods or a person has not furnished returns for a continuous period of 6 months) furnishes all the pending returns and makes full payment of the tax dues along with applicable interest and late fee, the proper officer shall drop the proceedings and pass an order in FORM GST-REG 20 (i.e. If the proper officer is satisfied with the explanation, he can use this form to drop the cancellation proceeding and pass a formal order).

**Procedure for Revocation of cancellation of registration under GST:**



**Note:** Application for revocation cannot be filed if cancellation is on account of failure to furnish returns or failure to pay liability unless such return is filed/liabilities are discharged.

**Extension of time limit for filing application for revocation of cancellation of registration by a registered person permitted beyond the stipulated time:**

**w.e.f. 1-10-2021**, the registered person, whose registration is cancelled by the proper officer on his own motion, may submit an application for revocation of cancellation of registration, in prescribed form, to such proper officer, within a period of 30 days from the service of the order of cancellation of registration,

On sufficient cause being shown, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, be extended,

- (a) by the Additional Commissioner or the Joint Commissioner, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding 30 days;
- (b) by the Commissioner, for a further period not exceeding 30 days, beyond the period specified in clause (a)

**Insertion of 2nd proviso in rule 21A(4) (Automatic revocation):** There will be automatic revocation of suspended GST registration upon furnishing of pending GST returns, if GST registration was suspended due to non-filing of GST returns (NT 14/2022 CT dt. 5th July 2022).

# Study Note - 9

## TAX INVOICE, CREDIT AND DEBIT NOTES AND OTHER DOCUMENT UNDER GST



### This Study Note includes

- 9.1 Tax Invoice
- 9.2 Credit and Debit Notes

### 9.1 TAX INVOICE

Under the GST regime, a "tax invoice" means the tax invoice referred to in section 31 of the CGST Act, 2017. For example, if a registered person is making or receiving supplies (from unregistered persons), then a tax invoice needs to be issued by such registered person.

However, if a registered person is dealing only in exempted supplies or is availing the composition scheme (composition dealer), then such a registered person needs to issue a bill of supply in lieu of tax invoice.

An invoice or a bill of supply need not be issued if the value of the supply is less than Rs. 200/-, subject to specified conditions provisos to sub section (3) of Section 31 of the CGST Act, 2017.

#### Importance of tax invoice under GST:

Under GST, a tax invoice an essential document for the recipient to avail Input Tax Credit (ITC).

A registered person cannot avail Input Tax Credit unless he is in possession of a tax invoice or a debit note. GST is chargeable at the time of supply. Invoice is an important indicator of the time of supply.

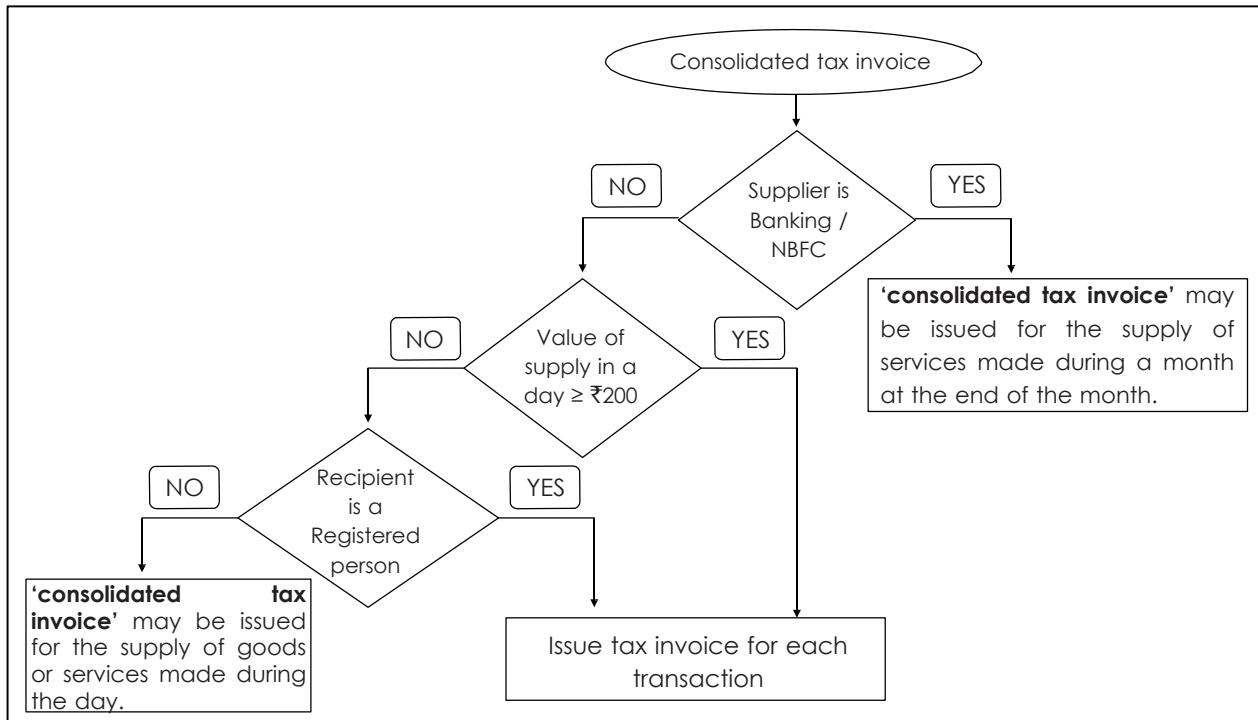
#### No Tax Invoice required to be issued:

An invoice or a bill of supply need not be issued if the value of the supply is less than ₹ 200/-, subject to specified conditions provisos to sub section (3) of Section 31 of the CGST Act, 2017. A registered person may not issue a Tax Invoice if:

- (i) Value of the goods/services/both supplied < ₹ 200,
- (ii) the recipient is unregistered; and
- (iii) the recipient does not require such invoice.

Instead such registered person shall issue a Consolidated Tax Invoice for such supplies at the close of each day in respect of all such supplies.

**Simplified approach:**



**Example 1:** Jain & Sons is a trader dealing in stationery items. It is registered under GST and has undertaken following sales during the day:

S.No.	Recipient of supply	Amount (₹)
1	Raghav Traders - a registered retail dealer	190
2	Dhruv Enterprises – an unregistered trader	358
3	Gaurav – a Painter [unregistered]	500
4	Oberoi Orphanage – an unregistered entity	188
5	Aaradhya – a Student [unregistered]	158

None of the recipients require a tax invoice [Raghav Traders being a composition dealer].

Determine in respect of which of the above supplies, Jain & Sons may issue a Consolidated Tax Invoice instead of Tax Invoice at the end of the day?

**Answer:**

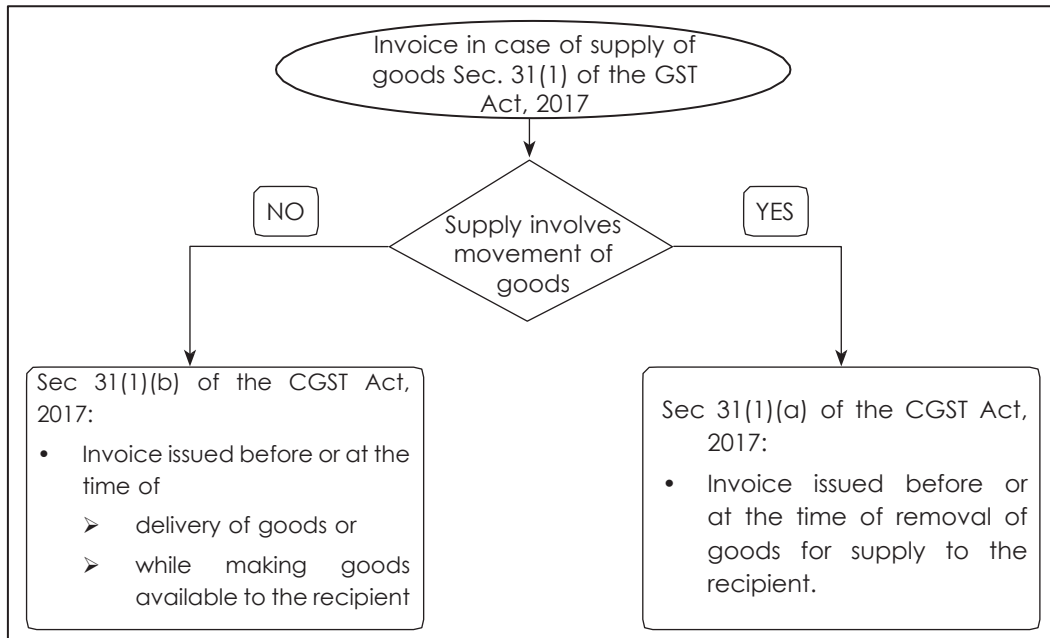
Jain & Sons can issue a Consolidated Tax Invoice only with respect to supplies made to Oberoi Orphanage [worth ₹188] and Aaradhya [worth ₹158] as the value of goods supplied to these recipients is less than ₹200 as also these recipients are unregistered and don't require a tax invoice.

As regards the supply made to Raghav Traders, although the value of goods supplied to it is less than ₹200, Raghav Traders is registered under GST. So, Consolidated Tax Invoice cannot be issued.

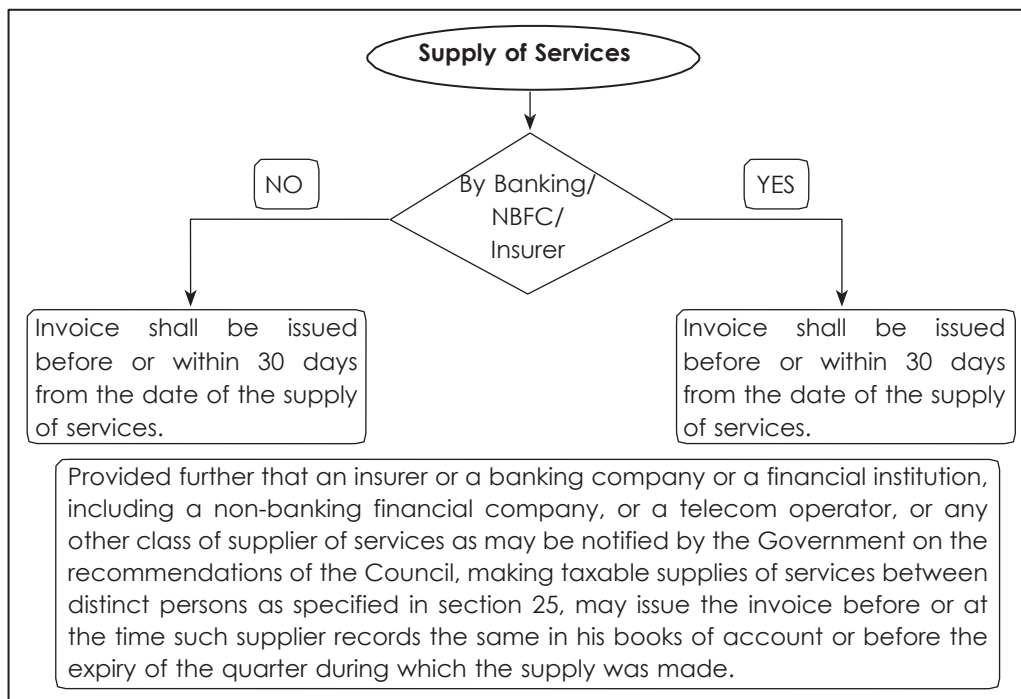
Consolidated Tax Invoice can also not be issued for supplies of goods made to Dhruv Enterprises and Gaurav although both of them are unregistered. The reason for the same is that the value of goods supplied is not less than ₹200.

**When should a tax invoice or a bill of supply be issued by a registered person:**

**Time limit for issuing tax invoice in case of supply of goods [Section 31(1) of the CGST Act, 2017] :**



**Time limit for issuing tax invoice in case of supply of service: [Sec. 31(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 47 of the CGST Rules, 2017]**



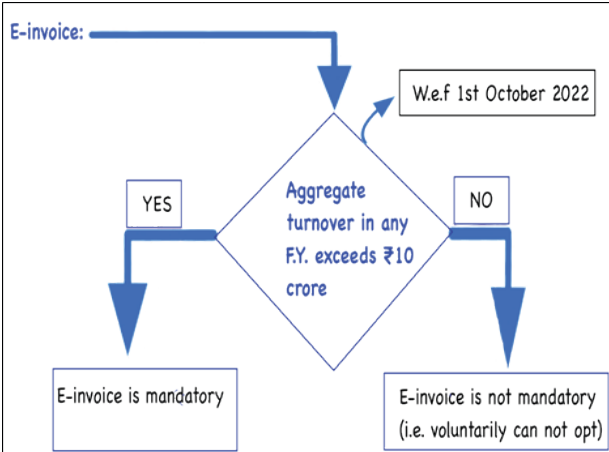


**Manner of issuing e-invoice:**

Further amendment, W.e.f. 1-4-2021 e-invoice for tax payers having aggregate turnover exceeding ₹ 50 crore to be implemented (vide Notification No. 5/2021-C.T. dated 8-3-2021),

w.e.f. 1-1-2021, Government has mandated e-invoicing for taxpayers having aggregate turnover exceeding ₹ 100 crore (in any preceding financial year from 2017-18 onwards) to be implemented (vide Notification No. 88/2020-CT, dated 10-11-2020).

w.e.f. 1-4-2022, e-invoicing mandatory for all registered businesses with aggregated turnover in any preceding financial year from 2017-2018 onwards exceeded ₹20 crore (Notification No. 01/2022 CT dated 24.02.2022).



The above situation has been summarized as follows:

E-invoicing is mandatory for every taxpayer* whose aggregate turnover in any of the F.Y. from 17-18 exceeds:	mandatory w.e.f.	As per Notification No.
₹ 500 crores	01.10.2020	61/2020 CT dated 30.07.2020
₹ 100 crores	01.01.2021	88/2020 CT dated 10.11.2020
₹ 50 crores	01.04.2021	05/2021 CT dated 08.03.2021
₹ 20 crores	01.04.2022	01/2022 CT dated 24.02.2022
₹ 10 crores	01.10.2022	17./2022 CT dated 01.08.2022

Rules 46 and 49 of the CGST Rules, 2017 have been amended to provide that Government may, by notification, on the recommendations of the Council, and subject to such conditions and restrictions as mentioned therein, specify that the tax invoice/bill of supply shall have Quick Response (QR) code.

[Notification No. 31/2019-CT, dated 28.06.2019 read with Notification No. 68, 69 and 71/2019-CT all dated 13.12.2019]

The Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the GST Council, by notification, exempt a person or a class of registered persons from issuance of invoice under rule 48(4) for a specified period, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified in the said notification proviso to rule 48(4) of CGST Rules, 2017 inserted w.e.f. 30.9.2020.

Relaxation has been given to taxpayers from the requirement to generate IRN in respect of invoices issued during the period October 2020. In these cases, Invoice Reference Number (IRN) for such invoices from Invoice Reference Portal (IRP) can be generate within 30 days from the date of invoice (vide CBIC Notification No. 73/2020-CT, dated 1-10-2020).



SEZ are not required to issue e-invoice (amendment dated 30-7-2020).

Sub-rule (4) has been inserted to rule 48 to provide that the e-invoice shall be prepared by notified class of registered persons, on the recommendations of the Council, by including such particulars contained in Form GST INV-01 after obtaining an IRN (Invoice Reference Number) by uploading information contained therein on the Common GST Electronic Portal\* in prescribed manner and subject to prescribed conditions and restrictions. Every invoice, issued by said persons, in any manner other than the manner specified in the rule 48(4) shall not be treated as an invoice. The requirement of preparing the invoices in duplicate and triplicate in case of supply of services and goods respectively does not apply to such e-invoices.

w.e.f. 1-10-2020, e-invoice is mandated for registered persons whose aggregate turnover (based on PAN) in a financial year is more than ₹ 500 Crores w.e.f. 30-7-2020 (earlier, this limit was ₹ 100 crores).

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Electronic portals for e-invoice: Ten portals namely

- (1) [www.einvoice1.gst.gov.in](http://www.einvoice1.gst.gov.in)
- (2) [www.einvoice2.gst.gov.in](http://www.einvoice2.gst.gov.in)
- (3) [www.einvoice3.gst.gov.in](http://www.einvoice3.gst.gov.in)
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- (9) [www.einvoice9.gst.gov.in](http://www.einvoice9.gst.gov.in)
- (10) [www.einvoice10.gst.gov.in](http://www.einvoice10.gst.gov.in)

have been notified for preparation of e-invoice. These websites are managed by GSTIN.

#### **How is 'e-invoicing' different from present system?**

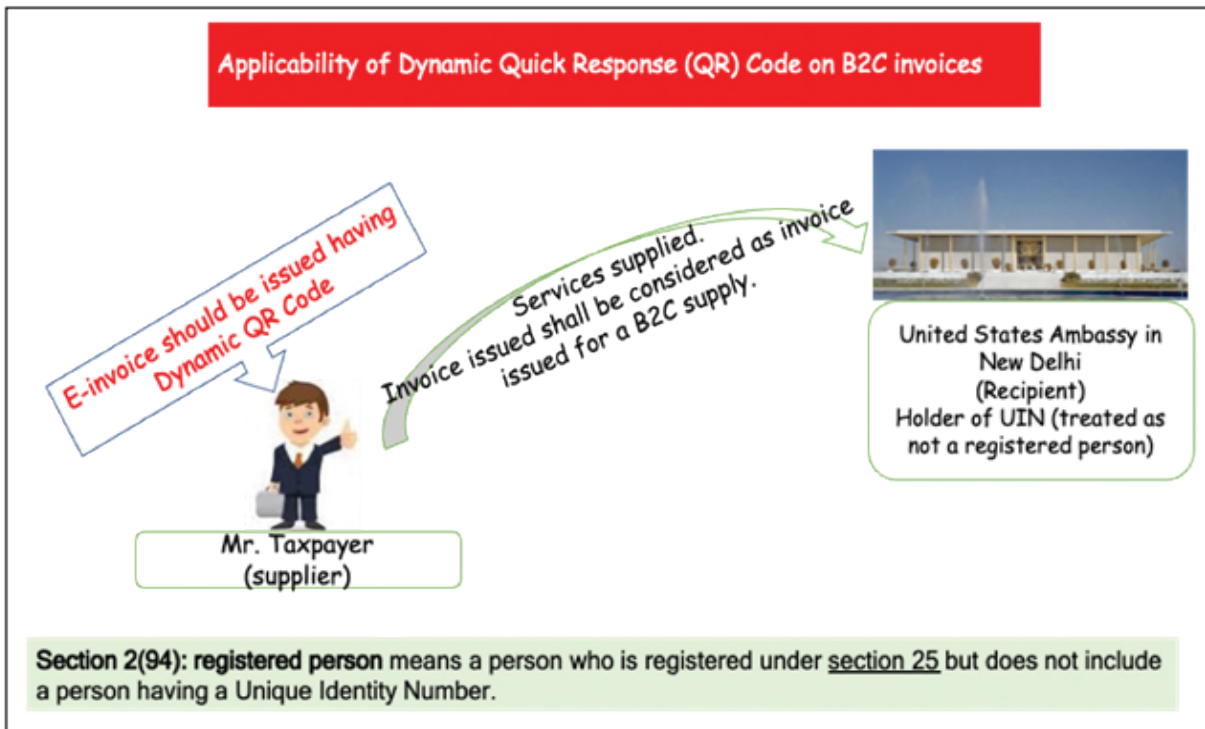
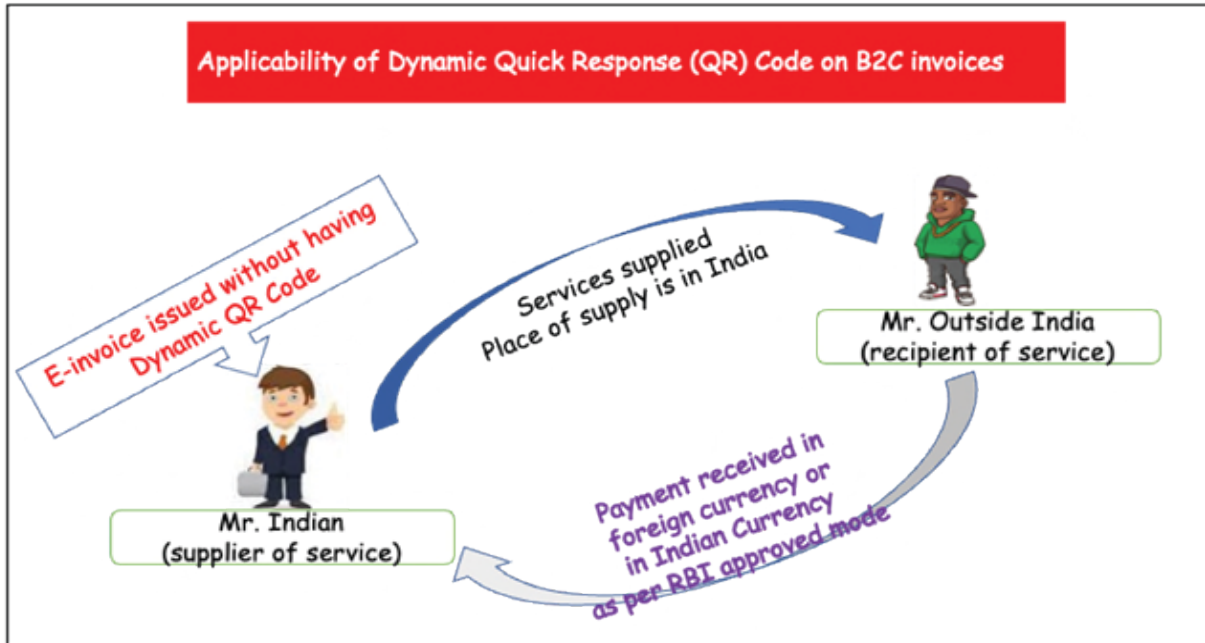
There is no much difference indeed. Registered persons continue to create their GST invoices on their own Accounting / Billing/ERP systems. These invoices will now be reported to 'Invoice Reference Portal (IRP)'. On reporting, IRP returns the e-invoice with a unique 'Invoice Reference Number (IRN)' after digitally signing the e-invoice and adding a Quick Response Code. Then, the invoice can be issued to the receiver (along with QR Code).



**A GST Invoice will be valid only with a valid IRN.**

Invoice to be issued by specified registered person, whose aggregate turnover in a preceding financial year from 2017-18 exceed ₹500 crore (now ₹100 crore), to an unregistered person (B2C invoice), to have Dynamic Quick Response (QR) code, w.e.f. 1-12-2020 (vide NT No. 71/2020 CT dated 30-9-2020)

**Clarification in respect of applicability of Dynamic Quick Response (QR) Code on B2C invoices:**



**GST e-invoice/Invoice Reference Number (IRN) System – FAQ (Version 1.3 Dt. 11-11-2020):****Q1. What is 'e-invoicing'?**

**Ans.** As per Rule 48(4) of CGST Rules, notified class of registered persons have to prepare invoice by uploading specified particulars of invoice (in FORM GST INV-01) on Invoice Registration Portal (IRP) and obtain an Invoice Reference Number (IRN). After following above 'e-invoicing' process, the invoice copy containing inter alia, the IRN (with QR Code) issued by the notified supplier to buyer is commonly referred to as 'e-invoice' in GST. Because of the standard e-invoice schema (INV-01), 'e-invoicing' facilitates exchange of the invoice document (structured invoice data) between a supplier and a buyer in an integrated electronic format. Please note that 'e-invoice' in 'e-invoicing' doesn't mean generation of invoice by a Government portal.

**Q2. How is 'e-invoicing' different from present system?**

**Ans.** There is no much difference indeed. Registered persons will continue to create their GST invoices on their own Accounting/Billing/ERP Systems. These invoices will now be reported to 'Invoice Registration Portal (IRP)'. On reporting, IRP returns the e-invoice with a unique 'Invoice Reference Number (IRN)' after digitally signing the e-invoice and adding a QR Code. Then, the invoice can be issued to the receiver (along with QR Code). A GST invoice will be valid only with a valid IRN.

For more detailed process, please go through 'e-invoice - Detailed Overview'

**Q3. For which businesses, e-invoicing is mandatory?**

**Ans.** For Registered persons whose aggregate turnover (based on PAN) in any preceding financial year from 2017-18 onwards, is more than prescribed limit (as per relevant notification), e-invoicing is mandatory.

**Q4. What are the advantages of e -invoice for businesses?**

**Ans.** E-invoice has many advantages for businesses such as Auto-reporting of invoices into GST return, auto-generation of e-way bill (where required), e-invoicing will also facilitate standardisation and inter-operability leading to reduction of disputes among transacting parties, improve payment cycles, reduction of processing costs and thereby greatly improving overall business efficiency.

**Q5. What businesses need to do, to be e -invoice ready?**

**Ans.** Businesses will continue to issue invoices as they are doing now. Necessary changes on account of e-invoicing requirement (i.e. to enable reporting of invoices to IRP and obtain IRN), will be made by ERP/Accounting and Billing Software providers in their respective software. They need to get the updated version having this facility.

**Q6. Is an invoice/CDN/DBN (required to be reported to IRP by notified person), valid without IRN?**

**Ans.** As per Rule 48(4), notified person has to prepare invoice by uploading specified particulars in FORM GST INV-01 on Invoice Registration Portal and after obtaining Invoice Reference Number (IRN). As per Rule 48(5), any invoice issued by a notified person in any manner other than the manner specified in Rule 48(4), the same shall not be treated as an invoice. So, the document issued by notified person becomes legally valid only with an IRN. However, in the initial period of operation, Government has given a relaxation that invoices raised by notified taxpayers during October, 2020 without following e-invoice procedure (i.e. uploading invoice details on e-invoice portal (IRP), obtaining IRN and issuing invoice with QR Code) will be deemed to be valid and no penalty will be there if the IRN for such invoices is obtained within 30 days of date of invoice. It was also specified that no such relaxation would be available for the invoices issued from 1st November 2020.

**Q7. What documents are presently covered under e -invoicing?**

**Ans.** i. Invoices ii. Credit Notes iii. Debit Notes, when issued by notified class of taxpayers (to registered persons (B2B) Bor for the purpose of Exports) are currently covered under e-invoice. Though different documents are covered, for ease of reference and understanding, the system is referred as 'e-invoicing'.



**Q8. What supplies are presently covered under e -invoice?**

**Ans.** Supplies to registered persons (B2B), Supplies to SEZs (with/without payment), Exports (with/without payment), Deemed Exports, by notified class of taxpayers are currently covered under e-invoicing.

**Q9. B2C (Business to Consumer) supplies can also be reported by notified persons?**

**Ans.** No. Reporting B2C invoices by notified persons is not applicable/allowed currently. However, they will be brought under e-invoice in the next phase.

**Q10. Is e-invoicing applicable for NIL-rated or wholly-exempt supplies?**

**Ans.** No. In those cases, a bill of supply is issued and not a tax invoice.

**Q11. Whether the financial/commercial credit notes also need to be reported to IRP?**

**Ans.** No, only the credit and debit notes issued under Section 34 of CGST/SGST Act have to be reported.

**Q12. Whether e-invoicing is applicable for supplies by notified persons to Government Departments?**

**Ans.** e-invoicing by notified persons is mandated for supply of goods or services or both to a registered person. Thus, where the Government Department doesn't have any registration under GST (i.e. not a 'registered person'), e-invoicing doesn't arise.

However, where the Govt. department is having a GSTIN (as entity supplying goods/services/ deducting TDS), the same has to be mentioned as recipient GSTIN in the e-invoice.

**Q13. Whether e-invoicing is applicable for invoices between two different GSTINs under same PAN?**

**Ans.** Yes. e-invoicing by notified persons is mandated for supply of goods or services or both to a registered person. As per Section 25(4) of CGST/SGST Act, "A person who has obtained or is required to obtain more than one registration, whether in one State or Union territory or more than one State or Union territory shall, in respect of each such registration, be treated as distinct persons for the purposes of this Act."

**Q14. For high sea sales and bonded warehouse sales, whether e -invoicing is applicable?**

**Ans.** No. These activities/transactions are neither supply of goods nor a supply of services, as per Schedule III of CGST/SGST Act.

**Q15. What is the applicability of e-invoice for import transactions?**

**Ans.** e-invoicing is not applicable for import Bills of Entry.

**Q16. Which entities/sectors are exempt from the e-invoicing mandate?**

**Ans.** a. Special Economic Zone Units b. insurer or a banking company or a financial institution, including a non-banking financial company c. goods transport agency supplying services in relation to transportation of goods by road in a goods carriage d. Suppliers of passenger transportation service e. Suppliers of services by way of admission to exhibition of cinematograph films in multiplex screens

**Q17. The exemption from e-invoicing is w.r.t the nature of supply/transaction or w.r.t the entity?**

**Ans.** It is for the entity.

**Q18. Do SEZ Developers need to issue e-invoices?**

**Ans.** Yes, if they have the specified turnover and fulfilling other conditions of the notification. In terms of Notification (Central Tax) 61/2020 dt. 30-7-2020, only SEZ Units are exempted from issuing e-invoices.

**Q19. Are Free Trade & Warehousing Zones (FTWZ) exempt from e -invoicing?**

**Ans.** Yes. As per Foreign Trade Policy, Free Trade & Warehousing Zones (FTWZ) are only a special category of Special Economic Zones, with a focus on trading and warehousing.



**Q20. Is e-invoicing applicable for supplies by notified persons to SEZs?**

**Ans.** Yes, e-invoicing is applicable for supplies by notified persons to SEZs. In terms of Notification (Central Tax) 61/2020 dt. 30-7-2020, only SEZ Units are exempt from issuing e-invoices.

**Q21. There is an SEZ unit and a regular DTA unit under same legal entity (i.e. having same PAN). The aggregate total turnover of the legal entity is more than ₹500 Crores (considering both the GSTINs). However, the turnover of DTA unit is below ₹100 crores for FY 19-20. In this scenario, as SEZ unit is exempt from e-invoicing, whether e-invoicing will be applicable to DTA Unit?**

**Ans.** Yes, because the aggregate turnover of the legal entity in this case is > ₹ 500 Crores. The eligibility is based on aggregate annual turnover on the common PAN.

**Q22. Is e-invoicing applicable to invoices issued by Input Service Distributor (ISD)?**

**Ans.** No.

**Q23. Whether e-invoicing is applicable for supplies involving Reverse Charge?**

**Ans.** If the invoice issued by notified person is in respect of supplies made by him but attracting reverse charge under Section 9(3), e-invoicing is applicable. For example, a taxpayer (say, a Firm of Advocates having aggregate turnover in a FY is more than ₹ 500 Cr.) is supplying services to a company (who will be discharging tax liability as recipient under RCM), such invoices have to be reported by the notified person to IRP.

On the other hand, where supplies are received by notified person from (i) an unregistered person (attracting reverse charge under Section 9(4)) or (ii) through import of services, e-invoicing doesn't arise / not applicable.

**Note:** w.e.f. 1-1-2021, Government has mandated e-invoicing for taxpayers having aggregate turnover exceeding ₹100 crore (in any preceding financial year from 2017-18 onwards) to be implemented (vide Notification No. 88/2020 CT dated 10-11-2020).

**Q24. How to know a particular supplier is supposed to issue e -invoice (i.e. invoice along with IRN/QR Code)?**

**Ans.** On fulfilment of prescribed conditions, the obligation to issue e-invoice in terms of Rule 48(4) (i.e. reporting invoice details to IRP, obtaining IRN and issuing invoice with QR Code) lies with concerned taxpayer.

However, as a facilitation measure, all the taxpayers who had crossed the prescribed turnover in a financial year from 2017-18 onwards have been enabled to report invoices to IRP.

One can search the status of enablement of a GSTIN on e-invoice portal: <https://einvoice1.gst.gov.in/> > Search > e-invoice status of taxpayer

This listing of GSTINs is solely based on the turnover of GSTR-3B as reported to GST System. It may contain exempt entities or those for whom e-invoicing is not applicable for some other reason. So, it may be noted that enablement status on e-invoice portal doesn't mean that the taxpayer is supposed to do e-invoicing. If e-invoicing is not applicable to a taxpayer, they need not be concerned about the enablement status and may ignore it.

Further, the turnover slab of taxpayer can also be ascertained through "Search Taxpayer" / "Know Your Supplier" Sections on GST portal also.

In case any registered person, is required to prepare invoice in terms of Rule 48(4) but not enabled on the portal, he/she may request for enablement on portal: 'Registration - > e-Invoice Enablement'.

**Q25. What is an Invoice Registration Portal (IRP)?**

**Ans.** Invoice Registration Portal (IRP) is the website for uploading/reporting of invoices by the notified persons. Vide notification no. 69/2019-Central Tax dated 13.12.2019, ten portals were notified for the purpose of preparation of the invoice in terms of Rule 48(4).

The first Invoice Registration Portal (IRP) is active and can be accessed at: <https://einvoice1.gst.gov.in/>

Other portals will be made available in due course



**Q26. Is e-invoicing voluntary, i.e. can entities with aggregate turnover below the prescribed limit also report invoices to IRP, if they wish to do so?**

**Ans.** No, presently, only the notified class of persons will be allowed/enabled to report invoices to IRP.

**Q27. Is there any time window within which I need to report an invoice to IRP, i.e. is there any validation to the effect that the 'document date' (in the payload to IRP) has to be within a specified time window, for reporting to IRP/ generation of IRN? No such validation is kept on the portal. 29. Is the signature (DSC) of supplier mandatory while reporting e-invoice to IRP?**

**Ans.** No

**Q28. Can e-commerce operators generate e-invoices on behalf of the sellers on their platforms?**

**Ans.** Yes, if such suppliers, selling through e-Commerce entity are otherwise notified persons and supposed to report invoices under Rule 48(4). For more details, please see this detailed document.

**Q29. What do I need to generate an e -invoice?**

**Ans.** A system/utility to report e-invoice details in JSON format to IRP and to receive signed e-invoice in JSON format from the Portal.

**Q30. Whether any tool is provided to report invoices to IRP?**

**Ans.** Yes. For entities not having their own ERP/Software solutions, they can use the free offline utility ('bulk generation tool') downloadable from the e-invoice portal. Through this, invoice data can be easily reported to IRP and obtain IRN/signed e-invoice.

**Q31. What are various modes for generation of e -invoice?**

**Ans.** Multiple modes are available so that taxpayer can use the best mode based on his/her need:

- a. API based (integration with Taxpayer's System directly)
- b. API based (integration with Taxpayer's System through GSP/ASP)
- c. Free Offline Utility ('Bulk Generation Tool', downloadable from IRP) Web-based / mobile app-based modes will also be provided in future.

**Q32. Will it be possible for bulk uploading of invoices to IRP?**

**Ans.** Yes. It is possible. The offline utility ('bulk generation tool') serves this purpose. Further, the ERP or accounting systems used by large taxpayers can be designed in such a way that they can report invoices in bulk to IRP. However, reporting to IRP and generation of IRN will be one after another (which will not be visible for user). For the user, it will appear like bulk upload and bulk receipt.

**Q33. As many businesses will be reporting invoices, will there be any delay in generation of IRN by IRP? Can the portal take that much load?**

**Ans.** IRP is only a pass through validation portal. Certain key fields will be validated on IRP. So, IRN will be generated in sub-200 millisecond duration. The server capacity is robust enough to handle simultaneous uploads. Further, multiple IRPs will be made available to distribute the load of invoice registration. The IRPs are dedicated portals other than the regular GST common portal (used for filing registration applications, filing returns, making payments etc.)

**Q34. Will IRP store/archive e-invoices?**

**Ans.** No. IRP will only be a pass-through portal which performs prescribed validations on invoice data and generates IRN. It will not store or archive e-invoice data.

**Q35. Will I need to enter invoice details on a government website and obtain IRN?****Ans.**

- In e-invoice scenario, what is primarily envisaged is 'machine-to-machine' exchange of invoice data (mainly between taxpayer's system & IRP).
- If the business doesn't have ERP/Accounting/Billing Software or have very few invoices to report, they can download and use the free Offline Tool to enter data and create JSON file, for uploading on IRP.
- Web-based and mobile app-based interfaces will also be made available in future

**Q36. In case of breakdown of internet connectivity in certain areas, will there be any relaxation in the requirement to obtain IRN?**

**Ans.** A localised mechanism to provide relaxation in such contingent situations is prescribed as per proviso to Rule 48(4) of CGST Rules. It reads as: "...Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, exempt a person or a class of registered persons from issuance of invoice under this sub-rule for a specified period, subj

**Q37. Why is an e-invoice standard/schema required?****Ans.**

- Presently, businesses are preparing/generating invoices in their respective ERPs/Accounting/Billing Software. All these software have their own format of storing the data of invoice. Thus, the e-invoice generated by one system is not understood by the other, thereby necessitating data entry efforts and consequent errors and reconciliation problems.
- 'Schema' acts as uniform standard for ERP/ Billing/Accounting software providers to build utility in their solution/ package to prepare e-invoice in notified standard thereby ensuring e-invoice generated by any ERP/Accounting and Billing Software is correctly understood by another ERP/Accounting software. This is also required for ensuring uniformity in reporting to IRP.
- Schema ensures e-invoice is 'machine-readable' and 'inter-operable', i.e. the invoice/format can be readily 'picked up', 'read', 'understood' and further processed by different systems like Oracle, Tally, SAP etc.

**Q38. What is the basis of e-invoice schema?**

**Ans.** e-invoice Schema is based on PEPPOL/Universal Business Language (UBL) with certain customizations to cater to Indian business practices and legal requirements.

**Q39. Is there different invoice schema for different sectors/businesses, e.g. Traders, Manufacturers, Service Providers, Professionals etc.?**

**Ans.** No. e-invoice schema is a single standard applicable to all businesses in the country. Many optional fields are available in the schema to cater to the requirements of specific businesses and practices followed by industry and trade in India.

**Q40. What is the file format in which invoice has to be reported to IRP?**

**Ans.** Invoice details in prescribed schema (INV-01) have to be reported to IRP in JSON format. 'JSON' stands for JavaScript Object Notation. It can be thought of as a common language for systems/machines to communicate between each other and exchange data. As the ERP or Accounting software will generate it, taxpayer need not worry about it. This format is also used in GST system for reporting all data to GST System.

**Q41. What are the various types of fields in e-invoice schema?****Ans.**

- a. Data for fields marked as 'Mandatory' have to be provided compulsorily.
- b. A mandatory field not having any value can be reported as NIL.



- c. Fields marked as 'Optional' may or may not be filled up. Many of these are relevant for specific businesses (e.g. Batch No., Attributes etc.) and to cater to specific scenarios (e.g. export, e-way bill etc.).
- d. Some sections in the schema are marked as 'Optional'. But, if this section is selected, some of the fields may be mandatory. For example, the section 'e-way Bill Details' is marked as optional. But, if this section is chosen, the field, 'Mode of Transportation' is mandatory.

**Q42. What is 'cardinality', as mentioned in schema?**

**Ans.** In e-invoice schema, for each field, 'Cardinality' is marked as 0..1 / 1..1 / 1..n / 0..n. This is to denote whether a field is 'mandatory' and whether it is 'repetitive'.

Notation	Meaning
Starts with 0	Optional field
Starts with 1	Mandatory field
Ends with 1	Data for the field can be entered only once
Ends with n	Data for the field can be entered multiple times

**Q43. Can the supplier place their entity logo on e-invoice? Is this part of schema?**

**Ans.** Elements of invoice which are internal to business, such as company logo etc. are not part of e-invoice schema. After reporting invoice details to IRP and receipt of IRN, at the time of issuing invoice to receiver (e.g. generating as PDF and printing as paper copy or forwarding via e-mail etc.), any further customisation, i.e. insertion of company logo, additional text etc., can be made by respective ERP/billing/accounting software providers.

**Q44. What is the maximum number of line items which can be reported in an invoice?**

**Ans.** The limit is kept at 1000 presently. It will be enhanced based on requirement in future.

**Q45. In the e-invoice schema, the amount under 'other charges (item level)' is not part of taxable value. However, some charges to be shown in invoice are leviable to GST. How to mention them?**

**Ans.** Such other charges (taxable), e.g. freight, insurance, packing & forwarding charges etc. may be added as one more line item in the invoice.

**Q46. In e-invoice schema, there is no placeholder for mentioning TCS (Tax Collected at Source) collected by suppliers under Income Tax Act, 1961.**

**Ans.** At present, there is no separate placeholder for this field in schema. Including it in schema will be examined in next round of revision.

However, as a work around, the field of "Other Charges (Invoice Level)" can be used to mention TCS where it doesn't form part of taxable value.

It may further be noted that INV-01 schema is only to report specified invoice particulars to IRP. Once IRN is obtained from the portal, the business may add any other elements not relevant to GST, while issuing invoice finally to buyer.

**Q47. In the current schema, there is no provision to report details of supplies not covered under GST, e.g. a hotel wants to give single invoice for a B2B supply where the supply includes food and beverages (leviable to GST) and Alcoholic beverages (outside GST).**

**Ans.** For items outside GST levy, separate invoice may be given by such businesses.

**Q48. The field "Differential Percentage" of tax rate is not available in schema, which is applicable on "Leasing of vehicles purchased and leased prior to July 1, 2017".**



**Ans.** This is not relevant/applicable after 30.06.2020

**Q49. In case of Credit Note and Debit Note, is there any validation w.r.t referred invoice number?**

**Ans.** No linkage with invoice is built, in view of the amended provisions of GST.

**Q50. Some HSNs which are otherwise valid are not accepted by e -invoice portal.**

**Ans.** HSN directory is being aligned with GST System, so that it is updated and uniform on all systems, viz. Customs (ICES), GST System, e-way bill system and e-invoice system.

**Q51. Is Invoice number same as Invoice Reference Number (IRN)?**

**Ans.** No. Invoice no. (e.g. ABC/1/2019-20) is assigned by supplier and is internal to business. Its format can differ from business to business and also governed by relevant GST rules.

IRN, on other hand, is a unique reference number (hash) generated and returned by IRP, on successful registration of e-invoice.

**Q52. How a typical IRN looks like?**

**Ans.** IRN is a unique 64-character hash, e.g.

35054cc24d97033afc24f49ec4444dbab81f542c555f9d30359dc75794e06bbe

**Q53. Can IRP reject a submitted invoice?**

**Ans.** On reporting invoice details to IRP,

**Q54. What validations will performed on the portal?**

**Ans.** Yes. IRP can reject an invoice.

IRP will check whether the invoice was already reported and existing in the GST System. (This validation is based on the combination of Supplier's GSTIN-InvoiceNumberTypeOfDocument-Fin.Year, which is also used for generation of IRN). In case the same invoice (document) has already been reported earlier, it will be rejected by IRP.

Certain other key validations will also be performed on portal. In case of failure, registration of invoice won't be successful, IRN won't be generated and invoice will be rejected along with relevant error codes (which give idea about reasons for rejection.)

**Q55. On reporting invoice details, what will be returned by IRP? Will it return signed JSON or PDF or both?**

**Ans.** IRP will return only the signed JSON. No PDF will be returned. On receipt of signed JSON, it is for the respective ERP or Accounting & Billing software system to generate PDF, if needed.

**Q56. What is the indication for the supplier that IRP has registered there ported invoice?**

**Ans.** Upon successful registration of invoice on IRP, it will return a signed e-invoice JSON to the supplier with IRN and QR Code.

**Q57. Can I print an e-invoice?**

**Ans.** Yes. Once the IRP returns the signed JSON, your ERP/Accounting/Billing System it into PDF and printed, if required.

Businesses who don't have their own ERP/Accounting Software, will be downloading and using the free offline utility ('bulk generation tool') to upload invoice data on einvoice portal and obtain signed invoice (in JSON). In this scenario also, there is a facility on e-invoice portal to generate 'human-readable' PDF copy of invoice (for save/ print/e - mail etc.).





**Q58. Do I need to print IRN on the invoice?**

**Ans.** No. It's optional. IRN is anyway embedded in the QR Code which is one of the mandatory particulars on invoice.

**Q59. How will the QR Code be received?**

**Ans.** The QR code is part of signed JSON, returned by the IRP. It is a string (not image), which the ERP/accounting/billing software shall read and convert into QR Code image for placing on the invoice copy.

**Q60. Do I need to print QR Code on the invoice? If so, what shall be its size and location on the invoice copy?**

**Ans.** Yes. The QR code (containing, inter alia, the IRN) which comes as part of signed JSON from IRP, shall be extracted and printed on the invoice. This is one of the mandatory particulars of invoice under Rule 46 of CGST Rules.

However, printing of QR code on separate paper is not allowed.

While the printed QR code shall be clear enough to be readable by a QR Code reader, the size and its placing on invoice is upto the preference of the businesses.

**Q61. Where e-invoicing is applicable for notified persons, when the invoice is generated/printed by the supplier (for issuance to buyer), what are the mandatory contents of such invoice issued/printed?**

**Ans.** The particulars will be as per Rule 46 of CGST Rules, including QR code, with embedded Invoice Reference Number (IRN).

**Q62. While returning IRN, the IRP is also adding its digital signature, "Acknowledgement No." and "Date". Whether these also need to be printed while issuing invoice?**

**Ans.** No. There is no mandate to print these particulars on invoice copy.

Note that the "Acknowledgement No." and "Date" given by IRP are only for reference. Being a 15-digit number, the acknowledgement number will also come handy for printing e-invoice or for generating e-way bill (instead of keying in the 64-character long IRN).

**Q63. If e-invoice is applicable and issued, am I supposed to issue copies of invoice in triplicate/duplicate?**

**Ans.** Where e-invoicing is applicable, there is no need of issuing invoice copies in triplicate/duplicate. This is clearly specified in Rule 48(6).

**Q64. Will it be possible for invoices that are registered on IRP to be downloaded and saved on handheld devices?**

**Ans.** It depends on the ERP/Accounting/Billing Software, providing you the service. The signed JSON can be stored on handheld devices also. However, signed invoice JSON will not be available for download from IRP or GST System. Hence, it is advisable to properly store the signed e-invoice received from IRP.

**Q65. What is the period of retention/storage/archival, in case of e -invoicing?**

**Ans.** As per Rule 56(16) of CGST Rules, "Accounts maintained by the registered person together with all the invoices, bills of supply, credit and debit notes, and delivery challans relating to stocks, deliveries, inward supply and outward supply shall be preserved for the period as provided in section 36..."

The same applies to e-invoicing also.

**Q66. Are there any penal provisions for not issuing invoice in accordance with GST Law/rules?**

**Ans.** The penal provisions are provided in Section 122 of CGST/SGST Act read with CGST Rules.

**Q67. How to verify an invoice is duly reported to IRP?**

**Ans.** One can verify the authenticity or correctness of e-invoice by uploading the signed JSON file or Signed QR Code (string) on e-invoice portal: [einvoice1.gst.gov.in](http://einvoice1.gst.gov.in) > Search > 'Verify Signed Invoice'

Alternatively, with "Verify QR Code" mobile app which may be downloaded from [einvoice1.gst.gov.in](http://einvoice1.gst.gov.in) > Help > Tools > Verify QR Code App

**Q68. What data is embedded in QR Code?**

**Ans.** The QR code will consist of the following key particulars of e-invoice:

- a. GSTIN of Supplier
- b. GSTIN of Recipient
- c. Invoice number, as given by Supplier
- d. Date of generation of invoice
- e. Invoice value (taxable value and gross tax)
- f. Number of line items
- g. HSN Code of main item (line item having highest taxable value)
- h. Unique IRN (Invoice Reference Number/hash)
- i. IRN Generation Date

**Q69. What is dynamic QR Code? Does it has any relevance for B2B e-invoicing?**

**Ans.** Notification No. 14/2020-Central Tax dated 21st March, 2020 (as amended) mandates entities with aggregate turnover > ₹ 500 crores in any preceding financial year from 2017-18 onwards, to include a dynamic Quick Response Code (QR Code) on their B2C invoices. It is also specified that a Dynamic QR code made available to buyer through digital display (with payment cross-reference) shall be deemed to be having QR code.

The Dynamic QR Code has no relevance or applicability to 'e-invoicing', as envisaged under Rule 48(4). The said rule applies to B2B Supplies and exports by notified class of taxpayers.

**Q70. Is it possible to have more than one QR code on an invoice?**

**Ans.** Yes. Apart from the QR code relating to IRN, the supplier is free to place any other QR Code which is required as per business needs or otherwise mandated by any other statutory requirement.

In such cases, the QR Codes need to be marked clearly so that they can be distinguished easily.

**Q71. On generation of IRN, will the IRP send or e-mail the e-invoice to the receiver?**

**Ans.** No. IRP will not do this. Upon receiving signed JSON from the IRP, it is for the supplier to share the e-invoice (along with QR Code etc.) in agreed format to the receiver.

**Q72. How will the supplier send the e-invoice to the receiver?**

**Ans.** A suggested mechanism may be to exchange the PDF of the JSON received from IRP, (including QR code) as the best authenticated version of the e-invoice for business transactions.

However, a mechanism to enable system-to-system exchange of e-invoices through ecosystem partners will be made available in due course.

**Q73. After obtaining signed JSON (along with IRN/QR Code) from e-invoice portal and while issuing invoice copy to the recipient, whether supplier's signature/digital signature is required on invoice?**

**Ans.** The requirement is governed by the provisions of Rule 46 of CGST Rules, 2017.



**Q74. Taxpayers (for whom e-invoicing is compulsory) will be making supplies to small businesses (for whom e-invoicing is not mandatory). How these small businesses will get the invoice from those big suppliers?**

**Ans.** In the same way as it is being done now. For example, the large taxpayers can convert the signed e-invoice JSON into PDF and share the copy by e-mail or send printed copy by post, courier etc.

However, a mechanism to enable system-to-system exchange of e-invoices will be made available in due course.

**Q75. Where e-invoicing is applicable, is carrying e -invoice print during transportation of goods mandatory?**

**Ans.** No. As per Rule 138A(2) of CGST Rules, where e-invoicing is applicable, "the Quick Reference (QR) code having an embedded Invoice Reference Number (IRN) in it, may be produced electronically, for verification by the proper officer, in lieu of the physical copy of such tax invoice."

**Q76. Can I amend details of a reported invoice for which IRN has already been generated?**

**Ans.** Amendments are not possible on IRP. Any changes in the invoice details reported to IRP can be carried out on GST portal (while filing GSTR-1). In case GSTR-1 has already been filed, then using the mechanism of amendment as provided under GST.

However, these changes will be flagged to proper officer for information.

**Q77. Can an IRN/invoice reported to IRP be cancelled?**

**Ans.** Yes. The cancellation request can be triggered through 'Cancel API' within 24 hours from the time of reporting invoice to IRP.

However, if the connected e-way bill is active or verified by officer during transit, cancellation of IRN will not be permitted.

In case of cancellation of IRN, GSTR-1 also will be updated with such 'cancelled' status.

**Q78. Can an invoice number of a cancelled IRN be used again?**

**Ans.** No. Once an IRN is cancelled, the concerned invoice number cannot be used again to generate another e-invoice/IRN (even within the permitted cancellation window). If it is used again, then the same will be rejected when it is uploaded on IRP.

This is because IRN is a unique string based on Supplier's GSTIN, Document Number, Type of Document & Financial Year.

**Q79. Can I partially cancel a reported invoice?**

**Ans.** No. It has to be cancelled in toto. No partial cancellation of reported e-invoice allowed. Cancellation of invoices is governed by Accounting Standards and other applicable rules/regulations.

**Q80. With the introduction of e-invoicing, is e-way bill still compulsory?**

**Ans.** Yes. While transporting goods, wherever the e-way bill is needed, the requirement continues to be mandatory.

**Q81. Will the e-invoice details be pushed to GST System? Will they populate the return?**

**Ans.** Yes. On successful reporting of invoice details to IRP, the invoice data (payload) including IRN, will be saved in GST System. The GST system will auto-populate them into GSTR-1 of the supplier and GSTR-2A of respective receivers. With source marked as 'e-invoice', IRN and IRN date will also be shown in GSTR-1 and GSTR-2A.

**Q82. Whether the e-way bill get auto-generated?**

**Ans.** In case both Part-A and Part-B of e-way bill are provided while reporting invoice details to IRP, they will be used to generate e-way bill.



In case Part-B details are not provided at the time of reporting invoice to IRP, the same will have to be provided by the user through 'e-way bill' tab in IRP log in or e-Way Bill Portal, so as to generate e-way bill.

**E-Invoicing not applicable to:**

1. Special Economic Zone units
2. Insurer or banking company or financial institution including NBFC
3. GTA supplying services in relation to transportation of goods by road in a goods carriage
4. Supplier of passengers transportation service
5. Person supplying services by way of admission to exhibition of cinematograph films in multiplex screens
6. A Government Department and local authority

**(Notification No. 23/2021 CT dated 01-06-2021)**

**Insertion of a new clause (s) in rule 46 (Tax Invoice) (vide Notification No. 14/2022-CT dt. 5th July, 2022):**

A declaration shall be given in the tax invoice, where e-invoice is not required to be issued despite the aggregate turnover being more than the threshold limit applicable for e-invoicing as per below format:

"I/We hereby declare that though our aggregate turnover in any preceding financial year from 2017-18 onwards is more than the aggregate turnover notified under sub-rule (4) rule 48, we are not required to prepare an invoice in terms of the provisions of the said rule".

**Example 2:** There is an SEZ unit and a regular DTA unit under same legal entity (i.e. having same PAN). The aggregate total turnover of the legal entity is more than ₹50 Crores (considering both the GSTINs). However, the turnover of DTA unit is below ₹10 crores for FY 2020-2021. In this scenario, as SEZ unit is exempt from e-invoicing, whether e-invoicing will be applicable to DTA Unit?

**Answer:** Yes, because the aggregate turnover of the legal entity in this case is > ₹50 Crores. The eligibility is based on aggregate annual turnover on the common PAN. W.e.f. 1-4-2021, e-invoice is mandatory to DTA unit.

**Example 3:** Advantages of e-invoice for businesses:

- Answer:**
1. Auto-reporting of invoices into GST return,
  2. auto-generation of e-way bill (where required).
  3. e-invoicing will also facilitate standardisation and inter-operability leading to reduction of disputes among transacting parties,
  4. improve payment cycles,
  5. reduction of processing costs and thereby greatly improving overall business efficiency, etc.,

**Example 4:** How is 'e-invoicing' different from present system?

**Answer:** There is no much difference indeed. Registered persons continue to create their GST invoices on their own Accounting/Billing/ERP systems. These invoices will now be reported to 'Invoice Reference Portal (IRP)'. On reporting, IRP returns the e-invoice with a unique 'Invoice Reference Number (IRN)' after digitally signing the e-invoice and adding a Quick Response Code. Then, the invoice can be issued to the receiver (along with QR Code).

A GST Invoice will be valid only with a valid IRN.

Invoice to be issued by specified registered person, whose aggregate turnover in a preceding financial year exceed ₹50 crore (w.e.f. 1-4-2021), to an unregistered person (B2C invoice), to have Dynamic Quick Response (QR) code.



**National Information Centre (NIC) – GST e-Invoice Preparing and Printing Tool (GePP):**

This is an excel based Tool to assist the taxpayers, who are not having the ERP solution, to enter invoice in a user friendly form and print the e-invoice with QR code, after downloading the IRN from e-invoice portal.

**Salient Features of the Tool:**

1. Simple form for entering the invoices one by one
2. Creation of Supplier profile
3. Creation of Recipient master
4. Creation of HSN masters
5. Preparation of e-Invoice JSON file
6. Generation of IRN
7. Downloading and Importing of QR code in the tool
8. Printing of e-invoice from the tool

**Benefits:**

- Assists the taxpayers to prepare and print the e-invoice with QR code.
- Facilitate exchange of the data with the e-invoice system as per the interface format.
- Suitable for taxpayers not having the ERP system or issuing 10-12 invoices (B2B and Export) per day.

Presently the GePP tool is available under <https://einvoice1.gov.in>

**Note:** use a separate instance of the GePP tool for each GSTIN.

**HSN Code related changes:**

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs vide Notification No.78/2020-Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020 and Notification No.06/2020-Integrated Tax dated 15th October, 2020 has amended Notification No.12/2017-Central Tax dated 28th July, 2017 and Notification No.5/2017-Integrated Tax dated 28th July, 2017 relating to HSN Code.

The revised requirement for mentioning HSN code, with effect from 1st day of April, 2021, shall be as follows: -

Serial Number	Aggregate Turnover in the preceding Financial Year	Number of Digits of Harmonised System of Nomenclature Code (HSN Code)
1.	Up to rupees five crores	4
2.	more than rupees five crores	6

Provided that a registered person having aggregate turnover up to five crores rupees in the previous financial year may not mention the number of digits of HSN Code, as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table in a tax invoice issued by him under the said rules in respect of supplies made to unregistered persons.

**Amendments in Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017:**

The Central Government vide Notification No.79/2020-Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020 has made the following amendments in the Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017 :-

Rule	Amendments
Rule 46: (Tax Invoice)	Substitution of First Proviso "Provided that the Board may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify- i. the number of digits of Harmonised System of Nomenclature code for goods or services that a class of registered persons shall be required to mention; or



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ii. a class of supply of goods or services for which specified number of digits of Harmonised System of Nomenclature code shall be required to be mentioned by all registered taxpayers; and</li><li>iii. the class of registered persons that would not be required to mention the Harmonised System of Nomenclature code for goods or services".</li></ul> |
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#### **As per Finance Act, 2020, under Section 31(2) of CGST Act, 2017**

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification,—

- (a) specify the categories of services or supplies in respect of which a tax invoice shall be issued, within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed;
- (b) subject to the condition mentioned therein, specify the categories of services in respect of which—
  - (i) any other document issued in relation to the supply shall be deemed to be a tax invoice; or
  - (ii) tax invoice may not be issued.

The proviso to Section 31(2) of the CGST Act has been amended to widen the powers to the Central Government to notify the categories of services in respect of which a tax invoice shall be issued within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed.

Thus, the Central Government can now even prescribe a different time limit for issuance of tax invoices for such categories of services as may be notified.

#### **Advance Payment:**

Section 31(3)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017 a registered person shall, on receipt of advance payment with respect to any supply of goods or services or both, issue a receipt voucher or any other document, containing such particulars as may be prescribed, evidencing receipt of such payment;

#### **Contents of tax invoice:**

[Subject to rule 54 (i.e. other than input service Distributor, Banking or NBFC and so on) Section 31 read with Rule 46 of the CGST Rules, 2017]

There is no format prescribed for an invoice, however, Invoice rules makes it mandatory for an invoice to have the following fields (only applicable field are to be filled):

- (a) Name, address and GSTIN of the supplier
- (b) A consecutive serial number, in one or multiple series, containing alphabets or numerals or special characters like hyphen or dash and slash symbolised as "-" and "/" respectively, and any combination thereof, unique for a financial year
- (c) Date of its issue
- (d) Name, address and GSTIN or UIN, if registered, of the recipient.
- (e) Name and address of the recipient and the address of delivery, along with the name of State and its code, if such recipient is un-registered and where the value of taxable supply is fifty thousand rupees or more

#### **Unique Identity Number (UIN):**

The GST Act states that any specialised agency of the United Nations Organisation or any Multilateral Financial Institution and Organisation notified under the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947, Consulate or Embassy of foreign countries and any other persons notified by the Commissioner can be granted a GST Unique Identity Number. GST Unique Identity Number can be used for the purposes of claiming GST refund on notified supplies of goods or services and other purposes as notified by the GST authorities.



- (f) HSN code of goods or Accounting Code of Services
- (g) Description of goods or services
- (h) Quantity in case of goods and unit or Unique Quantity Code there of
- (i) Total value of supply of goods or services or both
- (j) Taxable value of supply of goods or services or both, taking into account the discount or abatement, if any
- (k) Rate of tax (Central tax, State tax, Integrated tax, union territory tax or cess)
- (l) Amount of tax charged in respect of taxable goods or services (Central tax, State tax, Integrated tax, union territory tax or cess)
- (m) Place of supply along with the name of State, in case of a supply in the course of inter-State trade or commerce
- (n) Address of delivery where the same is different from the place of supply
- (o) Whether the tax is payable on reverse charge basis
- (p) Signature or digital signature of the supplier or his authorized representative

### **Bill of Supply [Section 31(3)(c) of the CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 49 of the CGST Rules 2017]:**

A bill of supply is similar to a GST invoice except that bill of supply does not contain any tax amount as the seller cannot charge GST to the buyer.

A bill of supply is issued in cases where tax cannot be charged:

- Registered person is selling exempted goods/services,
- Registered person has opted for composition scheme

Invoice-cum-bill of supply

**As per Notification No. 45/2017 – Central Tax dated 13th October 2017**

If a registered person is supplying taxable as well as exempted goods/services to an unregistered person, then he can issue a single "invoice-cum-bill of supply" for all such supplies.

### **Contents of Bill of supply:**

A bill of supply shall be issued by the supplier containing the following details:

- (a) Name, address and GSTIN of the supplier
- (b) A consecutive serial number, in one or multiple series, containing alphabets or numerals or special characters like hyphen or dash and slash symbolised as "-" and "/" respectively, and any combination there of, unique for a financial year
- (c) Date of its issue
- (d) Name, address and GSTIN or UIN, if registered, of the recipient
- (e) HSN Code of goods or Accounting Code for Services
- (f) Description of goods or services or both
- (g) Value of supply of goods or services or both taking into account discount or abatement, if any
- (h) Signature or digital signature of the supplier or his authorized representative

### **Manner of issuing invoice [Rule 48 of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

- (1) The invoice shall be prepared in triplicate, in the case of supply of goods, in the following manner, namely,- by marking on face of the invoice

- (a) ORIGINAL FOR RECIPIENT;



- (b) DUPLICATE FOR TRANSPORTER; and
  - (c) TRIPLICATE FOR SUPPLIER.
- (2) The invoice shall be prepared in duplicate, in the case of the supply of services, in the following manner, namely,-
- (a) ORIGINAL FOR RECIPIENT; and
  - (b) DUPLICATE FOR SUPPLIER.
- (3) The serial number of invoices issued during a tax period shall be furnished electronically through the common portal in FORM GSTR-1.

**w.e.f. 1-2-2019**, Provided that the signature or digital signature of the supplier or his authorised representative shall not be required in the case of issuance of ticket in accordance with the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000).

Vide Notification No. 74/2018 CT dated 31.12.2018:

**Revised Invoice [Section 31(3)(a) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

A registered person may, within one month from the date of issuance of certificate of registration and in such manner as prescribed in the Invoice Rules, issue a revised invoice against the invoice already issued during the period beginning with the effective date of registration till the date of issuance of certificate of registration to him.

This provision is necessary, as a person who becomes liable for registration has to apply for registration within 30 days of becoming liable for registration. When such an application is made within the time period and registration is granted, the effective date of registration is the date on which the person became liable for registration. Thus there would be a time lag between the date of grant of certificate of registration and the effective date of registration.

For supplies made by such person during this intervening period, the law enables the issuance of a revised invoice, so that ITC can be availed by the recipient on such supplies.

**Receipt Voucher on receipt of advance payment [section 31(3)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

Whenever a registered person receives an advance payment with respect to any supply of goods or services or both, he has to issue a receipt voucher or any other document, containing such particulars as per Rule 50 of the CGST Rules, 2017 evidencing the receipt of such payment.

Proviso to Rule 50 of the CGST Rules, 2017, if at the time of receipt of advance,

- (i) the rate of tax is not determinable, the tax may be paid @18%;
- (ii) The nature of supply is not determinable, the same shall be treated as inter-State supply.

**Refund Voucher [section 31(3)(e) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

Where any such receipt voucher is issued, but subsequently no supply is made and no tax invoice is issued, the registered person who has received the advance payment can issue a refund voucher against such payment as per Rule 51 of the CGST Rules, 2017.

**Invoice and payment voucher by a person liable to pay tax under reverse charge [Section 31(3)(f)&(g) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

A registered person liable to pay tax under reverse charge (both for supplies on which the tax is payable under reverse charge mechanism and "supplies received from unregistered persons suspended till 31st March 2018") has to issue an invoice in respect of goods or service or both received by him. Such a registered person in respect of such supplies also has to issue a payment voucher at the time of making payment to the supplier.





**Continuous supply of goods:**

Section 31(4) of the CGST Act, 2017: In case of continuous supply of goods, where successive statements of accounts or successive payments are involved, the invoice shall be issued before or at the time each such statement is issued or, as the case may be, each such payment is received.

Section 31(5) of the CGST Act, 2017: Subject to the provisions of clause (d) of sub-section (3), in case of continuous supply of services,—

- (a) where the due date of payment is ascertainable from the contract, the invoice shall be issued on or before the due date of payment;
- (b) where the due date of payment is not ascertainable from the contract, the invoice shall be issued before or at the time when the supplier of service receives the payment;
- (c) where the payment is linked to the completion of an event, the invoice shall be issued on or before the date of completion of that event.

**Supply of services ceases under a contract before the completion of the supply:**

Section 31(6) of the CGST Act, 2017: In a case where the supply of services ceases under a contract before the completion of the supply, the invoice shall be issued at the time when the supply ceases and such invoice shall be issued to the extent of the supply made before such cessation.

**Goods being sent or taken on approval for sale or return:**

Section 31(7) of the CGST Act, 2017: Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where the goods being sent or taken on approval for sale or return are removed before the supply takes place, the invoice shall be issued before or at the time of supply or six months from the date of removal, whichever is earlier.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this section, the expression “tax invoice” shall include any revised invoice issued by the supplier in respect of a supply made earlier.

**Clarification on issues wherein the goods are moved within the State or from the State of registration to another State for supply on approval basis [Circular No. 10/10/2017-GST, dated 18.10.2017]:**

For this purpose, the person carrying the goods for such supply can carry the invoice book with him so that he can issue the invoice once the supply is fructified.

It is further clarified that all such supplies, where the supplier carries goods from one State to another and supplies them in a different State, will be inter-state supplies and attract integrated tax in terms of section 5 of the IGST Act.

It is also clarified that this clarification would be applicable to all goods supplied under similar situations.

Goods sent/taken out of India for exhibition or on consignment basis for export promotion

(CBIC Circular No. 108/27/2019-GST dated 18th July 2019):

- Exporter shall maintain a record of such goods.
- Supply treated as sale on approval basis.
- a delivery challan to be issued.
- it is not a zero-rated supply. Hence, no need to execute Bond/LUT.
- Not a supply if the goods are returned ≤6months from the date of removal.
- Goods are sold ≤6months from the date of removal, then it is supply. Shall issue tax invoice

**Refund:** It is further clarified that refund claim cannot be preferred under rule 96 of CGST Rules as supply is taking place at a time after the goods have already been sent / taken out of India earlier.



However, supplier can claim refund under Sec 54(3) of the CGST Act, 2017

**Tax Invoice – Goods being sent or taken out of India on approval for sale or return time limit which falls from 20-3-2020 to 30-10-2020 for issue of Tax Invoice extended upto 31-10-2020 (NT No. 66/2020 CT. dated 21-8-2020).**

#### **Facility of Electronic payment to recipient w.e.f. 1-8-2019**

As per section 31A of the CGST Act, 2017, The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, prescribe a class of registered persons who shall provide prescribed modes of electronic payment to the recipient of supply of goods or services or both made by him and give option to such recipient to make payment accordingly, in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions, as may be prescribed."

#### **Electronic ticket w.e.f. 1-9-2019**

A registered person supplying services by way of admission to exhibition of cinematograph films in multiplex screens shall be required to issue an electronic ticket and the said electronic ticket shall be deemed to be a tax invoice for all purposes of the Act, even if such ticket does not contain the details of the recipient of service but contains the other information as mentioned under rule 46:

Provided that the supplier of such service in a screen other than multiplex screens may, at his option, follow the above procedure (vide NT 33/2019-Central Tax, dated 18-7-2019)

## **9.2 CREDIT AND DEBIT NOTES**

### **Credit and Debit Notes (Section 34 of the CGST Act, 2017):**

**Credit note (Sec 34(1)&(2) of CGST Act):** In cases where (w.e.f. 1-2-2019, one or more tax invoices) have been issued for a supply and subsequently it is found that the value or tax charged in that invoice is more than what is actually payable/chargeable or where the recipient has returned the goods, the supplier can issue a credit note to the recipient.

A registered person who issues such a credit note has to declare details of such credit note in the return for the month during which such credit note has been issued but not later than

- 30th November following the end of the financial year in which such supply was made
- or
- the date of furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.

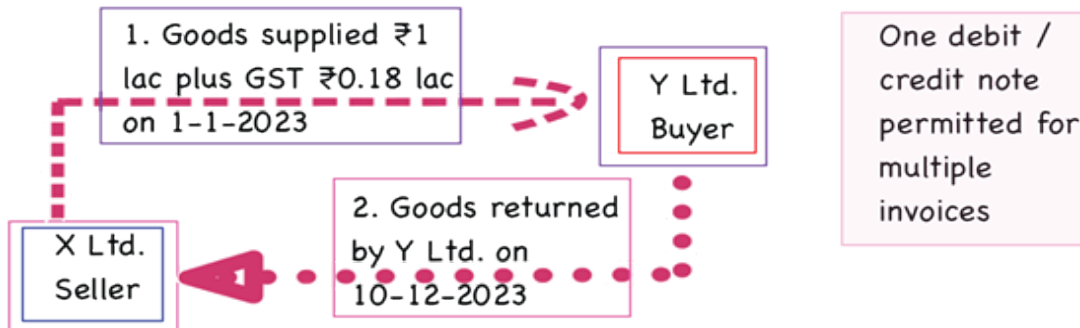
The tax liability of the registered person will be adjusted in accordance with the credit note issued, however no reduction in output tax liability of the supplier shall be permitted, if the incidence of tax and interest on such supply has been passed on to any other person.

**Note:** Credit note/Debit Note delinked from Invoice, while reporting them in Form GSTR-1/GSTR-6 of filing refund – One credit/debit note permitted for multiple invoices.

**Note:** The above mentioned Section has been amended vide CGST Amendment Act, 2018, wherein A Dealer may Issue One Credit note for multiple Invoices.

However, the main objective to amend 34(1) of the CGST Act, is to ease the procedural matter which was causing great hardship to dealers where specific Credit notes were required to be made for each invoice.

■ **Credit and Debit Notes (Sec 34 of the CGST Act, 2017) w.e.f. 01-10-2022:**



Credit note should be issued by X Ltd., to Y Ltd., on or before 30th November 2024 or date of furnishing of the annual return for 2023-24 whichever is earlier.

Debit note should be issued by Y Ltd., to X Ltd., on or before 30th November 2024 or date of furnishing of the annual return for 2023-24 whichever is earlier.

As per the amended provision, date of debit note and date of underlying invoice have been delinked. Thus, debit note in respect of an invoice can be raised even after 30th November following end of financial year to which the invoice pertains.

**Debit note (Sec 34(3)&(4)) of CGST Act:** In cases where (w.e.f. 1-2-2019, one or more tax invoices) have been issued for a supply and subsequently it is found that the value or tax charged in that invoice is less than what is actually payable/chargeable, the supplier can issue a debit note to the recipient. Any registered person who issues a debit note in relation to a supply of goods or services or both, shall declare the details of such debit note in the return for the month during which such debit note has been issued and the tax liability shall be adjusted in such manner as may be prescribed.

**Amendment:**

The following paragraph was inserted vide CGST Amendment Act, 2018 to amend Sec 34(1) and Sec 34(3) of CGST Act, 2017:

Where one or more tax invoices have been issued for supply of any goods or services or both and the taxable value or tax charged in that tax invoice is found to be less than the taxable value or tax payable in respect of such supply, the registered person, who has supplied such goods or services or both, shall issue to the recipient one or more debit notes for supplies made in a financial year containing such particulars as may be prescribed.

A Dealer may Issue One Credit note for multiple Invoices. A change has to be made in the GST Portal also. It may be noted here that this is a procedural matter which was causing great hardship to dealers where specific Credit notes were required to be made for each invoice. However a practice was followed by the dealers to tag the last invoice only with the credit note in addition to providing an annexure of all invoices linked thereto in the hard copy. Such procedure followed for removal of difficulties till date should also be considered leniently by the field officers.



Note: Credit note/Debit Note delinked from Invoice, while reporting them in Form GSTR-1/GSTR-6 of filing refund – One credit/debit note permitted for multiple invoices.

Contents of a revised tax invoice and credit or debit note:

- (a) The word "Revised Invoice", wherever applicable, indicated prominently
- (b) Name, address and GSTIN of the supplier
- (c) Nature of the document (omitted w.e.f. 1-2-2019)
- (d) A consecutive serial number containing alphabets or numerals or special characters like hyphen or dash and slash symbolised as "-" and "/" respectively, and any combination thereof, unique for a financial year
- (e) Date of issue of the document
- (f) Name, address and GSTIN or UIN, if registered, of the recipient
- (g) Name and address of the recipient and the address of delivery, along with the name of State and its code, if such recipient is un-registered
- (h) Serial number and date of the corresponding tax invoice or, as the case may be, bill of supply
- (i) Value of taxable supply of goods or services, rate of tax and the amount of the tax credited or, as the case may be, debited to the recipient.
- (j) Signature or digital signature of the supplier or his authorized representative.

**As per Notification No. 39/2018 – Central Tax, dt 04.09.2018** – It amends Rule 36(2) of the CGST Rules, 2017 which further clarifies that even if all specified particulars stipulated by Invoice rules is not satisfied, yet the invoice contains the amount of tax charged, description of supplies, total value of supply, GSTIN of the supplier & recipient and place of supply in case of inter-state supply, then the ITC can be availed by registered taxpayers. This is a very important amendment and hence ITC cannot be denied due to certain clerical mistakes in the invoice by the supplier.

**As per Notification No. 39/2018 – Central Tax, dt 04.09.2018** – With regards to transport of goods without the tax invoice as laid down in Rule 55, the same procedure of transport of goods through delivery challans as applicable on Transportation of goods in a semi knocked down or completely knocked down condition, shall also apply to the transportation of goods in batches or lots, i.e. –

- (a) the supplier shall issue the complete invoice before dispatch of the first consignment;
- (b) the supplier shall issue a delivery challan for each of the subsequent consignments, giving reference of the invoice;
- (c) each consignment shall be accompanied by copies of the corresponding delivery challan along with a duly certified copy of the invoice; and
- (d) the original copy of the invoice shall be sent along with the last consignment.

**As per Circular No. 64/38/2018-GST dt 14.09.2018** – Modification of the procedure for interception of conveyances for inspection of goods in movement, and detention, release and confiscation of such goods and conveyances, as clarified in Circular Nos. 41/15/2018-GST dated 13.04.2018 and 49/23/2018-GST dated 21.06.2018

The GST Council clarifies issues regarding the procedure for interception of conveyances for inspection of goods in movement, and detention, release and confiscation of such goods and conveyances.

It has been clarified that if a consignment of goods is accompanied with an invoice or any other specified document and an e-way bill then the proceedings may not be initiated in the following situations :

1. Spelling mistakes in the name of the consignor or the consignee but the GSTIN, whichever is applicable, is correct.
2. Error in the address of the consignee to the extent that the locality and other details of the consignee are correct.



3. Error in one or two digits of the document number mentioned in the e-way bill.
4. Error in one or two digits of the vehicle number.
5. Error in 4 or 6 digit level of HSN where the first 2 digits of HSN are correct and the rate of tax mentioned is correct.
6. Error in the pin-code but the address of the consignor and the consignee mentioned is correct, subject to the condition that the error in the PIN code should not have the effect of increasing the validity period of the e-way bill A penalty of ₹ 1000 under IGST act will be levied in Form GST DRC -07 for every consignment which is incomplete or erroneous in above terms. Also, a record of all these consignments will have to be sent to the proper officer to his controlling officer on a weekly basis.

**w.e.f. 1st February 2019**, The Central Government vide Notification No. 03/2019-CT, dated 29th January, 2019 has amended CGST Rules, 2017 details of which are explained below:

	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Omission in Rule 53 (1)</b> [Revised tax invoice and credit or debit notes]	A revised tax invoice referred to in section 31 shall contain the following particulars:  One of the specified particular of revised invoice:	Consequential changes in relation to enabling provision inserted note vide Rule 53(1) A for issuance of consolidated credit/ debit note for multiple invoices issued
<b>Insertion of rule 53 (1A)</b>	A credit or debit note referred to in section 34 shall contain the following particulars, namely:-name, address and GSTIN of the supplier, nature of document, serial number, date of issue of the document, value of taxable supply of goods or services, rate of tax and the amount of the tax credited; signature or digital signature of the supplier etc.	Problem of industry has been considered through this amendment as in many industries one credit note is required to be issued for multiple invoices which was earlier not provided in the law.

# Study Note - 10

## ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS UNDER GST



### This Study Note includes

#### 10.1 Accounts and Records

#### 10.2 Compulsorily Audit

#### 10.3 Period for Retention of Accounts

### 10.1 ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

Every registered person is required to self-assess the taxes payable and furnish a return for each tax period (i.e. the period for which return is required to be filed).

The compliance verification is done by the department through scrutiny of returns, audit and/or investigation. Thus the compliance verification is to be done through documentary checks rather than physical controls. This requires certain obligations to be cast on the taxpayer for keeping and maintaining accounts and records.

#### As per Section 35(1) of the CGST Act, 2017:

Every registered person is required to maintain a true and correct account of the following:

- (a) Production or manufacture of goods
- (b) Inward and outward supply of goods or services, or both
- (c) Stock of goods
- (d) Input tax credit availed
- (e) Output tax payable and paid
- (f) Any other particulars deemed necessary

The above records must be maintained at each place of business registered under GST.

In addition, the rules (i.e. Rule 56(1) of the CGST Rules, 2017) also provide that the registered person shall keep and maintain records of-

- (a) goods or services imported or exported or
- (b) supplies attracting payment of tax on reverse charge along with the relevant documents, including invoices, bills of supply, delivery challans, credit notes, debit notes, receipt vouchers, payment vouchers, refund vouchers and e-way bills

Rule 56(2) of the CGST Rules, 2017 every registered person, other than a person paying tax under section 10, shall maintain the accounts of stock in respect of goods received and supplied by him, and such accounts shall contain particulars of the

- opening balance,
- receipt,
- supply,



- goods lost, stolen, destroyed,
- written off or disposed of by way of gift or
- free sample and
- the balance of stock including raw materials, finished goods, scrap and wastage thereof.

It means the above records not required to be maintained by a supplier opting for composition levy.

Rule 56(3) of the CGST Rules, 2017 every registered person shall keep and maintain a separate account of advances received, paid and adjustments made thereto.

Rule 56(4) of the CGST Rules, 2017 every registered person, other than a person paying tax under section 10, shall keep and maintain an account, containing the details of tax payable (including tax payable in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (3) and sub-section (4) of section 9), tax collected and paid, input tax, input tax credit claimed, together with a register of tax invoice, credit notes, debit notes, delivery challan issued or received during any tax period.

It means the above records not required to be maintained by a supplier opting for composition levy.

Rule 56(5) of the CGST Rules, 2017 every registered person shall keep the particulars of -

- (a) names and complete addresses of suppliers from whom he has received the goods or services chargeable to tax under the Act;
- (b) names and complete addresses of the persons to whom he has supplied goods or services, where required under the provisions of this Chapter;
- (c) the complete address of the premises where goods are stored by him, including goods stored during transit along with the particulars of the stock stored therein.

Rule 56(6) of the CGST Rules, 2017 if any taxable goods are found to be stored at any place(s) other than those declared under sub-rule (5) without the cover of any valid documents, the proper officer shall determine the amount of tax payable on such goods as if such goods have been supplied by the registered person.

Rule 56(7) of the CGST Rules, 2017 every registered person shall keep the books of account at the principal place of business and books of account relating to additional place of business mentioned in his certificate of registration and such books of account shall include any electronic form of data stored on any electronic device.

Rule 56(8) of the CGST Rules, 2017 any entry in registers, accounts and documents shall not be erased, effaced or overwritten, and all incorrect entries, otherwise than those of clerical nature, shall be scored out under attestation and thereafter, the correct entry shall be recorded and where the registers and other documents are maintained electronically, a log of every entry edited or deleted shall be maintained.

Rule 56(9) of the CGST Rules, 2017 each volume of books of account maintained manually by the registered person shall be serially numbered.

Rule 56(10) of the CGST Rules, 2017 unless proved otherwise, if any documents, registers, or any books of account belonging to a registered person are found at any premises other than those mentioned in the certificate of registration, they shall be presumed to be maintained by the said registered person.

Rule 56(11) of the CGST Rules, 2017 every agent referred to in clause (5) of section 2 shall maintain accounts depicting the,-

- (a) particulars of authorisation received by him from each principal to receive or supply goods or services on behalf of such principal separately;
- (b) particulars including description, value and quantity (wherever applicable) of goods or services received on behalf of every principal;

- (c) particulars including description, value and quantity (wherever applicable) of goods or services supplied on behalf of every principal;
- (d) details of accounts furnished to every principal; and
- (e) tax paid on receipts or on supply of goods or services effected on behalf of every principal.

Rule 56(12) of the CGST Rules, 2017 every registered person manufacturing goods shall maintain monthly production accounts showing quantitative details of raw materials or services used in the manufacture and quantitative details of the goods so manufactured including the waste and by products thereof.

Rule 56(13) of the CGST Rules, 2017 every registered person supplying services shall maintain the accounts showing quantitative details of goods used in the provision of services, details of input services utilised and the services supplied.

Rule 56(14) of the CGST Rules, 2017 every registered person executing works contract shall keep separate accounts for works contract showing –

- (a) the names and addresses of the persons on whose behalf the works contract is executed;
- (b) description, value and quantity (wherever applicable) of goods or services received for the execution of works contract;
- (c) description, value and quantity (wherever applicable) of goods or services utilized in the execution of works contract;
- (d) the details of payment received in respect of each works contract; and
- (e) the names and addresses of suppliers from whom he received goods or services.

Rule 56(15) of the CGST Rules, 2017 the records under the provisions of this Chapter may be maintained in electronic form and the record so maintained shall be authenticated by means of a digital signature.

Rule 56(16) of the CGST Rules, 2017 accounts maintained by the registered person together with all the invoices, bills of supply, credit and debit notes, and delivery challans relating to stocks, deliveries, inward supply and outward supply shall be preserved for the period as provided in section 36 and shall, where such accounts and documents are maintained manually, be kept at every related place of business mentioned in the certificate of registration and shall be accessible at every related place of business where such accounts and documents are maintained digitally.

Rule 56(17) of the CGST Rules, 2017 any person having custody over the goods in the capacity of a carrier or a clearing and forwarding agent for delivery or dispatch thereof to a recipient on behalf of any registered person shall maintain true and correct records in respect of such goods handled by him on behalf of such registered person and shall produce the details thereof as and when required by the proper officer.

56(18) Every registered person shall, on demand, produce the books of accounts which he is required to maintain under any law for the time being in force.

**As per Notification No. 28/2018 – Central Tax, dt 19.6.2018** - Sub-rule (1A) has been inserted in rule 58 (Records to be maintained by owner or operator of godown or warehouse and transporters) so that a transporter who is registered in more than one state/union territory having the same PAN can apply for an unique common enrolment number by submitting the details in FORM GST ENR-02 using any one of his GSTINs. However, once he has received this Enrollment No., he cannot use any GSTIN for the purposes of any liability.

**As per Circular No. 61/35/2018-GST dt 04.09.2018 - Clarification on E-way bill in case of storing of goods in godown of transporter**

The GST Council clarifies issue regarding the textile sector and problems being faced by weavers & artisans regarding storage of their goods in the warehouse of the transporter. It clarify that in case the consignee/ recipient taxpayer stores his goods in the godown of the transporter, then the transporter's godown has to be





declared as an additional place of business by the recipient taxpayer. In such cases, mere declaration by the recipient taxpayer to this effect with the concurrence of the transporter in the said declaration will suffice. Where the transporter's godown has been declared as the additional place of business by the recipient taxpayer, the transportation under the e-way bill shall be deemed to be concluded once the goods have reached the transporter's godown (recipient taxpayer's additional place of business). Hence, e-way bill validity in such cases will not be required to be extended. Further, whenever the goods are transported from the transporters' godown, which has been declared as the additional place of business of the recipient taxpayer, to any other premises of the recipient taxpayer then, the relevant provisions of the e-way bill rules shall apply. Hence, whenever the goods move from the transporter's godown (i.e., recipient taxpayer's additional place of business) to the recipient taxpayer's any other place of business, a valid e-way bill shall be required, as per the extant State-specific e-way bill rules.

### Synopsis.

1. Place of business now also includes a warehouse, a godown, or any other place where a taxable person stores in goods, supplies or receives goods or services or both.
2. In case, the goods have reached the transporter's godown i.e. additional place of business then the transportation under the e-way bill will be deemed to be concluded. There will be no need of an extension of e-way bill's validity.
3. The recipient will be required to maintain books of accounts in relation to the goods stored at the godown of the transporters.

## 10.2 COMPULSORILY AUDIT

### **W.e.f. 01-08-2021 section 35(5) of CGST Act, 2017 has been omitted:-**

Accordingly every registered person, other than an input service distributor, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person shall furnish an annual return which may include a self-certified reconciliation statement, reconciling the value of supplies declared in the return furnished for the financial year, with the audited annual financial statement for every financial year electronically, within such time and in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed.

### **Compulsorily Audit [Section 35(5) of the CGST Act, 2017 read with rule 80(3) of the CGST Rules, 2017]:**

Every registered person whose turnover during a financial year exceeds the prescribed limit shall get his accounts audited by a Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant.

As per Rule 80 (3) of the CGST Rules, 2017 every registered person whose aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds **two crore** rupees shall get his accounts audited as specified under sub-section (5) of section 35 and he shall furnish a copy of audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, duly certified, in **FORM GSTR-9C**, electronically through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

**Note:** Any department of the Central or State Government / local authority which is subject to audit by CAG need not get their books of account audited by a CA/ CMA. – CGST (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018.

**As per Notification No. 49/2018 – Central Tax**, dt 13.09.2018 - In terms of Rule 80(3) of CGST Rules, every registered person whose aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds two crore rupees shall get his accounts audited as specified under sub-section (5) of section 35 and he shall furnish a copy of audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, duly certified, in FORM GSTR-9C, electronically through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.



**w.e.f. 1st February 2019**, The Central Government vide Notification No. 03/2019-CT, dated 29th January 2019 has amended CGST Rules, 2017 details of which are explained below:

	Revised	Comment
<b>Rule 80 (3)</b> [Annual Return]	Every registered person <b>other than those referred to in the proviso to sub-section (5) of section 35</b> , whose aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds two crore rupees shall get his accounts audited as specified under sub-section (5) of section 35 and he shall furnish a copy of audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, duly certified, in FORM GSTR- 9C, electronically through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.	Consequential changes provided in rule that audit provisions shall NOT apply to any department of the Central Government or a State Government or a local authority, whose books of account are subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor- General of India or an auditor appointed for auditing the accounts of local authorities under any law for the time being in force.

Notf no. 16/2020-CT, dated 23.03.2020: Provided that every registered person whose aggregate turnover during the financial year 2018-2019 exceeds five crore rupees shall get his accounts audited as specified under sub-section (5) of section 35 and he shall furnish a copy of audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, duly certified, in FORM GSTR-9C for the financial year 2018-2019, electronically through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

Rule 80(3) of CGST Rules, 2017 (vide Notification No.79/2020-Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020):

"Provided that for the financial year 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, every registered person whose aggregate turnover exceeds five crore rupees shall get his accounts audited as specified under sub-section (5) of section 35 and he shall furnish a copy of audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, duly certified, in FORM GSTR-9C for the said financial year, electronically through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner."

### 10.3 PERIOD FOR RETENTION OF ACCOUNTS

#### Period for Retention of Accounts under GST (Section 36 of the CGST Act, 2017)

As per section 36 of the CGST Act, 2017 every registered taxable person must maintain the accounts books and records for at least 72 months (**6 years**) from the due date of furnishing of annual return for the year pertaining to such accounts and records. The period will be counted from the last date of filing of Annual Return for that year.

The last date of filing the Annual return is 31st December of the following year.

#### Example: 1

**For the year 2021-22, the due date of filing the annual return is 31.12.2022. The books & records of 2021-22 must be maintained for 6 years, i.e., 31.12.2028.**

**If the taxpayer is a part of any proceedings before any authority (First Appellate) or is under investigation then he must maintain the books for 1 year after the order of such proceedings/appeal has been passed.**

Clarification of certain issues Under GST Law Regarding Accounts And Records to be maintained by Principal And auctioneer in case of auction of tea, coffee, rubber etc.



The above mentioned issue is clarified vide **Circular No. 47/21/2018-GST dated 08.06.2018:**

**The clarification on the same are as below:**

Books of accounts will be maintained at the principal place of business and additional place(s) of business as follow-

- The principal and the auctioneer may declare the warehouses, where such goods are stored, as their additional place of business.
- The buyer is also required to disclose such warehouse as his additional place of business if he wants to store the goods purchased through auction in such warehouses.

(For the purpose of supply of tea through a private treaty, the principal and an auctioneer may also comply with the said provisions) The principal and the auctioneer are required to maintain the books of accounts relating to each and every place of business in that place it.

However, in case of any difficulty, they may maintain the books of accounts relating to the additional place(s) of business at their principal place of business. (Principal and the auctioneer are required to intimate their jurisdictional officer in writing about the same.)

Principal and the auctioneer shall be eligible to avail input tax credit subject to the fulfillment of other provisions of the CGST Act read with the rules made there under.

**Unique Common Enrolment Number (Notification No. 28/2018-CT, dated 19-6-2018):**

As per Rule 58(1A) of CGST Rules, 2017 (i.e. records to be maintained by transporters) a transporter who is registered in more than one State or Union Territory having the same PAN, he may apply for a unique common enrolment number by submitting the details in FORM GST ENR-02 using any one his GSTIN's, and upon validation of the details furnished, a unique common enrolment number shall be generated and communicated to the said transporter:

Provided that where the said transporter has obtained a unique common enrolment number, he shall not be eligible to use any of the GSTIN's for the purpose of tax invoice, credit note and debit notes.

# Study Note - 11

## PAYMENT OF TAX



### This Study Note includes

11.1 Computation of Tax Liability and Payment of Tax

11.2 Interest on Delayed Payment of Tax

11.3 Refund of Tax

### 11.1 COMPUTATION OF TAX LIABILITY AND PAYMENT OF TAX

Payments to be made:

Under GST, the tax to be paid is mainly divided into 3 heads – IGST, CGST and SGST. A registered person is required to make GST payment –

- A Registered dealer is required to make GST payment if GST liability exists.
- Registered dealer required to pay tax under Reverse Charge Mechanism(RCM).
- E-commerce operator is required to collect and pay TCS
- Dealers required deducting TDS

The amount of tax, interest, penalty etc. payable by the person is required to be paid either by utilizing balance available in electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger. The amount utilized for payment from the balance in electronic credit or cash ledger will be shown in GST PMT-1.

#### **Payment of tax, interest, penalty and other amounts [Section 49 of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

**Section 49(1)** of the CGST Act, 2017 every deposit made towards tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount by a person by internet banking or by using credit or debit cards or National Electronic Fund Transfer or Real Time Gross Settlement or by such other mode and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, shall be credited to the electronic cash ledger of such person to be maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.

**Section 49(2)** of the CGST Act, 2017 the input tax credit as self-assessed in the return of a registered person shall be credited to his electronic credit ledger, in accordance with section 41, to be maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.



**ELECTRONIC LEDGERS IN GST:**

There are three types of Ledgers maintained to discharge tax liability under CGST Act,2017 which are as follows:

S. No.	Ledger name	Amount to be credited	Amount Utilization
(1)	Electronic Cash Ledger	<p>Every deposit made towards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tax,</li> <li>• interest,</li> <li>• penalty,</li> <li>• fee or any other amount</li> </ul> <p>by a person by internet banking or by using credit or debit cards or National Electronic Fund Transfer or Real Time Gross Settlement or by such other mode and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, <b>shall be credited to the electronic cash ledger of such person</b> to be maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.</p>	<p>As per Section 49(3) of the CGST Act, 2017:</p> <p>The amount available in the electronic cash ledger may be used for making any payment towards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tax,</li> <li>• interest,</li> <li>• penalty,</li> <li>• fees or any other amount</li> </ul> <p>payable under the provisions of this Act or the rules made there under in such manner and subject to such conditions and within such time as may be prescribed.</p>
(2)	Electronic Credit Ledger	<p>The input tax credit as self-assessed in the return of a registered person shall be credited to his electronic credit ledger, in accordance with section 41, to be maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.</p>	<p>As per Section 49(4) of the CGST Act, 2017:</p> <p>The amount available in the electronic credit ledger may be used for making any payment towards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• output tax under this Act or</li> <li>• under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act</li> </ul> <p>in such manner and subject to such conditions and within such time as may be prescribed.</p>
(3)	Electronic Liability Ledger	<p>All liabilities of a taxable person under this Act shall be recorded and maintained in an electronic liability register in such manner as may be prescribed.</p>	

**Section 49(5) of the CGST Act, 2017**

Sec. 49(5)	Input	Offset option available against	Not available	Order of Set off
(a)	IGST	IGST CGST SGST UTGST	-	1. IGST 2. CGST 3. SGST 4. UTGST
(b)	CGST	CGST IGST	* SGST * UTGST	1. CGST 2. IGST
(c)	SGST	SGST IGST	* CGST * UTGST	1. SGST 2. IGST
(d)	UTGST	UTGST IGST	* CGST * SGST	1. UTGST 2. IGST

**[Provided that the input tax credit on account of State tax shall be utilised towards payment of integrated tax only where the balance of the input tax credit on account of central tax is not available for payment of integrated tax;**

**Provided that the input tax credit on account of Union territory tax shall be utilised towards payment of integrated tax only where the balance of the input tax credit on account of central tax is not available for payment of integrated tax] - CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018.**

Section 49(5) (e) of the CGST Act, 2017 the central tax shall not be utilised towards payment of State tax or Union territory tax; and

Section 49(5)(f) of the CGST Act, 2017 the State tax or Union territory tax shall not be utilised towards payment of central tax.

**Section 49A of CGST (w.e.f. 1-2-2019) read with rule 88A of CGST Rules, 2017:**

**Utilisation of Input tax credit subject to certain conditions:**

Notwithstanding anything contained in section 49, the input tax credit on account of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax shall be utilised towards payment of integrated tax, central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, only after the input tax credit available on account of integrated tax has first been utilised fully towards such payment.

w.e.f. 1-4-2019, The Central Government vide N No. 16/2019-CT, dated 29th March, 2019 has amended Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. Amendments made are explained below:

<b>Insertion of Rule 88A (Order of utilization of input tax credit)</b>	Input tax credit on account of integrated tax shall first be utilised towards payment of integrated tax, and the amount remaining, if any, may be utilised towards the payment of central tax and State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, in any order:  Provided that the input tax credit on account of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax shall be utilised towards payment of integrated tax, central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, only after the input tax credit available on account of integrated tax has first been utilised fully.	<p><b>Comment:</b> As per Section 49 ITC can be utilised in a particular series and 49A provides that credit of CGST/SGST/UTGST can be utilised only after IGST ITC has been utilised fully. Therefore, combine reading of sec 49 and 49 A, IGST shall be utilised in a given series only.</p> <p>However, with this rule it has been provided that IGST shall be utilised for IGST first than in any order convenient to taxpayer.</p>
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**Note:** As per amendment act the order of utilization after the setoff of IGST liability was compulsory CGST and then SGST/UGST. Now the order has been relaxed wherein either of CGST or SGST/UGST liability can be set off.

Inward supply	Outward supply			Remarks
	CGST	SGST	IGST	
ITC of CGST	Allowed	Not allowed	Allowed	1st CGST next IGST in that order
ITC of SGST	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed	1st SGST next IGST in that order
ITC of IGST	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	W.e.f. 1-4-2019 section 49A of CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 88A of CGST Rules, 2017:  IGST credit can be adjusted equally between CGST and SGST or any other proportion at the option of the assessee.



**Example 1:**

M/s X Ltd. being a registered person supplying taxable goods in the following manner:

Particulars	₹
Intra-State supply of goods	18,00,000
Inter-State supply of goods	13,00,000
Intra-State purchases	13,00,000
Inter-State purchases	1,50,000
ITC at the beginning of the relevant tax period:	
CGST	1,30,000
SGST	1,30,000
IGST	1,70,000

- (i) Rate of CGST, SGST and IGST to be 9%, 9% and 18% respectively.  
(ii) Inward and outward supplies are exclusive of taxes.  
(iii) All the conditions necessary for availing the input tax credit have been fulfilled.  
Compute the net GST payable by M/s X Ltd. during the tax period. Make suitable assumptions.

**Answer:**

Statement showing input tax credit (i.e. Electronic Credit Ledger)

Particulars	CGST (₹)	SGST (₹)	IGST (₹)
Opening balance	1,30,000	1,30,000	1,70,000
Add: ITC for the tax period	1,17,000	1,17,000	27,000
Total credit	2,47,000	2,47,000	1,97,000

Statement showing Net GST payable by M/s X Ltd for the tax period

Particulars	CGST (₹)	SGST (₹)	IGST (₹)
Output tax	1,62,000	1,62,000	2,34,000
Less: ITC allowed	-2,47,000	-2,47,000	-1,97,000
Sub-total	-85,000	-85,000	37,000
Less: CGST credit adjusted against IGST	37,000	Nil	-37,000
Net GST liability	Nil	Nil	Nil
Excess ITC c/f	48,000	85,000	Nil

**Example 2:**

Mr. A has output Tax Liability of ₹1,00,000/- towards CGST & SGST/UGST and ₹20,000 towards IGST and also interest payable of ₹1800/-. Explain the manner of discharge tax liability by Mr. A in the following two independent cases:

1. Input tax credit available of CGST & SGST is ₹25,000/- each & IGST is ₹25,000/-
2. Input tax credit not available.

**Answer:**

**Case 1:**

In case Input Tax credit available-

Ledger	Particulars	CGST	SGST	IGST	Interest payable	Total
Electronic liability ledger	Output tax payable	50,000	52,000	20,000	1,800	1,21,800
Electronic credit ledger	Input Tax Credit	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	75,000
	Net output tax liability	25,000	25,000	-	-	50,000
	IGST Credit set off	5000 (Note-1)	-	-	-	5,000
Electronic cash ledger	Cash to be deposited	20,000	25,000	-	1800 (Note-2)	46,800

**Note**

1. IGST Credit can be adjusted against CGST or SGST in any proportion.
2. Interest cannot be adjusted with Input Tax credit

Case 2: In case Input Tax credit is not available-

Ledger	Particulars	CGST	SGST	IGST	Interest payable	Total
Electronic liability ledger	Output tax payable	50,000	50,000	20,000	1,800	1,21,800
Electronic Cash ledger	Amount to be deposited	50,000	50,000	20,000	1,800	1,21,800

Order of claiming input tax credit is as follows-

**Example 3:**

Y Ltd is operating in two states Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The tax liability for the month of August 20XX is as follows—

S.No.	Tax Liability	Andhra Pradesh (₹)	Tamil Nadu (₹)
1.	Output CGST Payable	25,000	10,000
2.	Output SGST Payable	10,000	5,000
3.	Output IGST payable	3,000	2,500
4.	Input CGST	8,000	13,000
5.	Input SGST	15,000	1,500
6.	Input IGST	12,000	16,000

Calculate the tax payable for the month of August 20XX.

Answer:

Net Tax payable for the month of August is as follows—

Particulars	Andhra Pradesh			Tamil Nadu		
	CGST	SGST	IGST	CGST	SGST	IGST
Output tax	25,000	10,000	3,000	10,000	5,000	2,500
Less: ITC of IGST	(9,000)	Nil	(3,000)	(8,500)	(5,000)	(2,500)
Out tax after adjustment of IGST ITC	16,000	10,000	Nil	1,500	Nil	Nil
Less: ITC of CGST & SGST	(8,000)	(15,000)	Nil	(13,000)	(1,500)	Nil





Net tax payable by E-cash ledger	8,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Input credit carry forwarded to next month	-	5,000	-	(11,500)	(1,500)	Nil

**Notes:**

1. IGST Input tax credit should be adjusted against Output tax of liability of IGST. Excess of IGST credit after payment of IGST can be adjusted against payment of CGST or SGST/UTGST in any proportion as decided by the assessee.
2. SGST Input tax credit cannot be adjusted against output CGST & Vice-Versa.
3. CGST & SGST Input tax credit of one State cannot be adjusted against Output CGST & SGST of other state (same principle is applicable to IGST credit also).

As per section 49(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 the balance in the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger after payment of tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount payable under this Act or the rules made thereunder may be refunded in accordance with the provisions of section 54.

As per section 49(7) of the CGST Act, 2017 all liabilities of a taxable person under this Act shall be recorded and maintained in an electronic liability register in such manner as may be prescribed.

As per section 49(8) of the CGST Act, 2017 every taxable person shall discharge his tax and other dues under this Act or the rules made thereunder in the following order, namely:-

The following order shall be maintained while settling the tax liability:

<b>Step 1</b>	First self-assessed tax, and other dues related to returns of previous tax periods
<b>Step 2</b>	Self-assessed tax, and other dues related to the return of the current tax period;
<b>Step 3</b>	Any other amount payable under this Act or the rules made thereunder including the demand determined under section 73 or section 74.

As per section 49(9) of the CGST Act, 2017 Every person who has paid the tax on goods or services or both under this Act shall, unless the contrary is proved by him, be deemed to have passed on the full incidence of such tax to the recipient of such goods or services or both.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this section,—

- (a) the date of credit to the account of the Government in the authorised bank shall be deemed to be the date of deposit in the electronic cash ledger;
- (b) the expression,-
  - (i) "tax dues" means the tax payable under this Act and does not include interest, fee and penalty; and
  - (ii) "other dues" means interest, penalty, fee or any other amount payable under this Act or the rules made thereunder.

<b>Example 4:</b>		
<b>X Ltd has following tax liabilities under the provisions of Act-</b>		
S.No	Particulars	Amount (₹)
1.	Tax liability of CGST, SGST/UGST, IGST for supplies made during August 2017	1,00,000
2.	Interest & Penalty on delayed payment and filing of returns belonging to August 2017	20,000
3.	Tax liability of CGST, SGST/UGST, IGST for supplies made during September 2017	1,20,000

4.	Interest & Penalty on delayed payment and filing of returns belonging to September 2017	20,000
5.	Demand raised as per section 73 or section 74 under CGST Act, 2017 belonging to July 2017	8,00,000
6.	Demand raised as per the old provisions of Indirect Taxes	1,00,000

X Ltd has ₹ 5,00,000 in Electronic cash ledger. Suggest X Ltd in discharging the tax liability.

**Answer:**

Balance in Electronic cash ledger can be used in the following manner to discharge tax liability by X Ltd-

Particulars	Amount
Balance available in Electronic cash ledger	5,00,000
Less-	
Tax liability of CGST, SGST/UGST, IGST for supplies made during August 2017	(1,00,000)
Interest & Penalty on delayed payment and filing of returns belonging to August 2017	(20,000)
Tax liability of CGST, SGST/UGST, IGST for supplies made during September 2017	(1,20,000)
Interest & Penalty on delayed payment and filing of returns belonging to September 2017	(20,000)
Demand raised as per section 73 or section 74 UNDER CGST Act, 2017	(2,40,000)
Balance in electronic cash ledger	Nil

The balance amount of ₹ 5,60,000 towards demand raised under section 73 or section 74 under CGST Act, 2017 to be discharged before discharging liability of demand rose under old provisions of Indirect Taxes.

**As per Finance Act, 2019, w.e.f. 1-8-2019:**

As per Section 49(10) of the CGST Act, 2019, A registered person may, on the common portal, transfer any amount of tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount available in the electronic cash ledger under this Act, to the electronic cash ledger for integrated tax, central tax, State tax, Union territory tax or cess, in such form and manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed and such transfer shall be deemed to be a refund from the electronic cash ledger under this Act.

As per Section 49(11) of the CGST Act, 2019, Where any amount has been transferred to the electronic cash ledger under this Act, the same shall be deemed to be deposited in the said ledger as provided in sub-section (1)."

**Example 1:** Miss Nitya has following balances in her Electronic Cash Ledger as on 28/02/20XX as per GST portal.

Major Heads	Minor Heads	Amount (₹)
CGST	Tax	40,000
	Interest	1,000
	Penalty	800
SGST	Tax	80,000
	Interest	400
	Penalty	1,200
	Fee	2,000
IGST	Tax	45,000
	Interest	200
	Penalty	Nil



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Her tax liability for the month of February, 20XX for CGST and SGST was ₹75,000 each. She failed to pay the tax and contacted you as legal advisor on 12/04/2018 to advise her as to how much amount of tax or interest she is required to pay, if any, by utilizing the available balance to the maximum extent possible as per GST Laws. She wants to pay the tax on 20-04-20XX.

Other Information:—

- (i) Date of collection of GST was 18th February, 20XX.
- (ii) No other transaction after this up to 20th April 20XX.
- (iii) Ignore penalty for this transaction.
- (iv) No other balance is available.

You are required to advise her with reference to legal provisions with brief notes on the legal provisions applicable.

**Answer:** Statement showing GST and Interest liability:

Particulars	CGST ₹	SGST ₹	Interest CGST	Interest SGST	IGST ₹	Remarks
Output tax liability	75,000	75,000	1147	1147	Nil	$75,000 \times 18\% \times 31/365 = 1147$
Less: Electronic Cash ledger of CGST/ SGST	-40,000	-80,000	-1,000	-400		
Less: transfer from e-cash ledger of IGST Major head	-35,000	Nil	-147	-747		
Excess balance in electronic cash ledger c/f	Nil	5,000	Nil	NIL	9,106	$45000-35000-147-747$

**Note:**

- (1) Major head refers to – Integrated tax, Central tax, State/UT tax and Cess.
- (2) Minor head refers to – tax, interest, penalty, fee and others.
- (3) Section 49(10) of CGST Act, 2019 permits if amount from one major/minor head is intended to be transferred to another major/minor head. Minor head for transfer of amount may be same or different.
- (4) The amount from one minor head can also be transferred to another minor head under the same major head.
- (5) Amount can be transferred from the head only if balance under that head is available at the time of transfer.

**Section 49A and 49B inserted vide CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 –**

**49A - Notwithstanding anything contained in section 49, the input tax credit on account of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax shall be utilised towards payment of integrated tax, central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, only after the input tax credit available on account of integrated tax has first been utilised fully towards such payment.**

**49B - Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter and subject to the provisions of clause (e) and clause (f) of sub-section (5) of section 49, the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, prescribe the order and manner of utilisation of the input tax credit on account of integrated tax, central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, towards payment of any such tax.**

**Form PMT-09: Importance and Use in the Electronic Cash Ledger:**

w.e.f. 21 April 2020, The CBIC has recently introduced Form PMT-09 (i.e. a challan) for shifting wrongly paid

amount from one head to another head. This enables a registered taxpayer to transfer any amount of tax, interest, penalty, etc. that is available in the electronic cash ledger, to the appropriate tax or cess head under IGST, CGST and SGST in the electronic cash ledger.

Hence, if a taxpayer has wrongly paid CGST instead of SGST, he can now rectify the same using Form PMT-09 by reallocating the amount from the CGST head to the SGST head.

**key points to note about Form GST PMT-09:**

1. If the wrong tax has already been utilized for making any payment, then this challan is not useful. This challan only allows shifting of the amounts that are available in the electronic cash ledger.  
For instance, in case an amount has been misreported in the GSTR-3B, there is no way to rectify the same as the GSTR-3B is non-editable. In such case, only an adjustment in the next month's return can be made.
2. The amount once utilized and removed from cash ledger cannot be reallocated.
3. Major head refers to- Integrated tax, Central tax, State/UT tax, and Cess.
4. Minor head refers to- Tax, Interest, Penalty, Fee and Others.

**Illustration:**

Mr. A. had to pay Rs.100 as Central Tax under the major head and Rs.50 as interest under the minor head and he has wrongly paid Rs.50 under Central tax head and Rs.100 as interest under the minor head.

In this case, he can file PMT-09 to shift the amount from the major head (i.e. Central tax) to the minor head (i.e. interest). This shifting of the amount can be done from minor head to major head as well.

An amount can also be transferred from one minor head to another minor head under the same major head.

**For example**, in the case of interchange of interest and penalty amount under Central Tax can also be rectified by filing PMT-09.

**Rule 86A Conditions of use of amount available in electronic credit ledger**

- (1) The Commissioner or an officer authorised by him in this behalf, not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner, having reasons to believe that credit of input tax available in the electronic credit ledger has been fraudulently availed or is ineligible in as much as—
- (a) the credit of input tax has been availed on the strength of tax invoices or debit notes or any other document prescribed under rule 36—
    - (i) issued by a registered person who has been found non-existent or not to be conducting any business from any place for which registration has been obtained; or
    - (ii) without receipt of goods or services or both; or
  - (b) the credit of input tax has been availed on the strength of tax invoices or debit notes or any other document prescribed under rule 36 in respect of any supply, the tax charged in respect of which has not been paid to the Government; or
  - (c) the registered person availing the credit of input tax has been found non-existent or not to be conducting any business from any place for which registration has been obtained; or
  - (d) the registered person availing any credit of input tax is not in possession of a tax invoice or debit note or any other document prescribed under rule 36,
- may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, not allow debit of an amount equivalent to such credit in electronic credit ledger for discharge of any liability under section 49 or for claim of any refund of any unutilised amount.



- (2) The Commissioner, or the officer authorised by him under sub-rule (1) may, upon being satisfied that conditions for disallowing debit of electronic credit ledger as above, no longer exist, allow such debit.
- (3) Such restriction shall cease to have effect after the expiry of a period of one year from the date of imposing such restriction.

(vide Notification No. 75/2019-CT, dated 26.12.2019)

Amendments in rule 87 of the CGST Rules prescribing provisions relating to electronic cash ledger

- (i) The second proviso to sub-rule (2) which gave an option to a person supplying OIDAR services from a place outside India to a non-taxable online recipient, to generate challan through the Board's payment system namely, Electronic Accounting System in Excise and Service Tax has been omitted.
- (ii) Sub-rule (9) provided that any amount deducted under section 51 or collected under section 52 and claimed in Form GSTR-02 by the registered taxable person from whom the said amount was deducted or, as the case may be, collected shall be credited to his electronic cash ledger in accordance with the provisions of rule 87.

The words, letters and figures "in Form GSTR-02" and words and figures "in accordance with the provisions of rule 87" have been omitted from sub-rule (9).

[Notification No. 31/2019 CT dated 28.06.2019]

#### **Refund of tax that has been paid wrongly or in excess by utilising ITC [Rule 86]**

A new sub rule (4A) has been inserted in rule 86 of the CGST Rules to provide that where a registered person has claimed refund of any tax that has been paid wrongly or in excess through electronic credit ledger, the said refund, if found admissible, will be credited to the electronic credit ledger.

[Notification No. 16/2020 CT dated 23.03.2020]

#### **CBIC Circular No. 172/04/2022 GST 6th July 2022:**

Question 1: Whether the amount available in the electronic credit ledger can be used for making payment of any tax under the GST Laws?

Answer: CBIC clarified that any payment towards output tax, whether self-assessed in the return or payable as a consequence of any proceeding instituted under the provisions of GST Laws, can be made by utilization of the amount available in the electronic credit ledger of a registered person.

It is further reiterated that as output tax does not include tax payable under reverse charge mechanism, implying thereby that the electronic credit ledger cannot be used for making payment of any tax without which is payable under reverse charge mechanism

Question 2: Whether the amount available in the electronic credit ledger can be used for making payment of any liability other than tax under the GST Laws?

Answer: As per sub-section (4) of section 49, the electronic credit ledger can be used for making payment of output tax only under the CGST Act or the IGST Act. It cannot be used for making payment of any interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the said acts. Similarly, electronic credit ledger cannot be used for payment of erroneous refund sanctioned to the taxpayer, where such refund was sanctioned in cash.

Question 3: Whether the amount available in the electronic cash ledger can be used for making payment of any liability under the GST Laws?

Answer: As per sub – section (3) of section 49 of the CGST Act, the amount available in the electronic cash ledger may be used for making any payment towards tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the provisions of the GST Laws.



W.e.f. 5th July 2022, Section 49(10) of the CGST Act, 2017 w.e.f. Notification No. 9/2022 CT dt 5th July 2022:

"A registered person may, on the common portal, transfer any amount of tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount available in the electronic cash ledger under this Act, to the electronic cash ledger for,—

- (a) integrated tax, central tax, State tax, Union territory tax or cess; or
- (b) integrated tax or central tax of a distinct person as specified in sub-section (4) or, as the case may be, sub-section (5) of section 25,

in such form and manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed and such transfer shall be deemed to be a refund from the electronic cash ledger under this Act:

Provided that no such transfer under clause (b) shall be allowed if the said registered person has any unpaid liability in his electronic liability register."

"Rule 87(14) of CGST Rules, 2017 Electronic Cash Ledger (Vide Notification No. 14/2022 CT dt 5th July 2022):-

A registered person may, on the common portal, transfer any amount of tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount available in the electronic cash ledger under the Act to the electronic cash ledger for central tax or integrated tax of a distinct person as specified in sub-section (4) or, as the case may be, sub-section (5) of section 25, in FORM GST PMT- 09:

Provided that no such transfer shall be allowed if the said registered person has any unpaid liability in his electronic liability register."

Further Form GST PMT-09 (i.e. Transfer of amount from one account head to another in electronic cash ledger) has been amended.

Thus, now the refund of any balance in the electronic cash ledger in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 49 shall be filed electronically in Form RFD-01 instead of the respective return forms as provided earlier (rule 89(1)).

W.e.f. 01-10-2022, Restriction for utilizing the amount available in electronic credit ledger:

As per Section 49(2) The input tax credit as self-assessed in the return of a registered person shall be credited to his electronic credit ledger, in accordance with [section 41 (OMITTED w.e.f. 01-10-2022 "or section 43A)], to be maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.

Section 49(4), The amount available in the electronic credit ledger may be used for making any payment towards output tax under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act in such manner and subject to such conditions (inserted w.e.f. 01-10-2022, "and restrictions") and within such time as may be prescribed.

Section 49(4) is being amended so as to provide for prescribing restrictions for utilizing the amount available in the electronic credit ledger. Under the said provisions, Rule 86A of the CGST Rules 2017 can directly fall. This may also be the enabling provisions for providing further restrictions in the utilization of balance in the electronic credit ledger

W.e.f. 01-10-2022 Section 49(12), Maximum payment of output taxes allowed from electronic credit ledger:

The Government may specify the maximum proportion of output tax liability which may be discharged through the electronic credit ledger for specified class of persons. The balance has to be paid through the electronic cash ledger. Currently, Rule 86B provides for such restriction of utilization from electronic credit ledger only upto 99% of output taxes for certain taxpayers. This may also be the enabling provisions for providing further restrictions in the utilization of balance in the electronic credit ledger.

#### **Amendments in rule 87 (Electronic Cash ledger):**

Clause (ia) inserted in rule 87(3): The amount of tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount may also be deposited through Unified payment interface (UPI) or Immediate Payment Services (IMPS) from any bank, on the GST portal. Sub-rule (3) has been added for this purpose and consequential amendment has been made in sub-rule (5).



**Insertion of sub-rule (4B) in rule 86 (Electronic Credit Ledger):**

(vide NT 14/2022 CT dt 5th July 2022)

If the registered person deposits the amount of erroneous refund sanctioned to him u/s 54(3) or under rule 96(3) in contravention to rule 96(10), along with interest and penalty, if any, through Form GST DRC-03 by debiting the electronic cash ledger either on his own or being pointed out by the officer, then the same shall be re-credited to the electronic credit ledger by an order passed by the proper officer in a newly introduced Form GST PMT-03A.

Categories of refunds where re-credit can be done using FORM GST PMT- 03A:

- a) Refund of IGST obtained in contravention of sub-rule (10) of rule 96.
- b) Refund of unutilised ITC on account of export of goods/services without payment of tax.
- c) Refund of unutilised ITC on account of zero-rated supply of goods/services to SEZ developer/Unit without payment of tax.
- d) Refund of unutilised ITC due to inverted tax structure.

**Procedure for re-credit of amount in electronic credit ledger:**

(Circular No. 174/06/2022 GST dt 6th July 2022)

Step 1: deposit of erroneous refund of ITC or IGST along with a written request in format enclosed as Annexure-A to the Circular, through Form GST DRC-03 by debiting of amount from electronic cash ledger.



Step 2: Thereafter, the proper officer, on being satisfied, he shall re-credit an amount in electronic credit ledger equivalent to the amount of erroneous refund so deposited by the registered person, by passing an order in FORM GST PMT-03A.



Step 3: re-credit in electronic credit ledger shall be granted preferably within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of request for re-credit of erroneous refund amount so deposited or from the date of payment of full amount of erroneous refund along with applicable interest, and penalty, wherever applicable, whichever is later.

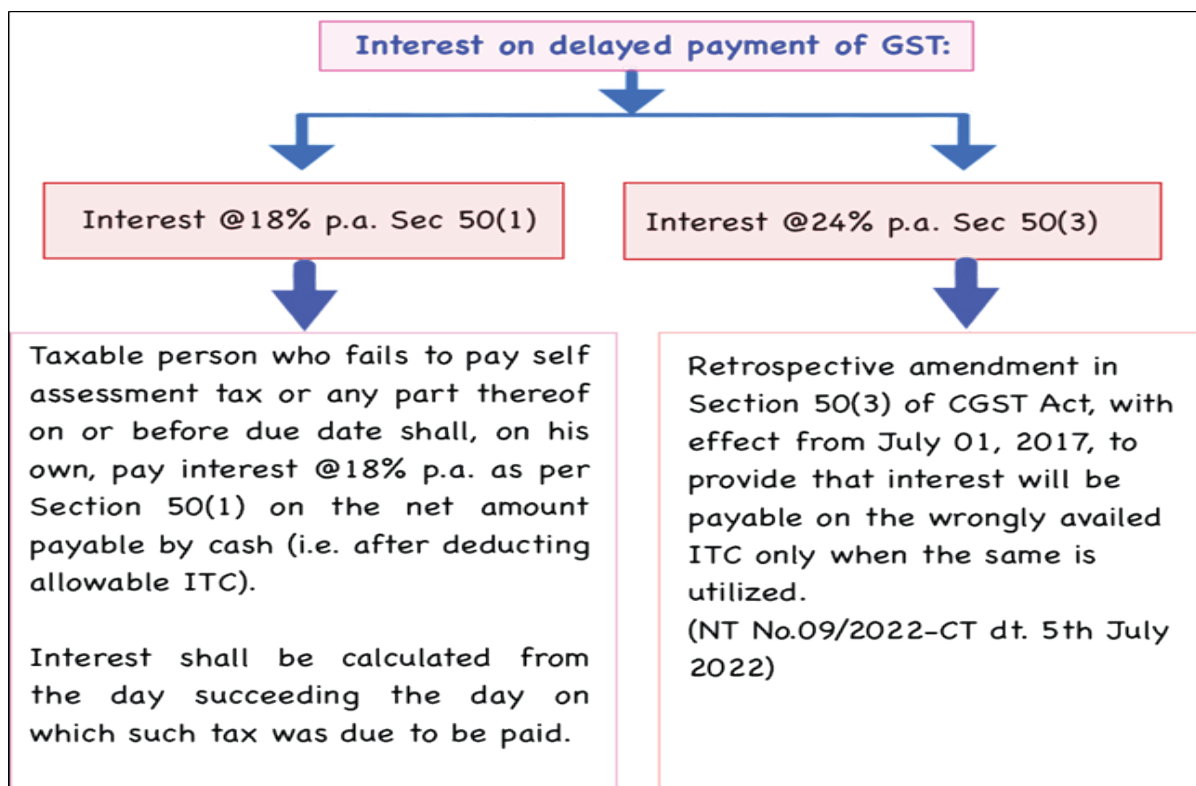
**11.2 INTEREST ON DELAYED PAYMENT OF TAX**

Under GST, interest is liable to be paid when there is a delay in payment. Provisions have been made for interest to be paid, when there is a lapse by the tax payer as well as by the Department.

**Interest on late payment of tax by tax payer [Section 50 of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

The two scenarios where a tax payer will be liable to pay interest are:

- 1. Delayed payment of tax
- 2. Input tax credit has been claimed in excess or where it was not eligible to be claimed/ Tax liability has been shown to be less than the actual

**Interest rates Notification No. 13/2017 – Central Tax dt. 28th June 2017:**


As per Section 50(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 the interest under sub-section 50(1) shall be calculated, in such manner as may be prescribed, from the day succeeding the day on which such tax was due to paid.

Online payments even made after 8 pm will be credited on the same day to the taxpayer's account. While there will be no physical challan accepted for the GST payment while the challans will be generated from the gst.gov. in only for all the payments of taxes, fees, penalty, interest

For the payment of challan under the 10000 rupees limit, it can be done over the counter with cash, cheques, demand draft through authorised banks while for the payments exceeding the amount of ₹ 10000 will be collected through digital mode only.

**Example 5:**

M/s Rajendra Dyeing Pvt. Ltd. supplied goods worth ₹ 10,00,000 to M/s Y Ltd in the month of September, 2021 plus GST 12%. M/s Rajendra Dyeing Pvt. Ltd. paid the GST on 5th December 2022. The amount of input tax credit is 70,000 is available in the books. Calculation of interest payment if any under section 50 of the CGST Act, 2017.

**Answer:**

Tax = ₹ 1,20,000

Less: ITC = ₹ (70,000)

Tax payable = ₹ 50,000

Interest shall be calculated from the next day of the due date of payment from 21st October 2021 to the actual date of payment i.e. 5th December 2022.

Interest is ₹ 50,000 × 18% × 411/365 = ₹ 10,134/-





Section 50(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 "the interest payable shall be calculated, in such manner as may be prescribed, from the day succeeding the day on which such tax was due to be paid".

Section 2(87) of the CGST Act defines the term 'prescribed' to mean prescribed by the Rules made under the Act on the recommendation of the Council.

Now, the Central Government on the recommendation of the GST Council has introduced Rule 88B vide Notification No. 14/2022-Central Tax, dated 5 July 2022 with retrospective effect from 1st July 2017. The said Rule prescribes the manner of computing interest on delayed payment of tax.

**Rule 88B can be classified into the following 3 categories: -**

Rule	Scenario	Period for which interest is payable	Amount on which interest liability has to be calculated
88B(1)	If tax has been belatedly paid through credit balance on account of delayed filing of return, before commencement of proceedings under Section 73 or 74 of the CGST Act [proviso to Section 50(1)]	Interest to be paid for the period of delay in filing the said return beyond the due date upto date of filing GSTR-3B	Tax paid by debiting the electronic cash ledger
88B(2)	In all other cases where interest is payable on delay in payment of tax covered by Section 50(1)	Period starting from the date on which such tax was due to be paid till the date such tax is paid.	Amount of tax which remains unpaid (i.e. Gross liability without deducting ITC)
88B(3)	Where interest is payable on the amounts of ITC wrongly availed and utilised covered by Section 50(3)	Period starting from the date of utilisation of such wrongly availed input tax credit till the date of reversal of such credit or payment of tax in respect of such amount	Amount of input tax credit wrongly availed and utilised

Date of the utilization of input tax credit means as under –

Cases, wherein, return in Form GSTR-3B is to be furnished	Date of the utilization of input tax credit = Earlier of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ due date of the return or</li> <li>▪ actual date of filing return.</li> </ul>
In any other case	Date of debit in the electronic credit ledger

**Rule 88B(1) of CGST Rules, 2017 :**

**Example 1:**

Total liability	Input Tax Credit	Net GST liability paid after due date	Liability on which interest is applicable
10,00,000	6,00,000	4,00,000	4,00,000
10,00,000	2,00,000	8,00,000	8,00,000
10,00,000	12,00,000	Nil	Nil

## Payment of Tax

Rule 88B(2) of CGST Rules, 2017:

Example 2:

M/s Raj & Co., has made a supply of goods/service in the month of Feb for

₹1,00,000 and GST collected on such supply is 5% which is ₹(1,00,000\*5%)= ₹5,000. Assuming E-Credit Ledger balance is ₹2,000.

Let's suppose the due date for the GSTR-3B for Feb Month is 20-March M/s Raj & Co., filed his GSTR-3B against show cause notice issued by Proper Officer under section 73 of CGST Act, 2017 on 20th April. Calculate Interest amount.

Solution:-

Due date for payment of tax collected by M/s Raj & Co., in the month of Feb is 20-Mar. Interest @ 18% p.a is payable for the period for which the tax remains unpaid in terms of Sec-50(1) of CGST Act, 2017. Calculation of interest amount is as follows:-

$$= ₹(5000 * 18\% * 31/365)$$

$$= ₹76/- \text{ (Calculated on Gross GST Liability).}$$

Rule 88B(3) of CGST Rules 2017:

Input tax credit wrongly availed shall be construed to have been utilised, when the balance in the electronic credit ledger falls below the amount of input tax credit wrongly availed, and the extent of such utilisation of input tax credit shall be the amount by which the balance in the electronic credit ledger falls below the amount of input tax credit wrongly availed.

Interest will be applicable on the amount, by which the balance in the electronic credit ledger falls below the amount of input tax credit wrongly availed. Let's consider a situation:

### Example 3:

Month	Opening Balance in e-credit ledger (A)	Eligible ITC (B)	ITC wrongly availed (C)	Total ITC (D) = A+B+C	Output tax liability ₹ (E)	Closing Balance in e-credit ledger (F) = D-E	Amount on which interest is payable	Due Date (G)	Filing Date (H)	Date of utilization of ITC wrongly (G) Or (H) whichever is earlier
April	Nil	3,50,000	25,000	3,75,000	3,50,000	25,000	Nil	20th May	20th May	NA
May	25,000	2,50,000	Nil	2,75,000	2,50,000	25,000	Nil	20th June	18th June	NA
June	25,000	1,50,000	Nil	1,75,000	1,65,000	10,000	15,000	20th July	19th July	19th July
July	10,000	3,00,000	Nil	3,10,000	3,10,000	Nil	10,000	20th Aug	28th Aug	20th Aug

Sec 75(9) of CGST Act, 2017: Interest on the tax short paid or not paid shall be payable whether or not specified in the order determining the tax liability.



### Case Law 1:

- (1) Jeevan Diesels & Electricals Ltd. v. Commissioner of Central Excise, Pondichery (2016) 68 taxmann.com 325 (Chennai-CESTAT):

Hon'ble Tribunal held that interest under Section 50 of the CGST Act, 2017 should be computed in accordance with interest rate in force during the period of delay.

- (2) Interest payable for actual period of delay, not for whole month (BPL Mobile v. CCE (2005) 1 STT 140 (CESTAT)).  
(3) Interest is payable even if duty is paid before issue of show cause notice [(CC v. Toyota Kirloskar Motors (2015) 52 GST 1208 (SC)]

### Interest is not applicable in the following cases:

- (1) No interest is payable if excise duty is paid voluntarily by assessee before show cause notice, even when demand was time barred [CCE v Gujarat Narmada Fertilizers Co. Ltd. (2012) 285 ELT 336 (Guj HC DB)]  
(2) No interest is payable if there was delay in payment of duty by one department of Government to other, because it is only adjustment from one account to other [CCE v. General Manager, Telecom (2012) 37 STT 433 (CESTAT)]

### Interest to be paid by the department

The three scenarios where the Department is liable to pay interest on delayed payment to a tax payer are

1. Section 54(12) of the CGST Act, 2017: Refund of tax has been withheld from a person on account of an appeal or proceeding but which is later found to be eligible to be paid.
2. Section 56 of the CGST Act, 2017: Refund of tax has not been given to a person within 60 days from the date of receipt of application for refund
3. Proviso to section 56 of the CGST Act, 2017: Refund ordered by an adjudicating authority or Appellate Authority or Appellate Tribunal or court has not been paid to a person within 60 days from the date of receipt of application for refund.

### Interest rates:

Section	Scenario	Interest rate per annum
Section 54(12) of the CGST Act, 2017	Refund of tax has been withheld from a person on account of an appeal or proceeding but which is later found to be eligible to be paid.	6%
Section 56 of the CGST Act, 2017	Refund of tax has not been given to a person within 60 days from the date of receipt of application for refund	6%
Proviso to Section 56 of the CGST Act, 2017	Refund ordered by an adjudicating authority or Appellate Authority or Appellate Tribunal or court has not been paid to a person within 60 days from the date of receipt of application for refund.	9%

**Note:** As per Section 54(14) of the CGST ACT, 2017 no refund shall be granted if refund amount is less than ₹ 1,000/-. Since, no refund is granted under Section 54(14) of the CGST Act, 2017, no interest is payable by the Department .

**Interest on refund****Example 7:**

X Ltd. manufactured and cleared taxable goods on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 for ₹ 20,00,000 plus GST 12%. After payment of GST on or before the due date, it is noticed that these goods are exempted from GST and applied for want refund of GST on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Department acknowledged the receipt on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Department granted the refund on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022.

Find the interest if any on delay refund.

Note: X Ltd. not passed ITC to recipient of supply.

Answer:

From 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 = 69 days

Less: from 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 = (60) days

No. of days delay = 9 days

Interest = ₹ 355/- (i.e. 2,40,000 x 6% x 9/365)

**Case Law 2:**

**Kanyaka Parameshwari Engineering Ltd. v. Comm. Of Cus. & Cx 2012 (26) STR 380 (A.P.)**

**Facts of the case:**

Whether the interest on delayed refund u/s 56 of the CGST Act, 2017 would be payable from the date of deposit of duty or after expiry of 60 days from the date of receipt of application for refund?

**Decision:**

The interest shall be paid on such tax from the date immediately after expiry of 60 days from the date of receipt of such application till the date of the refund of such tax.

**Case Law 3:**

**Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd. v. UOI 2011 (273) E.L.T. 3 (S.C.)**

**Facts of the case:**

Whether the interest on delayed refund u/s 56 of the CGST Act, 2017 would be payable from the date on which order of refund is made by the judiciary or after expiry of 60 days from the date of receipt of application for refund?

**Decision:**

Sec. 54 of the CGST Act, 2017 (i.e. refund of tax) comes into play only after an order for refund has been made under Sec. 54(12) of the CGST Act, 2017. However, the liability to pay interest under proviso to Sec. 56 commences from the date of expiry of 60 days from the date of receipt of application for refund and not on the expiry of the said period from the date on which order of refund is made.

**11.3 REFUND OF TAX**

As per section 54(1) of the CGST Act, any person claiming refund of any tax and interest, if any paid on such tax or any other amount paid by him, may make an application before the expiry of 2 Years from the relevant date in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

**Explanation (2)**, to section 54 of the CGST Act, 2017 “relevant date” means—

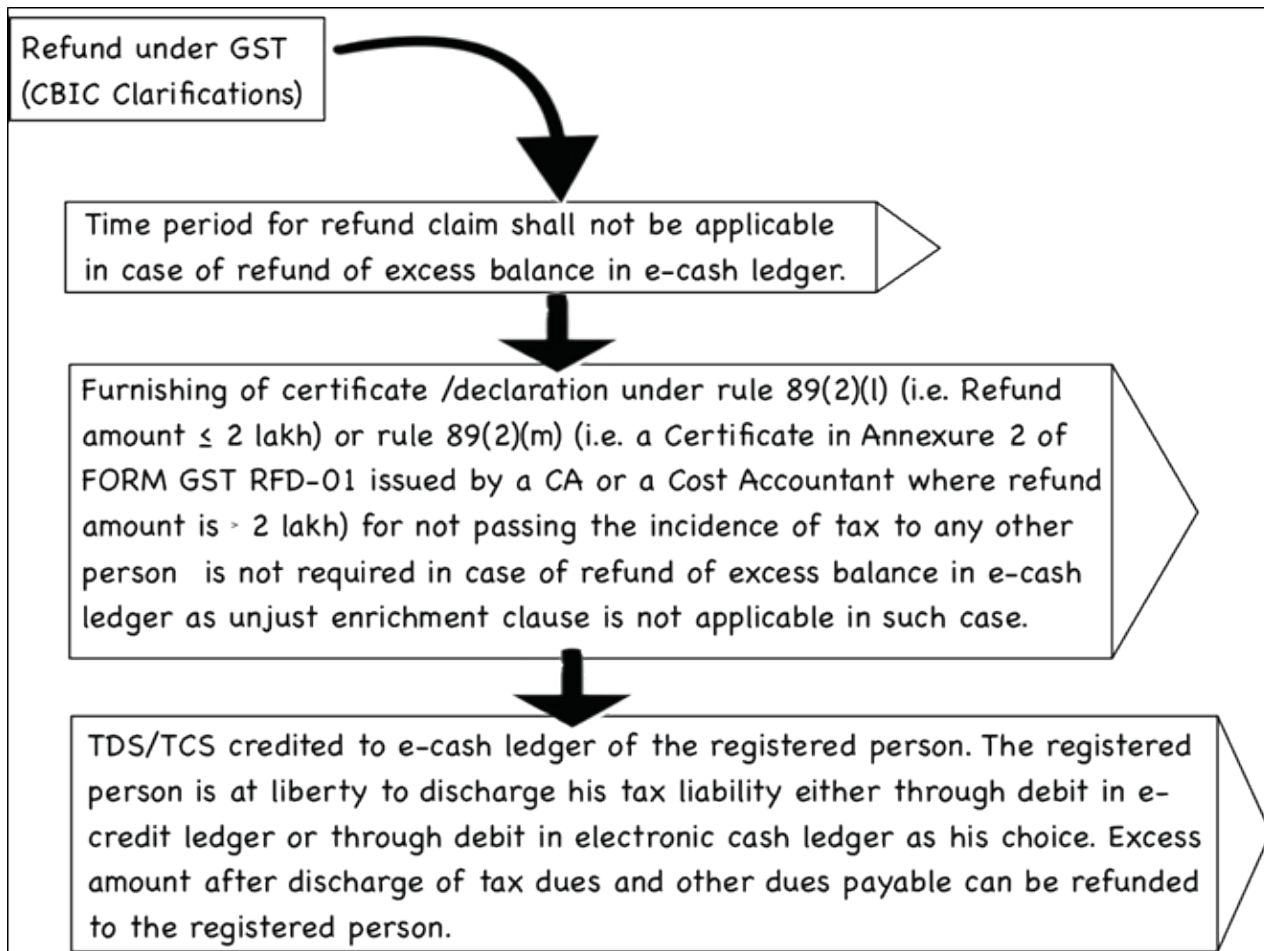


- (a) in the case of goods exported out of India where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of goods themselves or, as the case may be, the inputs or input services used in such goods,—
- (i) if the goods are exported by sea or air, the date on which the ship or the aircraft in which such goods are loaded, leaves India; or
  - (ii) if the goods are exported by land, the date on which such goods pass the frontier; or
  - (iii) if the goods are exported by post, the date of dispatch of goods by the Post Office concerned to a place outside India;
- (b) in the case of supply of goods regarded as deemed exports where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of the goods, the date on which the return relating to such deemed exports is furnished;
- (c) in the case of services exported out of India where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of services themselves or, as the case may be, the inputs or input services used in such services, the date of—
- (i) receipt of payment in convertible foreign exchange, where the supply of services had been completed prior to the receipt of such payment; or
  - (ii) issue of invoice, where payment for the services had been received in advance prior to the date of issue of the invoice;
- (d) in case where the tax becomes refundable as a consequence of judgment, decree, order or direction of the Appellate Authority, Appellate Tribunal or any court, the date of communication of such judgment, decree, order or direction;
- (e) in the case of refund of unutilised input tax credit under sub-section (3), the end of the financial year in which such claim for refund arises;
- (f) in the case where tax is paid provisionally under this Act or the rules made thereunder, the date of adjustment of tax after the final assessment thereof;
- (g) in the case of a person, other than the supplier, the date of receipt of goods or services or both by such person; and
- (h) in any other case, the date of payment of tax.

**In case of deficiency in refund application, limitation period of 2 years for making refund claim to exclude the time period from the date of filing of refund claim till the date of communication of the deficiencies (Notification No. 15/2021 CT dated 18.05.2021)**

**W.e.f. 01-10-2022, Relevant date prescribed for refund of supplies to SEZ without payment of tax:**

Refund is allowed to be claimed only within 2 years from the relevant date. In case of refund of any unutilized ITC on account of supplies to SEZ unit / developer without payment of tax, no relevant date had been prescribed by the GST law. The said loophole is now plugged by providing relevant date for such supplies as the due date of furnishing GSTR-3B of the applicable month for which refund is claimed.

**Clarification on certain refund related issues Circular No. 166/22/2021-GST dt. 17.11.2021**


W.e.f 01-10-2022, Refund from electronic cash ledger not through GSTR-3B but through prescribed manner (Vide NT no. 18/2022-CT Dt28.09.2022 GST:

**Proviso to section 54(1):** Provided that a registered person, claiming refund of any balance in the electronic cash ledger in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 49, may claim such refund in "such form and" manner as may be prescribed.

Refund of any balance in electronic cash ledger cannot be claimed in GSTR-3B. The said refund shall be claimed in such form and manner as would be prescribed. It should be noted that currently there is no mechanism to claim refund of electronic cash ledger via GSTR-3B, hence making it a redundant provision in the Act.



# Study Note - 12

## TDS & TCS UNDER GST



### This Study Note includes

12.1 Tax Deduction at Source (TDS)

12.2 Collection of Tax at Source (TCS)

### 12.1 TAX DEDUCTION AT SOURCE (TDS)

Section 51 (1), refers to TDS related mandating by Central/State Government. Such mandating shall be for the following persons -

- a. Department or Establishment of Central Government or State Government
- b. Local Authority.
- c. Government Agencies.
- d. Persons or category of persons notified by the Central Government on recommendation of the Council. Notification No. 50/2018 – Central Tax dated 13.09.2018 notifies the following persons under Section 51 (1)(d) as liable for TDS;
  - (a) an authority or a board or any other body, -
    - (i) set up by an Act of Parliament or a State Legislature; or
    - (ii) established by any Government, with fifty-one percent or more participation by way of equity or control, to carry out any function;
  - (b) society established by the Central Government or the State Government or a Local Authority under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860);
  - (c) public sector undertakings:

**Post audit authorities under Ministry of Defence exempted from TDS compliance vide Notification No 57/2018 – Central Tax dated 23-10-2018**

**Supply of goods and/or services from a PSU to another PSU, whether a distinct person or not, is exempt from TDS provisions vide Notification No 61/2018 – Central Tax dated 05-11-2018**

#### **Authorities under Ministry of Defence exempted from TDS provisions:**

(Notification No. 57/2018-Central Tax, dated 23.10.2018)

- Central Government has amended the earlier **Notification No 50/ 2018-Central Tax, dated 13th September 2018** to exempt certain authorities of Ministry of Defence from the compliance of TDS provisions.
- CBEC has now notified that TDS provisions prescribed under section 51(1)(a) of CGST Act shall not be applicable to authorities under the Ministry of Defence other than those specified in the annexure to notification, w.e.f 1st October 2018.

#### **Exemption from TDS -Supplies made by Government Departments and PSUs to other Government Departments and vice-versa.**





Central Government vide **N. No. 73/2018-CT, dated 31st December, 2018** notified exemption to supplies made by Government Departments and PSUs to other Government Departments and vice-versa from TDS and thus insert the following proviso after the second proviso, namely:—

“Provided also that nothing in this notification (**with effect from 01.10.2018. Notification No. 50/2018-CT, dated 13.09.2018 TDS mandatory**) shall apply to the supply of goods or services or both which takes place between one person to another person specified under clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) of sub-section (1) of section 51 of the said Act.”.

Section 51(1) of the CGST Act, 2017, the Government may mandate—

- (a) A department or establishment of the Central Govt., or State Govt., or
- (b) Local authority; or
- (c) Governmental agencies; or
- (d) Such persons or category of persons as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council, to deduct TDS.

**The Central Government has appointed 01.10.2018 as the date on which the provisions of Section 51 (TDS) shall come into force.**

1. The above 'persons' are referred to as deductors.
2. The deductors have to deduct tax at the rate of 2% from the payment made or credited to the supplier of taxable goods and/or services, notified by the Central Government or State Government on the recommendations of the Council. Deduction is required where the total value of supply under 'a contract' exceeds INR 2.5 lakhs. Value of supply shall exclude the tax indicated in the invoice. No deduction shall be made if the location of the supplier and the place of supply is in a State or Union territory which is different from the State or as the case may be, Union territory of registration of the recipient.
3. The amount deducted shall be paid to the Central Government within ten days after the end of the month in which such deduction is made.

Sub Rule 9 of rule 87 of the CGST rules provides) that payment shall be made by debiting the electronic cash ledger and crediting the electronic tax liability register.

4. As per Rule 66, the deductor shall furnish a TDS certificate in Form GSTR-7A to the deductee mentioning therein the following:
  - (a) contract value
  - (b) rate of deduction
  - (c) Amount deducted
  - (d) Amount paid to the appropriate Government
  - (e) Any other particulars as may be prescribed
5. This certificate has to be furnished within five days of remittance as mentioned above.
6. Certificate not furnished by the deductor: - If the deductor does not furnish the certificate of deduction-cum- remittance within five days of the remittance, the deductor has to pay a late fee of INR 100 per day from the 6th day until the day he furnishes the certificate. The maximum late fee is prescribed as INR 5000.
7. Non-remittance by the deductor: If the deductor does not remit the amount deducted as TDS, he is liable to pay penal interest under Section 50 in addition to the amount of tax deducted.
8. The amount of tax deducted reflected in Electronic Cash Ledger of deductee in the return in Form GSTR-7 filed by deductor shall be claimed as credit. This provision enables the Government to cross-check whether the amount deducted by the deductor is correct and that there is no mis-match between the amount reflected in the Electronic Cash Ledger as reflected in the return filed by deductor. One may draw easy

analogy from existing practice in income tax related E-TDS returns filed by deductor and 26AS statement available for viewing the TDS remitted in respect of his transactions by deductee.

9. Refund on excess collection: The deductor or the deductee can claim refund of excess deduction or erroneous deduction. The provisions of section 54 relating to refunds would apply in such cases. However, if the amount deducted has been credited to the Electronic Cash Ledger of the deductee, the deductor cannot claim refund (only deductee can claim).
10. Illustrative List of various Supplies on which TDS may or may not require to be deducted –

Supply in GST covers both supply of goods as well as supply of services by vendors/suppliers to the Government Departments, local authorities and other recipients.

Examples of supply of goods and services to Government/local authorities:

Procurement of stationery items, toilet articles, towels, furniture, air-conditioning machines, electrical goods, books and periodicals & medicines, food and beverage for employees or other stakeholders, computers and printers, books, Procurement of security services, car rental services, generator rental services, consultants services, legal services, rental services like office building/land taken on rent, maintenance services, rental of machinery, Works Contract services such as road, bridge, building development/renovation/repairing/maintenance services, etc

As per Sec 2(108) of The CGST Act 2017 Taxable Supply means supply of goods or services or both which is leviable to tax under GST

As per Sec 2(47) of The CGST Act 2017 Exempt supply means supply of any goods or services or both which attracts nil rate of tax or which may be wholly exempt from tax under section 11 of the CGST/SGST Acts or under section 6 of the IGST Act, and includes non-taxable supply.

It is to be noted that TDS is not required to be deducted on supply of exempt goods or services. For example, incase a PSU/ GovtDept receives GST books for all its employees, no TDS is required to be deducted since GST books are exempt supplies.

Similarly incase a PSU/ GovtDept avails the services of a medical practitioner, no TDS is required to be deducted.

11. When tax deduction is required to be made in GST and at what rate:

The deductors have to deduct tax at the rate of 2% from the payment made or credited to the supplier of taxable goods and/or services, notified by the Central Government or State Government on the recommendations of the Council. Deduction is required where the total value of supply under 'a contract' exceeds INR 2.5 lakhs. Value of supply shall exclude the tax indicated in the invoice. No deduction shall be made if the location of the supplier and the place of supply is in a State or Union territory which is different from the State or as the case may be, Union territory of registration of the recipient.

Hence, Tax deduction is required if all the following conditions are satisfied –

- (a) Total value of taxable supply > ₹ 2.5 Lakh under a single contract. This value shall exclude taxes & cess leviable under GST.

Eg.– Incase the value of 1 contract for printing material is ₹ 3 Lakhs plus GST and the same is received vide 6 invoices of ₹ 50,000/- plus GST each in 18-19 and 19-20. TDS is required to be deducted on each bill

Eg.– Incase the value of 6 contracts for printing material from the same vendor A is ₹ 50,000/- plus GST each and the same is received vide 6 invoices of ₹ 50,000/- plus each. TDS is not required to be deducted on any bill

Eg. – Incase the value of 1 contract for printing material from a vendor A is ₹ 2,75,000/- inclusive of 18% GST. TDS is not required to be deducted as the value of contract exclusive of GST is less than ₹ 2,50,000/-



- (b) If the contract is made for both taxable supply and exempted supply, deduction will be made if the total value of taxable supply in the contract > ₹ 2.5 Lakh. This value shall exclude taxes & cess leviable under GST.

Eg. – In case the value of 1 contract for printing material and books from a vendor A is ₹ 3,50,000/- plus GST as applicable. Value of books is ₹ 1,00,000/- (GST is exempt) and Value of printing material is ₹ 2,50,000/- (GST chargeable). TDS is not required to be deducted as the value of contract of taxable goods (printing material) is not exceeding ₹ 2,50,000/-.

Eg. – In case the value of 1 contract for printing material and books from a vendor A is ₹ 4,00,000/- plus GST as applicable. Value of books is ₹ 1,00,000/- (GST is exempt) and Value of printing material is ₹ 3,00,000/- (GST chargeable). TDS is required to be deducted on only the value of contract of taxable goods (printing material) of ₹ 3,00,000/-

- (c) Where the location of the supplier and the place of supply are in the same State/UT, it is an intra-State supply and TDS @ 1% each under CGST Act and SGST/UTGST Act is to be deducted if the deductor is registered in that State or Union territory without legislature

Eg.–In case material is purchased by A (WB) from B (WB) where value of contract of taxable goods (printing material) of ₹ 3,00,000/- plus GST, GST is liable to be deducted as follows –

1% CGST on ₹ 3,00,000/- = ₹ 3,000/-

1% SGST on ₹ 3,00,000/- = ₹ 3,000/-

- (d) Where the location of the supplier is in State A and the recipient of supply is in another State or Union territory B. However, if the customer is in the same state A, then it is intra-State supply and TDS @ 1% under CGST Act and @ 1% under SGST Act is to be deducted as the deductor is registered in State or Union territory A.

Where the location of the supplier is in State A and the recipient of supply is in another State or Union territory B. However, if the customer is in the yet another state C, then it is inter-State supply and TDS @ 2% under IGST Act is to be deducted as the deductor is not registered in State or Union territory A.

Eg.– In case material is purchased by B (WB) from A (WB) but to be delivered to C(TN) and where value of contract of taxable goods (printing material) of ₹ 3,00,000/- plus GST, GST is liable to be deducted as follows –

1% CGST on ₹ 3,00,000/- = ₹ 3,000/-

1% WB SGST on ₹ 3,00,000/- = ₹ 3,000/-

Eg.– In case material is purchased by B (WB) from A (Bihar) but to be delivered to C(TN) and where value of contract of taxable goods (printing material) of ₹ 3,00,000/- plus GST, GST is liable to be deducted as follows –

2% IGST on ₹ 3,00,000/- = ₹ 6,000/-

- (e) When advance is paid to a supplier on or after 01.10.2018 to a supplier for supply of taxable goods or services or both

Eg.–In case contract of ₹ 3,00,000/- plus GST is made on 30th September 2018 but neither supply of goods nor payment is made on that day. Thereafter advance is made on 1st October 2018 of ₹ 10,000/- plus GST. Herein TDS will be deducted on the advance of ₹ 10,000/- made on 1st October 2018.

- (f) When The contract value is revised

Eg.–A contract with a supplier ABC was entered into where the value of taxable supply is ₹ 2 Lakh and payment of ₹ 1 Lakh has been made on 15.10.2018. Now, on 20.10.2018 the contract value is revised from ₹ 2 Lakh to ₹ 6 Lakh. In this case TDS shall have to be deducted on entire amount i.e. ₹ 6 lakhs while making remaining payment of ₹ 5 Lakh. In other words, ₹ 12,000/- would be deducted when remaining payment of ₹ 5 Lakh is made.

**Circular No. 65/39/2018 - Dated 14.09.2018****Guidelines for Deductions and Deposits of TDS by the DDO under GST**

The GST Council provides Guidelines for Deductions and Deposits of TDS by the DDO under GST.

For the process of deduction and deposit of TDS, the DDO can follow any of the following two options :

- i. Individual Bill-wise deduction and its deposit to the Government by DDO
- ii. Bunching of deductions and its deposit by DDO

The DDO has to file GSTR -7 by 10th of next month and must generate TDS certificate through the GSTN portal in GSTR-7A. The process flow for Option I and Option II are described as under:

**Option I - Individual Bill-wise Deduction and its Deposit by the DDO**

In this option, the DDO will have to deduct as well as deposit the GST TDS for each bill individually by generating a CPIN (Challan) and mentioning it in the Bill itself.

Following process shall be followed by the DDO in this regard:

- (i) The DDO shall prepare the Bill based on the Expenditure Sanction. The Expenditure Sanction shall contain the (a) Total amount, (b) net amount payable to the Contractor/Supplier/Vendor and (c) the 2% TDS amount of GST.
- (ii) The DDO shall login into the GSTN Portal (using his GSTIN) and generate the CPIN (Challan). In the CPIN he shall have to fill in the desired amount of payment against one/many Major Head(s) (CGST/SGST/UTGST/IGST) and the relevant component (e.g. Tax) under each of the Major Head.
- (iii) While generating the CPIN, the DDO will have to select mode of payment as either (a) NEFT/RTGS or (b) OTC. In the OTC mode, the DDO will have to select the Bank where the payment will be deposited through OTC mode.
- (iv) The DDO shall prepare the bill on PFMS (in case of Central Civil Ministries of Gol), similar payment portals of other Ministries/Departments of Gol or of State Governments for submission to the respective payment authorities.
- (v) In the Bill,
  - (a) the net amount payable to the Contractor; and
  - (b) 2% as TDSwill be specified
- (vi) In case of NEFT/RTGS mode, the DDO will have to mention the CPIN Number (as beneficiary's account number), RBI (as beneficiary) and the IFSC Code of RBI with the request to payment authority to make payment in favour of RBI with these credentials.
- (vii) In case of the OTC mode, the DDO will have to request the payment authority to issue 'A' Category Government Cheque in favour of one of the 25 authorized Banks. The Cheque may then be deposited along with the CPIN with any of branch of the authorized Bank so selected by the DDO.
- (viii) Upon successful payment, a CIN will be generated by the RBI/Authorized Bank and will be shared electronically with the GSTN Portal. This will get credited in the electronic Cash Ledger of the concerned DDO in the GSTN Portal. This can be viewed and the details of CIN can be noted by the DDO anytime on GSTN portal using his Login credentials.
- (ix) The DDO should maintain a Register as per proforma given in Annexure 'A' to keep record of all TDS deductions made by him during the month. This Record will be helpful at the time of filing Monthly Return (FORM GSTR-7) by the DDO. The DDO may also make use of the offline utility available on the GSTN Portal for this purpose.



- (x) The DDO shall generate TDS Certificate through the GST Portal in FORM GSTR-7A after filing of Monthly Return.

**Option II - Bunching of deductions and its deposit by the DDO**

Option-I may not be suitable for DDOs who make large number of payments in a month as it would require them to make large number of challans during the month. Such DDOs may exercise this option wherein the DDO will have to deduct the TDS from each bill, for keeping it under the Suspense Head. However, deposit of this bunched amount from the Suspense Head can be made on a weekly, monthly or any other periodic basis.

Following process shall be followed by the DDO in this regard:

- (i) The DDO shall prepare the Bill based on the Expenditure Sanction. The Expenditure Sanction shall contain the (a) Total amount, (b) net amount payable to the Contractor/Supplier/Vendor and (c) the 2% TDS amount of GST.
- (ii) The DDO shall prepare the bill on PFMS (in case of Central Civil Ministries of Gol), similar payment portals of other Ministries/Departments of Gol or of State Governments for submission to the respective payment authorities.
- (iii) In the Bill, it will be specified
  - (a) the net amount payable to the Contractor; and
  - (b) 2% as TDS
- (iv) The TDS amount shall be mentioned in the Bill for booking in the Suspense Head (8658 - Suspense; 00.101 - PAO Suspense; xx – GST TDS)
- (v) The DDO will require to maintain the Record of the TDS so being booked under the Suspense Head so that at the time of preparing the CPIN for making payment on weekly/monthly or any other periodic basis, the total amount could be easily worked out.
- (vi) At any periodic interval, when DDO needs to deposit the TDS amount, he will prepare the CPIN on the GSTN Portal for the amount (already booked under the Suspense Head).
- (vii) While generating the CPIN, the DDO will have to select mode of payment as either (a) NEFT/RTGS or (b) OTC. In the OTC mode, the DDO will have to select the Bank where the payment will be deposited through OTC mode.
- (viii) The DDO shall prepare the bill for the bunched TDS amount for payment through the concerned payment authority. In the Bill, the DDO will give reference of all the earlier paid bills from which 2% TDS was deducted and kept in the suspense head. The DDO may also attach a certified copy of the record maintained by him in this regard.
- (ix) The payment authority will pass the bill by clearing the Suspense Head operated against that particular DDO after exercising necessary checks.
- (x) In case of NEFT/RTGS mode, the DDO will have to mention the CPIN Number (as beneficiary's account number), RBI (as beneficiary) and the IFSC Code of RBI with the request to payment authority to make payment in favour of RBI with these credentials.
- (xi) In case of the OTC mode, the DDO will have to request the payment authority to issue 'A' Category Government Cheque in favour of one of the 25 authorized Banks. The Cheque may then be deposited along with the CPIN with any of branch of the authorized Bank so selected by the DDO.
- (xii) Upon successful payment, a CIN will be generated by the RBI/Authorized Bank and will be shared electronically with the GSTN Portal. This will get credited in the electronic Cash Ledger of the concerned DDO in the GSTN Portal. This can be viewed and the details of CIN can be noted by the DDO anytime on GSTN portal using his Login credentials.

(xiii) The DDO should maintain a Register as per proforma given in Annexure 'A' to keep record of all TDS deductions made by him during the month. This Record will be helpful at the time of filing Monthly Return (FORM GSTR-7) by the DDO. The DDO may also make use of the offline utility available on the GSTN Portal for this purpose.

(xiv) The DDO shall file the Return in FORM GSTR-7 by 10th of the following month

(xv) The DDO shall generate TDS Certificate through the GSTN Portal in FORM GSTR-7A.

Further, the above circular has been amended by Circular No67/41/2018 dated 28/09/2018 - Guidelines for deductions and deposits of TDS by the DDO under GST have been modified. DDOs can now account TDS bunched together below the Head 8658.00. 101-PAO where a suspense account has been opened.

#### **As per Finance Act, 2020, Deductor of TDS need not issue certificate of TDS (Sec. 51):**

Deductor of GST TDS is not required to issue any TDS certificate. It means the deductee can take credit of tax deducted on the basis of details of tax deducted and uploaded by the deductor under section 39(3) of CGST Act, 2017.

The details are available in the GSTR-7 return filed by the deductor will be auto populated in GSTR-2A of deductee. Hence, any further certificate is not required.

#### **Deduct Tax while making / crediting payment and procedure to deposit:**

**Step 1:** Make payment of deducted tax to the Government within 10 days after the end of the month in which deduction was made (i.e. submit return in Form GSTR-7).

**Step 2:** w.e.f. 1-1-2021, Not required to furnish system generated TDS certificate in Form GSTR-7A to the deducted within 5 days of crediting payment of TDS to the Government.

**Step 3:** Late fee, interest, penalty payable by the deductor of TDS, if he fails to make payment of deducted tax:

- Failure to furnish Form GSTR-7 within due date, late fee u/s 47 is
- ₹100 per day of delay or ₹5,000 whichever is less as per CGST Act. Same amount as per SGST/UTGST is also applicable.
- Interest u/s 50(1), @18% p.a. to be paid
- In such cases recovery may be initiated u/s 73 or 74.
- If excess amount deducted refund may be claimed by the deductor / deductee as the case may be (if excess tax gets credited to the deductee then no refund shall be granted to the deductor)

## **12.2 COLLECTION OF TAX AT SOURCE (TCS)**

After deferring the provisions related to TDS & TCS since the implementation of GST, Government has, vide **Notification No. 50/2018 – Central Tax dated September 13, 2018 and Notification No. 51/2018 – Central Tax dated September 13, 2018, appointed 1st October, 2018** as the date from which the said provisions shall be made applicable. Here are the Salient features of TCS with examples -

1. TCS stands for the tax collection at source. It is a concept borrowed from the Income Tax. Basically the payer (viz. collector) is required to collect some amount as tax while making the payment to the supplier. Such amount shall be collected separately over and above the invoice value. Hence let us say INR 1180 is the invoice value (Basic amount is INR 1000 plus tax is INR 180). Then the payer shall collect 1% (i.e. INR 10) and make the payment of such tax to the Government. Net amount of INR 1170 (i.e. 1180-10) shall be paid to the concerned supplier.



On the other hand, supplier can claim credit of the tax so collected while discharging his liabilities. It acts as a powerful instrument to prevent tax evasion and expands the tax net, as it provides for the creation of an audit trail

2. Only companies who are in the business of providing such platform for electronic commerce shall be regarded as electronic commerce operators. Hence companies like Amazon, Flipkart, etc. which displays/ lists on their portal products as well as services which are actually supplied by some other person to the consumer are electronic commerce operator. On placing the order for a particular product/ services the actual supplier supplies the selected product/services to the consumer. The price/consideration for the product/services is collected by the Operator from the consumer and passed on to the actual supplier after deducting his commission by the Operator. Such Operator is only required to collect the tax at source.
3. Every E-Commerce Operator, other than an agent, shall collect TCS at a rate not exceeding 1% on the net value of transaction in which he collects consideration of the supply.
4. The "net value of taxable supplies" means the aggregate value of taxable supplies of goods or services or both, other than the services on which entire tax is payable by the e-commerce operator, made during any month by a registered supplier through such operator reduced by the aggregate value of taxable supplies returned to such supplier during the said month.

An e-commerce company is required to collect tax only on the net value of taxable supplies made through it. In other words, value of the supplies which are returned (supply return) may be adjusted from the aggregate value of taxable supplies made by each supplier (i.e. on GSTIN basis). In other words, if two suppliers "A" and "B" are making supplies through an ecommerce operator, the "net value of taxable supplies" would be calculated separately in respect of "A" and "B". If the value of returned supplies is more than supplies made on behalf of any of such supplier during any tax period, the same would be ignored in his case. If returns are more than the supplies made during any tax period, the same would be ignored in current as well as future tax period(s).

The value of net taxable supplies is calculated at GSTIN level.

Please note that if there is returning of supplies to Suppliers, then the same shall be reduced from the gross value; TCS shall be worked on such net figure only (after such reduction).

5. Net Value of Taxable Supplies = [(Aggregate Value of Taxable Supplies of Goods + Services) – (Section 9(5) Services)] – (Aggregate Value of Returned Taxable Supplies + Goods)]

Let us take an example to understand. Gross taxable value of supplies made by a particular supplier in a month is let us say INR 10 lakhs. During the said month, the aggregate value of supplies returned (original supply might have been done during the same month or even before) is INR 1 lakhs. Then, as per the above definition, "net value of taxable supplies" shall be INR 9 lakhs on which TCS is to be collected for that particular month.

It may be noted that the "value of taxable supplies" shall not include the GST since Sec. 15(2)(a) of the CGST Act, 2017 clearly excludes the same.

It may also be noted that the value of services notified u/s 9(5) are to be excluded. As per Notification No. 17/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 following supplies have been notified u/s 9(5):

- (a) services by way of transportation of passengers by a radio-taxi, motorcab, maxicab and motor cycle
- (b) services by way of providing accommodation in hotels, inns, guest houses, clubs, campsites or other commercial places meant for residential or lodging purposes, except where the person supplying such service through electronic commerce operator is liable for registration under sub-section (1) of section 22 of the said Central Goods and Services Tax Act
- (c) services by way of house-keeping, such as plumbing, carpentering etc., except where the person supplying such service through electronic commerce operator is liable for registration under sub-section (1) of section 22 of the said Central Goods and Services Tax Act

In all the above three cases, since the electronic commerce operator has been made liable to pay the tax as if he is the supplier u/s 9(5), there is no requirement to collect TCS.

6. It is pertinent to note the following definitions here –

Section 2 (44), – “electronic commerce” means the supply of goods or services or both, including digital products over digital or electronic network;

Section 2 (45), – “electronic commerce operator” means any person who owns, operates or manages digital or electronic facility or platform for electronic commerce

7. Every e-commerce operator is required to collect tax where the supplier is supplying goods or services through e-commerce operator and consideration with respect to the supply is to be collected by the said e-commerce operator.

There is no threshold exemption from TCS once the above cited conditions are fulfilled. However, the supplies made by the electronic commerce operator on its own account are not subject to TCS requirements since the above stated conditions are not fulfilled.

8. Rate of TCS is 0.5% under each Act (i.e. the CGST Act, 2017 and the respective SGST Act/UTGST Act respectively) and the same is 1% under the IGST Act, 2017. Notifications No. 52/2018 – Central Tax and 02/2018-Integrated Tax both dated 20th September, 2018 have been issued in this regard. Similar notifications have been issued by the respective State Governments also.
9. TCS is not required to be collected on exempt supplies.
10. TCS is not required to be collected on supplies on which the recipient is required to pay tax on reverse charge basis.
11. TCS is not liable to be collected on any supplies on which the recipient is required to pay tax on reverse charge basis. As far as import of goods is concerned since same would fall within the domain of Customs Act, 1962, it would be outside the purview of TCS. Thus, TCS is not liable to be collected on import of goods or services.
12. As per section 10(2)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017, a composition taxpayer cannot make supplies through e-commerce operator.
13. TCS is to be collected once supply has been made through the e-commerce operator and where the business model is that the consideration is to be collected by the ecommerce operator irrespective of the actual collection of the consideration. For example, if the supply has taken place through the ecommerce operator on 30th November, 2018 but the consideration for the same has been collected in the month of December, 2018, then TCS for such supply has to be collected and reported in the statement for the month of November, 2018.
14. The amount collected so shall be paid to the Central/State Government respectively within ten days after the end of the month in which such collection is made.
- Payment of TCS is not allowed through Input Tax Credit of e-Commerce operator
15. TCS collected is to be deposited by the ecommerce operator separately under the respective tax head (i.e. Central tax/State tax/Union territory tax/Integrated tax). Based on the statement (FORM GSTR-8) filed by the ecommerce operator, the same would be credited to the electronic cash ledger of the actual supplier in the respective tax head. If the supplier is not able to use the amount lying in the said cash ledger, the actual supplier may claim refund of the excess balance lying in his electronic cash ledger in accordance with the provisions contained in section 54(1) of the CGST Act, 2017.
16. In case the E-commerce operator fails to collect to tax under sub-section 1 of section 52 or collects an amount which is less than the amount required to be collected under said sub-section or where he fails to pay to the government the amount collected as tax under sub-section 3 of section 52, he shall be liable to penalty under clause (vi) of subsection 1 of section 122 of the Act which may extend to twenty five





thousand along with penalty under of i.e. ₹ 10,000 or the amount of TCS involved, whichever is higher.

17. As per section 24(x) of the CGST Act, 2017, every electronic commerce operator has to obtain compulsory registration irrespective of the value of supply made by him.
18. As per Section 24(ix) of the CGST Act, 2017, every person supplying goods through an ecommerce operator shall be mandatorily required to register irrespective of the value of supply made by him. However, a person supplying services, other than supplier of services under section 9(5) of the CGST Act, 2017, through an e-commerce platform are exempted from obtaining compulsory registration provided their aggregate turnover does not exceed INR 20 lakhs (or INR 10 lakhs in case of specified special category States) in a financial year. Government has issued the notification No. 65/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 in this regard.
19. As per the extant law, registration for TCS would be required in each State/UT as the obligation for collecting TCS would be there for every intra-State or inter-State supply. In order to facilitate the obtaining of registration in each State/UT, the e-commerce operator may declare the Head Office as its place of business for obtaining registration in that State/UT where it does not have physical presence.
20. Where registered supplier is supplying goods or services through a foreign e-commerce operator to a customer in India, such foreign ecommerce operator would be liable to collect TCS on such supply and would be required to obtain registration in each State/UT. If the foreign e-commerce operator does not have physical presence in a particular State/UT, he may appoint an agent on his behalf.
21. E-Commerce operator has to obtain separate registration for TCS irrespective of the fact whether e-Commerce operator is already registered under GST as a supplier or otherwise and has GSTIN.
22. E-Commerce operator shall furnish details of outward supplies of goods or services or both made through it, including the supplies returned through it and the amount collected by it in sub-section 1, in Form GSTR-8 within the 10 days after end of the month in which supplies are made.
23. As per Rule 46 of the CGST Rules, 2017 there is no requirement to indicate TCS on the invoice issued by the concerned supplier.
24. The details of tax collected at source furnished by an E-commerce operator under section 52 in Form GSTR-8 shall be made available to the supplier in Part D of FORM GSTR - 2A electronically through the Common Portal and such taxable person may include the same in FORM GSTR-2."
25. Section 52(5) of CGST Act requires filing of Annual Statement by E-Commerce operator on or before 31st December following the year end (31st March of relevant year).
26. The amount of tax collected is reflected in Electronic Cash Ledger of supplier since related monthly return is filed by E-Commerce Operator.
27. As on date there is no concept of TCS certificate.
28. Any mismatch between the data submitted by the E-Commerce operator in his monthly returns and that of suppliers making supplies through him shall cause due 'mismatch enquiry' from the proper officer; and either party may rectify the erroneous data. If rectification is not carried out by supplier his offences get confirmed. Short remittance, if any, identified thus will have to be paid by erring supplier (who under reported the turnover) with interest calculated as per Section 50.
29. Any authority, in the rank of Deputy Commissioner or above it can issue a notice – during, or before a proceeding under this Act - to E Commerce Operator seeking information on –
  - (a) supplies of goods or services or both effected through such operator during any period; or
  - (b) stock of goods held by the suppliers making supplies through such operator in the godowns or warehouses, by whatever name called, managed by such operator and declared as additional places of business by such suppliers, as may be specified in the notice.

This shall be a notice which need to be responded within 15 days from the date of receipt by the E



Commerce Operator. Failure to submit the required details will cause penalty under Section 52 (14) of the Act which may extend to ₹ 25,000.

30. Consequences of not complying with the TCS provisions -

Sr.No.	Event	Consequence
1	TCS not collected	As per Sec. 122(1)(vi) of the CGST Act, 2017 failure to collect the tax as per Sec. 52(1) can invite penalty of INR 10,000/- or the amount not collected or short collected, whichever is higher.
2	TCS collected but not paid to the Government	Sec. 76 of the CGST Act, 2017 may be invoked by the officer to recover such TCS along with interest. Penalty u/s 122(1)(vi) may also be imposed subject to principles of natural justice.
3	Late filing of TCS returns	Provisions of Sec. 47 of the CGST Act, 2017 imposing late fees shall not apply to the TCS return since the same is to be filed u/s 52(4) of the said Act (which is not covered u/s 47). However general penalty up to INR 25,000/- can be imposed u/s 125.  It must however be noted that unless the return is filed, the concerned supplier shall not get the credit in his electronic cash ledger.

31. The operator is also required to file an annual statement by 31st day of December following the end of the financial year in which the tax was collected in FORM GSTR-9B.
32. As per section 12(11) of the IGST Act, 2017, the address on record of the customer with the supplier of services is the place of supply, for ecommerce operator for recharge of talk time of the Telecom Operator/ recharge of DTH/in relation to convenience fee charged from the customers on booking of air tickets, rail supplied through its online platform
33. Under multiple ecommerce model, Customer books a Hotel via ECO-1 who in turn is integrated with ECO-2 who has agreement with the hotelier. In this case, ECO-1 will not have any GST information of the hotelier. TCS is to be collected by that e-Commerce operator who is making payment to the supplier for the particular supply happening through it, which is in this case will be ECO-2.
34. How shall the amount collected in excess be refunded -  
As per Sec. 52(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 any errors or omissions in the return filed can be corrected subject to certain time limit. However there is no specific provision to seek refund of the tax collected in excess. Hence the concerned supplier can claim the credit of such excess tax in his cash ledger and utilize the same.
35. There are cases in which the ECO does not provide invoicing solution to the seller. In such cases, invoice is generated by the seller and received by the buyer without ECO getting to know about it. The payment flows through the ECO. In such cases, on what value is TCS to be collected? Can TCS be collected on the entire value of the transaction -  
Section 52(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 mandates that TCS is to be collected on the net taxable value of such supplies in respect of which the ECO collects the consideration. The amount collected should be duly reported in GSTR-8 and remitted to the Government. Any such amount collected will be available to the concerned supplier as credit in his electronic cash ledger.
36. There are sellers who are selling exempted or zero-tax goods like books through ECOs. Will marketplaces be required to collect TCS on such supplies -  
As per Section 52(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 TCS is to be collected on "the net value of taxable supplies" made through an ECO. When the supply itself is not taxable, the question of TCS does not arise.
37. I am a supplier selling my own products through a web site hosted by me. Do I fall under the definition of an "electronic commerce operator"? Am I required to collect TCS on such supplies



As per the definitions in Section 2 (44) and 2(45) of the CGST Act, 2017, you will come under the definition of an "electronic commerce operator". However, according to Section 52 of the Act *ibid*, TCS is required to be collected on the net value of taxable supplies made through it by other suppliers where the consideration is to be collected by the ECO. In cases where someone is selling their own products through a website, there is no requirement to collect tax at source as per the provisions of this Section. These transactions will be liable to GST at the prevailing rates.

38. We purchase goods from different vendors and are selling them on our website under our own billing. Is TCS required to be collected on such supplies –

No. According to Section 52 of the CGST Act, 2017, TCS is required to be collected on the net value of taxable supplies made through it by other suppliers where the consideration is to be collected by the ECO. In this case, there are two transactions - where you purchase the goods from the vendors, and where you sell it through your website. For the first transaction, GST is leviable, and will need to be paid to your vendor, on which credit is available for you. The second transaction is a supply on your own account, and not by other suppliers and there is no requirement to collect tax at source. The transaction will attract GST at the prevailing rates.

### **Circular No. 78/48/2018 - GST dated 05.11.2018**

#### **Collection of tax at source by Tea Board of India**

The GST council clarifies issue regarding Tea Board of India (hereinafter referred to as the, "Tea Board"), being the operator of the electronic auction system for trading of tea across the country including for collection and settlement of payments, admittedly falls under the category of electronic commerce operator liable to collect Tax at Source (hereinafter referred to as, "TCS") in accordance with the provisions of section 52 of the Central Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017- whether they should collect TCS under section 52 of the CGST Act from the sellers of tea (i.e. the tea producers), or from the auctioneers of tea or from both.

Accordingly, it is clarified, that TCS at the notified rate, in terms of section 52 of the CGST Act, shall be collected by Tea Board respectively from the -

- (i) sellers (i.e. tea producers) on the net value of supply of goods i.e. tea; and
- (ii) auctioneers on the net value of supply of services (i.e. brokerage).

#### **Monthly Statement:**

The operator who collects tax shall furnish a statement, electronically, containing all the details regarding:

- (a) Outward supplies of Goods and Services
- (b) Return of goods and services

In **Form GSTR-8** within 10 days from the end of the month in terms of sub-rule (1) of Rule 67 of the rules read with sub-section (4) of Section 52 of the act.

#### **Annual Statement:**

The operator who collects tax at source shall furnish an annual Statement, electronically, containing all the details, under sub-section (3) of Section 52 of the Act, regarding:

- (a) Outward supplies of Goods and Services
- (b) Return of goods and services during the Financial Year,

Before 31st December following the end of such Financial Year.



**w.e.f. 1-4-2019:**

"Provided that the Commissioner may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing the statement for such class of registered persons as may be specified therein:

Provided further that any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or the Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner.";

the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:—"Provided that the Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the Council and for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing the annual statement for such class of registered persons as may be specified therein:

Provided further that any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or the Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner".



# Study Note - 13

## RETURNS UNDER GST



### This Study Note includes

- 13.1 Furnishing of Returns
- 13.2 First Return
- 13.3 Revision of Returns
- 13.4 Penalty/Late Fee
- 13.5 Highlights of Proposed New Returns

### GENERAL PROVISION RELATING TO RETURNS UNDER GST.

"Return" means any return prescribed or otherwise required to be furnished by or under this Act or the rules made thereunder [Section 2(97)].

A return is a document containing details of income which a taxpayer is required to file with the tax administrative authorities.

This is used by tax authorities to calculate tax liability.

Under GST, a registered dealer has to file GST returns that include:

- Purchases
- Sales
- Output GST (On sales)
- Input tax credit (GST paid on purchases)

In the GST regime, any regular business has to file two monthly returns and one annual return. This amounts to 26 returns in a year.

The beauty of the system is that one has to manually enter details of one monthly return – GSTR-1.

The other return GSTR 3B will get auto-populated by deriving information from GSTR-1 filed by you and your vendors.

There are separate returns required to be filed by special cases such as composition dealers.

### 13.1 FURNISHING OF RETURNS

To meet the concept of digital India, the Government of India made it mandatory to file all returns electronically.

Moreover, one of the basic features of the returns mechanism in GST include electronic filing of returns, uploading of invoice level information and auto-population of information relating to Input Tax Credit (ITC) from returns of supplier to that of recipient, invoice-level information matching and auto-reversal of Input Tax Credit in case of mismatch.



**The returns mechanism is designed to assist the taxpayer to file returns and avail ITC.**

Under GST, a regular taxpayer needs to furnish monthly returns and one annual return. There are separate returns for a taxpayer registered under the composition scheme, non-resident taxpayer, taxpayer registered as an Input Service Distributor, a person liable to deduct or collect the tax (TDS/TCS) and a person granted Unique Identification Number.

It is important to note that a taxpayer is not required to file all types of returns. In fact, taxpayers are required to file returns depending on the activities they undertake.

Returns can be filed using any of the following methods:

1. GSTN portal (www.gst.gov.in )
2. Offline utilities provided by GSTN
3. GST Suvidha Providers (GSPs)

Following table lists the various types of returns under GST Law:

Return Form	Particulars	Frequency	Due Date
<b>GSTR-1</b>	Details of outward supplies of taxable goods and/or services effected (Section 37 of the CGST Act, 2017).	Monthly	10th of the next month
<b>GSTR-2</b>	Details of inward supplies of taxable goods and/or services effected claiming input tax credit (Section 38 of the CGST Act, 2017).	Monthly	15th of the next month
<b>GSTR-3</b>	Monthly return on the basis of finalization of details of outward supplies and inward supplies along with the payment of amount of tax (Section 39(1) of the CGST Act, 2017).	Monthly	20th of the next month
<b>GSTR-3B</b>	Simple return for Jul 2017- Mar 2018	Monthly	20th of the next month
<b>GSTR-4</b>	Return for compounding taxable person (Section 39(2) of the CGST Act, 2017) (now Form GST CMP -08 quarterly return)	Quarterly	18th of the month succeeding quarter
<b>GSTR-5</b>	Return for Non-Resident foreign taxable person (Section 39(5) of the CGST Act, 2017)	Monthly	W.e.f. 01-10-2022, 13th day of the following month (prior to 1-10-22, 20th of the next month) or within 7 days after the last day of the period of registration specified under section 27(1), whichever is earlier
<b>GSTR-6</b>	Return for Input Service Distributor (Section 39(4) of the CGST Act, 2017)	Monthly	13th of the next month
<b>GSTR-7</b>	Return for authorities deducting tax at source (Section 39(3) of the CGST Act, 2017)	Monthly	10th of the next month
<b>GSTR-8</b>	Details of supplies effected through e-commerce operator and the amount of tax collected	Monthly	10th of the next month



Return Form	Particulars	Frequency	Due Date
<b>GSTR-9</b>	Annual Return (section 44 of the CGST Act, 2017) (a) Who Files: Registered Person other than an ISD, TDS/TCS Taxpayer, Casual Taxable Person and Non-resident Taxpayer. (b) In this return, the taxpayer needs to furnish details of expenditure and details of income for the entire Financial Year.	Annually	31st December of next financial year
<b>GSTR-10</b>	Final Return (Section 45 of the CGST Act, 2017)	Once. When registration is cancelled or surrendered	Within three months of the date of cancellation or date of cancellation order, whichever is later.
<b>GSTR-11</b>	Details of inward supplies to be furnished by a person having UIN and claiming refund.	Monthly	28th of the month following the month for which statement is filed

Form and manner of furnishing details of outward supplies Form GSTR-1 (Rule 59 of CGST Rules, 2017) -

- (1) Every registered person, other than a person referred to in section 14 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017), required to furnish the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both under section 37, shall furnish such details in FORM GSTR-1 for the month or the quarter, as the case may be, electronically through the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre as may be notified by the Commissioner.
- (2) The registered persons required to furnish return for every quarter under proviso to subsection (1) of section 39 may furnish the details of such outward supplies of goods or services or both to a registered person, as he may consider necessary, for the first and second months of a quarter, up to a cumulative value of fifty lakh rupees in each of the months, - using invoice furnishing facility (hereafter in this notification referred to as the "IFF") electronically on the common portal, duly authenticated in the manner prescribed under rule 26, from the 1st day of the month succeeding such month till the 13th day of the said month.
- (3) The details of outward supplies furnished using the IFF, for the first and second months of a quarter, shall not be furnished in FORM GSTR-1 for the said quarter.
- (4) The details of outward supplies of goods or services or both furnished in FORM GSTR-1 shall include the—
  - (a) invoice wise details of all –
    - (i) inter-State and intra-State supplies made to the registered persons; and
    - (ii) inter-State supplies with invoice value more than two and a half lakh rupees made to the unregistered persons;
  - (b) consolidated details of all –
    - (i) intra-State supplies made to unregistered persons for each rate of tax; and
    - (ii) State wise inter-State supplies with invoice value upto two and a half lakh rupees made to unregistered persons for each rate of tax;
  - (c) debit and credit notes, if any, issued during the month for invoices issued previously.
- (5) The details of outward supplies of goods or services or both furnished using the IFF shall include the –
  - (a) invoice wise details of inter-State and intra-State supplies made to the registered persons;
  - (b) debit and credit notes, if any, issued during the month for such invoices issued previously."

(vide Notification No. 82 /2020 – Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020)





**Form GSTR-3B to be treated as a return furnished under section 39 of the CGST Act [Rule 61(5) of the CGST Rules] vide [Notification No. 49/2019 CT dated 09.10.2019]**

**Annual Return is optional [Notification No. 47/2019 CT dated 09.10.2019]:**

Filing of annual return (GSTR- 9) under section 44(1) of CGST Act, read with rule 80(1) of CGST Rules, in respect of financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19, has been made voluntary for the registered persons whose turnover is less than Rs. 2 crore and who have not furnished the said annual return before the due date. The annual return shall be deemed to be furnished on the due date if it has not been furnished before the due date.

**Annual Return related relaxation for MSME for 2019-20**

The Central Government vide Notification No.77/2020-Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020 has made the filing of Annual return optional under section 44 (1) of CGST Act for F.Y. 2019-20 also for those registered persons whose aggregate turnover is less than Rs 2 crores.

[Notification No. 77/2020 -Central Tax dated 15th October,2020]

**Annual Return of the succeeding financial year**

As per Section 44 of the CGST Act, 2017, every registered taxable person is required to file annual return by 31st December following end of financial year. Thus, for the financial year 2019-20, the annual return is required to be filed by 31st December 2020.

**w.e.f 1-8-2019:**

"Provided that the Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the Council and for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing the annual return for such class of registered persons as may be specified therein:

Provided further that any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or the Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner."

Due Date for filing of Annual Return & Reconciliation Statement for the FY 2018-19 extended upto 31st December, 2020:

CBIC vide Notification No. 80/2020- Central Tax dated 28thOctober, 2020 has further extended the time limit for furnishing of the Annual Return in Form GSTR-9 and Reconciliation Statement in Form GSTR- 9C specified under section 44 of the CGST Act read with Rule 80 of the CGST Rules, electronically through the common portal, for the financial year 2018-2019 till the 31stDecember, 2020 [Notification No.80/2020-Central Tax dated 28th October,2020].

**Manner of furnishing of return or details of outward supplies by short messaging service (SMS) facility:**

As per Rule 67A of the CGST Rules, 2017, "Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, for a registered person who is required to furnish a Nil return under section 39 in FORM GSTR-3B or a Nil details of outward supplies under section 37 in FORM GSTR-1 or a Nil statement in FORM GST CMP-08 for a tax period, any reference to electronic furnishing shall include furnishing of the said return or the details of outward supplies or statement through a short messaging service using the registered mobile number and the said return or the details of outward supplies or statement shall be verified by a registered mobile number based One Time Password facility.

**Explanation** - For the purpose of this rule, a Nil return or Nil details of outward supplies or Nil statement shall mean a return under section 39 or details of outward supplies under section 37 or statement under rule 62, for a tax period that has nil or no entry in all the Tables in FORM GSTR-3B or FORM GSTR-1 or FORM GST CMP-08, as the case may be" (vide Notification No.79/2020-Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020).

CBIC notifies **Central Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2019** vide Notification No. 49/2019 – Central Tax dated 09-10-2019 and made some important changes as given below-

Amendment in Rule 61(5) has been made with retrospective effect from 01-07-2017 by making GSTR-3B as the return specified under Section 39, wherever the time limit for filing GSTR-1 or GSTR-2 has been extended. This circumvent makes judgement of the Gujarat High Court in the case of AAP and Company in which it was held that GTR 3B is not a return.

**Rule 61(5): Sub-rule 5 substituted in Rule 61 w.e.f 1st July, 2017**

- Where the time limit for furnishing of details in FORM GSTR-1 under section 37 or in FORM GSTR-2 under section 38 has been extended, the return specified in section 39(1) shall, in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Commissioner may, by notification, specify, be furnished in FORM GSTR-3B electronically through the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner:
- Where a return in FORM GSTR-3B is required to be furnished by a person then such person shall not be required to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-3.

**GSTR 1 - FURNISHING DETAILS OF OUTWARD SUPPLIES**

1. Section 37 relates to furnishing of details of outward supplies by the supplier
  - (a) A return of Outward supplies under this Section should be furnished by every registered taxable person except for the following persons namely
    - (i) Input service distributor
    - (ii) A non-resident taxable person
    - (iii) A person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 (composition levy)
    - (iv) A person paying tax under the provisions of section 51 (TDS)
    - (v) A person paying tax under the provisions of section 52 (TCS)
    - (vi) A person referred to in Section 14 of IGST Act – Person providing Online Information and Data Access & Retrieval Services
  - (b) A monthly return GSTR-1 needs to be filed by the taxable persons, except input service provider and persons under composition scheme u/s 10 or TDS Deductor u/s 51 giving details of outward supplies including zero rated supplies, Inter State supplies, return of inward supplies & export made along with relevant debit/ credit notes or supplementary invoices for the month by 10th of succeeding month.
2. The details about outward supplies along with debit/credit notes issued shall be communicated to the corresponding purchasing taxpayer within prescribed time so as to enable them to file return for inward supplies.
3. In case of any error relating to output tax or input tax credit that remains unmatched with monthly return GSTR-3B, the same must be rectified in the month it comes to the notice, and the payment of interest on short payment or refund claim must be made accordingly. However, no rectification is allowed after filing the return for the month of September following the end of the relevant financial year to which such details pertain or filing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.

It is pertinent to mention here that ITC should be matched with GSTR 2A available on GST Portal. In case mismatch, the department may raise demands going forward. However, many a times it is seen that there are various constraints in the Portal which must be taken care of by The Dept.

4. Rectification due to error/omission in return is possible only before filing the return of September of the following FY or before filing the annual return whichever is earlier.
5. Details of invoice: The GSTR require every details of every invoice in case of B2B Transaction. Similar provision prevails in the VAT return of various States. Some idea can be drawn from this existing provision.



6. Mismatch of details: The GST law seeks matching of documents between supplier and receiver for allowing input tax credit (ITC). In case of a mismatch and where the supplier has not made the tax payment, the ITC shall not be allowed to the other party. However, this provision does not exist in the current regime.
7. Such returns shall be for supply of goods or services or both as effected during a tax period and shall be filed electronically
8. The registered person shall not be allowed to furnish any details of outward supplies during the period from the eleventh day to the fifteenth day of the month succeeding the tax period. This implies that the filing portal may not be available for the person filing the return of outward supplies during the above said dates.
9. In case of late filing of the above details, the person who defaults shall pay a sum of rupees One hundred for every day of continuing default subject to a maximum to Rupees five thousand only.
10. The Commissioner is empowered to notify any extension of due date of filing, for any class of persons, beyond the tenth of the succeeding month, with reasons to be recorded in writing.
11. The present process of return filing envisages that the recipient of the supply shall be Provided an opportunity to accept, reject, amend or delete the details in a two-way communication process. The details Provided by the supplier shall be auto – populated and available electronically to the recipient, for matching purposes, in accordance with the provision of Rule 60 in a FORM GSTR-2A.
12. In case any error or omission is discovered in the course of matching as specified in the Act and discussed under Section 42 and 43, rectifications of the same shall be effected and tax and interest, if any as applicable shall be paid on such corrections by the person responsible for filing the return of outward supplies.
13. Such rectification, however, is not permitted after filing of annual return or the return for the month of September of the following financial year to which the details pertain whichever is earlier.

### **GSTR 2 - FURNISHING DETAILS OF INWARD SUPPLIES**

#### **Section 38 relates to furnishing of details of inward supplies by the recipient.**

1. The monthly return of GSTR-2 will be required to be filed by the taxpayer giving details of inward supplies and relevant debit/ credit notes. The details of GSTR-2 will mostly be auto-populated from the GSTR-1 of counterparty making supplies. The auto-populated details can be modified, validated, deleted and additional invoices or debit/credit can also be added in case such details are missed out by the supplier. The taxable person shall file the details of inward supply, including those under reverse charge and IGST with relevant debit/credit notes within 15th of succeeding month, unless extended by Board/Commissioner.

### **GSTR - 3B**

1. GSTR-3B is a monthly self-declaration that has to be filed a registered dealer from July 2017 till March 2018. Points to Note:
  - You must file a separate GSTR-3B for each GSTIN you have
  - Tax liability of GSTR-3B must be paid by the last date of filing GSTR-3B for that month
  - GSTR-3B cannot be revised
2. Every person who has registered for GST must file the return GSTR-3B including nil returns. However, the following registrants do not have to file GSTR-3B
  - Input Service Distributors & Composition Dealers
  - Suppliers of OIDAR
  - Non-resident taxable person

**Composition taxpayers and tax payers paying tax under Notification No. 2/2019-CT, dated 01.03.2019 to file return annually and make payment quarterly**

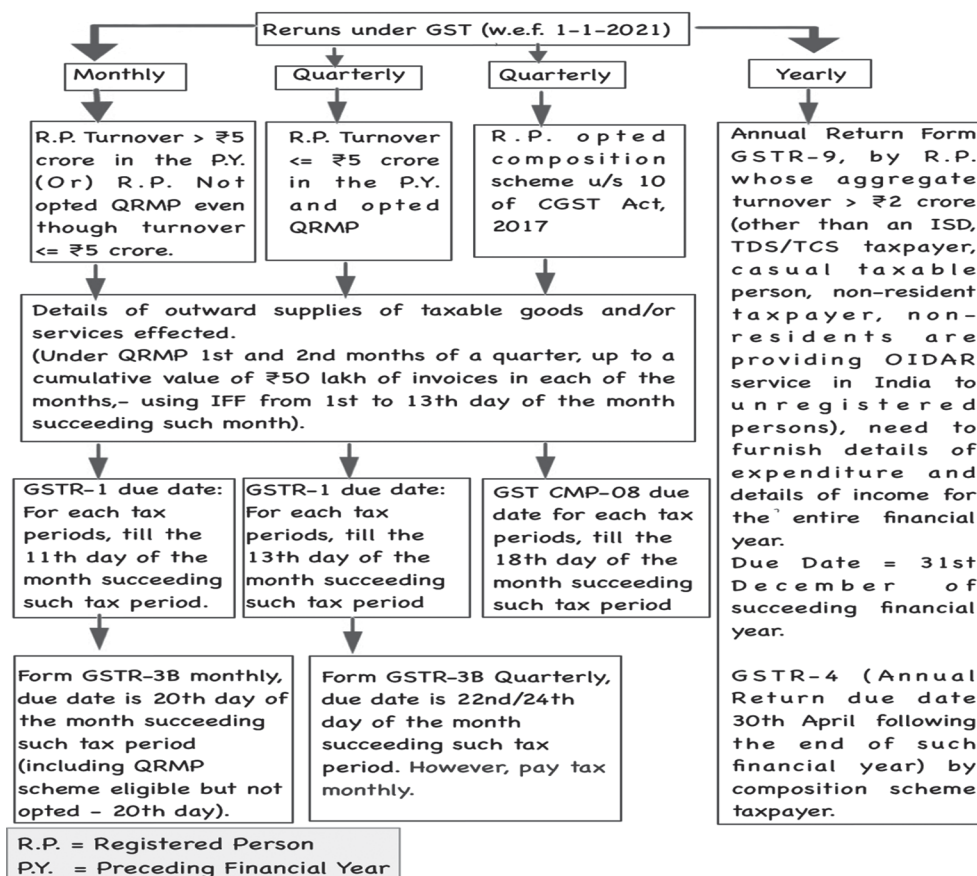
A special procedure for furnishing of return and payment of tax has been prescribed for the following persons:

- (i) registered persons paying composition tax
- (ii) registered person paying tax by availing the benefit of Notification No. 02/2019 CT (R) dated 07.03.2019.

Such persons will:

- (i) furnish a statement in the prescribed form (Form GST CMP-08) containing details of payment of self - assessed tax, for every quarter (or part of the quarter), by 18th day of the month succeeding such quarter.
- (ii) furnish a return (GSTR 4) for every financial year (or part of the financial year), on or before 30th day of April following the end of such financial year.

The registered persons paying tax by availing the benefit of Notification No. 02/2019-CT(R), dated 07.03.2019 will be deemed to have complied with the provisions of section 37 and section 39 of the CGST Act if they have furnished the prescribed statement and GSTR 4 as mentioned above.



w.e.f. 1-1-2021, the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in Form GSTR-1 has been extended in the following manner:

Class of registered person	Time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in Form GSTR-1 for each quarter/tax period
Registered person opting for QRMP- Scheme	13th day of the month succeeding such tax period
Others	11th day of the month succeeding such tax period

**Due dates for taxpayers opting for QRMP Scheme (GSTR-3B):**



Class of registered persons	Due date
Taxpayers whose principal place of business in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, the Union territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep	22nd day of the month succeeding such quarter
Taxpayer whose principal place of business is in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand or Odisha, the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh or Delhi	24th day of the month succeeding such quarter.

**Salient features of Quarterly Return filing & Monthly Payment of Taxes (QRMP) Scheme:**

- Who can opt for the scheme: Following registered person (hereinafter RP) can file quarterly returns and pay tax on monthly basis w.e.f. 01.01.2021 :
  - An RP who is required to file Form GSTR 3B with Aggregate Annual Turn Over (AATO) of up to ₹ 5 Cr. in the previous financial year is eligible. If AATO crosses ₹ 5 Cr. during a qtr., RP will become in-eligible for the Scheme from next quarter.
  - Any person obtaining a new registration or opting out of Composition Scheme can also opt for this Scheme.
  - The option to avail this Scheme can be availed GSTIN wise. Therefore, few GSTINs for that PAN can opt for the Scheme and remaining GSTINs can remain out of the Scheme.

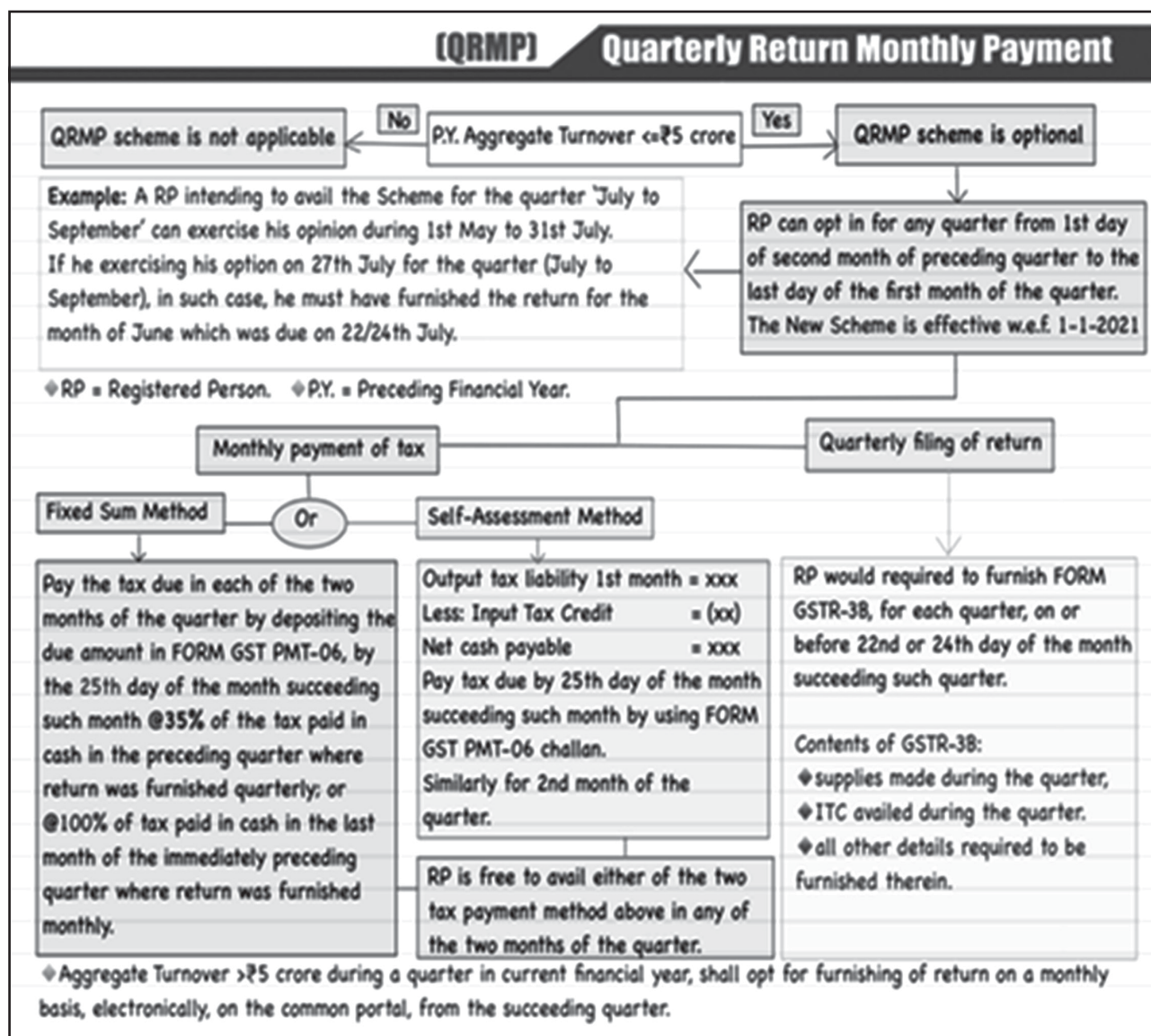
- Changes on the GST Portal: For qtr. Jan., 2021 to March, 2021, all RPs whose AATO for the FY 2019-20 is up to ₹ 5 Cr. and have furnished the return in Form GSTR-3B for the month of October, 2020 by 30th 2020, will be migrated by default in the GST system as follows:

Sl. No.	Class of RPs with AATO of	Default Return Option
1	Up to ₹ 1.5 Cr., who have furnished Form GSTR-1 on quarterly basis in current FY	Qtrly
2	Up to ₹ 1.5 Cr., who have furnished Form GSTR-1 on monthly basis in current FY	Monthly
3	More than ₹ 1.5 Cr. and up to ₹ 5 Cr. in preceding FY	Qtrly

- When can a person opt for the scheme:
  - Facility can be availed throughout the year, in any quarter.
  - Option for QRMP Scheme, once exercised, will continue till RP revises the option or his AATO exceeds ₹ 5 Cr.
  - RPs migrated by default can choose to remain out of the scheme by exercising their option from 5th, 2020 till 31st Jan., 2021.
- The RPs opting for the scheme can avail the facility of Invoice Furnishing Facility (IFF), so that the outward supplies to registered person is reflected in their Form GSTR 2A & 2B.
- Payment of tax under the scheme:
  - RPs need to pay tax due in each of first two months (by 25th of next month) in the Qtr, by selecting "Monthly payment for quarterly taxpayer" as reason for generating Challan.
  - RPs can either use Fixed Sum Method (pre-filled challan) or Self-Assessment Method (actual tax due), for monthly payment of tax for first two months, after adjusting ITC.

- No deposit is required for the month, if there is nil tax liability.
- Tax deposited for first 02 months can be used for adjusting liability for the qtr. in Form GSTR-3B and can't be used for any other purpose till the filing of return for the qtr.

(source: <https://www.gst.gov.in>, dated 20-11-2020)



Registered person under QRMP scheme must have furnished the return for the preceding month, as due on the date of exercising such option. A registered person shall not be eligible to opt for QRMP scheme if he has not furnished the last return due on the date of exercising such option.

**Example 1:** A registered person intending to avail of QRMP scheme for the quarter 'July to September' can exercise his option from 1st May to 31st July.

**Example 2:** If a registered person intending to avail of QRMP scheme for the quarter 'July to September' is exercising his option on 27th July for the said quarter, he must have furnished the return for the month of June which was due on 22nd / 24th July



**GSTR-2A and GSTR-2B:**

Form GSTR-2A	
Is a system generated read only statement of inward supply for a recipient regarding the details of ITC. This statement is uploaded on a real time basis. The details become available to the recipient for view/ download and are updated incrementally as and when supplier(s) upload or change details in their respective form of return/ statement, for the given tax period.	Is an auto-drafted read only statement containing the details of ITC – is made available to the registered person (recipient) for every month. It is a static statement and is available only once a month.
ITC to the recipient other than QRMP scheme.	ITC to the recipient who opted QRMP scheme
It also consist of details of the IGST paid on import of goods or goods brought in DTA from SEZ unit/ developer on a bill of entry.	

**Example 3:** If a supplier opting for QRMP Scheme files an invoice dated 15th July on 13th August, it will be get reflected in GSTR-2B of July (generated on 14th August). If the document is fi led on 14th August, the document will be reflected in Form GSTR-2B of August (generated on 14th September).

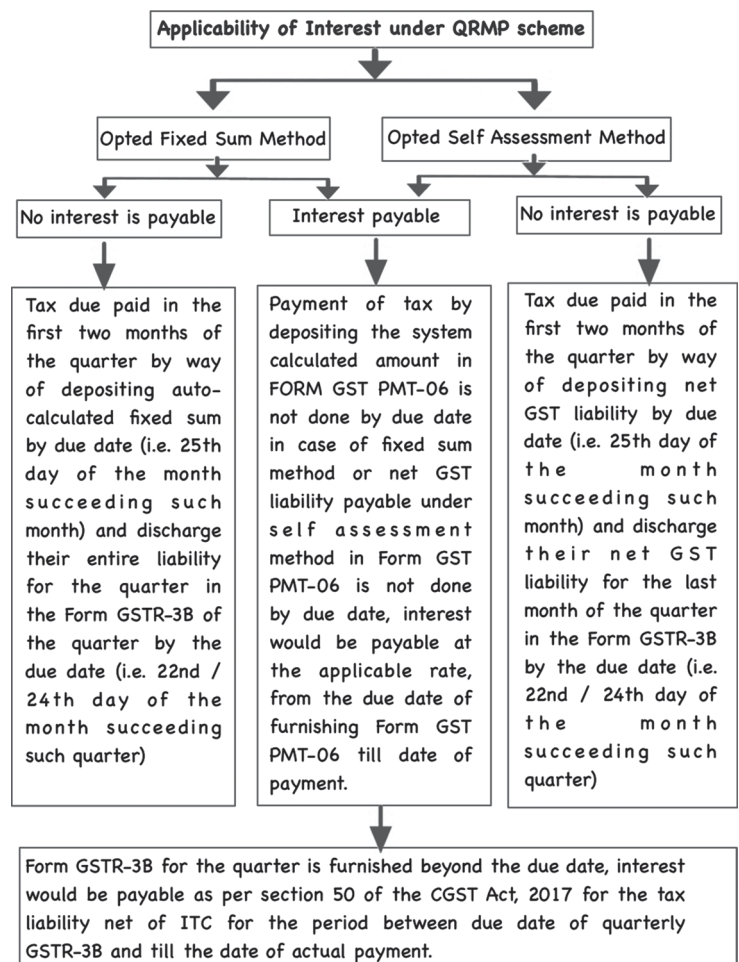
**Example 4:** A registered person intending to avail of QRMP scheme for the quarter 'July to September' can exercise his option from 1st May to 31st July.

**Example 5:** A registered person who has availed the QRMP scheme wants to declare 2 invoices out of the total 10 invoices issued in the 1st month of quarter since the recipient of supplies covered by those 2 invoices desires to avail ITC in that month itself. Details of these 2 invoices may be furnished using IFF.

The details of the remaining 8 invoices shall be furnished in Form GSTR-1 of the said quarter. The two invoices furnished in IFF shall be reflected in Form GSTR-2B of the concerned recipient of the 1st month of the quarter and remaining 8 invoices furnished in Form GSTR-1 shall be reflected in Form GSTR-2B of the concerned recipient of the last month of the quarter.

**Example 6:** A registered person, who has opted for the QRMP Scheme, had paid a total amount of ₹100/- in cash as tax liability in the previous quarter of October to December. He opts to pay tax under fi xed sum method. He therefore pays ₹35/- each on 25th February and 25th March for discharging tax liability for the fi rst 2 months of quarter viz. January and February.

In his return for the quarter, it is found that liability, based on the outward and inward supplies, for January was ₹40/- and for February it was ₹42/-. However, no interest would be payable for the lesser amount of tax (i.e. ₹5



and ₹7 respectively) discharged in these 2 months provided that he discharges his entire liability for the quarter in the Form GSTR-3B of the quarter by the due date.

**Example 7:** A registered person, who has opted for the QRMP Scheme, had paid a total amount of ₹100/- in cash as tax liability in the previous quarter of October to December. He opts to pay tax under fixed sum method. He therefore pays ₹35/- each on 25th February and 25th March for discharging tax liability for the first 2 months of quarter viz. January and February.

In his return for the quarter, it is found that total liability for the quarter net of available credit was ₹125, but he files the return on 30th April. Interest would be payable at applicable rate on ₹55 [₹125 – ₹70 (deposit made in cash ledger in first and second month)] for the period between due date of quarterly GSTR 3B and 30th April.

#### Applicability of late fee in case of QRMP Scheme:

Late fee would be applicable for delay in furnishing the quarterly return/ details of outward supply. However, no late fee is applicable for delay in payment of tax in first two months of the quarter.

R.P. = Registered Person

P.Y. = Preceding Financial Year.

## 13.2 FIRST RETURN

As per section 40 of the CGST Act, 2017 every registered person who has made outward supplies in the period between the date on which he became liable to registration till the date on which registration has been granted shall declare the same in the first return furnished by him after grant of registration.

#### ANNUAL RETURN

1. As per Section 44 of CGST ACT, 2017 an annual return is required to be furnished by every taxpayer GSTR-9, excluding input service distributor, TDS deductor, casual taxable persons and non-resident taxable persons, in GSTR-9 within 31st December of succeeding financial year.
2. A reconciliation statement of supplies declared in other returns, i.e. GSTR-1, and GSTR-3B as well as audited financial statement must be submitted along with annual return, copy of audited accounts and other prescribed documents. It shall be noted here that while annual accounts would reflect the sales of goods or services, the GST returns would reflect supplies.
3. Filing of annual return already exists in the prevailing laws. This return covers the minutest details of income and expenditure of the taxpayer, and thus the profit/ loss according to such return must tally with that in the audited financial statement. The return provides for reconciliation of monthly tax payments and details of refunds or pending arrears along with their current status.
4. Annual Return has to be filed by every registered taxable person paying tax as a normal or a compounding taxpayer. Final Return has to be filed only by those registered taxable persons who have applied for cancellation of registration. This has to be filed within three months of the date of cancellation or the date of cancellation order.
5. Due date for filing Annual Return is on or before 31st December following the end of the financial year for which Annual return to be submitted. Every taxable person shall file annual return in FORM GSTR-9 (FORM GSTR-9A in case of person opted to pay tax under composition scheme under section 10) for every financial year electronically on or before 31st December following the end of such financial year

However, this provision shall not apply to,

- (i) Input Service Distributor
- (ii) A person paying tax under Section 51 (TDS)





- (iii) A person paying tax under Section 52 (TCS)
  - (iv) A casual tax Taxable person
  - (v) Non-resident taxable person
6. In case the registered person is required to get his accounts audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 35 (5) (whose aggregate turnover during the financial year exceeds Rs. One crores) shall file annual return FORM GSTR-9B electronically along with,
- (i) A copy of audited annual accounts
  - (ii) Reconciliation statement reconciling the value of supplies as per annual return and as per audited financial statement
7. Every registered person whose aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds two crore rupees shall get his accounts audited as specified under sub-section (5) of section 35 and he shall furnish a copy of audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, duly certified, in FORM GSTR-9C, electronically.

As per Notification No. 49/2018 – Central Tax, dt 13.09.2018 - In terms of Rule 80(3) of CGST Rules, every registered person whose aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds two crore rupees shall get his accounts audited as specified under sub-section (5) of section 35 and he shall furnish a copy of audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, duly certified, in FORM GSTR-9C, electronically through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.

### 13.3 REVISION OF RETURNS

The mechanism of filing revised returns for any correction of errors/ omissions has been done away with. The rectification of errors/ omissions is allowed in the subsequent returns. However, no rectification is allowed after furnishing the return for the month of September following the end of the financial year to which, such details pertain, or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.

#### **w.e.f 1-8-2019 Furnishing of returns Section 39 amended:**

Section 39(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52 shall, for every calendar month or part thereof, furnish, a return, electronically, of inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, input tax credit availed, tax payable, tax paid and such other particulars, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, notify certain class of registered persons who shall furnish a return for every quarter or part thereof, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein.

Section 39(2) of the CGST Act, 2017, A registered person paying tax under the provisions of section 10, shall, for each financial year or part thereof, furnish a return, electronically, of turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods or services or both, tax payable, tax paid and such other particulars in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed.;

Section 39(7) of the CGST Act, 2017, Every registered person who is required to furnish a return under sub-section (1), other than the person referred to in the proviso thereto, or sub-section (3) or sub-section (5), shall pay to the Government the tax due as per such return not later than the last date on which he is required to furnish such return:

Provided that every registered person furnishing return under the proviso to sub-section (1) shall pay to the Government, the tax due taking into account inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, input tax credit availed, tax payable and such other particulars during a month, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed:

Provided further that every registered person furnishing return under sub-section (2) shall pay to the Government, the tax due taking into account turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods or services or both, tax payable, and such other particulars during a quarter, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed."

**W.e.f. 01-10-2022, Amendment in section 37 of the CGST Act, 2017 (Furnishing of details of outward supplies):**

1. Sub-section (1) of Sec 37 has been amended to provide for prescribing conditions and restrictions for furnishing the details of outward supply and for communication of such details to the concerned recipients.
2. The restriction earlier applicable for not being allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies from 11th day to 15th day of the month succeeding the tax period has been removed.
3. The two-way communication process which provided for acceptance or rejection of the details communicated has been done away with.
4. Provide for an extended time upto 30th November of the following financial year for rectification of errors in respect of details of outward supplies furnished under sub-section (1).

**W.e.f. 01-10-2022, Substitution of section 38 of the CGST Act, 2017 (Communication of details of inward supplies and input tax credit):**

Section 38 has been substituted with a new section prescribing the manner as well as conditions and restrictions for communication of details of inward supplies and input tax credit to the recipient by means of an auto-generated statement and to do away with two-way communication process in return filing.

**Amendment w.e.f 01-10-2022, in section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017 (Furnishing of returns):**

- It has been provided that the non-resident taxable person shall furnish the return for a month by 13th day of the following month instead of 20th day after the end of a calendar month.
- Persons furnishing quarterly return have been provided an option to either pay self-assessed tax or an amount that may be prescribed.
- The condition of complying with sections 37 and 38 before correcting any omission or incorrect particulars in the next return has been done away with.
- An extended time of 30th November of following financial year has been provided for rectification of errors in the return furnished under section 39.
- Furnishing of details of outward supplies of a tax period under section 37(1) has been provided as a condition for furnishing of return under section 39 for the said tax period in addition to the earlier condition of furnishing the returns for any of the previous tax periods. However, the Government may on the recommendations of the Council allow furnishing of return under section 39 even if the earlier conditions are not satisfied.

**Sequential filing of GSTR-1 & filing of GSTR-1 before GSTR-3B on GST Portal:**

Section 37(4) : A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) for a tax period, if the details of outward supplies for any of the previous tax periods has not been furnished by him:

The Central Government has amended Section 37 & Section 39 of Central Goods & Service Tax Act (CGST), 2017 vide Notification No. 18/2022–Central Tax dated 28th September, 2022 with effect from 01 October, 2022. According to section 37(4) of CGST, Act, a taxpayers shall not be allowed to file GSTR-1 if previous GSTR-1 is not filed and as per sec 39(10) a taxpayer shall not be allowed to file GSTR-3B if GSTR-1 for the same tax period is not filed.



**Section 37(4) & 39(10) of Central Goods & Service Tax Act, 2017 are reproduced below:**

Section 39(10) : A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish a return for a tax period if the return for any of the previous tax periods or the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) of section 37 for the said tax period has not been furnished by him:

These changes are being implemented prospectively and will be operational on GST Portal from 01st November, 2022. Accordingly, from October-2022 tax period onwards, the filing of previous period GSTR-1 will be mandatory before filing current period GSTR-1.

Illustration 1: Filing of October, 2022 period GSTR-1 will be mandatory before filing GSTR-1 of November, 2022 period. Further, from October, 2022 tax period onwards, filing of GSTR-1 will also be mandatory before filing GSTR-3B.

Illustration 2: Taxpayer will not be allowed to file GSTR-3B for October, 2022 period if GSTR-1 of October, 2022 period is not filed.

Proviso to section 37(4), Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1), even if he has not furnished the details of outward supplies for one or more previous tax periods.

W.e.f. 01-10-2022, Extension of rectification of GSTR-08: Due date of rectification of any omission or incorrect particulars furnished in GSTR-8 to 30th November following the end of financial year or the actual date of furnishing of annual statement, whichever is earlier (NT No. 18/2022-Central Tax Dated 28.09.2022).

W.e.f. 01-10-2022, Section 47 of CGST Act 2017: Levy of Late Fee (CHAPTER IX – RETURNS)

(1) Any registered person who fails to furnish the details of outward supplies required under section 37 (outward supplies) or returns required under section 39 (Return GSTR-3B) or section 45 (i.e Final Return) or (section 52 - TCS inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2022) by the due date shall pay a late fee of one hundred rupees for every day during which such failure continues subject to a maximum amount of five thousand rupees.

(2) Any registered person who fails to furnish the return required under section 44 (Annual Return) by the due date shall be liable to pay a late fee of one hundred rupees for every day during which such failure continues subject to a maximum of an amount calculated at a quarter per cent. of his turnover in the State or Union territory.

A circular has been issued to make mandatory furnishing of correct and proper information of inter-State supplies and amount of ineligible/blocked input tax credit and reversal thereof in return in FORM GSTR-3B and statement in FORM GSTR-1.

(Circular No.170/02/2022-GST dt. 6th July, 2022)

### 13.4 PENALTY/LATE FEE

- As per GST Act Late fee is ₹ 100 per day per Act. So it is 100 under CGST & 100 under SGST. Total will be ₹200/day. Maximum is ₹5,000. There is no late fee on IGST.
- Interest is 18% per annum. It has to be calculated by the tax payer on the amount of outstanding tax to be paid. Time period will be from the next day of filing to the date of payment.
- Late Fee for filing GSTR-1, GSTR-3B, GSTR-4, GSTR-5 & GSTR-6 after the due date has been reduced to ₹50 per day of delay.
- Late fee for filing NIL returns have been reduced to ₹20 per day of delay for taxpayers(i.e having Nil tax liability for the month) for GSTR-1, GSTR-3B and GSTR-4 & GSTR-5.



**Note :** If the GSTR is not filed for a given quarter/month, then the taxpayer cannot file the next quarter's return either.

### **Procedure for furnishing return and availing input tax credit**

A new section is being introduced in order to enable the new return filing procedure as proposed by the Returns Committee and approved by GST Council.

#### **Section 43A**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2) of section 16, section 37 or section 38, every registered person shall in the returns furnished under sub-section (1) of section 39 verify, validate, modify or delete the details of supplies furnished by the suppliers.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 41, section 42 or section 43, the procedure for availing of input tax credit by the recipient and verification thereof shall be such as may be prescribed.
- (3) The procedure for furnishing the details of outward supplies by the supplier on the common portal, for the purposes of availing input tax credit by the recipient shall be such as may be prescribed.
- (4) The procedure for availing input tax credit in respect of outward supplies not furnished under sub-section (3) shall be such as may be prescribed and such procedure may include the maximum amount of the input tax credit which can be so availed, not exceeding twenty per cent. of the input tax credit available, on the basis of details furnished by the suppliers under the said sub-section.
- (5) The amount of tax specified in the outward supplies for which the details have been furnished by the supplier under sub-section (3) shall be deemed to be the tax payable by him under the provisions of the Act.
- (6) The supplier and the recipient of a supply shall be jointly and severally liable to pay tax or to pay the input tax credit availed, as the case may be, in relation to outward supplies for which the details have been furnished under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) but return thereof has not been furnished.
- (7) For the purposes of sub-section (6), the recovery shall be made in such manner as may be prescribed and such procedure may provide for non-recovery of an amount of tax or input tax credit wrongly availed not exceeding one thousand rupees.
- (8) The procedure, safeguards and threshold of the tax amount in relation to outward supplies, the details of which can be furnished under sub-section (3) by a registered person,-
  - (i) within six months of taking registration;
  - (ii) who has defaulted in payment of tax and where such default has continued for more than two months from the due date of payment of such defaulted amount,shall be such as may be prescribed.

## **13.5 HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED NEW RETURNS**

**Background:** GST Council in its 27th meeting held on 4th May, 2018 had approved the basic principles of GST return design. Now in its 28th meeting held on 21st July, 2018, GST Council approved the key features and new format of the GST returns. This brief note lists the salient features of the new return format.

### **Monthly Return and due-date:**

All taxpayers excluding a few exceptions like small taxpayers, composition dealer, Input Service Distributor (ISD), Non resident registered person, persons liable to deduct tax at source under section 51 of CGST Act, 2017, persons liable to collect tax at source under section 52 of CGST Act, 2017, shall file one monthly return. Return



filing dates shall be staggered based on the turnover of the taxpayer which shall be calculated based on the reported turnover in the last year i.e. 2017-18, annualized for the full year. It shall be possible for the taxpayer to check on the common portal whether he falls in the category of a small taxpayer. A newly registered taxpayer shall be classified on the basis of self-declaration of the estimated turnover. The due date for filing of return by a large taxpayer shall be 20th of the next month.

### **Nil return:**

Taxpayers who have no purchases, no output tax liability and no input tax credit to avail in any quarter of the financial year shall file one NIL return for the entire quarter. In month one and two of the quarter, such taxpayer shall report NIL transaction by sending a SMS. Facility for filing quarterly return shall also be available by an SMS.

### **Small taxpayers:**

Taxpayers who have a turnover upto Rs. 5 Cr. in the last financial year shall be considered small calculated in the manner explained in para 1 above. These small taxpayers shall have facility to file quarterly return with monthly payment of taxes on self-declaration basis. However, the facility would be optional and small taxpayer can also file monthly return like a large taxpayer. The scheme of filing of quarterly return is explained later.

### **Profile based return:**

There are many kinds of supplies which can be made under GST and also there are many types of inputs using which input tax credit can be availed. Most of the taxpayers have only a few types of supplies to make and few types of inputs to report. Therefore, a questionnaire shall be used to profile the taxpayer and only such part of return shall be shown to him which are relevant to his profile. For example, a small manufacturer or trader, buying and selling locally may need to file a return consisting of only a few lines. Profiling would allow fields like export, supplies to and from SEZ to be blocked from return and make return adequate for his purpose.

### **Suspension of registration:**

Concept of suspension of registration would be introduced when a registered person has applied for cancellation of registration or when the conditions in law for cancellation of registration are satisfied. From the date of suspension to the date of cancellation of registration, return would not be required to be filed and also invoice uploading shall not be allowed for the period beyond the date of suspension.

# Study Note - 14

## MATCHING CONCEPT UNDER GST – OMITTED W.E.F. 01-10-2022



### This Study Note includes

- 14.1 Matching, Reversal and Reclaim of Input Tax Credit
- 14.2 Matching, reversal and reclaim of reduction in output tax liability

### 14.1 MATCHING, REVERSAL AND RECLAIM OF INPUT TAX CREDIT (OMITTED W.E.F. 01-10-2022)

**W.e.f. 01-10-2022, sections 42 (OMITTED): Matching, Reversal and Reclaim of ITC.**

**W.e.f. 01-10-2022, Section 43 of CGST Act 2017 (OMITTED): Matching, Reversal and Reclaim of Reduction in Output Tax Liability.**

**W.e.f. 01-10-2022, section 43A (OMITTED): Procedure for furnishing return and availing input tax credit.**

**Matching, reversal and reclaim of input tax credit (Section 42 of the CGST Act, 2017):**

**Matching of input tax credit:**

Section 42(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 the details of every inward supply furnished by a registered person (hereafter in this section referred to as the "recipient") for a tax period shall, in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed, be matched—

- (a) with the corresponding details of outward supply furnished by the corresponding registered person (hereafter in this section referred to as the "supplier") in his valid return for the same tax period or any preceding tax period;
- (b) with the integrated goods and services tax paid under section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 in respect of goods imported by him; and
- (c) for duplication of claims of input tax credit.

As per Rule 69 of the CGST Rules, 2017 the following details relating to the claim of input tax credit on inward supplies including imports, provisionally allowed under section 41, shall be matched under section 42 after the due date for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3

- (a) GSTIN of the supplier;
- (b) GSTIN of the recipient;
- (c) invoice or debit note number;
- (d) invoice or debit note date; and
- (e) tax amount;

Provided that where the time limit for furnishing FORM GSTR-1 specified under section 37 and FORM GSTR-2 specified under section 38 has been extended, the date of matching relating to claim of input tax credit shall also be extended accordingly:

Provided further that the Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the Council, by order, extend the date of matching relating to claim of input tax credit to such date as may be specified therein.



**Explanation 1:** The claim of input tax credit in respect of invoices and debit notes in FORM GSTR-2 that were accepted by the recipient on the basis of FORM GSTR-2A without amendment shall be treated as matched if the corresponding supplier has furnished a valid return.

**Explanation 2:** The claim of input tax credit shall be considered as matched where the amount of input tax credit claimed is equal to or less than the output tax paid on such tax invoice or debit note by the corresponding supplier.

Thus, where the amount of input tax credit is equal or less than the output tax paid on such tax invoices it shall be considered as matched.

The mismatch can be of the following nature

Situation	Remarks
All Transactions where Input credit details of recipient are matched for output tax as stated by supplier and recipient	The transaction is treated as matched
Transactions where the input tax credit is duplicated by the recipient	Shall be communicated to the registered person in FORM GST MIS 1
Transactions where the claim for input tax credit is higher than the output tax as declared by the supplier	Shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient
Transactions where the claim for input tax credit is higher than the output tax as declared by the supplier because the supplier has not furnished a particular transaction	Shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient

**Matched Transactions**

- (i) The details in a return of inward supplies of a recipient should be matched in prescribed time and manner
  - With Outward supplies furnished by corresponding taxable person in his return (supplier)
  - With IGST paid on goods imported under Section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act 1975 which represents the Additional Duty of Customs (for which Credit was available under the erstwhile Central Excise Act)
  - To identify any duplicate claims of input tax credit
- (ii) When the claim for input tax credit in respect of inward supplies matches with the corresponding outward supply or IGST in respect of goods imported, the same shall be finally accepted and communicated to the recipient in the prescribed manner.
- (iii) Matching of claim of input tax credit

The following details relating to the claim of input tax credit on inward supplies including IGST claimed on imports shall be matched after the due date for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B(Return with payment of tax to be filed on or before 20th of the following month). The matching is done for the following parameters based on the GSTIN of the Supplier and the recipient

- (a) GSTIN of the supplier;
- (b) GSTIN of the recipient;
- (c) Invoice/ or debit note number;
- (d) Invoice/ or debit note date;
- (e) taxable value; and



(f) tax amount:

It may be noted that if the supplier has not paid the tax and/or not filed the return on or before the due date (or extended due date, if any), the return filed by him shall not be treated as a valid return for the purposes of the above matching exercise. The transactions between the parties interest, will be treated as unmatched

The rule provides for two specific circumstances, where the claims for input tax credit are treated as Matched

(a) Where the claim of input tax credit in respect of invoices and debit notes in FORM GSTR-2 that were accepted by the recipient on the basis of FORM GSTR-2A without amendment, if the corresponding supplier has furnished a valid return.

(b) Where the amount of input tax credit claimed is equal to or less than the output tax paid on such tax invoice or debit note by the corresponding supplier.

(iv) Final acceptance of input tax credit and communication thereof

The final acceptance of claim of input tax credit in respect of any tax period, shall be made available electronically in FORM GST MIS -1 through the Common Portal.

The claim of input tax credit in respect of any tax period which had been communicated as mismatched but is found to be matched after rectification by the supplier or recipient shall be finally accepted and made available electronically to the person making such claim in **FORM GST MIS - 1** through the Common Portal.

**Form GSTR 2A:** GSTR 2A is an auto-generated read only document which is for information purpose only. It will reflect the information as available in GSTR-2, but GSTR-2A cannot be edited. It takes information of goods and/ or services which have been purchased in a given month from the returns filed by the suppliers.

**For example** - When a seller files his GSTR-1, the information is captured in purchaser's GSTR-2A.

**Communication of discrepancy in the claim of input tax credit [Section 42(3) of the CGST Act, 2017 read with CGST Rules]:**

As per Rule 71(1) of the CGST Rules, 2017 any discrepancy in the claim of input tax credit and addition to output tax liability on account of continuation of discrepancy in respect of tax period shall be communicated to person making claim in the form GST MIS-1 through common portal on or before the last date of the month in which the matching has been carried out. The discrepancies shall be communicated to the supplier in Form GST MIS-2.

**Example 1**

M/s X Ltd., being a registered person submitted the GSTR-3 for the month of January 20XX by 20th February 20XX. After the last date of filing return (i.e. GSTR-3B), matching of information will be made with the information furnished in GSTR-2 (i.e. by the recipient of supplies) on or before 15th February 20XX. Discrepancy in matching will be communicated to persons in GST MIS-1 and/ GST MIS-2.

**Ratification of Discrepancy:**

As per Rule 71(2) of the CGST Rules, 2017 a supplier to whom any discrepancy is made available under sub-rule (1) of rule 71 may make suitable rectifications in the statement of outward supplies to be furnished for the month in which the discrepancy is made available.





As per Rule 71(3) of the CGST Rules, 2017 a recipient to whom any discrepancy is made available under sub-rule (1) of rule 71 may make suitable rectifications in the statement of inward supplies to be furnished for the month in which the discrepancy is made available.

If the recipient or the supplier has rectified the error, the inward supply and outward supply will match and credit will be finally accepted.

### **Discrepancy not rectified [section 42(5) of the CSGT Act, 2017 read with CGST Rules, 2017]:**

As per Rule 71(4) of the CGST Rules, 2017 if the supplier or recipient does not rectify the discrepancy, the amount to the extent of discrepancy shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient in his return to be furnished in FORM GSTR-3 for the month succeeding the month in which the discrepancy is made available.

**Explanation** – For the purposes of this rule, it is hereby declared that -

- (i) Rectification by a supplier means adding or correcting the details of an outward supply in his valid return so as to match the details of corresponding inward supply declared by the recipient;
- (ii) Rectification by the recipient means deleting or correcting the details of an inward supply so as to match the details of corresponding outward supply declared by the supplier.

### **Claim of input tax credit on the same invoice more than once [Section 42(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 read rule 72 of the CGST Rules, 2017]:**

It means that the recipient has claimed credit second time. As per Rule 72 of the CGST Rules, 2017 duplication of claims of input tax credit in the details of inward supplies shall be communicated to the registered person in FORM GST MIS-1 electronically through the common portal.

### **Final acceptance of input tax credit and communication thereof [section 42(2) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

As per Rule 70 of the CGST Rules, 2017 the claim of input tax credit in respect of invoices or debit notes relating to inward supply received by the recipient is matched with the details of corresponding outward supply declared by supplier, the input tax credit is finally accepted and report shall be communicated electronically to the registered person making such claim in FORM GST MIS-1 through the Common Portal.

Section 42(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 the amount claimed as input tax credit that is found to be in excess on account of duplication of claims shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient in his return for the month in which the duplication is communicated.

Section 42(7) of the CGST Act, 2017 the recipient shall be eligible to reduce, from his output tax liability, the amount added under sub-section (5), if the supplier declares the details of the invoice or debit note in his valid return within the time specified in sub-section (9) of section 39.

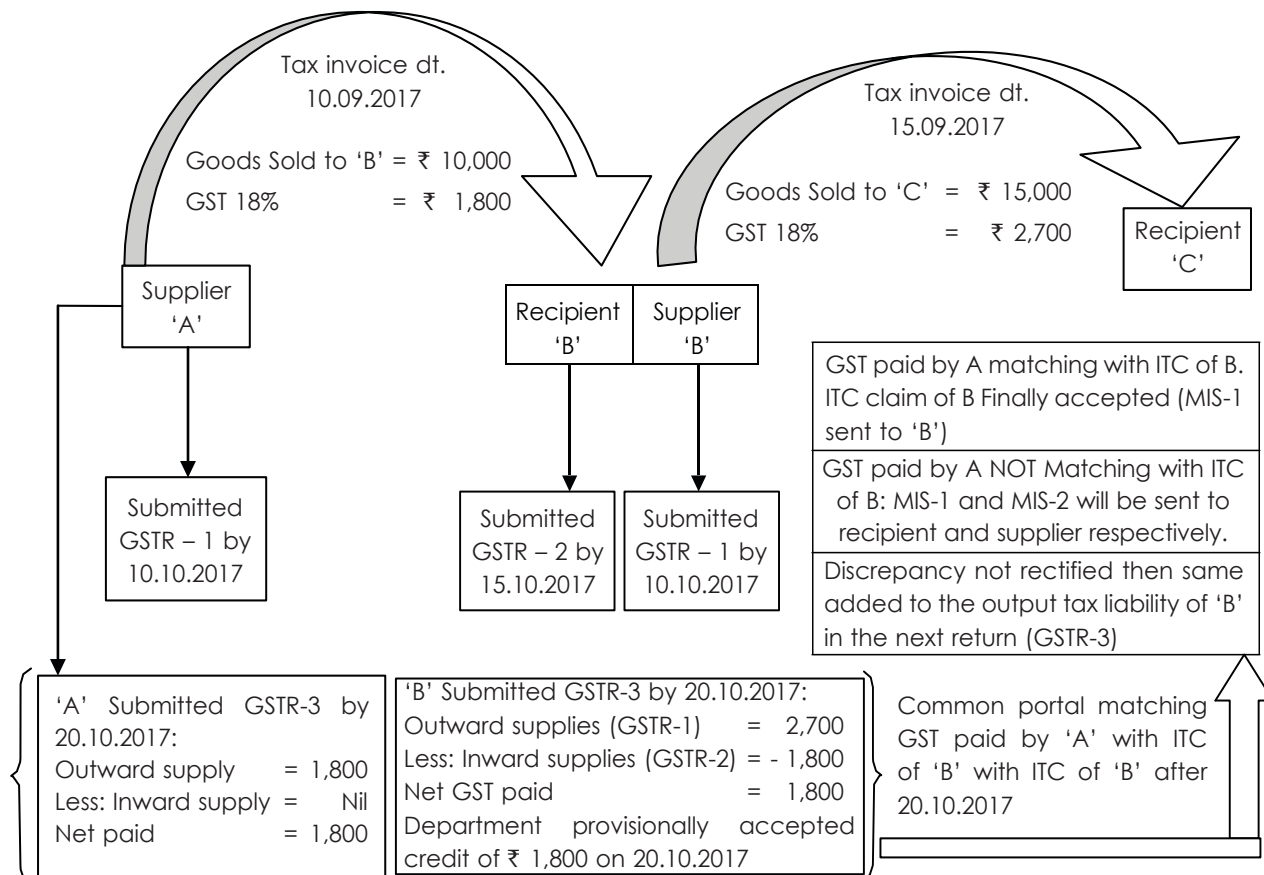
Section 42(8) of the CGST Act, 2017 a recipient in whose output tax liability any amount has been added under sub-section (5) or sub-section (6), shall be liable to pay interest at the rate specified under sub-section (1) of section 50 on the amount so added from the date of availing of credit till the corresponding additions are made under the said sub-sections.

Section 42(9) of the CGST Act, 2017 where any reduction in output tax liability is accepted under sub-section (7), the interest paid under sub-section (8) shall be refunded to the recipient by crediting the amount in the corresponding head of his electronic cash ledger in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that the amount of interest to be credited in any case shall not exceed the amount of interest paid by the supplier.

Section 42(10) of the CGST Act, 2017 the amount reduced from the output tax liability in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (7) shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient in his return for the month in which such contravention takes place and such recipient shall be liable to pay interest on the amount so added at the rate specified in sub-section (3) of section 50.

**Simplified approach:**



**Duplicate Transactions**

The duplication of claims of input tax credit shall be communicated to the recipient in such manner as stated below. Further, the amount claimed as input tax credit that is found to be in excess on account of such duplication of claims shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient in his return for the month in which the duplication is communicated.

**Input tax claim is higher than output tax for a tax period as declared**

Where the credit claimed in respect of inward supplies is in excess when compared to the tax declared by the supplier or where the supplier has not at all declared the outward supply in his return, the discrepancies will be communicated to both parties

When discrepancies communicated to the outward supplier are not rectified by supplier in a valid return for the month (not by revision of return for the month in which the discrepancy occurred within 17th), the tax amount involved will be added to the output liability of the recipient for the month succeeding the month in which the discrepancy is communicated



The recipient shall be eligible to reduce, from his output tax liability, the amount added under sub-section (5), if the supplier declares the details of the invoice or debit note in his valid return furnished for the month during which such omission or incorrect particulars are noticed and interest is paid as required under this Act

### Interest on mismatched transactions

Recipient will be liable to payment of interest in every case when discrepancy is added for the period starting from the date of availing the credit till the corresponding additions are made.

If the supplier declares the details of invoice or debit note in his valid return filed within the time specified u/s 39(9) i.e. before the due date of filing of the return for the month of September of the subsequent financial year or filing of annual return whichever is earlier the recipient is eligible to reduce from his output tax liability the amount so added earlier.

In case of such reduction in output tax liability, he is entitled for refund of interest paid as per above. However this interest shall not exceed the amount of interest paid by the supplier.

## 14.2 MATCHING, REVERSAL AND RECLAIM OF REDUCTION IN OUTPUT TAX LIABILITY

1. The details of every credit note relating to outward supply furnished by a taxable person is to be matched with the corresponding reduction in the claim for ITC by the corresponding taxable person in his return for the same/subsequent tax period ,and also for duplication of claims for reduction in output tax liability.
  - (a) Where the output tax is reduced by outward supplier by issuing a credit note, details of every such credit note issued should be matched with the corresponding reduction in the credit by the recipient of the amount involved in the credit note in his valid return filed for the current or subsequent tax period. For example, a sale invoice at ₹ 1,50,000 was overstated by ₹ 50,000 for which a credit note was issued. This credit note should be accounted by the recipient in a valid return filed for the current or subsequent tax period
  - (b) Similarly where the supplier has raised say, two invoices and has paid out put tax twice, where a credit note has been raised, the same shall also be accounted by the recipient. However if the recipient has accounted for the invoice only once, he need not account for the credit note
2. The matching/ mismatch of the details have to be communicated. If the recipient accepts the discrepancy and rectifies the same by filing a valid return subsequently, then the tax amount involved will be excluded from the output liability of the supplier for the month in which the discrepancy is communicated.

In other words, as soon as discrepancy is communicated, the tax involved will be recovered from the supplier which will be readily reversed when the recipient admits and rectifies the discrepancy.

Discrepancies relating to duplicate claims for reduction of output tax liability will be added to the output liability of the supplier for the month in which the discrepancy is communicated.
3. The amount of discrepancy, which is communicated and not rectified by the recipient in his valid return for the month in which discrepancy is communicated, shall be added to the output tax liability of the supplier as prescribed, in the return for the month succeeding the month in which the discrepancy is communicated.
4. The supplier shall be eligible to reduce, from his output tax liability, the amount added for non-ratification and the recipient declares the details of the credit note in his valid return later on within the time specified.
5. Interest shall be chargeable for the amount added back for amount not ratification u/s 50.
6. Where any reduction in output tax liability is accepted for ratification, the interest paid initially shall be refunded by crediting the electronic ledger.

7. Assessee applying for cancellation of his registration shall furnish a final return within 3 months of the date of cancellation or date of cancellation order whichever is later.
8. Matching of claim of reduction in the output tax liability  
The following details relating to the claim of reduction in output tax liability shall be matched under section 43 after the due date for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B–
  - (a) GSTIN of the supplier;
  - (b) GSTIN of the recipient;
  - (c) credit note number;
  - (d) credit note date;
  - (e) taxable value; and
  - (f) tax amount:
9. Final acceptance of reduction in output tax liability and communication thereof
  - (1) The final acceptance of claim of reduction in output tax liability in respect of any tax period, specified in sub-section (2) of section 43, shall be made available electronically to the person making such claim in FORM GST MIS-3 through the Common Portal.
  - (2) The claim of reduction in output tax liability in respect of any tax period which had been communicated as mis-matched but is found to be matched after rectification by the supplier or recipient shall be finally accepted and made available electronically to the person making such claim in FORM GST MIS-3 through the Common Portal.
10. Communication and rectification of discrepancy in reduction in output tax liability and reversal of claim of reduction.
  - (1) Any discrepancy in claim of reduction in output tax liability, specified in sub-section (3) of section 43, and the details of output tax liability to be added under sub-section (5) of the said section on account of continuation of such discrepancy shall be made available to the registered person making such claim electronically in FORM GST MIS-3 and the recipient electronically in FORM GST MIS-4 through the Common Portal on or before the last date of the month in which the matching has been carried out.
  - (2) A supplier to whom any discrepancy is made available under sub-rule (1) may make suitable rectifications in the statement of outward supplies to be furnished for the month in which the discrepancy is made available.
  - (3) A recipient to whom any discrepancy is made available under sub-rule (1) may make suitable rectifications in the statement of inward supplies to be furnished for the month in which the discrepancy is made available.
  - (4) Where the discrepancy is not rectified under sub-rule (2) or sub-rule (3), an amount to the extent of discrepancy shall be added to the output tax liability of the supplier and debited to tax liability register and also shown in his return in FORM GSTR-3 for the month succeeding the month in which the discrepancy is made available.

**Explanation 1** – Rectification by a supplier means deleting or correcting the details of an outward supply in his valid return so as to match the details of corresponding inward supply declared by the recipient.

**Explanation 2** – Rectification by the recipient means adding or correcting the details of an inward supply so as to match the details of corresponding outward supply declared by the supplier.
11. Claim of reduction in output tax liability more than once  
Duplication of claims for reduction in output tax liability in the details of outward supplies shall be communicated to the registered person in FORM GST MIS – 3 electronically through the Common Portal.
12. Refund of interest paid on reclaim of reversals



The interest to be refunded under sub-section (9) of section 42 or sub-section (9) of section 43 shall be claimed by the registered person in his return in FORM GSTR-3 and shall be credited to his electronic cash ledger in FORM GST PMT-3 and the amount credited shall be available for payment of any future liability towards interest or the taxable person may claim refund of the amount under section 54.

### 13. Transactions through E-commerce Operators

Rule 78 deals with the matching of details furnished by the e-Commerce operator with the details furnished by the supplier

The following details relating to the supplies made through an e-Commerce operator, as declared in FORM GSTR-8, shall be matched with the corresponding details declared by the supplier in FORM GSTR-1-

- (a) GSTIN of the supplier;
- (b) GSTIN or UIN of the recipient, if the recipient is a registered person;
- (c) State of place of supply;
- (d) invoice number of the supplier;
- (e) date of invoice of the supplier;
- (f) taxable value; and
- (g) tax amount:

Provided that for all supplies where the supplier is not required to furnish the details separately for each supply, the following details relating to such supplies made through an e-Commerce operator, as declared in FORM GSTR-8, shall be matched with the corresponding details declared by the supplier in FORM GSTR-1

- (a) GSTIN of the supplier;
- (b) State of place of supply;
- (c) total taxable value of all supplies made in the State through e-commerce portal; and
- (d) tax amount on all supplies made in the State:

### ILLUSTRATION :

- (1) Matching of ITC: Mr. A, a registered supplier, supplies goods valuing ₹ 10,00,000 plus GST @ 12% to Mr. B on 09-07-2017, incorporating these supplies in the details of outward supplies for the month of July 2017 furnished by him on 10-08-2017. However, Mr. B claimed input tax credit @ 18% in respect of the said supplies and furnished his return for the said month. On matching being carried out the discrepancy was noticed and the same was communicated to both the parties on 31-08-2017. Mr. B did not rectify the same in the return for the month of August, 2017 i.e. upto 20-9-2017. In whose tax liability this mismatch will be added?

**Solution :** As per provisions of section 42(5) of CGST ACT, 2017, the amount in respect of which any discrepancy is communicated under section 42(3) and which is not rectified by the supplier in his valid return for the month in which discrepancy is communicated shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient in his return for the month succeeding the month in which discrepancy is communicated.

Thus, the amount of ₹ 60,000 [₹ 1,80,000 - ₹ 1,20,000] will be added to the output tax liability of Mr. B in the return for the month of September, 2017. The return for the month of September 2017 is to be filled on 20-10-2017. Thus, he will be liable to pay the said amount along with interest @ 18% p.a for the period from the date of availing the credit till the date of furnishing the return for the month of September, 2017 i.e. 20-10-2017.

- (2) ABC tea co. supplied 1000 bags to XYZ co. GST paid on such supply was ₹ 1,80,000. Subsequently, XYZ Co. returned 400 bags. Resultantly, ABC Co. issued a credit note to XYZ Co. and disclosed it in GSTR – 1.

**Solution :** Accordingly, ABC Co. claimed reduction in output tax liability of ₹72,000 based on such credit note. Thus, there must be a corresponding reduction of ITC Claim by XYZ Co. also. In this Case, if XYZ Co.

has claimed an ITC in respect of purchased from ABC Co. of (₹ 1,80,000- ₹72,000) ₹ 1,08,000 in his GSTR-2 for the said month, claim for reduction in output tax liability of ABC Ltd. Shall be considered as "MATCHED".

- (3) Mr. H returns the goods supplied by Mr. R on which GST of ₹ 18,000 is paid. Mr.R – the supplier – issues a credit note and furnishes the same in his FORM GSTR-1. Mr.H - the recipient reduces the corresponding amount of ITC Claim in his GSTR-2 by ₹16,000. Both the parties furnish their return GSTR -3 after which the mismatch was reported and the discrepancy to the effect that Mr.H has claimed excess input tax credit of ₹2000 is communicated to Mr. R and Mr. H in Form GST MIS-1 and Form GST MIS-2 respectively.

**Solution :** In this case, discrepancy has to be rectified by the recipient – Mr.H in his return for the month in which said discrepancy is made available.

- (4) Rectification of mistakes: Mr. X filed the return for outward supplies for the month of August, 2017 on 20-09-2017. Subsequently, while furnishing the return for December 2017, he noticed that he had omitted to consider certain transactions corresponding to the supplies of August, 2017. Can he rectify the return for August 2017 now? What remedial action can be taken by him?

**Solution :** As per Section 39(9) of the GST Act, 2017, subject to the provisions of Section 37 and 28, if any registered person, after furnishing the return under section 39(1)/(2)/(3)/(4)/(5) discovers any omission or any incorrect particulars therein, he shall rectify the same in the return to be furnished for the month or quarter during which such omission or incorrect particulars are noticed.

Thus, there is no scope for filing of revised return but the rectification can be made in the month in which it is discovered. Herein, the rectification can be made in the return for the month of December.

However, time limit has been prescribed within which the rectification can be made, being earlier of –

- Due date for furnishing of return for the month of September or second quarter following the end of the financial year i.e. 20th October or
- The actual date of furnishing of relevant annual return

Here, the rectification can be made by 20-10-2018 being the due date for filing of the return for September 2018 or the date of filing of the annual return, whichever is earlier.

- (5) Deemed match transactions : The output tax liability of Mr.A, a registered supplier in respect of supplies made to Mr.B, for the month of July 2017 is ₹35,000 after considering his claim for reduction in his output tax liability on account of issuance of a credit note of ₹ 10,000. Whereas the corresponding input tax credit claimed by Mr.B in his valid return (after considering the reduction in ITC admitted and discharged on such credit note) is ₹ 32,000. What shall be impact of such transactions.

**Solution :** As per Explanation (ii) to Rule 69 of CGST Rule, 2017, claim of reduction in the output tax liability shall be considered as matched, where the amount of reduction claimed is equal to or less than the claim of reduction in ITC admitted and discharged on such credit note by the corresponding recipient in his valid return.

In the given case net output tax liability of Mr. A is ₹ 35,000 after taking into accounting the reduction claimed which is more than input tax credit by Mr. B in respect of same supply i.e ₹ 32,000 so, no output tax liability shall be added to the account of Mr.A as a result of such Mismatch.

- (6) Matching of Output tax liability : Mr. X, a registered supplier, supplied services valuing ₹ 10,00,000 plus GST @12% to Mr.Y on 09-10-2017, incorporating these supplies in the details of outward supplies furnished for the month of October 2017 on 10-11-2017. Mr.Y recorded the said supplies as his inward supplies and accordingly, claimed ITC on said inward supplies and furnished his return. There was disagreement regarding the quality of service and Mr.X issued a credit note on 15-12-2017 in favour of Mr.Y amounting ₹ 2,00,000 and reduced his output tax liability amounting to ₹ 24,000 in the return furnished for the month of December 2017 on 20th January 2018. However, Mr.Y did not reverse his ITC amounting to ₹ 24,000 in the return furnished for the month of December 2017. On matching being carried out the discrepancy was noticed and the same was communicated to both the parties on 31-01-2018. The said discrepancy was not corrected by Mr. Y in the



return furnished for the month of January 2018, In whose tax liability this mismatch will be added ?

**Solution :** As per provision of Section 43(3) of CGST Act, 2017, where the reduction of output tax liability in respect of outward supplies exceeds the corresponding reduction in the claim for ITC or the corresponding credit note is not declared by the recipient in his valid return, the discrepancy shall be communicate to both such parties upto the end of the month in which such matching si carried out i.e 31st January 2018.

A recipient to whom any discrepancy is communicated may make suitable rectifications in the statement of inward supplies to be furnished for the month in which discrepancy is made available i.e upto 20th February 2018.

Where the discrepancy is not rectified by the recipient, an amount to the extend of discrepancy shall be added to the output tax liability of the supplier debited to the electronic liability register and also shown in his return in FORM GSTR-3 for the month succeeding the month in which the discrepancy is made available.

Thus, in this case since Mr. Y has not rectified the discrepancy in the retrun filed for the month of January 2018, i.e upto 20th February 201, therefore the said amount of ₹ 2,40,000 shall be added to the output tax liability of the supplier i.e. Mr.X in the return of the month of February 2018 which is filed on 20th March 2018.

In this case Mr.X will be liable to pay interest from 20th January 2018 to 20th March 2018 i.e. ₹ 24,000×18%×59/365 = ₹ 698.3

- (7) Mr. A supplied goods to Mr. B for ₹ 2,00,000 plus GST 18%, vide Invoice No. 99 dated 5th November 2017. Mr. B availed the ITC of ₹ 36,000 and confirmed in GSTR-2. However, invoice no. 99 dated 5th November 2017 not reflected in GSTR-1, of Mr. A.

You are required to answer the following:

- (a) When matching will takes through common portal of GSTN.
- (b) To whom discrepancy will be informed.
- (c) Time limit for rectification of discrepancy
- (d) Whether ITC is allowed to Mr. B, if Mr. A is not paid tax till 20th January 2018.
- (e) Mr. B communicated the problem to Mr. A, who looks into the issue and rectified the discrepancy and included invoice no. 99 in his GSTR-3 for January 2018 accordingly he paid tax on 20th Feb 2018. If so Mr. B can reduce his liability?

**Solution :**

- (a) Matching will take place only after the due date of GSTR-3 for the month of November 2017. In the given case matching will takes place after 20th December 2017.
- (b) Discrepancy is to be communicated by the common portal GSTN to supplier (i.e. Mr. A) in the Form GST MIS-2.
- (c) Time limit for rectification is 20th January 2018 (i.e. Due date of filling FORM GSTR-3 for the month succeeding the month in which the discrepancy is made available). Mr. A should pay tax on it (as per Rule 71(4) of the CGST Rules, 2017).
- (d) Input tax credit of ₹ 36,000 shall be added to the output tax liability of Mr. B in his return to be furnished in FORM GSTR-3 for the month succeeding the month in which the discrepancy is made available (i.e. 20th Feb 2018) with interest @18%.
- (e) As per section 42(7) of the CGST Act, 2017 Mr. B can reduce the amount from his output tax liability and the interest paid will be refunded to his electronic cash ledger account under section 42(9) of the CGST Act, 2017.

# Study Note - 15

## EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND REFUNDS UNDER GST



### This Study Note includes

- 15.1 Export of Goods and Services
- 15.2 Import of Goods and Services
- 15.3 Zero - Rated Supply
- 15.4 Deemed Exports
- 15.5 Refund

### 15.1 EXPORT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

#### Export of Goods:

##### Provision relating to export of goods

Sub-Section 5 of section 2 of IGST Act, 2017 defines – “Export of Goods”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means taking out of India to a place outside India.

Supply of goods where supplier located in India and the place of supply outside India – Deemed to be Inter-State Supply- Supply of goods, when the supplier is located in India and the place of supply is outside India, shall be deemed to be a supply of goods in the course of inter-state trade or commerce [Section 7(5)(a)]

##### Following aspects need to be noted:

- (a) The movement of goods is alone relevant and not the location if the exporter/importer.
- (b) Unlike export of service which requires fulfilment of certain conditions for a supply to qualify as 'export of service' like the nature of currency in which payment is required to be made, location of the exporter etc, export of goods doesn't require fulfilment of any such conditions.

#### Export of Services:

##### Provision relating to export of service

Export of Services as per 2(6) of IGST Act, 2017:

“export of services” means the supply of any service when,—

- (i) the supplier of service is located in India;
- (ii) the recipient of service is located outside India;
- (iii) the place of supply of service is outside India;
- (iv) the payment for such service has been received by the supplier of service in convertible foreign exchange or in Indian rupees wherever permitted by the Reserve Bank of India; and
- (v) the supplier of service and the recipient of service are not merely establishments of a distinct person in accordance with Explanation 1 in section 8;





**Explanation 1 of Section 8** — For the purposes of this Act, where a person has,—

- (i) an establishment in India and any other establishment outside India;
- (ii) an establishment in a State or Union territory and any other establishment outside that State or Union territory;
- or
- (iii) an establishment in a State or Union territory and any other establishment registered within that State or Union territory,

then such establishments shall be treated as establishments of distinct persons.

Supply of service where supplier located in India and the place of supply outside India – Deemed to be Inter-State Supply- Supply of service, when the supplier is located in India and the place of supply is outside India, shall be deemed to be a supply of service in the course of inter-state trade or commerce [Section 7(5)(a)].

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**Determination of POS and Export of Service:**

A Ltd., a corn chips manufacturing company based in USA, intends to launch its products in India. However, the company wishes to know the taste and sensibilities of Indians before launching its products in India. For this purpose, A Ltd has approached ABC Consultants, Mumbai, to carry out a survey in India to enable it to make changes, if any, in its products to suit Indian taste.

The survey is to be solely based on oral replies of the surveyees; they will not be provided any sample by A Ltd, to taste. ABC Consultants will be paid in convertible foreign exchange for the assignment.

With reference to the provision of GST Law, determine the place of supply of the service. Also, explain whether the said supply will amount to export of service?

**Solution :**

As per Sec 13(2) of the IGST Act, 2017 in case where the location of the supplier of services or the location of the recipient of services is outside India, the place of supply of services except the services specified in sub-section (3) to (13) shall be the location of the recipient of services.

The given case does not fall under any of such specific situations and thus, the place of supply in this will be determine under sec 13(2). Thus, the place of supply of service in this case is the location of recipient of services i.e., USA.

As per sec 2(6) of the IGST Act, 2017 export of services means the supply of any services when –

- (i) the supplier of service is located in India;
- (ii) the recipient of service is located outside India;
- (iii) the place of supply of service is outside India;
- (iv) the payment for such service has been received by the supplier of service in convertible foreign exchange or in Indian rupees wherever permitted by the Reserve Bank of India; and
- (v) the supplier of service and the recipient of service are not merely establishments of a distinct person in accordance with Explanation 1 in section 8;

Since all the above 5 conditions are fulfilled in the given case, the same will be considered as an export of service.

## 15.2 IMPORT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

### Import of goods

#### Provision relating to import of goods

Export of Services as per 2(10) of IGST Act, 2017: "import of goods" with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means bringing goods into India from a place outside India;

Import of goods – Deemed to be intra-state supply – As per section 7(2) of IGST Act, 2017 Supply of goods imported into the territory of India, till they cross the customs frontiers of India, shall be treated to be a supply of goods in the course of inter-State trade or commerce.

#### Place of supply of goods imported into India.

The place of supply of goods,—

- (a) imported into India shall be the location of the importer (Section 11 of IGST Act, 2017)

### Import of services

#### Provision relating to import of services

(11) "import of services" means the supply of any service, where—

- (i) the supplier of service is located outside India;
- (ii) the recipient of service is located in India; and
- (iii) the place of supply of service is in India;

Thus, only where the location of supplier is outside India but the location of recipient and the place of supply is in India, it shall qualify as import of services.

As per Section 7(4) of IGST Act, 2017 - Supply of services imported into the territory of India shall be treated to be a supply of services in the course of inter-State trade or commerce.

## 15.3 ZERO - RATED SUPPLY

Sub section 16(1) of the IGST Act defines 'Zero rated supply' as follows:

Zero rated supply means any of the following supplies of goods or services or both namely-

- (a) Export of goods or services or both or
- (b) Supply of goods or services or both to a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) developer or an SEZ unit.

Thus export of goods or services and supplies to a SEZ unit of its developer shall be treated as zero rated supply thereby entitles the said unit or developer for all benefits i.e. availment of input tax credit or refund of unutilized ITC.

**Input tax credit eligible in respect of Zero-Rated Supply** – As per 16(2) of IGST Act, 2017 : Subject to the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 17 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, credit of input tax may be availed for making zero-rated supplies, notwithstanding that such supply may be an exempt supply.

#### Question:

Whether services of short-term accommodation, conferencing, banqueting etc. provided to a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) developer or a SEZ unit should be treated as an inter-State supply (under section 7(5)(b) of the IGST Act, 2017) or an intra-State supply (under section 12(3)(c) of the IGST Act, 2017)? – Circular 48/22/2018 - GST.



### **Solution:**

As per section 7(5) (b) of the IGST Act, the supply of goods or services or both to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit shall be treated to be a supply of goods or services or both in the course of inter-State trade or commerce. Whereas, as per section 12(3)(c) of the IGST Act, the place of supply of services by way of accommodation in any immovable property for organising any functions shall be the location at which the immovable property is located. Thus, in such cases, if the location of the supplier and the place of supply is in the same State/ Union territory, it would be treated as an intra-State supply. In the instant case, section 7(5)(b) of the IGST Act is a specific provision which states that such supplies shall be treated as interstate supplies.

Therefore it is clarified that services of short term accommodation, conferencing, banqueting etc., provided to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit shall be treated as an inter-State supply.

### **Question:**

Whether the benefit of zero rated supply can be allowed to all procurements by a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit such as event management services, hotel and accommodation services, consumables etc? – Circular 48/22/2018 - GST

### **Solution:**

As per section 16(1) of the IGST Act, "zero rated supplies" means supplies of goods or services or both to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit. Whereas, section 16(3) of the IGST Act provides for refund to a registered person making zero rated supplies under bond/LUT or on payment of integrated tax, subject to such conditions, safeguards and procedure as may be prescribed. Further, as per the second proviso to rule 89(1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (CGST Rules in short), in respect of supplies to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit, the application for refund shall be filed by the:

- (a) supplier of goods after such goods have been admitted in full in the SEZ for authorised operations, as endorsed by the specified officer of the Zone;
- (b) supplier of services along with such evidences regarding receipt of services for authorised operations as endorsed by the specified officer of the Zone.

A conjoint reading of the above legal provisions reveals that the supplies to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit shall be zero rated and the supplier shall be eligible for refund of unutilized input tax credit or integrated tax paid, as the case may be, only if such supplies have been received by the SEZ developer or SEZ unit for authorized operations. An endorsement to this effect shall have to be issued by the specified officer of the Zone.

Therefore, subject to the provisions of section 17(5) of the CGST Act, if event management services, hotel, accommodation services, consumables etc. are received by a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit for authorised operations, as endorsed by the specified officer of the Zone, the benefit of zero rated supply shall be available in such cases to the supplier.

Definition of turnover of zero-rated supplies of goods amended [Rule 89(4)(C)]

[Notification No.16/2020 CT dated 23.03.2020]

Lower of the two shall be taken:

- Zero Rated Value of supply of goods as per GST Invoice or
- 1.5 times the value of like goods domestically supplied by the same or, similarly placed supplier

The formula is as follows:

Refund Amount = (Turnover of zero-rated supply of goods + Turnover of zero-rated supply of services)  
× Net ITC Adjusted Total Turnover

W.e.f. 5th July 2022, An explanation has been inserted in sub-rule (4), to clarify that while calculating refund of unutilised ITC in case of zero-rated supply without payment of tax, value of goods exported out of India shall be taken as:

(Vide Notification No. 14/2022-CT dt. 5th July, 2022)

**(i) the Free on Board (FOB) value declared in the Shipping Bill or Bill of Export form, as the case may be, as per the Shipping Bill and Bill of Export (Forms) Regulations, 2017; or,**

**(ii) the value declared in tax invoice or bill of supply;**

**whichever is less**

Definition of turnover of zero-rated supplies of goods amended [Rule 89(4)(C)] vide Circular No. 147/03/2021 GST dated 12-3-2021.

Turnover of zero-rated supply of goods means the value of zero-rated supply of goods made during the relevant period without payment of tax under bond or letter of undertaking or the value which is 1.5 times the value of like goods domestically supplied by the same or, similarly placed, supplier, as declared by the supplier, whichever is less, other than the turnover of supplies in respect of which refund is claimed under rule 89(4A) or 89(4B) or both.

The term "Adjusted Total Turnover" as defined under rule 89(4) includes "Turnover in a State or Union Territory". As per section 2(112) of the CGST Act. "Turnover in a State or Union Territory" includes turnover/ value of export/ zero-rated supplies of goods. As seen above, the definition of 'Turnover of zero-rated supply of goods' has been amended. In view of the above, it can be stated that the same value of zero-rated/ export supply of goods, as calculated as per amended definition of "turnover of zero-rated supply of goods", needs to be taken into consideration while calculating "turnover in a State or a Union Territory", and accordingly, in "adjusted total turnover" for the purpose of rule 89(4).

Thus, the restriction of 1.5 times of the value of like goods domestically supplied, as applied in "turnover of zero-rated supply of goods", would also apply to the value of "adjusted total turnover" in rule 89(4) of the CGST Rules.

Adjusted Total Turnover means the sum total of the value of-

- (a) the turnover in a State or a Union territory, as defined under clause (112) of section 2, excluding the turnover of services; and
- (b) the turnover of zero-rated supply of services determined in terms of clause (D) above and non-zero-rated supply of services,

**Excluding-**

- (i) the value of exempt supplies other than zero-rated supplies; and
- (ii) the turnover of supplies in respect of which refund is claimed under rule 89(4A) or 89(4B) or both, if any, during the relevant period.

Turnover in State or turnover in Union territory means the aggregate value of all taxable supplies (excluding the value of inward supplies on which tax is payable by a person on reverse charge basis) and exempt supplies made within a State or Union territory by a taxable person, exports of goods or services or both and inter-State supplies of goods or services or both made from the State or Union territory by the said taxable person but excludes central tax, State tax, Union territory tax, integrated tax and cess.

The same can be explained by the following illustrations where actual value per unit of goods exported is more than 1.5 times the value of same/ similar goods in domestic market, as declared by the supplier:



CBIC Circular No. 172/04/2022 GST Dt. 6th July 2022, The ITC of tax paid on deemed export supplies, allowed to the recipients for claiming refund of such tax paid, is not ITC in terms of the provisions of Chapter V of the CGST Act, 2017. Therefore, such ITC availed by the recipient of deemed export supply for claiming refund of tax paid on supplies regarded as deemed exports is not to be included in the "Net ITC" for computation of refund of unutilised ITC on account of zero-rated supplies under rule 89(4) or on account of inverted rated structure under rule 89(5) of the CGST Rules, 2017.

**Example 1:**

	GST Invoice value for export ₹	Value of like goods supplied Domestically ₹	1.5 times the value of like goods supplied domestically ₹	Value for purpose of refund claim ₹	Adjusted total turnover for formulae ₹
Case A	1,00,000	90,000	1,35,000	1,00,000	1,90,000
Case B	2,00,000	60,000	90,000	90,000	1,50,000

**Example 2:**

Win India Exports Pvt. Ltd., is supplier of taxable goods in both domestic market and overseas. During the relevant period of refund, the details of his inward supply and outward supply details are shown in the table below:

Outward Supply	Value per Unit	No. of Unit Supplied	Turnover
Local	₹200	5	₹1,000
Export	₹350	5	₹1,750
Total			₹2,750

Net admissible Input Tax Credit is ₹270/-

Find the refund amount as per rule 89(4) of the CGST Rules, 2017

**Answer**

$$\text{Refund amount} = ₹ 270 \times \frac{₹ 1,500}{₹ 2,500} = ₹ 162/-$$

Turnover of Zero-rated supply of goods (as per amended definition) = ₹ 1,500/-

Actual export turnover = ₹ 1,750	Whichever is less
Or	
₹200 × 5 units × 1.5 times = ₹ 1,500	

Adjusted Total Turnover = ₹2,500

(Local is ₹1,000 + Export is ₹1,500)

CGST Rules, 2017 Amendments vide Notification No. 15/2021 Central Tax, dated 18th May, 2021 as under:

**Rule 90-Acknowledgement of refund application Insertion of proviso in sub-rule (3)**

The time period of 2 years for filing a fresh refund application after rectification of deficiencies as communicated by proper officer shall now be computed after excluding the time period between the date of filing of the refund claim in Form GST RFD-01 and the date of communication of the deficiencies in Form GST RFD-03 by the proper officer.



### **Insertion of new sub-rules (5) and (6)**

The applicants are now allowed to withdraw refund application in Form GST RFD-01W at any time before issuance of provisional refund order or final refund order or payment order or refund withhold order or notice, in respect of any refund application filed in Form GST RFD-01. The new Form RFD-01W has been inserted in Part B of the CGST Rules, 2017.

On such withdrawal, amount debited by the applicant from electronic credit ledger or electronic cash ledger, as the case may be, while filing application for refund in Form GST RFD-01, shall be credited back to the ledger from which such debit was made.

### **Rule 92-Order sanctioning refund Omission of proviso in sub-rule (1)**

The proviso requiring the issue of order giving details of the adjustment in Part A of Form GST RFD07 when the amount of refund is completely adjusted against any outstanding demand, has been omitted.

Substitution of words "Part B" in sub-rule (2) with "Part A"

The proper officer or the Commissioner will now pass the order in Part A of Form GST RFD 07 instead of Part B for withholding the refund in case he is of the opinion that the amount of refund is liable to be withheld under the provisions of section 54(10) or, as the case may be, section 54(11).

Insertion of proviso in sub-rule (2) The proper officer or the Commissioner, on being satisfied that the refund is no longer liable to be withheld, may pass an order for release of withheld refund in Part B of Form GST RFD- 07.

### **Rule 96- Refund of IGST paid on goods (or services) exported out of India Substitution of words "Part B" with "Part A" in sub-rule (6)**

The proper officer shall now pass the order in Part A of Form GST RFD-07 instead of earlier Part B upon transmission of the intimation for withholding refund.

Amendment in sub-rule (7) The jurisdictional officer shall now proceed to release the withheld refund amount in Form GST RFD 06 after passing an order for release of withheld refund in Part B of Form GST RFD-07. Form GST RFD-07 has been accordingly amended.

Determination of refundable amount in case of refund of unutilised ITC on account of (i) exports without payment of tax, (ii) supplies made to SEZ Unit/SEZ Developer without payment of tax or (iii) accumulation due to inverted tax structure, clarified

[Master Circular on Refunds – Circular No. 125/44/2019 GST dated 18.11.2019]

In case of refund of unutilized input tax credit (ITC) on account of (i) exports without payment of tax, (i) supplies made to SEZ Unit/SEZ Developer without payment of tax or (iii) accumulation due to inverted tax structure, the common portal calculates the refundable amount as the least of the following amounts:

- The maximum refund amount as per the formula in rule 89(4) or rule 89(5) of the CGST Rules, 2017 [formula is applied on the consolidated amount of ITC, i.e. Central tax + State tax/Union Territory tax + Integrated tax];
- The balance in the electronic credit ledger of the applicant at the end of the tax period for which the refund claim is being filed after the return in Form GSTR-3B for the said period has been filed; and
- The balance in the electronic credit ledger of the applicant at the time of filing the refund application.

After calculating the least of the above 3 amounts, as detailed above, the equivalent amount is to be debited from the electronic credit ledger of the applicant in the following order:

- Integrated tax, to the extent of balance available;
- Central tax and State tax/Union Territory tax, equally to the extent of balance available and in the event of a shortfall in the balance available in a particular electronic credit ledger (say, Central tax), the differential amount is to be debited from the other electronic credit ledger (i.e., State tax/Union Territory tax, in this case).



Rule 96 of the CGST Rules, contains the provisions relating to refund of IGST paid on goods or services exported out to India. Rule 96(7) of the CGST Rules, provides that in case where the claim for refund was withheld for specified reasons and subsequently, the applicant becomes entitled to refund of the amount withheld, the concerned jurisdictional officer shall proceed to refund the amount after passing refund sanction order.

The said sub-rule has been amended. Now, the concerned jurisdictional officer is required to first pass an order for release of withheld refund and then he will pass refund sanction order in case of the applicant who becomes entitled to refund withheld (Notification No. 15/2021 CT dated 18.05.2021).

### 15.4 DEEMED EXPORTS

**As per Section 2(39) of the CGST Act, 2017** "deemed exports" means such supplies of goods as may be notified under Section 147;

**As per Section 147 of the CGST Act, 2017** The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, notify certain supplies of goods as deemed exports, where goods supplied do not leave India, and payment for such supplies is received either in Indian rupees or in convertible foreign exchange, if such goods are manufactured in India.

**As per Notification No. 48/2017-Central Tax, dated - 18th October, 2017**, the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby notifies the supplies of goods listed in column (2) of the Table below as deemed exports, namely:-

Sl. No.	Description of supply
1.	Supply of goods by a registered person against Advance Authorisation
2.	Supply of capital goods by a registered person against Export Promotion Capital Goods Authorisation
3.	Supply of goods by a registered person to Export Oriented Unit
4.	Supply of gold by a bank or Public Sector Undertaking specified in the notification No. 50/2017-Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017 (as amended) against Advance Authorisation.

#### Explanation –

For the purposes of this notification, –

1. "Advance Authorisation" means an authorisation issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade under Chapter 4 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 for import or domestic procurement of inputs on pre-import basis for physical exports.
2. Export Promotion Capital Goods Authorisation means an authorisation issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade under Chapter 5 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015- 20 for import of capital goods for physical exports.
3. "Export Oriented Unit" means an Export Oriented Unit or Electronic Hardware Technology Park Unit or Software Technology Park Unit or Bio-Technology Park Unit approved in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20.

No restriction on receipt of deemed export supplies in availing ITC of the tax paid on such supplies (CBIC Clarification No. 147/2021 GST dated 12.3.2021): In a case where recipient of deemed export supplies claims the refund on such supplies, there is no restriction on such recipient in availing ITC of the tax paid on such supplies.

#### As per Circular No. 14/14 /2017, dated 6th November, 2017:

For supplies to EOU / EHTP / STP / BTP units in terms of Notification No. 48/2017- Central Tax dated 18.10.2017, the following procedure and safeguards are prescribed –

- (i) The recipient EOU / EHTP / STP / BTP unit shall give prior intimation in a prescribed proforma in "Form-A" bearing

a running serial number containing the goods to be procured, as pre-approved by the Development Commissioner and the details of the supplier before such deemed export supplies are made. The said intimation shall be given to – (a) the registered supplier; (b) the jurisdictional GST officer in charge of such registered supplier; and (c) its jurisdictional GST officer.

- (ii) The registered supplier thereafter will supply goods under tax invoice to the recipient EOU / EHTP / STP / BTP unit.
- (iii) On receipt of such supplies, the EOU / EHTP / STP / BTP unit shall endorse the tax invoice and send a copy of the endorsed tax invoice to – (a) the registered supplier; (b) the jurisdictional GST officer in charge of such registered supplier; and (c) its jurisdictional GST officer.
- (iv) The endorsed tax invoice will be considered as proof of deemed export supplies by the registered person to EOU / EHTP / STP / BTP unit.
- (v) The recipient EOU / EHTP / STP / BTP unit shall maintain records of such deemed export supplies in digital form, based upon data elements contained in "Form-B". The software for maintenance of digital records shall incorporate the feature of audit trail. While the data elements contained in the Form-B are mandatory, the recipient units will be free to add or continue with any additional data fields, as per their commercial requirements. All recipient units are required to enter data accurately and immediately upon the goods being received in, utilized by or removed from the said unit. The digital records should be kept updated, accurate, complete and available at the said unit at all times for verification by the proper officer, whenever required. A digital copy of Form – B containing transactions for the month, shall be provided to the jurisdictional GST officer, each month (by the 10th of month) in a CD or Pen drive, as convenient to the said unit.

The above procedure and safeguards are in addition to the terms and conditions to be adhered to by a EOU / EHTP / STP / BTP unit in terms of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015- 20 and the duty exemption notification being availed by such unit.

**Deemed exports – supply of goods against advance authorisation (Notification No. 1/2019 C.T, dated 15-1-2019):**

The Central Government of India has amended Notification No. 48/2017-CT, dated 18-10-2017, to provide the supply of goods by a registered person against Advance Authorisation, when exports have already been made after availing Input Tax Credit on inputs used in manufacture of such exports goods, shall be used in manufacture and supply of taxable goods (other than Nil rated or fully exempted goods) and a certificate to this effect from a Chartered Accountant is submitted to the jurisdictional Commissioner of GST or any other officer authorised by him within 6 months of such supply. However, no such certificate shall be required if Input Tax Credit has not been availed on inputs used in manufacture of export goods.

Furthermore, the words "on pre-import basis" have been omitted from the definition of Advance Authorisation.

**Notification No. 08/2019-Customs Dated 25th March 2019:**

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has said that exemption from integrated GST and compensation cess under advance authorisation scheme, EOU, and EPCG scheme of foreign trade policy 2015-20 "is extended upto March 31, 2020".

These exemptions have been extended for exporters buying inputs domestically or importing for export purposes under export-oriented unit (EOU) scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme and advance authorisation.

No restriction on receipt of deemed export supplies in availing ITC of the tax paid on such supplies (CBIC Clarification No. 147/2021 GST dated 12.3.2021): In a case where recipient of deemed export supplies claims the refund on such supplies, there is no restriction on such recipient in availing ITC of the tax paid on such supplies.





15.5 REFUND

Circumstance in which registered person can claim refund:

The various circumstances in which refund will arise has been explained in section 54 of the CGST Act, 2017 read with Chapter X of CGST Rules, 2017 are as follows:

- (a) Refund of pre-deposit for filing appeal
- (b) Export of goods or services
- (c) Special Economic Zones (SEZ's)/Developer of SEZ units.
- (d) Deemed exports
- (e) Duty structure
- (f) Finalisation of provision assessment
- (g) Excess payment of tax due to mistake etc.

**(a) Refund of pre-deposit for filing appeal:**

As per section 107 (1) of the CGST Act 2017 any person aggrieved by any decision or order passed under this Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act by an adjudicating authority may appeal to such Appellate Authority as may be prescribed within 3 months from the date on which the said decision or order is communicated to such person.

As per Section 107(6) no appeal shall be filed under sub-section (1) of Section 107, unless the appellant has paid—

- (a) in full, such part of the amount of tax, interest, fine, fee and penalty arising from the impugned order, as is admitted by him; and
- (b) a sum equal to 10% of the remaining amount of tax in dispute arising from the said order, (w.e.f. 1-2-2019 subject to a maximum of ₹25 crore) in relation to which the appeal has been filed.

In case the appellate authority decide the case in favor of the assessee and ordered to refund of tax.

In the above situation the amount of pre-deposit becomes refundable to the assessee. The assessee is required to file the refund claim within a period of 2 Years from the date of receipt of the order (section 54(9) of the CGST Act, 2017)

**(b) Export of goods or services:**

Refund on account of export of goods or services can be granted in the following two methods:

- (i) refund of un-utilized credit when exports of goods or services are made without payment of tax (Section 54(3) of the CGST Act, 2017).
- (ii) refund of taxes paid on export of goods or services.

As per Rule 89(4) of Chapter X of the CGST Rules, 2017 the quantum of input tax credit shall be determined as per the following formula:

$$\text{Refund Amount} = \frac{\text{Turnover of zero rated supply of goods + services}}{\text{Adjusted total turnover}} \times \text{Net Input Tax Credit}$$

Where

- (A) "Refund amount" means the maximum refund that is admissible;
- (B) "Net ITC" means input tax credit availed on inputs and input services during the relevant period;
- (C) "Turnover of zero-rated supply of goods" means the value of zero-rated supply of goods made during the relevant period without payment of tax under bond or letter of undertaking;
- (D) "Turnover of zero-rated supply of services" means the value of zero-rated supply of services made without payment of tax under bond or letter of undertaking, calculated in the following manner, namely:-  
Zero-rated supply of services is the aggregate of the payments received during the relevant period for zero- rated supply of services and zero-rated supply of services where supply has been completed for

which payment had been received in advance in any period prior to the relevant period reduced by advances received for zero-rated supply of services for which the supply of services has not been completed during the relevant period;

- (E) "Adjusted Total turnover" means the turnover in a State or a Union territory, as defined under clause (112) of section 2, excluding the value of exempt supplies other than zero-rated supplies, during the relevant period;

#### **Proper officer to issue payment order instead of payment advice for refunds**

Proper officer will now issue payment order instead of payment advice for refunds under GST with effect from 24.09.2019. To give effect to this amendment, with effect from 24.09.2019, rule 91(3), rule 92(4), rule 92(5), rule 94 of the CGST Rules have been suitably amended and rule 91(4) and rule 92(4A) have been newly inserted.

[Notification No. 31/2019 CT dated 28.06.2019 and Notification No. 49/2019 CT dated 9.10.2019]

#### **Practical theory:**

##### **Example 4:**

How soon will refund in respect of export of goods or services be granted during the GST regime?

##### **Answer:**

- (a) In case of refund of tax on inputs used in exports:

- Refund of 90% will be granted provisionally within seven days of acknowledgement of refund application.
- Remaining 10% will be paid within a maximum period of 60 days from the date of receipt of application complete in all respects.
- Interest @ 6% is payable if full refund is not granted within 60 days.

- (b) In the case of refund of IGST paid on exports:

Upon receipt of information regarding furnishing of valid return in Form GSTR-3 by the exporter from the common portal, the Customs shall process the claim for refund and an amount equal to the IGST paid in respect of each shipping bill shall be credited to the bank account of the exporter.

##### **Example 5:**

M/s X Ltd. manufacture of exempted excisable goods for export. Company availed input stage rebate (ITC on inputs) used in the manufacture of exported goods. Whether the company is eligible for refund of ITC on inputs?

##### **Answer:**

Under IGST law a person engaged in export of goods which is an exempt supply is eligible to avail input stage credit for zero rated supplies. Once goods are exported, refund of unutilized credit can be availed under Section

16(3)(a) of IGST Act, 2017 and Section 54 of the CGST Act, 2017 and the rules made there under.

##### **Example 6:**

What do you mean refund under section 54 of CGST Act, 2017?

##### **Answer:**

As per explanation to section 54 of the CGST Act 2017 refund includes refund of tax paid on zero-rated supplies of goods or services or both

OR

on inputs or input services used in making such zero-rated supplies, or refund of tax on the supply of goods regarded as deemed exports, or refund of unutilized input tax credit as provided under section 54(3) of the CGST Act, 2017.

##### **Example 7:**

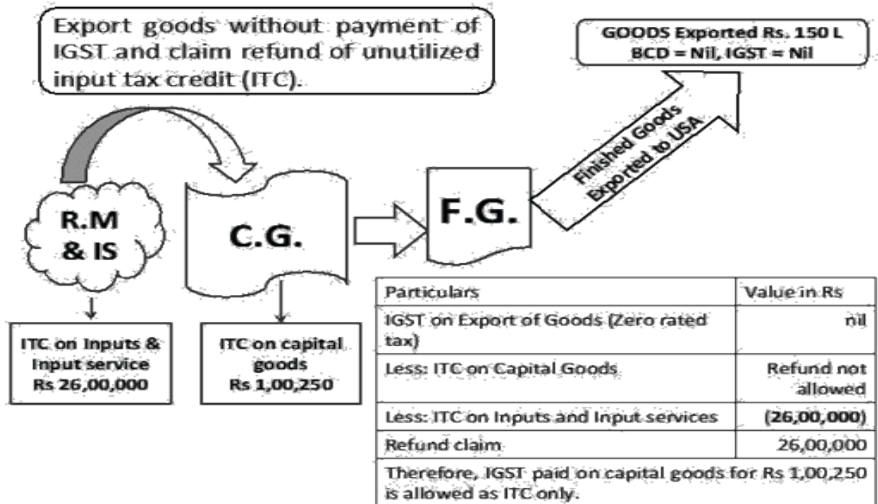
Under what circumstances it may be beneficial to claim refund of un-utilized credit when exports of goods or services are made without payment of tax (Section 54(3) of the CGST Act, 2017).

**Answer:**

If assessee has negligible balance of tax in Capital Goods Input Tax Credit Account, and more credit in inputs and input services it is advisable to claim refund of un-utilized credit when exports of goods or services are made without payment of tax (Section 54(3) of the CGST Act, 2017).

Simplified approach: assume X Ltd purchased goods by paying GST for manufacture. After manufacture supplied goods to an importer located in USA in the following manner.

Note: In general all our exports free from Basic Customs Duty unless law specifically stated otherwise.



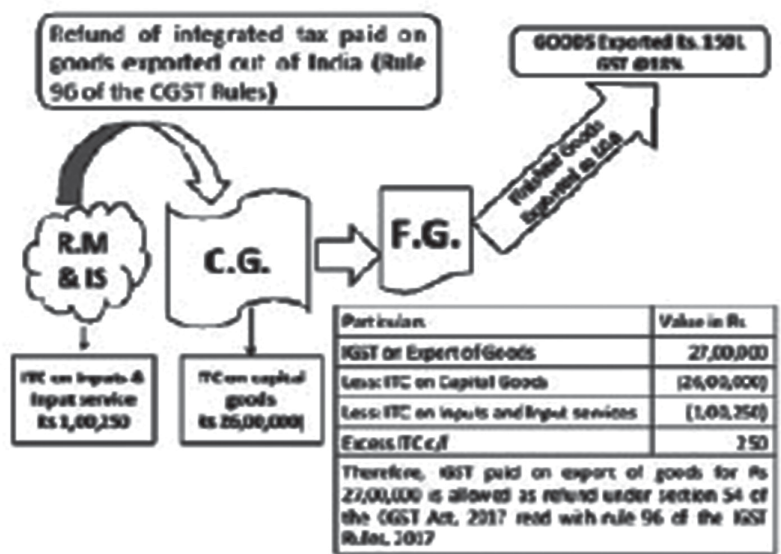
**Example 8:**

Under what circumstances it may be beneficial to pay IGST on export of goods and claim rebate (i.e. Refund) under rule 96 of the CGST Rules, 2017.

**Answer:**

If assessee has balance of tax in Capital Goods Input Tax Credit Account, it is advisable to pay duty (i.e. IGST) on export and claim refund, as balance in Capital Goods Input Tax Credit Account is never refundable.

Simplified approach: assume X Ltd purchased goods by paying GST for manufacture. After manufacture supplied goods to an import located in USA in the following manner.



**Example 9:**

How to execute Bond required for exporting without payment of IGST?

**Answer:**

Following are the instructions on how to execute Bond required for exporting without payment of IGST.

- Step 1:** Bond has to be executed when your turnover in the previous year is less than ₹ 1,00,00,000/- (now please refer master circular CBEC Circular No . 8/8 /2017 - GST dated 4th October 2017 with regard to export given above).
- Step 2:** Bond of amount equivalent to the tax liability (usually annual liability) has to be executed on non-judicial stamp paper in the favour of President of India, through the concerned Assistant Commissioner.
- Step 3:** In the bond, exporter has to mention the Bank Guarantee amount which is equivalent to 15% of the bond value (or lesser if allowed by Assistant Commissioner).
- Step 4:** Stamp Paper for Bond can be of value ₹ 500/- or more (or as prescribed by concerned Assistant Commissioner). Stamp paper should be purchased from your own State (same jurisdiction) i.e. where the concerned Range Office is located. It should be purchased in the name of exporter (with address). Bond-Language does not fit well on single page, so you have to use second page. Second page can be any blank page to print the extra content.
- Step 5:** Exporter has to self-sign the bond on first page as well as on second page. Second page has to be signed by two witnesses. Then, Bond has to be attested by a Notary.
- Step 6:** Exporter has to submit self-signed copy of own ID-Proof (Like Aadhar Card). You also have to submit the copies of ID-Proofs (Like Aadhar Card) of witnesses, which has to be self-signed by him.

**Amendments in rule 96 - Refund of integrated tax paid on goods or services exported out of India w.e.f. 01.07.2017 (vide NT No. 14/2022 CT dt 5th July 2022):**

- a) Reference of Form GSTR-3 has been removed from clause (b) of sub-rule (1). A proviso has been added in sub-rule (1) specifying that if there is any mismatch between the data furnished by the exporter of goods in shipping bill and those furnished in statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1, such application for refund of integrated tax shall be deemed to have been filed on such date when the mismatch in respect of the said shipping bill is rectified by the exporter.
- b) A new clause (c) has been inserted in sub-rule (4) to provide that the claim for refund shall be withheld where the Commissioner in the Board or an officer authorised by the Board, on the basis of data analysis and risk parameters, is of the opinion that verification of credentials of the exporter, including the availment of ITC by the exporter, is considered essential before grant of refund, in order to safeguard the interest of revenue.
- c) New sub-rules (5A) and (5B) have been inserted specifying that where refund is withheld in accordance with the provisions of clause (a) or newly inserted clause (c) or clause (b) of sub-rule (4) proper officer passes an order for withholding of refund due to violation of Customs Act, 1962 under clause (b) of sub-rule (4), such claim shall be transmitted to the proper officer of Central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, electronically through the common portal in a system generated FORM GST RFD-01 and the intimation of such transmission shall also be sent to the exporter electronically through the common portal, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other rule, the said system generated form shall be deemed to be the application for refund in such cases and shall be deemed to have been filed on the date of such transmission.
- Another sub-rule (5C) has been inserted to provide that the application for refund in FORM GST RFD-01 transmitted electronically through the common portal in terms of sub-rules (5A) and (5B) shall be dealt in accordance with the provisions of rule 89.
- d) Sub-rules (5), (6) and (7) have been omitted.

**Export of Services under GST – (CBEC Circular No. 78/52/2018-GST, dated 31-12-2018)**



S.No.	Issue	Clarification
1.	<p>In case an exporter of services outsources a portion of the services contract to another person located outside India, what would be the tax treatment of the said portion of the contract at the hands of the exporter? There may be instances where the full consideration for the outsourced services is not received by the exporter in India.</p>	<p>1. Where an exporter of services located in India is supplying certain services to a recipient located outside India, either wholly or partly through any other supplier of services located outside India, the following two supplies are taking place:—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Supply of services from the exporter of services located in India to the recipient of services located outside India for the full contract value;</li> <li>(ii) Import of services by the exporter of services located in India from the supplier of services located outside India with respect to the outsourced portion of the contract.</li> </ul> <p>Thus, the total value of services as agreed to in the contract between the exporter of services located in India and the recipient of services located outside India will be considered as export of services if all the conditions laid down in section 2(6) of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (IGST Act for short) read with section 13(2) of the IGST Act are satisfied.</p> <p>2. It is clarified that the supplier of services located in India would be liable to pay integrated tax on reverse charge basis on the import of services on that portion of services which has been provided by the supplier located outside India to the recipient of services located outside India. Furthermore, the said supplier of services located in India would be eligible for taking input tax credit of the integrated tax so paid.</p> <p>3. Thus, even if the full consideration for the services as per the contract value is not received in convertible foreign exchange in India due to the fact that the recipient of services located outside India has directly paid to the supplier of services located outside India (for the outsourced part of the services), that portion of the consideration shall also be treated as receipt of consideration for export of services in terms of section 2(6) (iv) of the IGST Act, provided the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) integrated tax has been paid by the supplier located in India for import of services on that portion of the services which has been directly provided by the supplier located outside India to the recipient of services located outside India; and</li> <li>(ii) RBI by general instruction or by specific approval has allowed that a part of the consideration for such exports can be retained outside India.</li> </ul>

**Illustration:** ABC Ltd. India has received an order for supply of services amounting to \$ 5,00,000/- to a US based client. ABC Ltd. India is unable to supply the entire services from India and asks XYZ Ltd. Mexico (who is not merely an establishment of a distinct person viz. ABC Ltd. India, in accordance with the Explanation 1 in Section 8 of the IGST Act) to supply a part of the services (say 40% of the total contract value). ABC Ltd. India shall be the exporter of services for the entire value if the invoice for the entire amount is raised by ABC Ltd. India. The services provided by XYZ Ltd. Mexico to the US based client shall be import of services by ABC Ltd. India and it would be liable to pay integrated tax on the same under reverse charge and also be eligible to take input tax credit of the integrated tax so paid. Further, if the provisions contained in section 2(6) of the IGST Act are not fulfilled with respect to the realization of convertible foreign exchange, say only 60% of the consideration is received in India and the remaining amount is directly paid by the US based client to XYZ Ltd. Mexico, even in such a scenario, 100% of the total contract value shall be taken as consideration for the export of services by ABC Ltd. India provided integrated tax on import of services has been paid on the part of the services provided by XYZ Ltd Mexico directly to the US based client and RBI (by general instruction or by specific approval) has allowed that a part of the consideration for such exports can be retained outside India. In other words, in such cases, the export benefit will be available for the total realization of convertible foreign exchange by ABC Ltd. India and XYZ Ltd. Mexico.

**(c) Special Economic Zones (SEZ's)/Developer of SEZ units.**
**Example 10:**

X Ltd., a unit in SEZ, received services from various service providers in relation to authorized operations in SEZ during the month July, 2017. The following details are furnished for the month July, 2017:

- (i) Value of Taxable services used exclusively for authorised operations within SEZ: ₹ 5,00,000 (exemption from GST availed).
- (ii) Value of Taxable Services used by SEZ units and DTA units: ₹ 8,00,000. GST paid @18%.
- (iii) Value of Taxable Service used wholly for DTA units: ₹ 3,00,000. GST paid @18%.
- (iv) Export Turnover of SEZ Unit: ₹ 1,00,00,000
- (v) Turnover of DTA Unit: ₹ 60,00,000

Compute the ITC and amount of refund if any?

**Note:** All input services used by SEZ for its authorized operations only.

**Answer:**

Statement showing ITC & refund of X Ltd. ( a unit of SEZ)

S. No.	Particulars	Value of input services ₹	ITC ₹	Refund Amount ₹	Remarks
1	Input services	5,00,000	Nil	Since, no tax paid on inputs no refund is allowed	Input services used exclusively for authorized operations
2	DTA as well as Zero rated supply	8,00,000	54,000	90,000	(₹ 8L×18%)× 100L/160L
3	Input services only for DTA	3,00,000	54,000	Nil	
	Total		1,08,000	90,000	

**Deemed exports**

As per Section 2(39) of the CGST Act, 2017 "deemed exports" means such supplies of goods as may be notified under Section 147;

As per Section 147 of the CGST Act, 2017 The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, notify certain supplies of goods as deemed exports, where goods supplied do not leave India, and payment for such supplies is received either in Indian rupees or in convertible foreign exchange, if such goods are manufactured in India.

Deemed exports are likely to be considered for purpose of GST to claim refund. Presently deemed supply attract GST.

As per Notification No. 48/2017-Central Tax, dated - 18th October, 2017, the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby notifies the supplies of goods listed in column (2) of the Table below as deemed exports, namely:-

S. No.	Description of supply
1.	Supply of goods by a registered person against Advance Authorisation
2.	Supply of capital goods by a registered person against Export Promotion Capital Goods Authorisation
3.	Supply of goods by a registered person to Export Oriented Unit
4.	Supply of gold by a bank or Public Sector Undertaking specified in the notification No. 50/2017-Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017 (as amended) against Advance Authorisation.



**Supplies against Advance Authorisation scheme not to be used in supply of nil rated/fully exempted supplies, when exports have already been made after availing ITC on inputs used in manufacture of such exports**

Notification No. 48/2017-CT, dated 18.10.2017 specifies the supplies which shall be treated as deemed exports. The said notification has been amended as under:

- (i) Supply of goods by a registered person against Advance Authorisation is a deemed export in terms of the said notification. The following conditions have been prescribed in this regard:
  - 1. the goods so supplied, when exports have already been made after availing ITC on inputs used in manufacture of such exports, shall be used in manufacture and supply of taxable goods (other than nil rated or fully exempted goods) and a certificate to this effect from a chartered accountant is submitted to the jurisdictional commissioner of GST or any other officer authorised by him within 6 months of such supply.
  - 2. No such certificate shall be required if ITC has not been availed on inputs used in manufacture of export goods.
  - 2. Thus, supplies against Advance Authorisation scheme cannot be used in manufacture and supply of nil rated or fully exempted supplies.
- (ii) The definition of advance authorisation has been amended to remove the words "on pre import basis" therefrom. The amended definition reads as under:

"Advance Authorisation means an authorisation issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade under Chapter 4 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 for import or domestic procurement of inputs for physical exports".

[Notification No. 01/2019-CT, dated 15.01.2019]

**Relevant date** (i.e., the date on which the return relating to such deemed exports is furnished) is same to supplier or recipient whoever claims refund of tax paid on such deemed export. Further, as the tax on the supply of goods, regarded as deemed export, would be paid by the supplier in his return, therefore, the relevant date for purpose of filing of refund claim for refund of tax paid on such supplies would be the date of filing of return, related to such supplies, by the supplier (CBIC Circular No. 166/22/2021 GST dt. 17.11.2021).

**(e) Duty structure:**

As per Section 54(3) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (10), a registered person may claim refund of any unutilised input tax credit at the end of any tax period:

Provided that no refund of unutilised input tax credit shall be allowed in cases other than—

- (i) zero rated supplies made without payment of tax;
- (ii) where the credit has accumulated on account of rate of tax on inputs being higher than the rate of tax on output supplies (other than nil rated or fully exempt supplies), except supplies of goods or services or both as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council:

Provided further that no refund of unutilised input tax credit shall be allowed in cases where the goods exported out of India are subjected to export duty:

Provided also that no refund of input tax credit shall be allowed, if the supplier of goods or services or both avails of drawback in respect of central tax or claims refund of the integrated tax paid on such supplies.

**Question:**

Whether independent fabric processors (job workers) in the textile sector supplying job work services are eligible for refund of unutilized input tax credit on account of inverted duty structure under section 54(3) of the CGST Act, 2017? – Circular 48/22/2018 - GST

**Solution:**

Notification No. 5/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 specifies the goods in respect of which refund of unutilized input tax credit (ITC) on account of inverted duty structure under section 54(3) of the CGST Act shall not be allowed. However, in case of fabric processors, the output supply is the supply of job work services and not of goods (fabrics).

Hence, it is clarified that the fabric processors shall be eligible for refund of unutilized ITC on account of inverted duty structure under section 54(3) of the CGST Act even if the goods (fabrics) supplied to them are covered under notification No. 5/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017.

**Clarification on the removal of the restriction on refund of accumulated Input Tax Credit on fabrics [Circular 56/30/2018 –GST]**

1. It is clarified that the restriction on refund of accumulated ITC on account of inverted duty structure will not be allowed on inputs. But there is no restriction on the refund of the ITC on input services and capital goods. It is only on the accumulated ITC on inputs.
2. The input tax credit on account of inverted duty structure lying in the balance after payment of GST for the month of July (on the purchases made on or before the 31st July, 2018) shall lapse.
3. Adding to it, the ITC on the zero rated supplies shall not lapse.

**Clarification on refund amount for claim of refund of accumulated ITC on account of inverted duty structure**

**Circular No. 79/53/2018-GST, dated 31.12.2018** clarifies that refund of unutilized ITC in case of inverted tax structure, as provided in section 54(3) of the CGST Act, is available where ITC remains unutilized even after setting off of available ITC for the payment of output tax liability.

Where there are multiple inputs attracting different rates of tax, in the formula provided in rule 89(5) of the CGST Rules, the term "Net ITC" covers the ITC availed on all inputs in the relevant period, irrespective of their rate of tax.

The calculation of refund of accumulated ITC on account of inverted tax structure, in cases where several inputs are used in supplying the final product/output, can be clearly understood with help of the following example:

- (i) Suppose a manufacturing process involves the use of an input A (attracting 5 per cent GST) and input B (attracting 18 per cent GST) to manufacture output Y (attracting 12 per cent GST).
- (ii) The refund of accumulated ITC in the situation at (i) above, will be available under section 54(3) of the CGST Act read with rule 89(5) of the CGST Rules, which prescribes the formula for the maximum refund amount permissible in such situations.
- (iii) Further assume that the claimant supplies the output Y having value of—  
₹ 3,000/- during the relevant period for which the refund is being claimed. Therefore, the turnover of inverted rated supply of goods and services will be ₹3,000/-. Since the claimant has no other outward supplies, his adjusted total turnover will also be ₹3,000/-.
- (iv) If we assume that Input A, having value of ₹500/- and Input B, having value of ₹2,000/-, have been purchased in the relevant period for the manufacture of Y, then Net ITC shall be equal to ₹ 385/- (₹25/- and ₹360/- on Input A and Input B respectively).
- (v) Therefore, multiplying Net ITC by the ratio of turnover of inverted rated supply of goods and services to the adjusted total turnover will give the figure of ₹ 385/-.
- (vi) From this, if we deduct the tax payable on such inverted rated supply of goods or services, which is ₹360/-, we get the maximum refund amount, as per rule 89(5) of the CGST Rules which is ₹25/-.





### Clarification on the term “input”

On certain occasions, ITC on stores and spares, packing materials, materials purchased for machinery repairs, printing and stationery items, is not considered as part of Net ITC on the grounds that these are not directly consumed in the manufacturing process and therefore, do not qualify as input. There are also instances where stores and spares charged to revenue are considered as capital goods and therefore the ITC availed on them is not included in Net ITC, even though the value of these goods has not been capitalized in his books of account by the claimant.

**Clarification:** It is clarified that input tax credit of the GST paid on inputs shall be available to a registered person as long as he/she uses or intends to use such inputs for the purposes of his/her business and there is no specific restriction on the availment of such ITC anywhere else in the GST Act. The GST paid on inward supplies of stores and spares, packing materials etc. shall be available as ITC as long as these inputs are used for the purpose of the business and/or for effecting taxable supplies, including zero-rated supplies, and the ITC for such inputs is not restricted under section 17(5) of the CGST Act. Further, capital goods have been clearly defined in section 2(19) of the CGST Act as goods whose value has been capitalized in the books of account and which are used or intended to be used in the course or furtherance of business. Stores and spares, the expenditure on which has been charged as a revenue expense in the books of account, cannot be held to be capital goods.

[Circular No. 79/53/2018-GST, dated 31.12.2018]

### **Clarification on refund of accumulated ITC of input services and capital goods arising on account of inverted duty structure:**

Section 54(3) of the CGST Act provides that refund of any unutilized ITC may be claimed where the credit has accumulated on account of rate of tax on inputs being higher than the rate of tax on output supplies (other than nil rated or fully exempt supplies). Further, section 2(59) of the CGST Act defines inputs as any goods other than capital goods used or intended to be used by a supplier in the course or furtherance of business. Thus, inputs do not include services or capital goods. Therefore, clearly, the intent of the law is not to allow refund of tax paid on input services or capital goods as part of refund of unutilized input tax credit.

Accordingly, rule 89(5) of the CGST Rules defines the term 'Net ITC' [as used in the formula for calculating the maximum refund amount under said rule], to mean input tax credit availed on inputs during the relevant period other than the input tax credit availed for which refund is claimed under sub-rules (4A) or (4B) or both.

In view of the above, it is clarified that both the law and the related rules clearly prevent the refund of tax paid on input services and capital goods as part of refund of input tax credit accumulated on account of inverted duty structure.

[Circular No. 79/53/2018-GST, dated 31.12.2018]

### **Refund of accumulated ITC on account of reduction in GST rate on goods, not available** **[Circular No.135/05/2020 GST dated 31.03.2020]**

The issue which arose for consideration is whether an applicant can seek refund of unutilized ITC on account of inverted duty structure, under section 54(3)(ii) of the CGST Act, 2017, in a case where the inversion is due to change in the GST rate on the same goods. For example, an applicant trading in goods has purchased, say goods “X” attracting 18% GST. However, subsequently, the rate of GST on “X” has been reduced to, say 12%.

It is clarified that, in such cases, the input and output being the same, though attracting different tax rates at different points in time, do not get covered under section 54(3)(ii) of the CGST Act, 2017. Thus, refund of accumulated ITC under said clause would not be applicable in cases where the input and the output supplies are the same.

**Refund of ITC under section 54(3) restricted to the extent of credit reflected in Form GSTR-2A**
**[Circular No.135/05/2020 GST dated 31.03.2020]**

In wake of insertion of sub-rule (4) to rule 36 of the CGST Rules, 2017, it has been decided that the refund of accumulated ITC shall be restricted to the ITC as per those invoices, the details of which are uploaded by the supplier in Form GSTR-1 and are reflected in the Form GSTR-2A of the applicant.

CBIC vide Notification No. 14/2022-Central Tax dated 05-07-2022 has made an amendment in the formula under Rule 89(5) of CGST Rules, 2017 which now reads as under-

**Maximum Refund Amount =**

$$\left[ \left( \text{Turnover of inverted rated supply of goods and services} \right) \times \frac{\text{Net ITC}}{\text{Adjusted Total Turnover}} \right] - \left[ \text{Tax payable on such inverted rated supply of goods and services} \times \left( \frac{\text{Net ITC}}{\text{ITC availed on inputs and input services}} \right) \right]$$

Net ITC shall mean input tax credit availed on inputs during the relevant period other than the input tax credit availed for which refund is claimed under sub-rules (4A) or (4B) or both;

Adjusted Total turnover shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in sub-rule (4)."

- Refund of ITC under section 54(3)(ii) restricted to the extent of credit reflected in Form GSTR-2A/2B.
- ITC on capital goods not qualify for refund u/s 54(3)(ii) of CGST Act, 2017.
- ITC on input services also not qualify for refund u/s 54(3)(ii) of CGST Act, 2017.
- Refund of accumulated ITC on account of reduction in GST rate on goods, not available.

Vide Notification No. 14/2022-Central Tax dated 05.07.2022, amendment has been made in sub-rule (5) of rule 89 of CGST Rules, 2017, modifying the formula prescribed therein. The said amendment is not clarificatory in nature and is applicable prospectively with effect from 05.07.2022 (vide CBIC Circular No. 181/13/2022 GST dt. 10th November 2022).

**ITC of Input goods only allowed as refund prospectively based on new formulae**

Example: M/s X Ltd., Turnover and ITC during January 2023 are as follows:

Turnover of Inverted rated supply of goods and services (GST @5%)	₹5,50,000
Other turnover (GST 18%)	₹ 50,000
Total turnover.	₹6,00,000

ITC on input goods (GST @18%)	₹50,000
ITC on input services (GST @18%)	₹15,000
ITC on capital goods (GST @28%)	₹25,000
Total ITC	₹90,000



Advise to M/s X Ltd., with regard to maximum amount of refund under Rule 89(5) of CGST Rules, 2017.

**Answer:** Maximum amount of refund under rule 89(5) of CGST Rules, 2017 is ₹24,680/-

$$\left[ 5,50,000 \times \frac{50,000}{6,00,000} \right] - \left[ 27,500 \times \frac{50,000}{65,000} \right] = ₹45,833 - ₹21,153 = ₹24,680$$

**Note:**

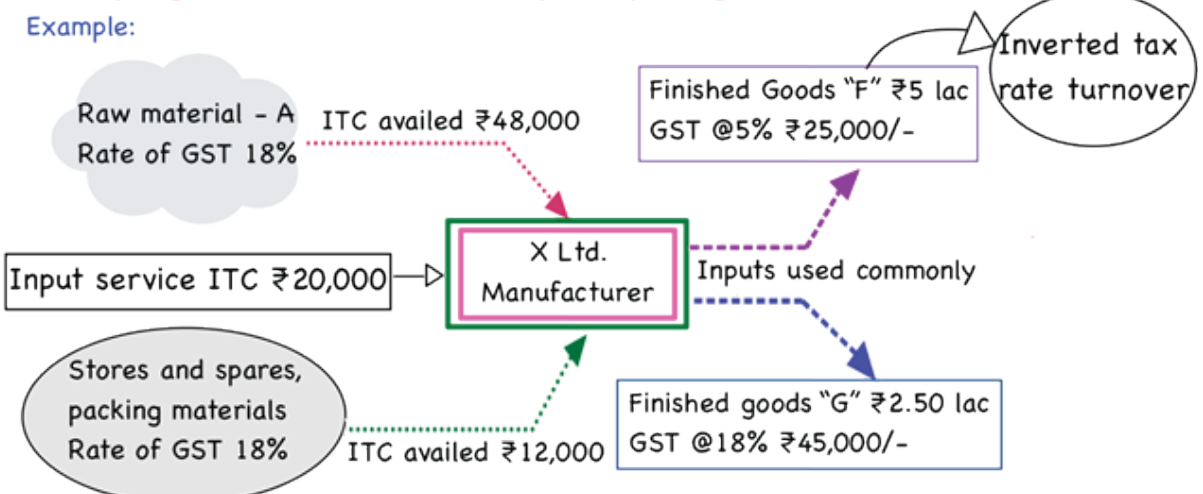
Input service should be not included for the purpose of refund as in respect of input goods are eligible for refund but input services are not bought under this bracket.

Example 2: An applicant trading in goods has purchased, say goods "X" attracting 18% GST. However, subsequently, the rate of GST on "X" has been reduced to, say 12%.

Now, it has been clarified that refund of accumulated input tax credit on account of inverted structure section 54(3)(ii) of the CGST Act, 2017 would be allowed in cases where accumulation of input tax credit is on account of rate of tax on outward supply being less than the rate of tax on inputs (same goods) at the same point of time, as per some concessional notification issued by the Government providing for lower rate of tax for some specified supplies subject to fulfilment of other conditions [Circular No. 173/05/2022-GST dt. 6th July, 2022].

**Inverted Rate of Tax as per Section 54(3)(ii) Rule 89(5) of CGST Rules, 2017, input goods includes stores and spares, packing materials:**

Example:



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Refund amount} &= [(\text{₹}5 \text{ lac}) \times 60,000/7,50,000] - [\text{₹}25,000 \times (60,000/80,000)] \\ &= \text{₹}40,000 - \text{₹}18,750 \\ &= \text{₹}21,250 \end{aligned}$$



(f) Finalisation of provision assessment

As per section 60 of the CGST Act, 2017 makes provisions for provisional assessment of taxes paid on supply of goods or services by a taxable person.

The section further provides that the proper officer shall within a period of 6 months from the date of communication of the order shall finalize the assessment after taking into account such information as may be required for finalization.

As per 60(5) of the CGST Act, 2017, where the registered person is entitled to a refund consequent to the order of final assessment under sub-section (3), subject to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 54, interest shall be paid on such refund as provided in section 56.

**(g) Excess payment of tax due to mistake etc. then registered person is entitled to claim refund of such excess payment.**

Refund GST to specialized agencies like UNO, Multilateral Financial Institutions and Organisation notified under the UN or consulate or Embassy of Foreign countries etc., are allowed.

**(h) Refund of excess balance in the Electronic Cash Ledger**

As per Section 49(6), the balance in the electronic cash ledger may be refunded in accordance with the provisions of Section 54. Further, as per proviso to section 54(1), a registered person, may claim refund of any balance in the electronic cash ledger through the return for the relevant tax period in Form GSTR-3, Form GSTR-4 or Form GSTR-7, as the case may be.

Form of Application and Procedure for Refund of Balance in Cash Ledger

- As per proviso to section 54(1), refund of balance in electronic cash ledger may be claimed in the return furnished under section 39 in such manner as may be prescribed.
- As per Rule 61(4), a registered person, claiming refund of any balance in the electronic cash ledger in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 49, may claim such refund in Part B of the return in Form GSTR-3 and such return shall be deemed to be an application filed under section 54.
- Further as per 1st proviso to Rule 89(1), any claim for refund relating to balance in the electronic cash ledger in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 49 may be made through the return furnished for the relevant tax period in Form GSTR-3 or Form GSTR-4 or Form GSTR-7.
- As per Rule 89(2)(k), a statement showing the details of the amount of claim on account of excess
- payment of tax is required to be furnished to establish that a refund is due to the applicant.

As per section 54(1) of the CGST Act, any person claiming refund of any tax and interest, if any paid on such tax or any other amount paid by him, may make an application before the expiry of 2 Years from the relevant date in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

Explanation (2), to section 54 of the CGST Act, 2017 "relevant date" means—

- (a) in the case of goods exported out of India where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of goods themselves or, as the case may be, the inputs or input services used in such goods,—
- (i) if the goods are exported by sea or air, the date on which the ship or the aircraft in which such goods are loaded, leaves India; or
  - (ii) if the goods are exported by land, the date on which such goods pass the frontier; or
  - (iii) if the goods are exported by post, the date of despatch of goods by the Post Office concerned to a place outside India;
- (b) in the case of supply of goods regarded as deemed exports where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of the goods, the date on which the return relating to such deemed exports is furnished;



- (c) in the case of services exported out of India where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of services themselves or, as the case may be, the inputs or input services used in such services, the date of—
- (i) receipt of payment in convertible foreign exchange, where the supply of services had been completed prior to the receipt of such payment; or
  - (ii) issue of invoice, where payment for the services had been received in advance prior to the date of issue of the invoice;
- (d) in case where the tax becomes refundable as a consequence of judgment, decree, order or direction of the Appellate Authority, Appellate Tribunal or any court, the date of communication of such judgment, decree, order or direction;
- (e) in the case of refund of unutilised input tax credit under sub-section (3), the end of the financial year in which such claim for refund arises;
- (f) in the case where tax is paid provisionally under this Act or the rules made thereunder, the date of adjustment of tax after the final assessment thereof;
- (g) in the case of a person, other than the supplier, the date of receipt of goods or services or both by such person; and
- (h) in any other case, the date of payment of tax

### **BASICS FOR EXPORT**

Drawback – “Drawback” in relation to any goods manufactured in India and exported, means the rebate of duty, tax or cess chargeable on any imported inputs or on any domestic inputs or input services used in the manufacture of such goods – section 2(42) of CGST Act.

In case of refund of tax on inputs used in exports:

- Refund of 90% will be granted provisionally within seven days of acknowledgement of refund application.
- Remaining 10% will be paid within a maximum period of 60 days from the date of receipt of application complete in all respects.
- Interest @ 6% is payable if full refund is not granted within 60 days.

In the case of refund of IGST paid on exports: Upon receipt of information regarding furnishing of valid return by the exporter from the common portal, the Customs shall process the claim for refund and an amount equal to the IGST paid in respect of each shipping bill shall be credited to the bank account of the exporter.

An exporter will be required to pay GST in case of goods procured from unregistered persons (including unregistered job workers under reverse charge mechanism). However the exporter can avail ITC of such GST paid and either utilise the ITC or claim refund of the same.

### **Letter of Undertaking (LUT)**

It is a type of bank guarantee, under which a bank allows its customer to raise money from another Indian bank's foreign branch as a short-term credit.

The purpose of such undertakings is to ensure that owner of the ship or aircraft would:

- employ security on the vehicle;
- enter an appearance acknowledge ownership;
- pay any final decree entered against the vehicle whether it is lost or not.

## Bonds

It is a financial instrument in which the issuer of bond owes the holders a debt and is obliged to pay them interest or to repay the principal at a later date. It is a highly secured and highly liquid financial instrument which is mostly negotiable. This means that the ownership of the bond can be transferred. The most common types of bonds are municipal bonds and corporate bonds.

In case of furnishing bonds for exports, the general parlance is B-1 Surety / Security (General Bond) is furnished. These kinds of bonds have a surety (another person) who guarantees the performance on the part of the obligor (person furnishing the bond).

## Treatment of Exports under GST

As per the provisions contained under IGST law, export of goods or services or both are to be regarded as "zero-rated supplies" and a person being a registered taxable person exporting such goods or services or both shall be allowed to claim the refund of the GST paid under one of the following two options:

- Export of goods or services or both under bond or letter of undertaking (LUT) without paying any Integrated Tax and can claim the refund of unutilized input credit.
- Export of goods and service or both on the payment of Integrated Tax and the exporter can claim the refund of the GST paid on such goods and services so exported. The above-mentioned refunds will be subject to certain rules, procedures, and safeguards as may be prescribed.

**Option 1:** Export of goods or services or both under bond or letter of undertaking (LUT), subject to certain rules, procedures and safeguards as may be prescribed, without payment of integrated tax, and then claim a refund of unutilized input credit.

The registered taxable person (or exporter) is required to file an application for the refund on the common portal either through the facilitation center notified by the GST commissioner or can do so directly. An export manifest is required to be filed under the existing Customs Act before filing an application for refund.

**Option 2:** Any exporter or Embassy or United Nations or other organisations/ bodies/ agencies as specified in section 55 who supplies goods or services, or both, after satisfying all the conditions, rules, procedures and safeguards as may be prescribed; and paying the IGST, can claim the refund of such GST paid on the supplied goods or services, or both. The applicant seeking the refund has to apply for the refund as per the provisions contained U/s 54 of the CGST Act.

An exporter needs to file a shipping bill for the goods being exported to a place outside India. Under this case, the shipping bill so filed is treated as a "deemed application" for the refund of the tax paid. The deemed application shall be deemed to have been filed only if the person in charge of the shipment files the export manifest or report, mentioning the number and date of the shipping bills.

### Procedural Part of Refund :

#### A. Refund of integrated tax paid on goods or service exported out of India.-

Refund of integrated tax paid on goods or services exported out of India (Rule 96 of CGST Act. 2017)

- (1) Shipping Bill- deemed to be Refund Claim: The shipping bill filed by an exporter of goods shall be deemed to be an application for refund of integrated tax paid on the goods exported out of India and such application shall be deemed to have been filed only when:-
  - (a) the person in charge of the conveyance carrying the export goods duly files an export manifest or an export report covering the number and the date of shipping bills or bills of export; and
  - (b) the applicant has furnished a valid return in FORM GSTR-3 or FORM GSTR-3B, as the case may be;
- (2) Details of exports invoices to be transmitted electronically to Customs Portal: The details of the relevant



export invoices in respect of export of goods contained in FORM GSTR-1 shall be transmitted electronically by the common portal to the system designated by the Customs and the said system shall electronically transmit to the common portal, a confirmation that the goods covered by the said invoices have been exported out of India.

Provided that where the date for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 for a tax period has been extended in exercise of the powers conferred under section 37 of the Act, the supplier shall furnish the information relating to exports as specified in Table 6A of FORM GSTR-1 after the return in FORM GSTR-3B has been furnished and the same shall be transmitted electronically by the common portal to the system designated by the Customs:

Provided further that the information in Table 6A furnished under the first proviso shall be auto-drafted in FORM GSTR-1 for the said tax period.

- (3) Processing of refund claim and crediting in bank account of Applicant: Upon the receipt of the information regarding the furnishing of a valid return in FORM GSTR-3 or FORM GSTR-3B, as the case may be from the common portal, the system designated by the Customs or the proper officer of Customs, as the case may be, shall process the claim of refund in respect of export of goods and an amount equal to the integrated tax paid in respect of each shipping bill or bill of export shall be electronically credited to the bank account of the applicant mentioned in his registration particulars and as intimated to the Customs authorities.
- (4) Cases where refund can be withheld: The claim for refund shall be withheld where,-
  - (a) a request has been received from the jurisdictional Commissioner of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax to withhold the payment of refund due to the person claiming refund in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (10) or sub-section (11) of section 54; or
  - (b) the proper officer of Customs determines that the goods were exported in violation of the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962.
- (5) Intimation of withholding of refund: Where refund is withheld in accordance with the provisions of clause (a) of sub-rule (4), the proper officer of integrated tax at the Customs station shall intimate the applicant and the jurisdictional Commissioner of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, and a copy of such intimation shall be transmitted to the common portal.
- (6) Order for withholding of Refund : Upon transmission of the intimation under sub-rule (5), the proper officer of central tax or State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, shall pass an order in Part B of FORM GST RFD-07.
- (7) Sanction of withheld refund and passing of Refund Order : Where the applicant becomes entitled to refund of the amount withheld under clause (a) of sub-rule (4), the concerned jurisdictional officer of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, shall proceed to refund the amount after passing an order in FORM GST RFD-06.
- (8) Bhutan Exports : The Central Government may pay refund of the integrated tax to the Government of Bhutan on the exports to Bhutan for such class of goods as may be notified in this behalf and where such refund is paid to the Government of Bhutan, the exporter shall not be paid any refund of the integrated tax.
- (9) Refund form in respect of Services : The application for refund of integrated tax paid on the services exported out of India shall be filed in FORM GST RFD-01 and shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of rule 89".
- (10) Ineligible Supplies : The persons claiming refund of integrated tax paid on exports of goods or services should not have -
  - (a) received supplies on which the benefit of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance notification No. 48/2017-Central Tax, dated the 18th October, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1305 (E), dated the 18th October, 2017 except so far it relates to receipt of capital goods by such person against Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme or notification No. 40/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated the 23rd October, 2017, published in the

Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1320 (E), dated the 23rd October, 2017 or notification No. 41/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate), dated the 23rd October, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1321 (E), dated the 23rd October, 2017 has been availed; or

- (b) availed the benefit under notification No. 78/2017-Customs, dated the 13th October, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1272(E), dated the 13th October, 2017 or notification No. 79/2017-Customs, dated the 13th October, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1299 (E), dated the 13th October, 2017 except so far it relates to receipt of capital goods by such person against Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme.

**Note :** For period from 23.10.2017 to 08.10.2018\*\*\*

The persons claiming refund of integrated tax paid on export of goods or services should not have –

(a) received supplies by availing the following benefits :

- Notification No. 48/2017-CT, dated the 18th October, 2017: It covers domestic supplies made against advance authorization, supply of capital goods against EPCG authorization, supply of goods to EOU & supply of gold by a bank or PSU against advance authorization.
- Notification No. 40/2017-CT (Rate), dated the 23rd October or Notification No. 41/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate), dated the 23rd October, 2017: This notification covers supplies made to merchant exporter at the rate of 0.1% in case of IGST or 0.05% each in case of CGST & SGST.

(b) availed the benefit under following notifications:

- Notification No. 78/2017-Customs, dated the 13th October, 2017: This notification provides exemption from Customs Duty & IGST under Customs on goods imported or procured from Public or Private Warehouse or from International Exhibition by Hundred per cent EOU, STP or EHTP units.
- Notification No. 79/2017- Customs, dated the 13th October, 2017: This notification provides exemption from Customs Duty & IGST under Customs on imports under EPCG, Advance Authorization, Advance Authorization for Annual Requirements, Advance Authorization for Deemed Export, Advance Authorization for export of Prohibited Goods and Narrow Woven Fabrics, etc.

\*\*\*- Further, Notification No. 54/2018 dated 9th October, 2018 has been issued effective from 09.10.2018 to restrict the refund in case he has availed the benefits as mentioned aforesaid except so far it relates to receipt of capital goods by such person against Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme.

**Order for release of withheld refund to be issued where refund no longer liable to be withheld. Order for complete adjustment of demand for refund not required to be issued (Rule 92(1) and (2)):**

Earlier, in case where refund is completely adjusted against any outstanding demand, an order giving details of the adjustment was issued (proviso to rule 92(1) of the CGST Rules). The said proviso has been omitted. Accordingly, no such order will now be issued.

Further, proviso to rule 92(2) has been inserted to provide that where the proper officer or the Commissioner is satisfied that the refund is no longer liable to be withheld, he may pass an order for release of withheld refund in prescribed form (Notification No. 15/2021 CT dated 18.5.2021).

In case of an applicant who becomes entitled to refund after being withheld, order for release of withheld refund to be passed before passing final refund sanction order Rule 96(7). As result now, the concerned jurisdictional officer is required to first pass an order for release of withheld refund and then he will pass refund sanction order in case of the applicant who becomes entitled to refund withheld (NT No. 15/2021 CT dated 18.05.2021)

**B. Refund of integrated tax paid on export of goods or services under bond or Letter of Undertaking.-**

**As per Rule 96A of CGST Rules, 2017 - Refund of integrated tax paid on export of goods or services under bond**





**or Letter of Undertaking**

- (1) Furnishing of bond or Letter of Undertaking for Export of Goods or Services :Any registered person availing the option to supply goods or services for export without payment of integrated tax shall furnish, prior to export, a bond or a Letter of Undertaking in FORM GST RFD-11 to the jurisdictional Commissioner, binding himself to pay the tax due along with the interest specified under sub-section (1) of section 50 within a period of -
  - (a) fifteen days after the expiry of three months, 2[or such further period as may be allowed by the Commissioner,] from the date of issue of the invoice for export, if the goods are not exported out of India; or
  - (b) fifteen days after the expiry of one year, or such further period as may be allowed by the Commissioner, from the date of issue of the invoice for export, if the payment of such services is not received by the exporter in convertible foreign exchange.
- (2) Details of export invoices to be transmitted electronically to Custom Portal :The details of the export invoices contained in FORM GSTR-1 furnished on the common portal shall be electronically transmitted to the system designated by Customs and a confirmation that the goods covered by the said invoices have been exported out of India shall be electronically transmitted to the common portal from the said system.

Provided that where the date for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 for a tax period has been extended in exercise of the powers conferred under section 37 of the Act, the supplier shall furnish the information relating to exports as specified in Table 6A of FORM GSTR-1 after the return in FORM GSTR-3B has been furnished and the same shall be transmitted electronically by the common portal to the system designated by the Customs:

Provided further that the information in Table 6A furnished under the first proviso shall be auto-drafted in FORM GSTR-1 for the said tax period
- (3) Recovery of bond amount in case of failure to export goods within Specified Time Limit :Where the goods are not exported within the time specified in sub-rule (1) and the registered person fails to pay the amount mentioned in the said sub-rule, the export as allowed under bond or Letter of Undertaking shall be withdrawn forthwith and the said amount shall be recovered from the registered person in accordance with the provisions of section 79.
- (4) Restoration on payment of dues by registered person :The export as allowed under bond or Letter of Undertaking withdrawn in terms of subrule
- (5) shall be restored immediately when the registered person pays the amount due.
- (6) Furnishing of Letter of Undertaking instead of bond :The Board, by way of notification, may specify the conditions and safeguards under which a Letter of Undertaking may be furnished in place of a bond.
- (7) Applicability to supplies of goods or services to SEZ: The provisions of sub rule (1) shall apply, mutatis mutandis, in respect of zero-rated supply of goods or services or both to a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit without payment of integrated tax.

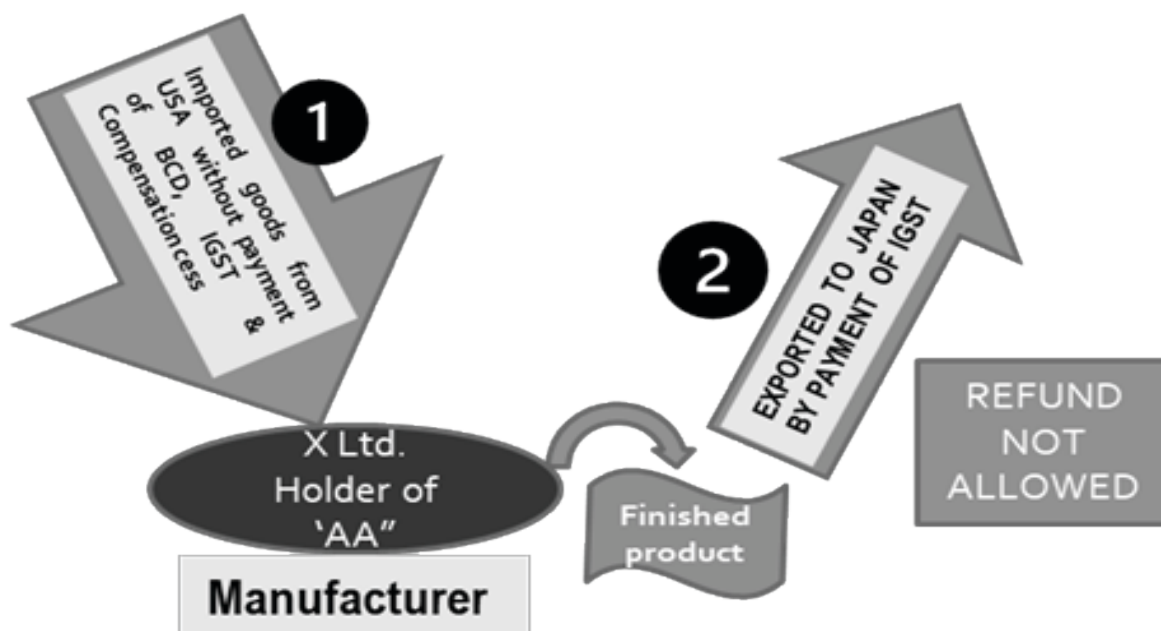
Rule 96 of the CGST Rules, contains the provisions relating to refund of IGST paid on goods or services exported out to India. Rule 96(7) of the CGST Rules, provides that in case where the claim for refund was withheld for specified reasons and subsequently, the applicant becomes entitled to refund of the amount withheld, the concerned jurisdictional officer shall proceed to refund the amount after passing refund sanction order. The said sub-rule has been amended.

Now, the concerned jurisdictional officer is required to first pass an order for release of withheld refund and then he will pass refund sanction order in case of the applicant who becomes entitled to refund withheld (Notification No. 15/2021 CT dated 18.05.2021)

**Explanation to rule 96(10)(b) inserted [Notification No.16/2020 CT dated 23.03.2020]**

Rule 96(10)(b) lays down an embargo on the refund claim by a person seeking refund of IGST paid on export of goods/ services. The restriction is that such person should not have availed the benefit of exemption from IGST and Compensation Cess, for goods imported by EOU under Notification No. 78/2017 Cus dated 13.10.2017 or for goods imported under Advance Authorisation (AA)/ EPCG under Notification No. 79/2017 Cus dated 13.10.2017.

An explanation has been inserted to this clause which clarifies that the benefit of the notifications mentioned therein shall not be considered to have been availed only where the registered person has paid IGST and Compensation Cess on inputs and has availed exemption of only Basic Customs Duty (BCD) under the said notifications.



vide Noff no. 16/2020-CT dt. 23.03.2020:-

**Rule 96B. Recovery of refund of unutilised input tax credit or integrated tax paid on export of goods where export proceeds not realised.-**

- (1) Where any refund of unutilised input tax credit on account of export of goods or of integrated tax paid on export of goods has been paid to an applicant but the sale proceeds in respect of such export goods have not been realised, in full or in part, in India within the period allowed under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), including any extension of such period, the person to whom the refund has been made shall deposit the amount so refunded, to the extent of non-realisation of sale proceeds, along with applicable interest within thirty days of the expiry of the said period or, as the case may be, the extended period, failing which the amount refunded shall be recovered in accordance with the provisions of section 73 or 74 of the Act, as the case may be, as is applicable for recovery of erroneous refund, along with interest under section 50:

Provided that where sale proceeds, or any part thereof, in respect of such export goods are not realised by the applicant within the period allowed under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), but the Reserve Bank of India writes off the requirement of realisation of sale proceeds on merits, the refund paid to the applicant shall not be recovered.

- (2) Where the sale proceeds are realised by the applicant, in full or part, after the amount of refund has been recovered from him under sub-rule (1) and the applicant produces evidence about such realisation within



a period of 3 months from the date of realisation of sale proceeds, the amount so recovered shall be refunded by the proper officer, to the applicant to the extent of realisation of sale proceeds, provided the sale proceeds have been realised within such extended period as permitted by the Reserve Bank of India

### **CBEC Circular No. 8/8 /2017 - GST dated 4th October 2017:**

#### **(1) Eligibility to export under LUT:**

The facility of export under LUT has been now extended to all registered persons who intend to supply goods or services for export without payment of integrated tax except those who have been prosecuted for any offence under the CGST Act or the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 or any of the existing laws and the amount of tax evaded in such cases exceeds ₹ 250 lakh (i.e. two hundred and fifty lakh rupees) vide Circular No. 8/8/2017 - GST dated 4th October 2017.

#### **(2) Validity of LUT:**

The LUT shall be valid for the whole financial year in which it is tendered. However, in case the goods are not exported within the time specified in sub - rule (1) of rule 96A of the CGST Rules and the registered person fails to pay the amount mentioned in the said sub - rule, the facility of export under LUT will be deemed to have been withdrawn. If the amount mentioned in the said sub - rule is paid subsequently, the facility of export under LUT shall be restored.

As a result, exports, during the period from when the facility to export under LUT is withdrawn till the time the same is restored, shall be either on payment of the applicable integrated tax or under bond with bank guarantee.

#### **(3) Form for bond/ LUT:**

Till the time FORM GST RFD - 11 is available on the common portal, the registered person (exporters) may download the FORM GST RFD - 11 from the website of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs ([www.cbic.gov.in](http://www.cbic.gov.in)) and furnish the duly filled form to the jurisdictional Deputy/Assistant Commissioner having jurisdiction over their principal place of business. The LUT shall be furnished on the letter head of the registered person, in duplicate, and it shall be executed by the working partner, the Managing Director or the Company Secretary or the proprietor or by a person duly authorised by such working partner or Board of Directors of such company or proprietor. The bond, wherever required, shall be furnished on non-judicial stamp paper of the value as applicable in the State in which the bond is being furnished.

#### **(4) Documents for LUT:**

Self - declaration to the effect that the conditions of LUT have been fulfilled shall be accepted unless there is specific information otherwise. That is, self - declaration by the exporter to the effect that he has not been prosecuted should suffice for the purposes of Notification No. 37 /2017 - Central Tax dated 4 th October, 2017. Verification, if any, may be done on post - facto basis.

Authority or the State Tax Authority till the administrative mechanism for assigning of taxpayers to the respective authority is implemented.

**Note:** Circular No. 2/2/2017 – GST dated 5 th July, 2017, Circular No. 4/4/2017 – GST dated 7 th July, 2017 and Circular No. 5/5/2017 – GST dated 11 th August, 2017 are hereby rescinded except as respects things already done or omitted to be done.

### **Notification 26/2018- Central Tax**

- (i) With effect from 01st July, 2017, in rule 95, in sub-rule (3), for clause (a), the following shall be substituted, namely:-
- “(a) the inward supplies of goods or services or both were received from a registered person against a tax invoice;”



Refund of tax paid by the applicant was available only if the price of supply covered under a single tax invoice exceeded ₹ 5000. Now, this condition has been omitted from the said rule therefore, no condition of amount of invoice to claim refund. The above change has been given a retrospective effect from 01.07.2017.

- (ii) 50% of the amount of Cess shall also be deposited in the Consumer Welfare Fund to make the payment for the refund under GST

**CBIC notifies Central Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2019 vide Notification No. 49/2019 – Central Tax dated 09-10-2019:**

**In rule 97, – (a) after sub-rule (7), with effect from the 1st July, 2017, the following sub-rule 7A shall be inserted, namely,-**

“(7A) The Committee shall make available to the Board 50 per cent. of the amount credited to the Fund each year, for publicity or consumer awareness on Goods and Services Tax, provided the availability of funds for consumer welfare activities of the Department of Consumer Affairs is not less than twenty-five crore rupees per annum.”

**Manner of calculating the maximum amount of refund in case of**

**(1) Refund in case of Zero rated supplies [Rule 89(4)] :** In the case of zero-rated supply of goods or services or both without payment of tax under bond or letter of undertaking in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of section 16 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017), refund of input tax credit shall be granted as per the following formula –

Refund Amount = (Turnover of zero-rated supply of goods + Turnover of zero-rated supply of services) x Net ITC ÷ Adjusted Total Turnover

Where, -

- (A) "Refund amount" means the maximum refund that is admissible;
- (B) "Net ITC" means input tax credit availed on inputs and input services during the relevant period other than the input tax credit availed for which refund is claimed under sub-rules (4A) or (4B) or both;
- (C) "Turnover of zero-rated supply of goods" means the value of zero-rated supply of goods made during the relevant period without payment of tax under bond or letter of undertaking, other than the turnover of supplies in respect of which refund is claimed under sub-rules (4A) or (4B) or both;
- (D) "Turnover of zero-rated supply of services" means the value of zero-rated supply of services made without payment of tax under bond or letter of undertaking, calculated in the following manner, namely:-

Zero-rated supply of services is the aggregate of the payments received during the relevant period for zero-rated supply of services and zero-rated supply of services where supply has been completed for which payment had been received in advance in any period prior to the relevant period reduced by advances received for zero-rated supply of services for which the supply of services has not been completed during the relevant period;

- (E) "Adjusted Total Turnover" means the sum total of the value of-
- (a) the turnover in a State or a Union territory, as defined under clause (112) of section 2, excluding the turnover of services; and
- (b) the turnover of zero-rated supply of services determined in terms of clause (D) above and non-zero-rated supply of services,
- excluding-



- (i) the value of exempt supplies other than zero-rated supplies; and
- (ii) the turnover of supplies in respect of which refund is claimed under sub-rule (4A) or sub-rule (4B) or both, if any,

during the relevant period.

(F) "Relevant period" means the period for which the claim has been filed.

**(2) Refund incase of Inverted Duty Structure[Rule 89(5)]:** In the case of refund on account of inverted duty structure, refund of input tax credit shall be granted as per the following formula:-

Maximum Refund Amount = {(Turnover of inverted rated supply of goods and services) x Net ITC ÷ Adjusted Total Turnover} - tax payable on such inverted rated supply of goods and services. Explanation:- For the purposes of this sub-rule, the expressions –

- (a) Net ITC shall mean input tax credit availed on inputs during the relevant period other than the input tax credit availed for which refund is claimed under sub-rules (4A) or (4B) or both; and
- (b) Adjusted Total turnover shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in sub-rule (4).

**(3) Refund of ITC on inputs and input services other than those for which benefit of Deemed Export claimed [Rule 89(4A)]:** In the case of supplies received on which the supplier has availed the benefit notification No. 48/2017-Central Tax dated the 18th October, 2017, refund of input tax credit, availed in respect of other inputs or input services used in making zero-rated supply of goods or services or both, shall be granted.

**(4) Refund of Input tax credit in Specified Situations[Rule 89(4B)]:** Where the person claiming refund of unutilised input tax credit on account of zero rated supplies without payment of tax has –

- (a) received supplies on which the supplier has availed the benefit of the notification No. 40/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated the 23rd October, 2017, or notification No. 41/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate), dated the 23rd October, 2017, or
- (b) availed the benefit of notification No. 78/2017-Customs, dated the 13th October, 2017 or notification No. 79/2017-Customs, dated the 13th October, 2017,

the refund of input tax credit, availed in respect of inputs received under the said notifications for export of goods and the input tax credit availed in respect of other inputs or input services to the extent used in making such export of goods, shall be granted.

### Manual filing and processing [Rule107A]

Notwithstanding anything contained in the rules relating to refunds, in respect of any process or procedure prescribed herein, any reference to electronic filing of an application, intimation, reply, declaration, statement or electronic issuance of a notice, order or certificate on the common portal shall, in respect of that process or procedure, include manual filing of the said application, intimation, reply, declaration, statement or issuance of the said notice, order or certificate in such Forms as appended to these rules.

### Manual Processing of Refund Application

Due to the non-availability of the refund module on the common portal, it has been decided by the competent authority, on the recommendations of the Council, that the applications/ documents/ forms pertaining to refund claims on account of zero-rated supplies shall be filed and processed manually till further orders. [Para 1 of Circular 17/17/2017 dated 15-11-2017]

### Refund Forms

Form	Related Provision	Particulars
Form-GST-RFD-01	Rule 89(1)	Application for Refund

Form GST RFD-01A	Rules 89(1) and 97A	Application for Refund (Manual)
Form RFD-01B	Rules 91(2), 92(1), 92(3), 92(4), 92(5) and 97A	Refund Order details
GST GST-RFD-02	Rules 90(1), 90(2) and 95(2)	Acknowledgment
Form-GST-RFD-03	Rule 90(3)	Deficiency Memo
Form GST RFD-04	Rule 91(2)	Provisional Refund Order
Form-GST-RFD-05	Rules 91(3), 92(4), 92(5) & 94	Payment Advice
Form GST-RFD-06	Rule 92(1), 92(3), 92(4), 92(5) & 96(7)	Refund Sanction/Rejection Order
Form-GST-RFD-07	See rule 92(1), 92(2) & 96(6)	Part A-Order for Complete adjustment of sanctioned Refund Part B- Order for withholding the refund
Form-GST-RFD-08	Rule 92(3)	Notice for rejection of application for refund
Form-GST-RFD-09	Rule 92(3)]	Reply to show cause notice
Form GST RFD-10	Rule 95(1)	Application for Refund by any specialized agency of UN or any Multilateral Financial Institution and Organization, Consulate or Embassy of foreign countries, etc.
Form GST RFD-11	Rule 96A	Furnishing of bond or Letter of Undertaking for export of goods or services

### CBEC Circular Relating to Refund:

#### (a) Circular No. 59/33/2018-GST dt 04.09.2018 – Clarification on refund related issues.

##### 1. Submission of invoices for processing of claims of refund:

It was clarify that the refund claims were being filed in a semi-electronic environment and the processing was completely based on the information provided by the claimants, it becomes necessary that invoices are scrutinized. Accordingly, it was clarified that the invoices relating to inputs, input services and capital goods were to be submitted for processing of claims for refund of integrated tax where services are exported with payment of integrated tax; and invoices relating to inputs and input services were to be submitted for processing of claims for refund of input tax credit where goods or services are exported without payment of integrated tax and refund claim shall be accompanied by a print-out of FORM GSTR- 2A of the claimant for the relevant period for which the refund is claimed. The proper officer shall rely upon FORM GSTR-2A as an evidence of the accountal of the supply by the corresponding supplier in relation to which the input tax credit has been availed by the claimant. It may be noted that there may be situations in which FORM GSTR-2A may not contain the details of all the invoices relating to the input tax credit availed, possibly because the supplier's FORM GSTR-1 was delayed or not filed. In such situations, the proper officer may call for the hard copies of such invoices if he deems it necessary for the examination of the claim for refund. It is emphasized that the proper officer shall not insist on the submission of an invoice (either original or duplicate) the details of which are present in FORM GSTR-2A of the relevant period submitted by the claimant.

##### 2. System validations in calculating refund amount

The GST Council clarify the ambiguity in relation to the process through which an application in FORM GST RFD-01A is generated.

In case of refund of unutilized input tax credit (ITC for short), the common portal calculates the refundable amount as the least of the following amounts:



- (a) The maximum refund amount as per the formula in rule 89(4) or rule 89(5) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Rules") [formula is applied on the consolidated amount of ITC, i.e. Central tax + State tax/Union Territory tax + Integrated tax + Cess (wherever applicable)];
- (b) The balance in the electronic credit ledger of the claimant at the end of the tax period for which the refund claim is being filed after the return for the said period has been filed; and
- (c) The balance in the electronic credit ledger of the claimant at the time of filing the refund application.

After calculating the least of the three amounts, as detailed above, the equivalent amount is to be debited from the electronic credit ledger of the claimant in the following order:

- (a) Integrated tax, to the extent of balance available;
- (b) Central tax and State tax/Union Territory tax, equally to the extent of balance available and in the event of a shortfall in the balance available in a particular electronic credit ledger (say, Central tax), the differential amount is to be debited from the other electronic credit ledger (i.e., State tax/Union Territory tax, in this case).

The procedure described above, however, is not presently available on the common portal, so the taxpayers are advised to follow the order as explained above for all refund applications filed. However, for applications already filed and pending with the tax authorities, where this order is not adhered to by the claimant, no adverse view may be taken by the tax authorities.

### 3. Re-credit of electronic credit ledger in case of rejection of refund claim:

It was clarified that in case of rejection of claim for refund of unutilized input tax credit on account of ineligibility of the said credit under sub-sections (1), (2) or (5) of section 17 of the CGST Act, or under any other provision of the Act and rules made thereunder the proper officer shall order for the rejected amount to be re-credited to the electronic credit ledger of the claimant using FORM GST RFD-01B. For recovery of this amount, a demand notice shall have to be simultaneously issued to the claimant under section 73 or 74 of the CGST Act, as the case may be. In case the demand is confirmed by an order issued under sub-section (9) of section 73, or sub-section (9) of section 74 of the CGST Act, as the case may be, the said amount shall be added to the electronic liability register of the claimant through FORM GST DRC-07. Alternatively, the claimant can voluntarily pay this amount, along with interest and penalty, if applicable, before service of the demand notice, and intimate the same to the proper officer in FORM GST DRC-03 in accordance with sub-section (5) of section 73 or sub-section (5) of section 74 of the CGST Act, as the case may be, read with sub-rule (2) of rule 142 of the CGST Rules. In such cases, the need for serving a demand notice will be obviated. And in case of rejection of claim for refund of unutilized input tax credit, on account of any reason other than the eligibility of credit, the rejected amount shall be re-credited to the electronic credit ledger of the claimant using FORM GST RFD-01B only after the receipt of an undertaking from the claimant to the effect that he shall not file an appeal against the said rejection or in case he files an appeal, the same is finally decided against the claimant, as has been laid down in rule 93 of the CGST Rules.

Consider an example where against a refund claim of ₹ 100, only ₹ 80 is sanctioned (₹ 15 is rejected on account of ineligible ITC and ₹ 5 is rejected on account of any other reason). As described above, ₹ 15 would be re-credited with simultaneous issue of notice under section 73 or 74 of the CGST Act for recovery of ineligible ITC. ₹ 5 would be re-credited (through FORM GST RFD-01B) only after the receipt of an undertaking from the claimant to the effect that he shall not file an appeal or in case he files an appeal, the same is finally decided against the claimant.

### 4. Scope of rule 96(10) of the CGST Rules:

It is clarified that the restriction under rule 96(10) of the CGST Rules, as amended retrospectively by notification No. 39/2018-Central Tax, dated 04.09.2018, which provides registered persons, including



importers, who are directly purchasing/importing supplies on which the benefit of reduced tax incidence or no tax incidence under certain specified notifications has been availed, shall not be eligible for refund of integrated tax paid on export of goods or services. It applies only to those purchasers/importers who are directly purchasing/importing supplies on which the benefit of certain notifications, as specified in the said sub-rule, has been availed.

For example, an importer (X) who is importing goods under the benefit of Advance Authorization/EPCG, is directly purchasing/importing supplies on which the benefit of reduced/Nil incidence of tax under the specified notifications has been availed. In this case, the restriction under rule 96(10) of the CGST Rules is applicable to X. However, if X supplies the said goods, after importation, to a domestic buyer (Y), on payment of full tax, then Y can rightfully export these goods under payment of integrated tax and claim refund of the integrated tax so paid. However, in the said example if Y purchases these goods from X after availing the benefit of specified notifications, then Y also will not be eligible to claim refund of integrated tax paid on export of goods or services.

**5. Disbursal of refund amount after sanctioning by the proper officer:**

It is clarified that the remedy for correction of an incorrect or erroneous sanction order lies in filing an appeal against such order and not in withholding of the disbursement of the sanctioned amount. If any discrepancy is noticed by the disbursing authority, the same should be brought to the notice of the counterpart refund sanctioning authority, the concerned counterpart reviewing authority and the nodal officer, but the disbursal of the refund should not be withheld. It is hereby clarified that neither the State nor the Central tax authorities shall refuse to disburse the amount sanctioned by the counterpart tax authority on any grounds whatsoever, except under sub-section (11) of section 54 of the CGST Act. It is further clarified that any adjustment of the amount sanctioned as refund against any outstanding demand against the claimant can be carried out by the refund disbursing authority if not already done by the refund sanctioning authority.

**6. Status of refund claim after issuance of deficiency memo:**

It is clarified that show-cause-notices are not required to be issued where deficiency memos have been issued. A refund application which is re-submitted after the issuance of a deficiency memo shall have to be treated as a fresh application. No order in FORM GST RFD-04/06 can be issued in respect of an application against which a deficiency memo has been issued and which has not been resubmitted subsequently.

**7. Treatment of refund applications where the amount claimed is less than rupees one thousand:**

It is clarified that the limit of rupees one thousand shall be applied for each tax head separately and not cumulatively. The limit would not apply in cases of refund of excess balance in the electronic cash ledger. All field formations are requested to reject claims of refund from the electronic credit ledger for less than one thousand rupees and re-credit such amount by issuing an order in FORM GST RFD-01B.

**(b) Circular No. 60/34/2018-GST dt 04.09.2018-Processing of refund applications filed by Canteen Stores Department (CSD).**

1. It is clarified that CSD will apply for the refund with the central/ state authorities to whom CSD has been assigned. The payment of the sanctioned amount under central and state tax will be made by the central tax authority and state tax authorities respectively.
2. It is necessary to produce the refund order issued by the proper officer to the concerned authority within 7 days for the payment of the sanctioned amount.

**(c) Circular No. 63/37/2018-GST dt 14.09.2018 - Clarification regarding processing of refund claims filed by UIN entities.**

The delay in the refund claims filed by the UIN entities i.e Embassy/Mission/Consulate/UNO has been clarified. Refund processing officers can ask for the statement of invoices and hard copies of those in order to determine the eligibility for grant of refund in accordance with the reciprocity letter issued by MEA. Also,



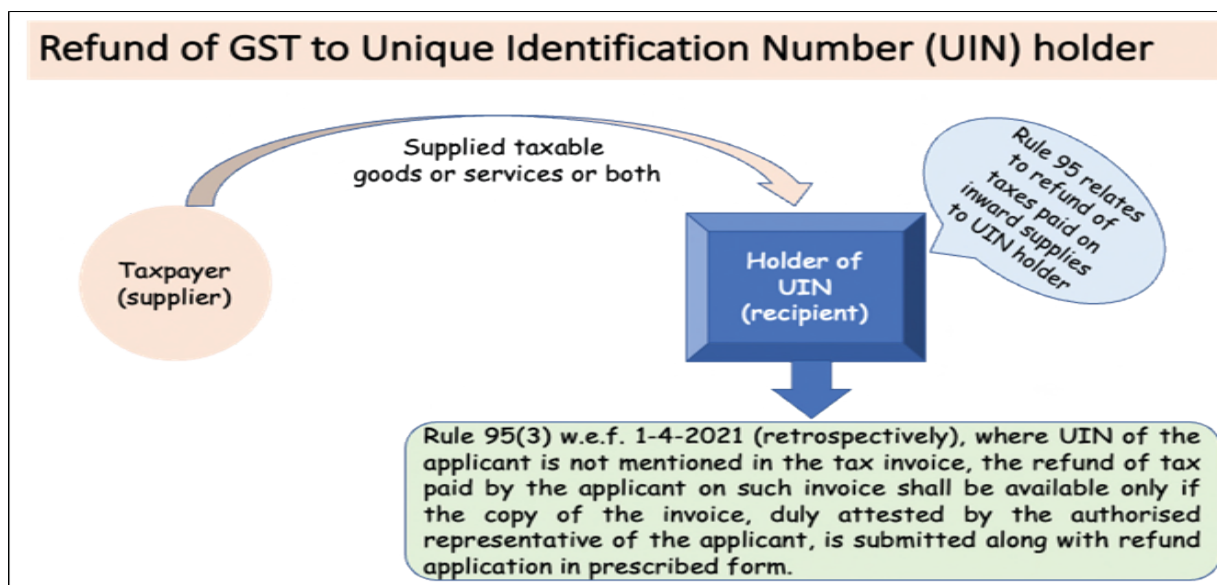
the following provisions are clarified :

1. UIN entities must submit the copy of the 'Prior Permission letter' and mention the same in the covering letter while applying for GST refund on purchase of vehicles to avoid delay in processing of refunds.
2. The eligibility of refund for the personnel and officials posted in the Embassy/Mission/Consulate shall be determined based on the principle of reciprocity.
3. A one-time waiver is hereby given from recording the UIN on the invoices issued by the suppliers pertaining to the refund claims filed for the quarters from April, 2018 to March, 2019, subject to the condition that the copies of such invoices which are attested by the authorized representative of the UIN entity shall be submitted to the jurisdictional officer.
4. A monthly report to be furnished to the Principal Director General of Goods and Services Tax by the 30th of the succeeding month.

Also, a checklist for processing UIN refunds is provided.

However, w.e.f. 01-10-2022, the UN bodies and other entities notified under section 55 can claim refund of the taxes paid by them on their inward supplies of goods or services or both, may make an application for such refund, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, before the expiry of 2 years from the last date of the quarter in which such supply was received.

Prior to 01-10-2022, The claim has to be made before the expiry of 6 months [increased to '18 months'] from the last day of the quarter in which such supply was received (this provision OMITTED w.e.f. 01-10-2022).



**(d) Circular No. 70/44/2018 –GST dt 26.10.2018 - Clarification on certain issues related to refund.**

**1. Status of refund claim after issuance of deficiency memo and re-credit of electronic credit ledger:**

This Circular No 70/44/2018- GST dated 26.10.2018 further provides clarification on Circular No 59/33/2018- GST Dated 04.09.2018 in which it was clarify that once a deficiency memo has been issued against an application for refund, the amount of Input Tax Credit debited under sub-rule (3) of rule 89 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 is required to be re-credited to the electronic credit ledger of the applicant by using FORM GST RFD-01B and the taxpayer is expected to file a fresh application for refund but it was observed that the common portal does not allow a taxpayer to file a fresh application for refund once a deficiency memo has been issued against an earlier refund application for the same period. Accordingly, it was clarified that till the time such facility is developed, taxpayers would be required to submit the rectified refund application under the earlier Application



Reference Number (ARN) only. Thus, it is reiterated that when a deficiency memo in FORM GST RFD-03 is issued to taxpayers, re-credit in the electronic credit ledger (using FORM GST RFD-01B) is not required to be carried out and the rectified refund application would be accepted by the jurisdictional tax authorities with the earlier ARN itself. It is further clarified that a suitable clarification would be issued separately for cases in which such re-credit has already been carried out.

## 2. Allowing exporters who have received capital goods under EPCG to claim refund of IGST paid on exports:

It clarifies that exporters who have received capital goods under the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "EPCG Scheme"), should be allowed to avail the facility of claiming refund of the IGST paid on exports and it shall continue to be eligible to claim refund of IGST paid on exports and would not be hit by the restrictions provided in the said sub-rule.

### Facility of withdrawal of refund application by taxpayer introduced rule 90(5) and (6):

Earlier the taxpayer had no option to withdraw their refund applications, if they has committed any mistakes, while filing the application. A functionality has now been implemented for the taxpayer by inserted subrule (5) and (6) to rule 90 of CGST Rules, 2017.

The applicant may, at any time before issuance of provisional refund sanction order or final refund sanction order or payment order or refund withhold order or show cause notice, in respect of any refund application filed, withdraw the said application for refund by filing an application in the prescribed form.

On submission of such withdrawal application, any amount debited by the applicant from electronic credit ledger or electronic cash ledger, as the case may be, while filing refund application, shall be credited back to the ledger from which such debit was made (Notification No. 15/2021) CT dated 18/05/2021)

### Bunching of refund claims across financial years permitted [Circular No.135/05/2020 GST dated 31.03.2020]

It has been clarified that while filing the refund claim, an applicant may, at his option, file a refund claim for a tax period or by clubbing successive tax periods. Earlier, there was a restriction on bunching of refund claims across financial years; now the said restriction has also been relaxed.

For instance, a registered person opting to file Form GSTR-1 on quarterly basis can apply for refund on a quarterly basis or clubbing successive quarters and these quarters may spread across different financial years. Thus, he can file refund claim for quarters: Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun and July-Sep, while filing the refund claim.

### Clarification in respect of certain challenges faced by the registered persons in implementation of provisions of GST Laws[Circular No. 137/07/2020 GST dated 13.04.2020]:

S.No.	Issue	clarification
1	An advance is received by a supplier for a service contract which subsequently got cancelled. The supplier has issued the invoice before supply of service and paid the GST thereon. Whether he can claim refund of tax paid or is he required to adjust his tax liability in his returns?	In case GST is paid by the supplier on advances received for a future event which got cancelled subsequently and for which invoice is issued before supply of service, the supplier is required to issue a "credit note" in terms of section 34 of the CGST Act. He shall declare the details of such credit notes in the return for the month during which such credit note has been issued. The tax liability shall be adjusted in the return subject to conditions of section 34 of the CGST Act. There is no need to file a separate refund claim. However, in cases where there is no output liability against which a credit note can be adjusted, registered persons may proceed to file a claim under "Excess payment of tax, if any" through Form GST RFD-01.



<b>2</b>	An advance is received by a supplier for a Service contract which got cancelled subsequently. The supplier has issued receipt voucher and paid the GST on such advance received. Whether he can claim refund of tax paid on advance or he is required to adjust his tax liability in his returns?	In case GST is paid by the supplier on advances received for an event which got cancelled subsequently and for which no invoice has been issued in terms of section 31(2) of the CGST Act, he is required to issue a "refund voucher" in terms of section 31(3)(e) of the CGST Act read with rule 51 of the CGST Rules.  The taxpayer can apply for refund of GST paid on such advances by filing Form GST RFD-01 under the category "Refund of excess payment of tax".
<b>3</b>	Goods supplied by a supplier under cover of a tax invoice are returned by the recipient. Whether he can claim refund of tax paid or is he required to adjust his tax liability in his returns?	In such a case where the goods supplied by a supplier are returned by the recipient and where tax invoice had been issued, the supplier is required to issue a "credit note" in terms of section 34 of the CGST Act. He shall declare the details of such credit notes in the return for the month during which such credit note has been issued. The tax liability shall be adjusted in the return subject to conditions of section 34 of the CGST Act.  There is no need to file a separate refund claim in such a case.  However, in cases where there is no output liability against which a credit note can be adjusted, registered persons may proceed to file a claim under "Excess payment of tax, if any" through Form GST RFD-01.

**Seva Bhoj Yojna:**

The scheme is being implemented from 01.08.2018 with a total outlay of ₹325.00 Crores for Financial Years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

Under the Scheme of 'Seva Bhoj Yojna' Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Central Government's share of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) paid on purchase of specific raw food items by Charitable Religious Institutions for distributing free food to public shall be reimbursed as Financial Assistance by the Government of India.

**Type of activities supported under the scheme:**

Free 'prasad' or free food or free 'langar'/'bhandara' (community kitchen) offered by charitable religious institutions like—

- Gurudwara,
- Temples,
- Dharmik Ashram,
- Mosques,
- Dargah,

- Church,
- Mutt,
- Monasteries etc.

Financial Assistance will be provided on First-cum-First Serve basis of registration linked to fund available for the purpose in a Financial Year.

**Eligible Institutions:**

- A Public Trust or Society or Body Corporate or Organisation or institution covered under section 10(23BBA) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 or Section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for charitable or religious purposes.
- A company formed or registered under the provisions of section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 or section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 as the case may be, for charitable/religious purposes.
- A Public Trust registered as such for Charitable/Religious purposes under any law for the time being in force.
- A society registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860, for Charitable/Religious purposes.

**Quantum of assistance:**

Financial Assistance in the form of reimbursement shall be provided where the institution has already paid GST on all or any of the raw food items listed below:

1. Ghee
2. Edible oil
3. Sugar/Burra/Jaggery
4. Rice
5. Atta/Maida/Rava/Flour
6. Pulses

The total amount of CGST and Central Government's share of IGST that would be reimbursed on purchases in the Financial Year 2019-20 will be capped at a maximum of 10% of the current financial year i.e. 2018-19.

It means the reimbursements claims in the current quarter/year is not more than the previous year's purchases in the corresponding quarter/year plus a maximum of 10% for the current year. The same should be certify by a Chartered Accountant.

**Conditions:**

1. Institution does not block listed under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) or under any other provisions
2. Institutions be in existence for preceding 3 years before applying for assistance
3. Only institutions eligible which have been distributing free food, langar and prasad to public for at least past



three years on the day of application.

4. Institutions not in receipt of any Financial Assistance from Central/State Government for the purpose of distributing free food.
5. Institutions shall serve free food to at least 5000 people in a calendar month.

### Registration State-wise:

Obtain the Seva Bhaj Yojana Unique Identity Number (SBY-UIN) from Jurisdictional GST Nodal Officer of the State or UT, in which the specified activities are undertaken.

SBY-UIN consist of unique 10 digits.

### Time limit:

Before expiry of 6 months from the last day of the quarter in which the purchases of the specified items made.

### Documents with Application:

- Supplier's invoices
- Chartered Accountant Certificate

### Application for claiming reimbursement of the said taxes:

- Refund application State wise in each State on quarter basis in Form SBY-03.
- Acknowledgement in Form SBY-04 will be generated.
- Jurisdictional GST Nodal Officer of the State/UT, in which the specified activity is undertaken will sanction order in Form SBY-05 (in 60 days of SBY-04)
- Payment advice in Form SBY-05 for eligible amount will be issued.

**Refund of taxes to the retail outlets established in departure area of an international Airport beyond immigration counters making tax free supply to an outgoing international tourist. [OMITTED w.e.f. 1st July 2019]**

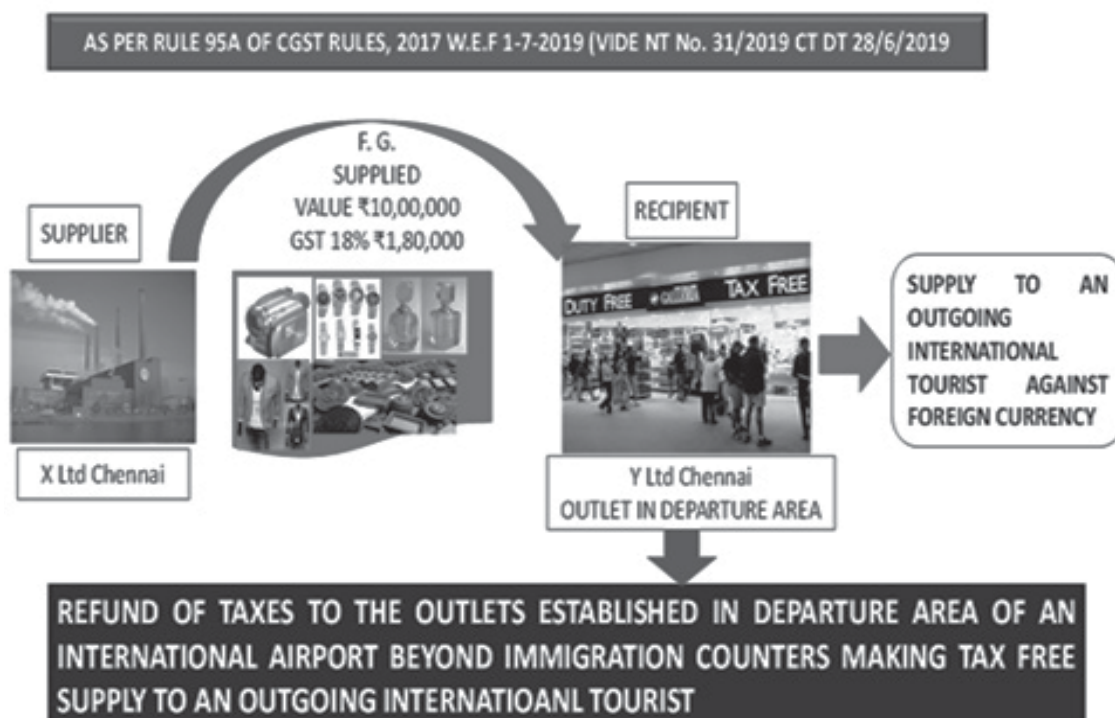
As per Rule 95A of CGST Rules, 2017, w.e.f. 1-7-2019 (vide NT 31/2019-CT, dated 28/6/2019)

- (1) Retail outlet established in departure area of an international airport, beyond the immigration counters, supplying indigenous goods to an outgoing international tourist who is leaving India shall be eligible to claim refund of tax paid by it on inward supply of such goods.
- (2) Retail outlet claiming refund of the taxes paid on his inward supplies, shall furnish the application for refund claim in FORM GST RFD- 10B on a monthly or quarterly basis, as the case may be, through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner.
- (3) The self-certified compiled information of invoices issued for the supply made during the month or the quarter, as the case may be, along with concerned purchase invoice shall be submitted along with the refund application.
- (4) The refund of tax paid by the said retail outlet shall be available if—

- (a) the inward supplies of goods were received by the said retail outlet from a registered person against a tax invoice;
- (b) the said goods were supplied by the said retail outlet to an outgoing international tourist against foreign exchange without charging any tax;
- (c) name and Goods and Services Tax Identification Number of the retail outlet is mentioned in the tax invoice for the inward supply; and
- (d) such other restrictions or conditions, as may be specified, are satisfied.

(5) The provisions of rule 92 shall, mutatis mutandis, apply for the sanction and payment of refund under this rule.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this rule, the expression “outgoing international tourist” shall mean a person not normally resident in India, who enters India for a stay of not more than six months for legitimate non-immigrant purposes.”.



The above provision has been OMITTED w.e.f. 1st July 2019.

**Refund to be granted both in cash and credit, based on original mode of payment [Rule 92(1A)] Notification No.16/2020 CT dated 23.03.2020]**

Newly inserted sub-rule (1A) to rule 92 stipulates that the refund of tax shall now be made proportionately, in cash and by recrediting the credit, based on original mode of payment. The amount refundable in cash shall be paid by issuance of order in Form GST RFD-06 and the amount attributable to credit as ITC shall be recredited in the electronic credit ledger by issuing Form GST PMT-03.



**Rule 92(1A) provides as follows:**

Where, upon examination of a refund application, the proper officer is satisfied that a refund under section 54(5) of the CGST Act is due and payable to the applicant:

- (i) the proper officer shall make a refund order in Form GST RFD-06 sanctioning the amount of refund to be paid, in cash, proportionate to the amount debited in cash against the total amount paid for discharging tax liability for the relevant period, mentioning therein the amount adjusted against any outstanding demand under the Act or under any existing law and the balance amount refundable and
- (ii) for the remaining amount which has been debited from the electronic credit ledger for making payment of such tax, the proper officer shall issue Form GST PMT-03 re-crediting the said amount as ITC in electronic credit ledger.

The above provision shall not apply to the refund of tax paid on zero-rated supplies or deemed export. The consequential amendments have been made in sub-rules (4) and (5) of rule 92.

# Study Note - 16

## ASSESSMENT, INSPECTION, SEARCH & SEIZURE



### This Study Note includes

- 16.1 Self-Assessment
- 16.2 Final Assessment
- 16.3 Re-Assessment
- 16.4 Provisional Assessment
- 16.5 Best Judgement Assessment
- 16.6 Meaning of Inspection, Search and Seizure

### ASSESSMENT

#### MEANING

In terms of Section 2(11) of the Act, "assessment" means determination of tax liability under this Act and includes self-assessment, re-assessment, provisional assessment, summary assessment and best judgement assessment.

#### TYPES OF ASSESSMENT

The CGST Act contemplates several types of assessments as under:

1. Self-assessment (Section 59)
2. Provisional Assessment (Section 60)
3. Summary Assessment in certain special cases (Section 64)

Additionally, the CGST Act also provides for determination of the tax liability by:

1. Scrutiny of tax returns filed by registered taxable persons (Section 61)
2. Assessment of registered taxable person who have failed to file the tax returns (Section 62)
3. Assessment of unregistered persons (Section 63)

Section 59 refers to the assessment made by the taxable person himself while all other assessments are undertaken by tax authorities.

Provisional assessment under Section 60 is an Assessment undertaken at the instance of the assessee. It is later followed by a final assessment. Section 61 which deals with scrutiny of returns is basically a pre-assessment procedure for the purpose of determination of tax liability and passing of an order under Section 73 of the Act. Assessments under Sections 62 and 63 are assessments undertaken by tax authorities on the principles governing best judgment assessment. Assessment under Section 64 refers to a protective assessment based on information gathered from intelligence wing of the tax authorities in a particular case.

Self-assessment means an assessment by the tax payer himself and not an assessment by the Proper Officer. The GST regime continues to promote the scheme of self-assessment. Hence, every registered taxable person would be required to assess his tax dues in accordance with the provisions of GST Act and report the basis of calculation of tax dues to the tax administrations, by filing periodic tax returns.





Although the definition includes 'reassessment' there is no provision permitting 're-examination' of an assessment (of any kind) conducted earlier by the same or any other officer. This drafting anomaly is yet to be corrected. Power to reassess cannot be inherent in the power to assess (of any kind) permitted in the Act.

### 16.1 SELF-ASSESSMENT

#### Self-assessment (Section 59 of the CGST Act, 2017)

"Every registered person shall self-assess the taxes payable under this Act and furnish a return for each tax period as specified under section 39".

The registered person is required to compute his output, take the available input credit and pay the balance amount and file the returns in the prescribed forms. Prima-Facie the department shall accept such self-assessed returns and declarations, subject to scrutiny and other modes of assessment in the selected cases and in the prescribed manner.

Self-assessment means an assessment by the registered person himself and not an assessment conducted or carried out by the Proper Officer. The GST regime continues to promote the scheme of self-assessment. Hence, every registered person would be required to assess his tax dues in accordance with the provisions of GST Act and report the basis of calculation of tax dues to the tax administrators, by filing periodic tax returns. The provisions of the law permit a registered person to rectify any incorrect particulars furnished in the returns. In terms of Section 39(9), if a registered person discovers any omission or incorrect particulars furnished in a return, he is required to rectify such omission or incorrect particulars in the return to be furnished for the tax period during which such omission or incorrect particulars are noticed (on payment of due interest), unless the same is as a result of scrutiny, audit, inspection or enforcement activity by the tax authorities, or such rectification is time barred (i.e., after the due date for furnishing of return for the month of September or second quarter following the end of the financial year, or the actual date of furnishing of relevant annual return, whichever is earlier).

Clarification on the legal position of voluntary payment of taxes during the course of inspection, search or investigation:

Under CGST Act, 2017, the taxpayers have an option to make voluntary payment of tax through Form DRC-03. Such voluntary payment of tax before issuance of show cause notice is permitted under section 73(5) and section 74(5) of the CGST Act, 2017. This helps the taxpayers in discharging their admitted liability, self-ascertained or as ascertained by the tax officer, without having to bear the burden of interest under section 50 of CGST Act, 2017 for delayed payment of tax and may also save him from higher penalty imposable on him subsequent to issuance of show cause notice under section 73 or section 74, as the case may be.

Recovery of taxes not paid or short paid, can be made under the provisions of section 79 of CGST Act, 2017 only after following due legal process of issuance of notice and subsequent confirmation of demand by issuance of adjudication order. Therefore, there may not arise any situation where "recovery" of the tax dues has to be made by the tax officer from the taxpayer during the course of search, inspection or investigation, on account of any issue detected during such proceedings. However, the law does not bar the taxpayer from voluntarily making payment of any tax liability ascertained by him or the tax officer in respect of such issues, either before or during the course of such proceedings or subsequently. The tax officer should however, inform the taxpayers regarding the provisions of voluntary tax payments through DRC-03.

The Pr. Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners, CGST Zones and Pr. Director General, DGGI are advised that in case, any complaint is received from a taxpayer regarding use of force or coercion by any of their officers for getting the amount deposited during search or inspection or investigation, the same may be enquired at the earliest and in case of any wrongdoing on the part of any tax officer, strict disciplinary action as per law may be taken against the defaulting officers.

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## 16.2 FINAL- ASSESSMENT

If the department accept the self-assessment it will become final assessment.

## 16.3 RE-ASSESSMENT

If department noticed any discrepancies it will become re-assessment.

## 16.4 PROVISIONAL - ASSESSMENT

### **Provisional assessment (Section 60 of the CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 98 of CGST Rules, 2017):**

As per section 60(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 where the taxable person is unable to determine the value of goods or services or both or determine the rate of tax applicable thereto, he may request the proper officer in writing giving reasons for payment of tax on a provisional basis.

The proper officer (i.e. The Asst. Commissioner/Dy. Commissioner of Central Tax) shall pass an order, within a period not later than 90 days from the date of receipt of such request, allowing payment of tax on provisional basis at such rate or on such value as may be specified by him.

The Asst. Commissioner/Dy. Commissioner of Central Tax provisionally determines the amount of tax payable by the supplier and is subject to final determination.

On provisional assessment, the supplier can pay tax on provisional basis but only after he executes a bond with security, binding them for payment of the difference between the amount of tax as may be finally assessed and the amount of tax provisionally assessed (Section 60(2) of the CGST Act, 2017).

### **Time limit to finalise provisional assessment [section 60(3) of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

The proper officer shall, within a period not exceeding 6 months from the date of the communication of the order issued under section 60(1), pass the final assessment order after taking into account such information as may be required for finalizing the assessment.

### **Extention of time limit:**

Proviso to section 60(3) of the CGST Act, 2017 on sufficient cause being shown and fro reasons to be recorded in writing, be extended by the Joint Commissioner or Additional Commissioner for a further period not exceeding 6 months and by the Commissioner for such further period not exceeding 4 years.

On finalization of the provisional assessment, any amount that has been paid on the basis of such assessment is to be adjusted against the amount that has been finally determined as payable. In case of short payment, the same has to be paid with interest and incase of excess payment, the same will be refunded with interest (section 60(4)/ (5) of the CGST Act, 2017).

### **Interest liability:**

In case any tax amount becomes payable subsequent to finalization of the provisional assessment, then interest at the specified rate will also be payable by the supplier from the first day after the due date of payment of the tax till the date of actual payment, whether such amount is paid before or after the issuance of order for final assessment.

In case any tax amount becomes refundable subsequent to finalization of the provisional assessment, then interest (subject to the eligibility of refund and absence of unjust enrichment) at the specified rate will be payable to the supplier.



**Example 1:**

M/s Ram Ltd. manufacture and cleared goods under provisional assessment, in the month of July, 2017, by paying tax of ₹ 50,000 on the 20th August, 2017 [i.e. due date of filing GSTR-3], a further tax of ₹ 90,000 is paid on the 15th November, 2017, and on the same day the documents for final assessment are submitted by the assessee. Final assessment order is issued on the 18th November, 2017, assessing the tax payable on goods as ₹ 1,50,000, and consequently the assessee paid a tax of ₹ 10,000 on the 30th November, 2017. Find the total interest payable by the assessee?

**Answer:**

No interest shall be payable on ₹ 50,000.

Interest shall be payable on ₹ 90,000 from the 21st August 2017 to 15th November 2017.

Therefore No. of days delay = 87 days.

Interest shall be payable on ₹ 10,000 from the 21st August 2017 to 30th November 2017 as due date for payment of duty of ₹ 1,50,000 is the 20th August 2017.

Therefore, No. of days delay = 102 days.

₹ 90,000 x 18/100 x 87/365 = ₹ 3,861

₹ 10,000 x 18/100 x 102/365 = ₹ 503

Total interest payable = ₹ 4,364

**PROCEDURE**

- (i) In terms of Rule 98(1), the process of provisional assessment commences on furnishing of an application by the registered person along with the necessary supporting documents in FORM GST ASMT-01, electronically through the common portal. The provisional assessment cannot be resorted to by the proper officer on a suo- motu basis.
- (ii) The proper officer will thereafter issue a notice in FORM GST ASMT-02. As per ASMT2, reply is required to be given within 15 days to the registered person and if required seek additional information or documents. At this stage the proceedings are deemed to have commenced and the applicant is required to file his objections/ make submissions in FORM GST ASMT – 03. The registered person can also appear in person and be heard provided he makes a specific request for a personal hearing.
- (iii) On due consideration of the reply so filed, and after providing a reasonable opportunity of being heard the proper officer must issue an order in FORM GST ASMT-04, by allowing payment of tax on provisional basis, indicating the value or rate or both on the basis of which assessment is allowed on a provisional basis. The proper officer, in the normal course, cannot pass an order rejecting the application of provisional assessment. Since section 60(1) employs the term 'shall' pass order 'allowing' payment of tax provisionally. The word "shall" in this circumstance cannot be construed as "may".
- (iv) The order so passed should also indicate the amount for which bond has to be executed in Form GSMT – 05 by the applicant. The security has to be furnished in the form of bank guarantee not exceeding 25% of the bond 'amount' which shall include IGST, CGST, SGST or UTGST and cess (if any) payable in respect of the transaction. A bond furnished to the proper officer under State Goods and Services Tax Act or Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act shall be deemed to be a bond furnished under the provisions of Central Goods and Service Tax Act and the rules made thereunder.

As per ASMT-5, if the bond and security is not provided within the period specified in notice, the provisional assessment shall lapse

**Finalization of provisional assessment**

Once the above process is complete the proper officer by issue of a notice in FORM GST ASMT-06, will call for information and records required for finalization of assessment. On conclusion of the due process of hearing, a final assessment order shall be passed by the proper officer in FORM GST ASMT-07, specifying the amount payable or refundable to the registered person within a period of 6 months from the date of communication of provisional assessment order. However, on sufficient cause being shown and for reasons to be recorded in writing, this period can be extended by Joint / Additional Commissioner or by the Commissioner for such further period as mentioned below:

Additional / Joint Commissioner	Maximum of 6 months
Commissioner	Maximum of 4 years

It may be noted that, in the statement of outward supply to be furnished by a registered person under section 37(1) i.e. in Form GSTR-1, the invoices in respect of which tax is paid under provisional assessment is required to be mentioned.

**SCRUTINY OF TAX RETURNS FILED BY REGISTERED TAXABLE PERSONS (Section 61 read with Rule 99 of CGST Rule, 2017)**

When a return furnished by a registered person is selected for scrutiny, the proper officer scrutinizes the same with reference to the information available with him, and in case of any discrepancy, he shall issue a notice to the said person in FORM GST ASMT-10, under Rule 99(1), informing him of such discrepancy and seeking his explanation thereto. The proper officer shall quantify the amount of tax, interest and any other amount payable in relation to such discrepancy, wherever possible. An explanation shall be furnished by the registered person, in reply to the aforesaid notice, within a maximum period of thirty days from the date of service of the notice or such further period as may be permitted by the proper officer. The registered person may accept the discrepancy mentioned in the notice issued under Rule 99(1), and pay the tax, interest and any other amount arising from such discrepancy and inform the same OR furnish an explanation for the discrepancy in FORM GST ASMT- 11 to the proper officer. Where the explanation furnished by the registered person or the information submitted under Rule 99(2) is found to be acceptable, the proper officer shall inform the registered period in FORM GST ASMT-12.

In case, explanation is not furnished OR explanation furnished is not satisfactory, OR after accepting discrepancies, the registered person fails to take corrective measures, in his return for the month in which the discrepancy is accepted by him, the proper officer, may, take recourse to any of the following provisions:

- Initiate departmental audit as per section 65 of the Act; or
- Initiate Special Audit as per section 66
- Initiate inspection, search and seizure as per section 67 of the Act
- Issue show cause notice u/s 73 & 74 of the CGST Act.

The first stage in return scrutiny denotes a prima facie scrutiny, in order to ascertain whether the information furnished by the assessee in returns is prima facie valid and not inadequate or internally inconsistent. The second stage appears to be a detailed assessment calling for records and determination of tax liability under sections 73 to 75. While doing so, the proper officer, is entitled to exercise the powers vested in him under section 67 of the Act, which deals with power of inspection, search and seizure. From the language employed in section 67, it appears that, these powers are required to be exercised not in routine manner, but only under circumstances when there is reasonable belief regarding probable suppression or intention to evade tax. It's important to note that, section 61(3) empathetically provides that, in case the explanation given by the tax payer in response to discrepancies informed by the proper officer, if found acceptable, the registered person shall be informed accordingly in FORM GST ASMT-12 and no further action shall be taken in this regard.



### 16.5 BEST JUDGEMENT ASSESSMENT

As per Section 62 of the CGST Act, 2017 (i.e. assessment of non-filers of return) provides for best judgment assessment where a registered person fails to furnish the return even after the service of a notice and pass order taking into account all the relevant material which is available or which he has gathered within a period of five years from the due date of filing annual return. Similar provision exist for unregistered persons under Section 63 of the CGST Act, 2017.

1. Section 62 of the Act can be invoked only in case of registered taxable persons who have failed to file returns, as required, under section 39 or as the case may be, or final return on cancellation of registration under section 45 of the Act. Issuing notice under section 46 appears to be a pre-condition for initiating proceedings under Section 62 of the Act.
2. Non-compliance with the notice under Section 46 paves the way for intimating the proceedings under this section. If the assessee fails to furnish the return, the Proper Officer may after serving him notice under section 46 proceed to assess the tax liability in accordance with the provision of Rule 100 to the best of his judgment, taking into account all the relevant material available on record, and issue an assessment order. This is also known as 'best judgment assessment'. It can be completed without giving notice of hearing to the assessee.
3. It may be noted that a return filed under Section 39 can be revised not later than the due date of furnishing of return for the month of September following the end of the financial year or actual date of filing annual return under Section 44, whichever is earlier.
4. Therefore, issuance of notice under Section 46 is a necessity for commencing proceedings under Section 62. Non-issuance of notice under Section 46 closes the door on invoking Section 62 although other provisions are available to recover the tax dues.
5. If, however, a registered person furnishes a 'valid return' within 30 days of the service of assessment order, the said assessment order shall be deemed to be withdrawn. 'Valid return' is defined in Section 2(117) to mean a return filed under Section 39(1) of the Act on which self-assessed tax has been paid in full. In order to avail the facility of withdrawal of the assessment order passed, filing of a valid return is required, including payment of taxes declared therein.
6. Time limit of 5 years (extended period for cases covered under Section 73), is also applicable for issuing order under section 62.
7. Consequence of late fee under Section 47 and interest under Section 50 will both be applicable in cases of conclusion of best judgement assessment made under this Section.
8. An order passed under this section shall be communicated to the registered person in FORM GST ASMT 13.

#### ASSESSMENT OF UNREGISTERED PERSONS

Section 63 is applicable to unregistered persons i.e., persons who are liable to obtain registration under Section 22 and have failed to obtain registration will come within scope of operation of this Section. This provision also covers the cases whose registration was cancelled as per section 29 (2) claiming of the GST Act. section 29(2) of the Act covers 5 instances as follows:

1. A person who contravenes the provisions of this Act or Rules made thereunder;
2. A composition person who fails to furnish returns for 3 consecutive tax periods.
3. A person other than composition person who fails to furnish returns for 6 consecutive months.
4. A person who has sought voluntary registration but has failed to commence business within 6 months.
5. Where registration has been obtained by way of fraud, wilful misstatement or suppression of facts.



This Section is applicable to unregistered taxable persons. In such cases, the proper officer is required to give a reasonable opportunity of being heard to such persons before proceeding to assess such person. The section begins with the phrase "Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section 73 or section 74". It therefore appears that, assessment under section 63 can be completed independent of section 73 and Section 74, however, procedures contained in section 73 or 74 to the extent they are not inconsistent with section 63 need to be followed, while completing the assessment on principles governing best judgment assessment. Even though no return would have actually been filed in such cases, the authority to pass such assessment order is extinguished on the expiry of 5 years from due date applicable for filing annual return for the year to which tax not paid relates.

### SUMMARY ASSESSMENT IN CERTAIN SPECIAL CASES

As per Section 64, the summary assessment can be undertaken in case all of the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The Proper Officer must have evidence that there may be a tax liability.
2. The Proper Officer has obtained prior permission of Additional/Joint Commissioner to assess the tax liability summarily. The proper officer must have sufficient ground to believe that any delay in passing assessment order would result in loss of revenue.

Mere possibility of non-payment cannot be a grounds for resorting to summary assessment, unless there are factors indicating that such non-payment pertains to admitted or undisputed tax liability. However, it is important to note that upon grant of permission by the Additional/Joint Commissioner, it appears that the evidence available with the proper officer or his apprehension of possible loss of revenue, cannot be called into question. As per the provision of Rule 100(3) The summary assessment order should be in FORM GST ASMT-16.

## 16.6 MEANING OF INSPECTION, SEARCH AND SEIZURE

**Inspection:** "Inspection" is a new provision under the Act. It is a softer provision than search to enable officers to access any place of business of a taxable person and also any place of business of a person engaged in transporting goods or who is an owner or an operator of a warehouse or godown.

**Search:** The term "search", in simple language, denotes an action of a government machinery to go, look through or examine carefully a place, area, person, object etc. in order to finding something concealed or for the purpose of discovering evidence of a crime. The search of a person or vehicle or premises etc. can only be done under proper and valid authority of law.

**Seizure:** The term 'seizure' has not been specifically defined in GST. In legal parlance, seizure is the act of taking over something or someone by force through legal process, such as the seizure of evidence found at the scene of a crime. It generally implies taking possession forcibly against the wishes of the owner.

### Difference between Search and Inspection

'Search' involves an attempt to find something. Search, in tax/legal parlance, is an action of a government official (a tax officer or a police officer, depending on the case) to go and look through or examine carefully a place, person, object etc. in order to find something concealed or to discover evidence of a crime. The search can only be done under the proper and valid authority of law.

'Inspection' is the act of examining something, often closely. In tax/legal language, it is a softer provision than search. It enables officers to access any place of business of a taxable person and also any place of business of a person engaged in transporting goods or who is an owner/operator of a warehouse or godown.



### ORDER FOR INSPECTION, SEARCH, SEIZURE UNDER GST LAW [ Sec 67 under CGST ACT]

1. A Joint Commissioner (or an officer of higher rank) may have "reasons to believe" that in order to evade tax, any person has done the following-
  - Suppressed any transaction of supply
  - Suppressed stock in hand
  - Claimed input tax credit in excess
  - Violated of any of the provisions
  - Any transporter or owner/operator of a warehouse has kept goods which have escaped tax payment or has kept accounts and/or goods in such a way as to evade tax

Then he can authorize any officer in FORM GST INS-01 to inspect places of businesses of:

- the taxable person or
- the transporter or
- owner/operator of warehouse

He can also examine any other place if he sees fit.

2. The power can also be exercised when there is a reason to believe that any person engaged in the business of transportation of goods or an owner or operator of a warehouse or godown or any other place is storing goods, which have escaped tax payment or has kept his accounts or goods in a manner likely to cause tax evasion.

3. "Reason to believe" means having knowledge of facts (although does not mean having direct knowledge), that would make any reasonable person, knowing the same facts, to reasonably conclude the same thing.

As per the Indian Penal Code, 1860, "A person is said to have 'reason to believe' a thing, if he has sufficient cause to believe that thing but not otherwise."

Reason to believe is a determination based on intelligent examination and evaluation. It is different from a purely subjective consideration, i.e., an opinion. It is based on facts rather than an interpretation of facts

4. Under such circumstances, he may authorize another officer in writing to:

- (a) Inspect any place of business of the taxable person who has evaded tax or of the transporter who transported such tax evading goods or godown/warehouse in which such tax evaded goods or accounts relating thereto have been stored.
- (b) Search and seize the goods or any documents or books or things which are liable for confiscation including anything concealed and which will be useful or relevant in the proceedings under this Act.
- (c) Seal or break open the door of any premises, storage, box, electronic device or receptacle where goods, books of accounts etc. are suspected to be concealed and when access to the same is denied to the officer.
- (d) If it is not practicable to seize the goods, then the Officer may serve an order on owner or custodian of the goods for not removing, part or deal with the goods without his prior permission.
- (e) The said officer shall return the documents, books or things seized or produced by a taxable or any other person on which no reliance has been placed for issuing notice, within a period of 30 days from the issue of notice. However, the documents books or things relied upon while issuing the notice will be retained.
- (f) The person from whose custody documents are seized is entitled to take photocopy or extract of such documents in the presence of an authorized GST officer at the place and time as predetermined. Copies or extracts may be denied if he is of the opinion that such an act will prejudicially affect the investigation.
- (g) The goods so seized can be released on a provisional basis ,upon execution of Bond in Form GST INS -04 and furnish security in form of Bank Guarantee equal to amount of tax, interest and penalty



- (h) If no notice has been issued within 6 months or an extended period of another 6 months, the seized goods/exhibits ought to be returned.
- (i) The officer can dispose of certain notified goods immediately after the seizure, if those goods are of perishable or hazardous nature, or would depreciate in value by passage of time or there are constraints of storage space or any other relevant considerations as may be prescribed.
- (j) The officer who seizes the goods is liable to maintain the inventory of the said goods.
- (k) The provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 relating to search and seizure shall be applicable to the GST Laws and in section 165(2) thereof, the word 'Magistrate' should be read as 'Commissioner'.
- (l) The officer can even seize accounts, registers or documents of any person; in case he has a reason to believe that the said person has evaded or is attempting to evade the taxes. However, he has to record the reasons in writing and also shall grant receipt of such seizure. There is no time limit prescribed for such retention by the officer. Further, where any goods, documents, book or things are liable for seizure then proper officer shall make an order of seizure in Form GST INS-02 or where it is not practically possible to seize goods then an order of prohibition in Form GST -03 shall be issued with a condition that goods shall not be removed without permission of such officer.
- (m) The Commissioner or officer authorized by him can authorize any person for purchase of any goods/services to check issue of tax invoices/bills of supply. The goods so purchased by such person through appointed person, if returned, the taxable person from whom the goods were purchased shall refund the amount so paid and cancel the tax invoice. There is no time limit prescribed for return of the goods. It should be noted that this provision deals only with return of goods so purchased and there is no provision of return of services so purchased.
- (n) The seized goods may be released on a provisional basis upon execution of a bond for the value of the goods in FORM GST INS-04 and furnishing of a security in the form of a bank guarantee equivalent to the amount of applicable tax, interest and penalty payable.

**As per Notification No. 27/2018 central Tax, dated 13.06.2018** - After the seizure, the specified goods shall be disposed off by the proper officer due to the considerations of being perishable or hazardous nature, depreciation in value with the passage of time, constraints of storage space

The goods or the class of goods which can be disposed of after seizure by the proper officer, having regard to the perishable or hazardous nature, depreciation in value with the passage of time, constraints of storage space or any other relevant considerations of the said goods are:

- (1) Salt and hygroscopic substances
  - (2) Raw (wet and salted) hides and skins
  - (3) Newspapers and periodicals
  - (4) Menthol, Camphor, Saffron
  - (5) Re-fills for ball-point pens
  - (6) Lighter fuel, including lighters with gas, not having arrangement for refilling
  - (7) Cells, batteries and rechargeable batteries
  - (8) Petroleum Products
  - (9) Dangerous drugs and psychotropic substances
  - (10) Bulk drugs and chemicals (read notification)
  - (11) Pharmaceutical products (read notification)
  - (12) Fireworks
  - (13) Red Sander
  - (14) Sandalwood
  - (15) All unclaimed/abandoned goods which are liable to rapid depreciation in value on account of fast change in technology or new models etc.
- and few more.





5. Section 68 enables prescription of documents and devices to be carried by the transporter and production for verification thereof.
6. Section 69 deals with power of arrest when one commits any of the following offences which is punishable under clause (i) or (ii) of sub-section (1), or under sub-section (2) of sec 132 of CGST Act which is punishable under clause (i) or (ii) of sub-section (1), or sub-section (2) of the said Ssection..
  - (a) Supplies any goods or services or both without issue of invoice with the intention to evade tax
  - (b) Issues any invoice or bill without supplies leading to wrongful availment or utilisation of input tax credit or refund of tax
  - (c) Avails input tax credit using invoice or bill referred to in b) above
  - (d) Collects any amount as tax but fails to pay the same beyond the period of 3 months from the due date
7. The Commissioner is vested with the power to authorise, by an order, any Officer to arrest a person, where there is a reason to believe that such person has committed the specified offences. The person committing any offence under clauses (a) or (b) or (c) or (d) u/s 132(1) cited supra and punishable under Section 132(1) (i) or 132(1)(ii) or 132(2) can be arrested by the authorised officer.
8. Section 132(1) clause (i) tax evasion above ₹500 Lakhs attracting imprisonment for a term upto 5 years and fine, or clause (ii) tax evasion above ₹200 Lakhs attracting imprisonment upto 3 years and fine or offence or section 132(2) [repeated offence – second and subsequent offence attracting imprisonment upto 5 years with fine]
9. Such person is required to be informed about the grounds of arrest and be produced before the Magistrate within 24 hours in case of cognizable offences and in case of non-cognizable and bailable offences the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner can grant the bail and is conferred powers of an officer-in-charge of a police station subject to the provisions of Code Of Criminal Procedure, 1973.
10. All arrests should be made as per the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.
11. Section 70 deals with exercise of powers to issue summons for giving evidence and for production of documents
12. In any inquiry which such officer is making for any of the purposes of this Act, the Proper officer shall have power to summon any person, whose attendance is considered necessary, either to give evidence or to produce a document or any other thing.
13. Every such inquiry referred to in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to be a "judicial proceeding" within the
14. Section 71 empowers any officer authorised by the officer not below the rank of Joint Commissioner to have access to any place of business of a registered person to inspect books of account, documents, computers, computer programmes, computer software and such other things as may be required and which may be available at such place, for the purposes of carrying out any audit, scrutiny, verification and checks as may be necessary to safeguard the interest of revenue.
15. Such an authorized officer shall have access to any place of business of registered person to inspect books of account, documents, computers, computer programs, computer software(whether installed in a computer or otherwise) and such other things as he may require as available at such premises.
16. The object is to carry out any audit, scrutiny, verification and checks as may be necessary to safeguard the interest of revenue.
17. The person in charge of the premises should make available the following :
  1. Records maintained by the registered person and declared to proper officer;
  2. Trial balance;
  3. Audited financial statements wherever required;
  4. Cost audit report, if any;
  5. Income Tax audit report, if any;
  6. Other relevant records.

The documents/records should be made available within 15 working days or such extended period as may be allowed.

The documents/records can be called for by the Audit officer or Chartered Accountant or Cost Accountant nominated by the department.

- 18.** Section 72 requires all officers of Police, Railways, Customs and those officers engaged in the collection of land revenue including village officers, officers of state and union territory tax to assist the proper officers in the implementation of this Act.

Below officers are empowered and required when called upon, to assist the proper officer in execution of this act:

1. All officers of Police,
2. Railway Officer,
3. Customs Officer
4. Officer of State & Union Territory tax.
5. Officers engaged in the collection of land revenue including village officers,

- 19.** Even the Government may issue notification empowering and requiring any other class of officer to assist the proper officers, if required by the Commissioner.

#### **CLARIFICATION**

**Circular No. 49/23/2018-GST dt 21.06.2018:- Clarification on issues related to INSPECTION, SEARCH, SEIZURE AND ARREST- under GST Law**

#### **Issue 1:**

Modifications to the procedure for interception of conveyances for inspection of goods in movement, and detention, release and confiscation of such goods and conveyances.

The GST Council issued Circular No 49/23/2018 dated 21.06.2018 in order to amend Circular No – 41/15/2018 dated 13.04.2018 so as to ensure uniform implementation of the provision of the CGST Act, 2017 across all the field formations.

Accordingly, it clarifies that in regard of E- Way bill that where the physical verification of goods being transported on any conveyance has been done during transit at one place within a State or Union territory or in any other State or Union territory, no further physical verification of the said conveyance shall be carried out again in the State or Union territory, unless a specific information relating to evasion of tax is made available subsequently. Since the requisite FORMS are not available on the common portal currently, any action initiated by the State tax officers is not being intimated to the central tax officers and vice-versa, doubts have been raised as to the procedure to be followed in such situations and that the hard copies of the notices/orders issued in the specified FORMS by a tax authority may be shown as proof of initiation of action by a tax authority by the transporter/registered person to another tax authority as and when required.

Further, it is clarified that only such goods and/or conveyances should be detained/confiscated in respect of which there is a violation of the provisions of the GST Acts or the rules made thereunder.

#### **Synopsis**

1. The hard copies of the notices/orders issued in the specified FORMS by a tax authority may be shown as proof of initiation of action by a tax authority by the transporter/registered person to another tax authority as and when required.
2. Only such goods or conveyances will be confiscated or detained where there will be violation of the GST laws.



**Issue 2:**

Modification of the procedure for interception of conveyances for inspection of goods in movement, and detention, release and confiscation of such goods and conveyances, as clarified in Circular Nos. 41/15/2018-GST dated 13.04.2018 and 49/23/2018-GST dated 21.06.2018

The above mentioned issue has been clarified vide Circular No. 64/38/2018-GST dt 14.09.2018:

The GST Council clarifies issues regarding the procedure for interception of conveyances for inspection of goods in movement, and detention, release and confiscation of such goods and conveyances.

It has been clarified that if a consignment of goods is accompanied with an invoice or any other specified document and an e-way bill then the proceedings may not be initiated in the following situations :

1. Spelling mistakes in the name of the consignor or the consignee but the GSTIN whichever is applicable, is correct.
2. Error in the address of the consignee to the extent that the locality and other details of the consignee are correct.
3. Error in one or two digits of the document number mentioned in the e-way bill.
4. Error in one or two digits of the vehicle number.
5. Error in 4 or 6 digit level of HSN where the first 2 digits of HSN are correct and the rate of tax mentioned is correct.
6. Error in the pin-code but the address of the consignor and the consignee mentioned is correct, subject to the condition that the error in the PIN code should not have the effect of increasing the validity period of the e-way bill. A penalty of Rs. 1000 under IGST act will be levied in Form GST DRC -07 for every consignment which is incomplete or erroneous in above terms. Also, a record of all these consignments will have to be sent to the proper officer to his controlling officer on a weekly basis

**Circular No. 64/38/2018-GST dt 14.09.2018** - Modification of the procedure for interception of conveyances for inspection of goods in movement, and detention, release and confiscation of such goods and conveyances, as clarified in Circular Nos. 41/15/2018-GST dated 13.04.2018 and 49/23/2018-GST dated 21.06.2018-

The GST Council clarifies issues regarding the procedure for interception of conveyances for inspection of goods in movement, and detention, release and confiscation of such goods and conveyances.

It has been clarified that if a consignment of goods is accompanied with an invoice or any other specified document and an e-way bill then the proceedings may not be initiated in the following situations :

1. Spelling mistakes in the name of the consignor or the consignee but the GSTIN, whichever is applicable, is correct.
2. Error in the address of the consignee to the extent that the locality and other details of the consignee are correct.
3. Error in one or two digits of the document number mentioned in the e-way bill.
4. Error in one or two digits of the vehicle number.
5. Error in 4 or 6 digit level of HSN where the first 2 digits of HSN are correct and the rate of tax mentioned is correct.
6. Error in the pin-code but the address of the consignor and the consignee mentioned is correct, subject to the condition that the error in the PIN code should not have the effect of increasing the validity period of the e-way bill. A penalty of ₹ 1000 under IGST act will be levied in Form GST DRC -07 for every consignment which is incomplete or erroneous in above terms. Also, a record of all these consignments will have to be sent to the proper officer to his controlling officer on a weekly basis.

# Study Note - 17

## AUDIT UNDER GST



### This Study Note includes

#### 17.1 Meaning

#### 17.2 Types of Audit

### 17.1 MEANING

"Audit" has been defined in section 2(13) of the CGST Act, 2017 and it means the examination of records, returns and other documents maintained or furnished by the registered person under the GST Acts or the rules made there under or under any other law for the time being in force to verify the correctness of turnover declared, taxes paid, refund claimed and input tax credit availed, and to assess his compliance with the provisions of the GST Acts or the rules made thereunder.

### 17.2 TYPES OF AUDIT

GST envisages three types of Audit.

1. **By a Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant** - The first type of audit is to be done by a chartered accountant or a cost accountant u/s 35(5) where turnover exceeds certain threshold specified in Rule 80(3) i.e. 2 crores;
2. **By Tax Authorities** - Second type of audit is to be done by the commissioner or any officer authorised by him in terms of Section 65 of the CGST Act, 2017 read with Section 20(xiv) of the IGST Act, 2017 and Section 21(xv) of UTGST Act, 2017.
3. **Special Audit** - The third type of audit is called the Special Audit and is to be conducted under the mandate of Section 66 of CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 102 of CGST Rules, 2017

#### 1. Audit by Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant:

**W.e.f. 01-08-2021 section 35(5) of CGST Act, 2017 has been omitted:-**

Every registered person, whose turnover during the financial year exceeds the prescribed "GST audit turnover limit" i.e., 2 crore rupees, shall get the accounts audited by a Chartered Accountant (CA) or a Cost and Management Accountant (CMA). Registered person who is required to get his accounts audited in accordance with section 35(5) shall submit electronically the Annual Return as per Section 44 along with a copy of the audited statement of accounts and a reconciliation statement, reconciling the value of supplies declared in the return furnished for the financial year. He shall furnish a copy of audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, duly certified, in Form GSTR-9C along with annual return.

Every registered person, for facilitating the audit, shall keep and maintain his accounts to show the correct value in regards to:

- Production or manufacture of goods
- Inward supply of goods or services or both



- Outward supply of goods or services or both
- Stock of goods
- Input tax credit availed
- Output tax payable and paid
- Books of accounts point can be added

### AMENDMENT

**The section 35(5) OF CGST Act,2017 has been amended vide THE CENTRAL GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018 which states that any department of the Central or State Government / local authority which is subject to audit by CAG need not get their books of account audited by a CA/ CMA**

Rule 80(3) of CGST Rules, 2017 (vide Notification No.79/2020-Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020):

"Provided that for the financial year 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, every registered person whose aggregate turnover exceeds five crore rupees shall get his accounts audited as specified under sub-section (5) of section 35 and he shall furnish a copy of audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, duly certified, in FORM GSTR-9C for the said financial year, electronically through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner."

### 2. Audit by Tax Authorities (section 65 of the CGST Act, 2017):

The Commissioner or any officer authorised by him, can undertake audit of any registered person for such period, at such frequency and in such manner as may be prescribed.

Section 65(3) of the CGST Act, 2017 the registered person shall be informed by way of a notice not less than fifteen working days prior to the conduct of audit in such manner as may be prescribed.

Section 65(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 the audit under sub-section (1) shall be completed within a period of three months from the date of commencement of the audit:

Provided that where the Commissioner is satisfied that audit in respect of such registered person cannot be completed within three months, he may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the period by a further period not exceeding six months.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression "commencement of audit" shall mean the date on which the records and other documents, called for by the tax authorities, are made available by the registered person or the actual institution of audit at the place of business, whichever is later.

Section 65(5) of the CGST Act, 2017 during the course of audit, the authorised officer may require the registered person,—

- (i) to afford him the necessary facility to verify the books of account or other documents as he may require;
- (ii) to furnish such information as he may require and render assistance for timely completion of the audit

Section 65(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 on conclusion of audit, the proper officer shall, within thirty days, inform the registered person, whose records are audited, about the findings, his rights and obligations and the reasons for such findings.

Section 65(7) of the CGST Act, 2017 where the audit conducted under sub-section (1) results in detection of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded, or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilized, the proper officer may initiate action under section 73 or section 74.

### Explanation

The Commissioner or any officer authorised by him, may undertake audit of any registered person for such period, at such frequency and in such manner as may be prescribed in a general or a specific order (Section

65 of CGST Act). The officers may conduct audit at the place of business of the registered person or in their office. The registered person shall be informed by way of a notice of not less than fifteen working days before the conduct of audit in Form GST ADT-01. The audit shall be completed within a period of three months from the date of commencement of the audit and can be further extended by a period not exceeding six months, by the Commissioner if he has a reason to believe that the audit cannot be completed in the given duration.

During the course of audit, the authorised officer may require the registered person,—

- to provide him the necessary facility to verify the books of account or other documents as he may require
- to furnish such information as he may require and render assistance for timely completion of the audit

On conclusion of audit, the proper officer will inform, the registered person, within 30 days, about the findings, his rights and obligations and the reasons for such findings in Form ADT-02.

The officer along with his team will verify:

- Documents on the basis of which the books of account are maintained and the returns and statements furnished under the provisions of the Act and the rules made there under
- Correctness of the turnover
- Exemptions and deductions claimed
- Rate of tax applied in respect of the supply of goods or services or both
- Input tax credit availed and utilised
- Refund claimed
- Other relevant issues.

In cases where tax liability is identified during the audit or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilized by the auditee, the procedure laid down under Section 73 or 74 is to be followed. Audit cannot conclude automatically resulting in a demand. Independent application of mind is necessary for a valid demand to be raised.

The term 'commencement of audit' is important because audit has to be completed within a given time frame in reference to this date of commencement. Commencement of audit means the later of the following:

- (a) the date on which the records/accounts called for by the audit authorities are made available to them, or
- (b) the actual institution of audit at the place of business of the taxpayer.

**Example:** A notice for audit was served to M/s. X Ltd, on 06.07.2019. The required information was furnished by M/s. ABC Ltd, on 22.08.2019. The audit officers visited the place of business on 15.09.2019. What is the last date within which the audit is to be completed?

Audit is to be completed within 3 months from 22.08.2019, viz., 21.11.2019 or within an extended period of 6 months, if extended by the Proper Officer. The extended period would be 21.02.2020.

The law provides that audit may be directed irrespective of any other audit under any other provision of this Act or any other law for the time being in force or otherwise. It may mean that if an audit has been conducted by tax authorities under section 65 of CGST Act, special audit under section 66 of CGST Act can still be directed.

If at any stage of scrutiny, inquiry, investigation or any other proceedings, any officer not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner, is of the opinion that

- the value has not been correctly declared or
- the credit availed is not within the normal limits,

He may, with the prior approval of the Commissioner, direct such registered person to get his records including books of account examined and audited by a Chartered Accountant or a cost accountant as may be nominated by the Commissioner. The officer will issue direction in Form GST ADT-03 to the registered person in



this regard. The Chartered Accountant or Cost Accountant so nominated shall submit a report of such audit duly signed and certified by him to the said Assistant Commissioner, within the period of ninety days, which can be further extended by ninety days. Special audit can be conducted even if accounts of the registered person have been audited under any other provisions of this Act or any other law for the time being in force. The expenses of the examination and audit of records, including the remuneration of such chartered accountant or cost accountant, shall be determined and paid by the Commissioner. On conclusion of the special audit, the registered person shall be informed of the findings of the special audit in FORM GST ADT-04.

As in the case of audit under section 65, no demand of tax, even ad interim, is permitted on completion of the special audit under this section. In case any possible tax liability is identified during the audit, procedure under section 73 or 74 as the case may be is to be followed.

Based on the findings/observations of the special audit, action can be initiated under Section 51 of the GST act.

Departmental Audit can be undertaken even if a taxable person is not registered. As there is no condition specifically mentioned for audit of registered or unregistered taxable person under section 65.

The Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner can direct the taxable person to get his books of accounts audited u/s 65 by a nominated Chartered Accountant or Cost Accountant, only after the approval of the Commissioner.

However, the taxable person will be given an opportunity of being heard for the use of any information, document or any relevant material obtained during Special Audit in any further proceedings.

Section 2(91) defines proper officer in relation to any function to be performed under this Act, means the officer of goods and services tax who is assigned that function by the Commissioner in the Board.

**3. Special Audit [Section 66 of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

The law provides that Special audit under section 66 may be directed irrespective of any other audit have been conducted under any other provision of this Act or any other law for the time being in force or otherwise.

**Example:** If an audit has been conducted by tax authorities under section 65 of The GST act, special audit under section 66 can still be directed irrespective of any Audit covered under any provisions of this Act or under any Act. The audit of accounts under any other provision or law will not have any relevance in conduct of special audit.

**Example:** Suppose Tax Audit of a Company u/s 44AB of the Income Tax Act, 1961 was concluded. But if Assistant/ Deputy Commissioner during the course of scrutiny or investigation comes across any doubt regarding the nature and complexity of the case in respect to the Interest of Revenue, then also irrespective of any Audit covered under any provisions of this Act or under any Act, Special Audit u/s 66 of the CGST Act can be directed.

**Difference between Section 65 and Section 66:-**

Components	Section 65	Section 66
Nature of Audit	In this section, we have a departmental audit	In this section, we have a special audit
Conducted by	It is conducted by officers of the department authorised by the commissioner	It is conducted by Chartered accountant/cost accountant nominated by the commissioner
Prior Notice	Prior notice of 15 days is required	o such notice/intimation is required
Time for conclusion of the audit	The conclusion of the audit is given in 3 months, further extension of 6 months is allowed	The conclusion of the audit is given in 90 days, further extension of 90 days is allowed



Audit Findings/ Report	Audit reports should be intimated soon upon completion of the audit	Audit reports should be shown to deputy/ assistant commissioner
The opportunity of being heard	No specific provision	Yes, where material gathered during the audit is to be used in any proceedings against the auditee
Action based on a report	Yes, under section 73 by the issuance of SCN (Show Cause Notice)	Yes, under section 73 by the issuance of SCN (Show Cause Notice)

**THE PROCEDURAL PART OF ASSESSMENTS & AUDIT IS GUIDED BY THE ASSESSMENTS & AUDIT RULES AS FOLLOWS-  
Rule 101- Audit.-**

- (1) The period of audit to be conducted under sub-section (1) of section 65 shall be a financial year or multiples thereof.
- (2) Where it is decided to undertake the audit of a registered person in accordance with the provisions of section 65, the proper officer shall issue a notice in FORM GST ADT-01 in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (3) of the said section.
- (3) The proper officer authorised to conduct audit of the records and the books of account of the registered person shall, with the assistance of the team of officers and officials accompanying him, verify the documents on the basis of which the books of account are maintained and the returns and statements furnished under the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder, the correctness of the turnover, exemptions and deductions claimed, the rate of tax applied in respect of the supply of goods or services or both, the input tax credit availed and utilised, refund claimed, and other relevant issues and record the observations in his audit notes.
- (4) The proper officer may inform the registered person of the discrepancies noticed, if any, as observed in the audit and the said person may file his reply and the proper officer shall finalise the findings of the audit after due consideration of the reply furnished.
- (5) On conclusion of the audit, the proper officer shall inform the findings of audit to the registered person in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 65 in FORM GST ADT-02.

**Rule 102- Special Audit.-**

- (1) Where special audit is required to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 66, the officer referred to in the said section shall issue a direction in FORM GST ADT-03 to the registered person to get his records audited by a chartered accountant or a cost accountant specified in the said direction.
- (2) On conclusion of the special audit, the registered person shall be informed of the findings of the special audit in FORM GST ADT 04.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF FORM GSTR-9 - UNDER GST AUDIT**

Sl no	Parts of the GSTR-9	Information required
1	Part-I	Basic details of the taxpayer. This detail will be auto-populated.
2	Part-II	Details of Outward and Inward supplies declared during the financial year(FY). This detail must be picked up by consolidating summary from all GST returns filed in previous FY.
3	Part-III	Details of ITC declared in returns filed during the FY. This will be summarised values picked up from all the GST returns filed in previous FY.
4	Part-IV	Details of tax paid as declared in returns filed during the FY.





5	Part-V	Particulars of the transactions for the previous FY declared in returns of April to September of current FY or up to the date of filing of annual returns of previous FY whichever is earlier. Usually, the summary of amendment or omission entries belonging to previous FY but reported in Current FY would be segregated and declared here.
6	Part-VI	Other Information comprising details of:
		-GST Demands and refunds,
		-HSN wise summary information of the quantity of goods supplied and received with its corresponding Tax details against each HSN code,
		-Late fees payable and paid details and
		-Segregation of inward supplies received from different categories of taxpayers like Composition dealers, deemed supply and goods supplied on approval basis.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF FORM GSTR-9C - UNDER GST AUDIT

The GSTR-9C consists of two main parts:

**Part-A: Reconciliation Statement**

**Part-B: Certification**

**Part-A: Reconciliation Statement**

The figures in the audited financial statements are at PAN level. Hence, the turnover, Tax paid and ITC earned on a particular GSTIN( or State/UT) must be pulled out from the audited accounts of the organisation as a whole.

The Reconciliation Statement is divided into five parts as follows:

**Part-I: Basic details:** Consists of FY, GSTIN, Legal Name and Trade Name. The taxpayer must also mention if he is subject to audit under any other law

**Part-II: Reconciliation of turnover declared in the Audited Annual Financial Statement with turnover declared in Annual Return (GSTR-9)-**

This involves reporting the gross and taxable turnover declared in the Annual return with the Audited Financial Statements. One must note that mostly the Audited Financial statement is at a PAN level. This might require the break up of the audited financial statement at GSTIN level for reporting in GSTR-9C.

**Part-III: Reconciliation of tax paid-**

This section requires GST rate-wise reporting of the tax liability that arose in FY 2017-18 as per the accounts and paid as reported in the GSTR-9 respectively with the differences thereof. Further, it requires the taxpayers to state the additional liability due to unreconciled differences noticed upon reconciliation.

**Part-IV: Reconciliation of Input Tax Credit (ITC)-**

This part consists the reconciliation of input tax credit availed and utilised by taxpayers as reported in GSTR-9 and as reported in the Audited Financial Statement. Further, it needs a reporting of Expenses booked as per the Audited Accounts, with a breakup of eligible and ineligible ITC and reconciliation of the eligible ITC with that amount claimed as per GSTR-9. This declaration will be after considering the reversals of ITC claimed, if any.

**Part-V: Auditor's recommendation on additional Liability due to non-reconciliation-**

Here, the Auditor must report any tax liability identified through the reconciliation exercise and GST audit, pending for payment by the taxpayer. This can be non-reconciliation of turnover or ITC on account of :

- Amount paid for supplies not included in the Annual Returns(GSTR-9)
- Erroneous Refund to be paid back
- Other Outstanding demands to be settled

Lastly, the instructions to the format of GSTR-9C specifies that an option will be given to taxpayers to settle taxes as recommended by the auditor at the end of the reconciliation statement.

**Part-B: Certification**

The GSTR-9C can be certified by the same CA who conducted the GST audit or it can be also certified by any other CA who did not conduct the GST Audit for that particular GSTIN.

The difference between both is that in case the CA certifying the GSTR-9C did not conduct the GST audit, he must have based an opinion on the Books of Accounts audited by another CA in the reconciliation statement. The format for certification report will vary depending on who the certifier is.



# Study Note - 18

## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (COMPENSATION TO STATE) ACT, 2017



### This Study Note includes

- 18.1 GST Compensation Cess
- 18.2 Need of GST Compensation Cess
- 18.3 Goods Covered under GST Compensation Cess
- 18.4 Rate of GST compensation Cess
- 18.5 How to Calculate GST Compensation Cess

### 18.1 GST COMPENSATION CESS

Cess under GST is a compensation cess that will be levied on certain goods and services under section 8 of the GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017. It is levied on inter-State and intra-State transactions of goods and services to compensate the revenue losses occurred to the States because of the implementation of GST in the country. It means Under GST, in addition to tax on supply (which are CGST + SGST/UTGST on intrastate supplies and IGST on interstate supplies), a GST Cess is to be levied on supply of certain goods.

### 18.2 NEEDS OF GST COMPENSATION CESS

It is levied to compensate states who may suffer any loss of revenue due to the implementation of GST. As GST is a consumption based tax, the state in which consumption of goods or services happens will be eligible for the revenue on supplies. As a result, manufacturing states like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Haryana and Karnataka are expected to face a decrease in revenue from indirect taxes. In order to compensate these states for this loss of revenue, GST Cess will be levied on supply of certain goods, which will be distributed to these states. This Cess will be levied for 5 years from the date of implementation of GST.

According to the GST cess (Compensation to State) Act, 2017, a compensation cess would be levied on specific items and services for compensation to the States for the loss of revenue on account of implementation of the goods and services tax in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016.

GST cess levied this way would be credited to the GST compensation fund, from where it will be used to compensate the tax revenue losses of the States caused by GST implementation. The unutilized funds, if any, would be distributed among the Centre and the States equally. The state governments would receive cess in the ratio of the indirect tax revenues generated by them in the last year before the implementation of GST.

### 18.3 GOODS COVERED UNDER GST COMPENSATION CESS

- Pan Masala
- Tobacco and tobacco products
- Cigarettes
- Coal, briquettes, ovoids and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal, lignite excluding jet and peat.
- Aerated waters
- Motor vehicles



### 18.4 RATE OF GST COMPENSATION CESS

Items	GST Rate Applicable	GST Cess Range	GST Cess Ceiling
Coal	5%	INR 400 / tonne	INR 400 / tonne
Pan Masala	28%	60%	135%
Tobacco	28%	61% – 204%	INR 4170 / thousand
Aerated Drinks	28%	12%	15%
Motor Vehicles	28%	1% – 22%	22%

### 18.5 HOW TO CALCULATE GST COMPENSATION CESS

The GST cess on an eligible product will be calculated according to the rate specified in the GST cess rate schedule and on the actual taxable value (transaction value) of the supply, not on the GST tax.

For cess applicable imports, the GST cess amount will be calculated on the taxable value + customs duty, i.e. the same value on which IGST is levied.

#### Example 1:

M/s X Ltd. being a dealer in new cars sold a Petrol Car on which applicable GST rate is 28% and GST Cess rate is 1%. Transaction value is ₹ 5,00,000/. Find the GST liability?

#### Answer:

		₹
Transaction value	=	5,00,000
CGST 14%	=	70,000 (i.e. ₹ 5,00,000 x 14%)
SGST 14%	=	70,000 (i.e. ₹ 5,00,000 x 14%)
Cess 1%	=	5,000 (i.e. ₹ 5,00,000 x 1%)
Invoice price of the car	=	6,45,000

#### Example 2:

Can input credit be availed on Cess paid on inward supply of these goods?

#### Answer:

Yes, input credit can be availed on Cess paid on inward supplies. However, credit of Cess paid can be utilized only towards payment of Cess liability.

#### CLARIFICATION

Notifications issued under CGST Act, 2017 applicable to Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act, 2017 has been clarified vide Circular No. 68/42/2018-GST dt 05.10.2018

The GST Council has provide a clarification regarding the entitlement of UN and specified international organizations, foreign diplomatic mission or consular posts, diplomatic agents and consular offices post therein to refund of Compensation Cess payable on intra-State and inter-State supply of goods or services or both received by them.

Accordingly, it is clarified that UN and specified international organizations, foreign diplomatic missions or consular posts in India, or diplomatic agents or career consular officers posted therein, having being specified under section 55 of the CGST Act, 2017, are entitled to refund of Compensation Cess payable on intra-State and inter- State supply of goods or services or both received by them subject to the same conditions and restrictions, mutatis mutandis, as prescribed in Notification No. 16/2017-Central Tax(Rate) dated 28.06.2017 which specify UN and specified international organizations, foreign diplomatic missions or consular posts in India, or diplomatic agents or career consular officers posted therein for the purposes of the said section.

# Study Note - 19

## ADVANCE CONCEPTS UNDER GST



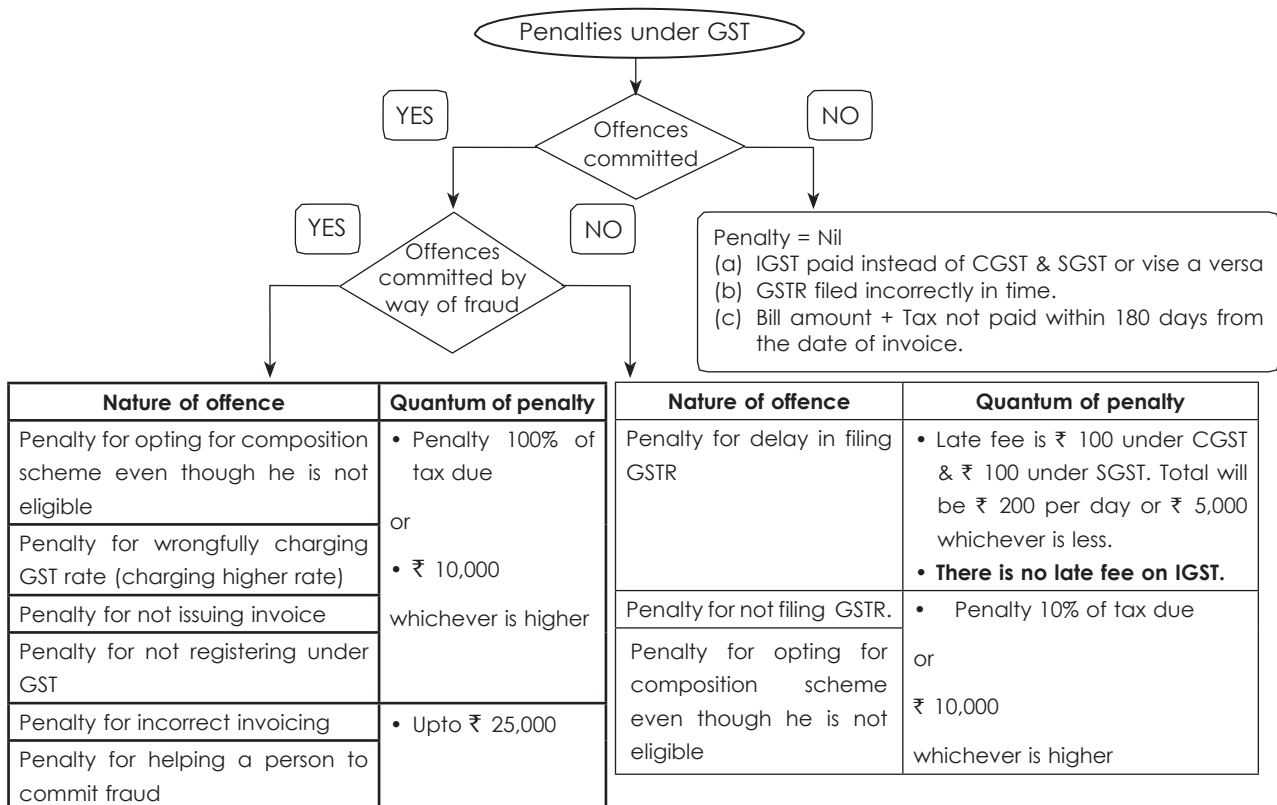
### This Study Note includes

- 19.1 Offences and Penalties
- 19.2 Arrest, Prosecution and Compounding of Offence
- 19.3 Demand and Adjudication
- 19.4 Recovery of Tax
- 19.5 Appeals and Revisions
- 19.6 Advance Ruling
- 19.7 GST Practitioner

### 19.1 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

An offence under GST is a breach of the provisions of GST Act and GST Rules and hence penalty can be imposed. A penalty is a punishment imposed by law for committing an offence or failing to do something that was the duty of a registered person to do.

Section 122 to 131 contained in Chapter XIX of CGST Act, 2017 makes provisions relating to offence and penalties. Summary of these provisions are as follows:





**Note:** From October 2017 onwards, the amount of late fee payable by a taxpayer whose tax liability for that month was 'NIL' will be ₹20/- per day (₹10/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts) instead of ₹200/- per day (₹100/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts).

Nature of offence	Quantum of late fee Section 47 of CGST Act.
<p>For delay in filing GSTR-1, GSTR-3B, GSTR-4 and GSTR-7 (from the tax period June 2021 onwards or quarter ending June, 2021 or FY 2020-21 onwards, as the case may be) (Notification Nos. 19-22/2021 CT dated 01.06.2021)</p>	<p><b>Nil Return:</b> ₹500 (₹250 each under CGST &amp; SGST or ₹500 under IGST).</p> <p><b>Tax Return:</b> Aggregate turnover of ≤₹1.50 crores in the preceding F.Y. ₹2,000 (₹1,000 each under CGST &amp; SGST or ₹2,000 under IGST). Who has an aggregate turnover of more than ₹1.5 crore and up to ₹5 crore in the preceding financial year ₹5,000 (₹2,500 each under CGST &amp; SGST or ₹5,000 under IGST) For those taxpayers that have an aggregate annual turnover in the preceding year more than ₹5 crore, the late fee will be capped to maximum ₹5000 under Section 47.</p> <p><b>For delayed filing of GSTR-4:-</b> Total amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the CGST Act from F.Y. 2021-22 onwards, by the registered person (composition taxpayer) who fail to furnish Form GSTR-4 by the due date, shall be as follows: <b>Total tax payable in GSTR-4 is nil:</b> ₹500 (₹250 each under CGST &amp; SGST or ₹500 under IGST) <b>Tax return:</b> ₹2,000 (₹1,000 each under CGST &amp; SGST or ₹2,000 under IGST) <b>For delayed filing of GSTR-7:-</b> ₹25 for every day during which such failure continues or ₹100 whichever is lower.</p>

**Example:** M/s R Pvt Ltd. supplied goods worth ₹10,00,000 to M/s Y Ltd in the month of October 2019 plus GST 12%. M/s R Pvt Ltd. paid the GST on 5th January 2021. ITC of ₹70,000 is available in the books in September 2019. Calculate interest and penalty for delay in filing of October 2019 return if any.

Rework if dues paid against order under section 74 (dated 1st July, 2018) of the CGST Act, 2017 (i.e. recovery of dues in case of fraud).

**Answer:**

Interest = ₹10,134

[i.e. (1,20,000 – 70,000) \* 18% \* 411/365] Total Penalty is ₹10,000.

[i.e. ₹5,000 (CGST) plus ₹5,000 (SGST)].

(411 days x ₹50 = ₹20,550 CGST and SGST of ₹20,550 or ₹10,000 whichever is less)

**Rework:**

Interest = ₹32,430/-

[i.e.  $1,20,000 \times 24\% \times 411/365$ ] Total penalty is ₹1,20,000

$100\% \times ₹1,20,000 = ₹1,20,000$  (CGST + SGST)

or

₹20,000 (i.e. ₹10,000 each Act.)

whichever is higher.

**As per the Finance Act, 2020, sub-section (1A) inserted in Section 122 of CGST Act, 2017:**

namely,

Any person who retains the benefit of a transaction covered under clauses (i), (ii), (vii) or clause (ix) of subsection (1) of Section 122 and at whose instance such transaction is conducted, shall be liable to pay penalty of an amount equivalent to the tax evaded or input tax credit availed of or passed on.

**Note:**

**Section 122(1)(i):** supplies any goods or services or both without issuance of any invoices or issues an incorrect or false invoice with regard to any such supply;

**Section 122(1)(ii):** issues any invoice or bill without supply of goods or services or both in violation of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder;

**Section 122(1)(vii):** takes or utilises input tax credit without actual receipt of goods or services or both either fully or partially, in contravention of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder;

**Section 122(1)(ix):** takes or distributes ITC in contravention of section 20 of the CGST Act, 2017 or the rules made thereunder.

**Section 126 of CGST Act, 2017, General disciplines related to penalty:**

Section 126(1) of CGST Act, 2017, no officer under this Act shall impose any penalty for minor breaches of tax regulations or procedural requirements and in particular, any omission or mistake in documentation which is easily rectifiable and made without fraudulent intent or gross negligence.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this sub-section,—

- (a) a breach shall be considered a 'minor breach' if the amount of tax involved is less than ₹5,000;
- (b) an omission or mistake in documentation shall be considered to be easily rectifiable if the same is an error apparent on the face of record.
- (2) The penalty imposed under this Act shall depend on the facts and circumstances of each case and shall be commensurate with the degree and severity of the breach.
- (3) No penalty shall be imposed on any person without giving him an opportunity of being heard.
- (4) The officer under this Act shall while imposing penalty in an order for a breach of any law, regulation or procedural requirement, specify the nature of the breach and the applicable law, regulation or procedure under which the amount of penalty for the breach has been specified.
- (5) When a person voluntarily discloses to an officer under this Act the circumstances of a breach of the tax law, regulation or procedural requirement prior to the discovery of the breach by the officer under this Act, the proper officer may consider this fact as a mitigating factor when quantifying a penalty for that person.





(6) The provisions of this section shall not apply in such cases where the penalty specified under this Act is either a fixed sum or expressed as a fixed percentage.

Example: Mangeshwar, registered under the CGST Act, 2017 has made a breach in payment of tax amounting to ₹6,100. Assessing authority has imposed a penalty as per law applicable to the breach. Invoking the provisions of Section 126, Mangeshwar argues that it is a minor breach and therefore no penalty is impossible.

In another instance, Mangeshwar has omitted certain details in documentation that is not easily rectifiable. This has occurred due to the gross negligence of his accountant and he makes a plea that he was unaware of it and therefore no penalty should be levied.

Mangeshwar voluntarily writes accepting a major procedural lapse from his side and requests the officer to condone the lapse as the loss caused to the revenue was not significant.

Also a lapse on the part of Mangeshwar has no specific penalty provision under the CGST Act, 2017. He is very confident that no penalty should be levied without a specific provision under this Act.

Discuss, what action may be taken by the Assessing Authority under law for each of the above breaches. (CA Final May 2018)

Answer:

As per Section 126(1) a breach shall be considered a 'minor breach' if the amount of tax involved is less than ₹5,000; no penalty is imposed on such minor breach.

In the given case it is ₹6,100, hence, it is not minor breach. Therefore, argument of Mangeshwar is not correct.

As per Section 126(1) of the CGST Act, 2017, an omission or mistake in documentation shall be considered to be easily rectifiable if the same is an error apparent on the face of record and made without fraudulent intent or gross negligence. No penalty is imposed on such omission or mistake in documentation.

In the given case Mangeshwar has omitted certain details in documentation that is not easily rectifiable. Hence, penalty will be imposed.

As per Section 126(5) of CGST Act, 2017, when a person voluntarily discloses to an officer under this Act the circumstances of a breach of the tax law, regulation or procedural requirement prior to the discovery of the breach by the officer under this Act, the proper officer may consider this fact as a mitigating factor when quantifying a penalty for that person.

In the given case proper officer may consider condoning the lapse.

Section 126(6) of CGST Act, 2017, the provisions of this section shall not apply in such cases where the penalty specified under this Act is either a fixed sum or expressed as a fixed percentage. In the given case as per section 126 penalty can be imposed.

### **Power to impose penalty in certain cases Section 127 of the CGST Act, 2017:**

Where the proper officer is of the view that a person is liable to a penalty and the same is not covered under any proceedings under section 62 or section 63 or section 64 or section 73 or section 74 or section 129 or section 130, he may issue an order levying such penalty after giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard to such person.

### **Power to waive penalty or fee or both Section 128 of the CGST Act, 2017:**

The Government may, by notification, waive in part or full, any penalty referred to in section 122 or section 123 or section 125 or any late fee referred to in section 47 for such class of taxpayers and under such mitigating circumstances as may be specified therein on the recommendations of the Council.

**Detention, seizure and release of goods and conveyances in transit Section 129 of the CGST Act, 2017:**

**Section 129, Detention, seizure and release of goods and conveyances in transit, As per Finance Act, 2021 (w.e.f. 1-1-2022):**

As per section 129(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 where any person transports any goods or stores any goods while they are in transit in contravention of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder, all such goods and conveyance used as a means of transport for carrying the said goods and documents relating to such goods and conveyance shall be liable to detention or seizure and after detention or seizure, shall be released,-- Upon payment of penalty in addition to tax and interest. W.e.f. 1-1-2022, only penalty is payable for release of such goods but amount of penalty is now higher.

Particulars	Taxable Goods		Exempted Goods	
	When owner comes forward	When owner does not come forward	When owner comes forward	When owner does not come forward
Penalty Sec 129(1) (a)/(b)	<b>200%</b> of Tax payable on such goods	<b>50%</b> of the value of goods or <b>200%</b> of the tax payable on such goods, <b>whichever is higher.</b>	<b>@ 2%</b> of the value of goods Or ₹25,000 <b>Whichever is less</b>	<b>@ 5%</b> of the value of goods Or ₹25,000 <b>Whichever is less</b>

Sec 129(1)(c), Upon furnishing a security equivalent to the amount payable under clause (a) or clause (b) of Section 129(1), in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

Sec 129(3), The Proper Officer shall issue notice within 7 days of such detention or seizure, specifying the penalty payable, and thereafter pass an order within 7 days from the date of service of such notice, for payment of penalty u/s 129.



Sec 129(6), Where the person transporting any goods or the owner of such goods fails to pay the amount of penalty under sub-section (1) within 15 days from the date of receipt of the copy of the order passed under sub-section (3), the goods or conveyance so detained or seized shall be liable to be sold or disposed of otherwise, in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed in newly inserted rule 144A, to recover the penalty payable under sub-section (3):

Provided that the conveyance shall be released on payment by the transporter of

- penalty under sub-section (3) or
- one lakh rupees,

whichever is less:

Provided further that where the detained or seized goods are perishable or hazardous in nature or are likely to depreciate in value with passage of time, the said period of fifteen days may be reduced by the proper officer.

As a result, proceedings under section 129 delinked from the proceedings under section 130 of CGST Act, 2017.

Example: calculate the amount to be paid for release of goods detained or seized under section 129 of the CGST Act, 2017, if owner of the goods does not come forward for payment of applicable tax and penalty.

Particulars	Amount in ₹
Value of goods	15,00,000
GST payable on such goods	2,70,000

Answer:

In the given case, the amount payable under section 129 is ₹7,50,00/-

Penalty only is payable.

$$15,00,000 \times 50\% = 7,50,000$$

Or

$$2,70,000 \times 200\% = 5,40,000$$

Whichever is higher.

A new rule 144A (Recovery of penalty by sale of goods or conveyance detained or seized in transit) has been inserted with effect from 01.01.2022. The new rule lays down that that where the person transporting any goods or the owner of such goods fails to pay the amount of penalty under section 129(1) within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the copy of the order passed under section 129(3), the proper officer shall proceed for sale or disposal of the goods or conveyance so detained or seized by preparing an inventory and estimating the market value of such goods or conveyance.

If the detained or seized goods are perishable or hazardous in nature or are likely to depreciate in value with passage of time, the said period of fifteen days may be reduced by the proper officer. The said goods or conveyance shall be sold through a process of auction, including e-auction.

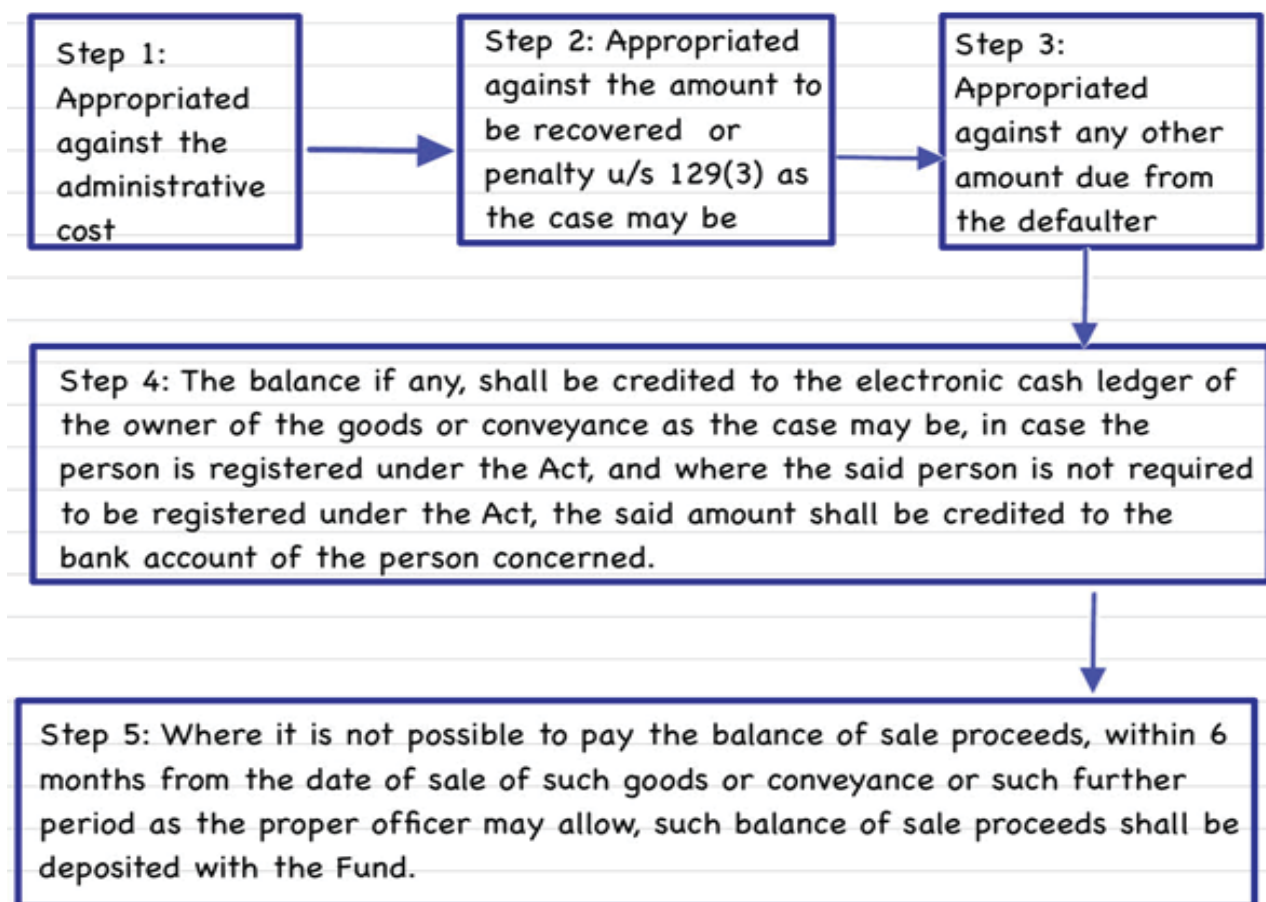
Question:

Who will be considered as the "owner of the goods" for the purposes of section 129(1) of the CGST Act?

Answer: As per the CBEC Circular No. 76/50/2018-GST, dated 31st Dec. 2018, It is hereby clarified that if the invoice or any other specified document is accompanying the consignment of goods, then either the consignor or the consignee should be deemed to be the owner. If the invoice or any other specified document is not accompanying the consignment of goods, then in such cases, the proper officer should determine who should be declared as the owner of the goods.

**Sequence of appropriation of sale proceeds realized for recovery of penalty under section 129(3):**

Sequence of appropriation provided for sale proceeds realised for recovery of penalty under section 129(3) dealt under Rule 154 of CGST Rules, 2017:



**[Vide Notification No. 40/2021 CT dated 29-12-2021]**

Confiscation of goods or conveyances and levy of penalty Section 130 of the CGST Act, 2017:

As per Section 130(1) of the CGST Act, 2017—

- (i) supplies or receives any goods in contravention of any of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder with intent to evade payment of tax; or
- (ii) does not account for any goods on which he is liable to pay tax under this Act; or
- (iii) supplies any goods liable to tax under this Act without having applied for registration; or
- (iv) contravenes any of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder with intent to evade payment of tax; or
- (v) uses any conveyance as a means of transport for carriage of goods in contravention of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder unless the owner of the conveyance proves that it was so used without the knowledge or connivance of the owner himself, his agent, if any, and the person in charge of the conveyance, then, all such goods or conveyances shall be liable to confiscation and the person shall be liable to penalty under section 122.



As per Section 130(2) of the CGST Act, 2017, Whenever confiscation of any goods or conveyance is authorised by this Act, the officer adjudging it shall give to the owner of the goods an option to pay in lieu of confiscation, such fine as the said officer thinks fit:

Provided that such fine leviable shall not exceed the market value of the goods confiscated, less the tax chargeable thereon:

Provided further that the aggregate of such fine and penalty leviable shall not be less than the amount of penalty leviable under sub-section (1) of section 129:

Provided also that where any such conveyance is used for the carriage of the goods or passengers for hire, the owner of the conveyance shall be given an option to pay in lieu of the confiscation of the conveyance a fine equal to the tax payable on the goods being transported thereon.

As per Section 130(3) of the CGST Act, 2017, Where any fine in lieu of confiscation of goods or conveyance is imposed under sub-section (2), the owner of such goods or conveyance or the person referred to in sub-section (1), shall, in addition, be liable to any tax, penalty and charges payable in respect of such goods or conveyance.

As per Section 130(4) of the CGST Act, 2017, No order for confiscation of goods or conveyance or for imposition of penalty shall be issued without giving the person an opportunity of being heard.

As per Section 130(5) of the CGST Act, 2017, Where any goods or conveyance are confiscated under this Act, the title of such goods or conveyance shall thereupon vest in the Government.

As per Section 130(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 The proper officer adjudging confiscation shall take and hold possession of the things confiscated and every officer of Police, on the requisition of such proper officer, shall assist him in taking and holding such possession.

As per Section 130(7) of the CGST Act, 2017, The proper officer may, after satisfying himself that the confiscated goods or conveyance are not required in any other proceedings under this Act and after giving reasonable time not exceeding three months to pay fine in lieu of confiscation, dispose of such goods or conveyance and deposit the sale proceeds thereof with the Government.

Example: From the details given below determine the maximum amount of fine in lieu of confiscation leviable under 130 of CGST Act, 2017 on:

- (i) the goods liable for confiscation.
- (ii) On the conveyance used for carriage of such goods.

Details are as follows:

Cost of the goods for owner before GST	15,00,000
Market value of goods	20,00,000
GST on such goods	3,60,000

You are also required to explain relevant legal provisions in brief.

Answer:

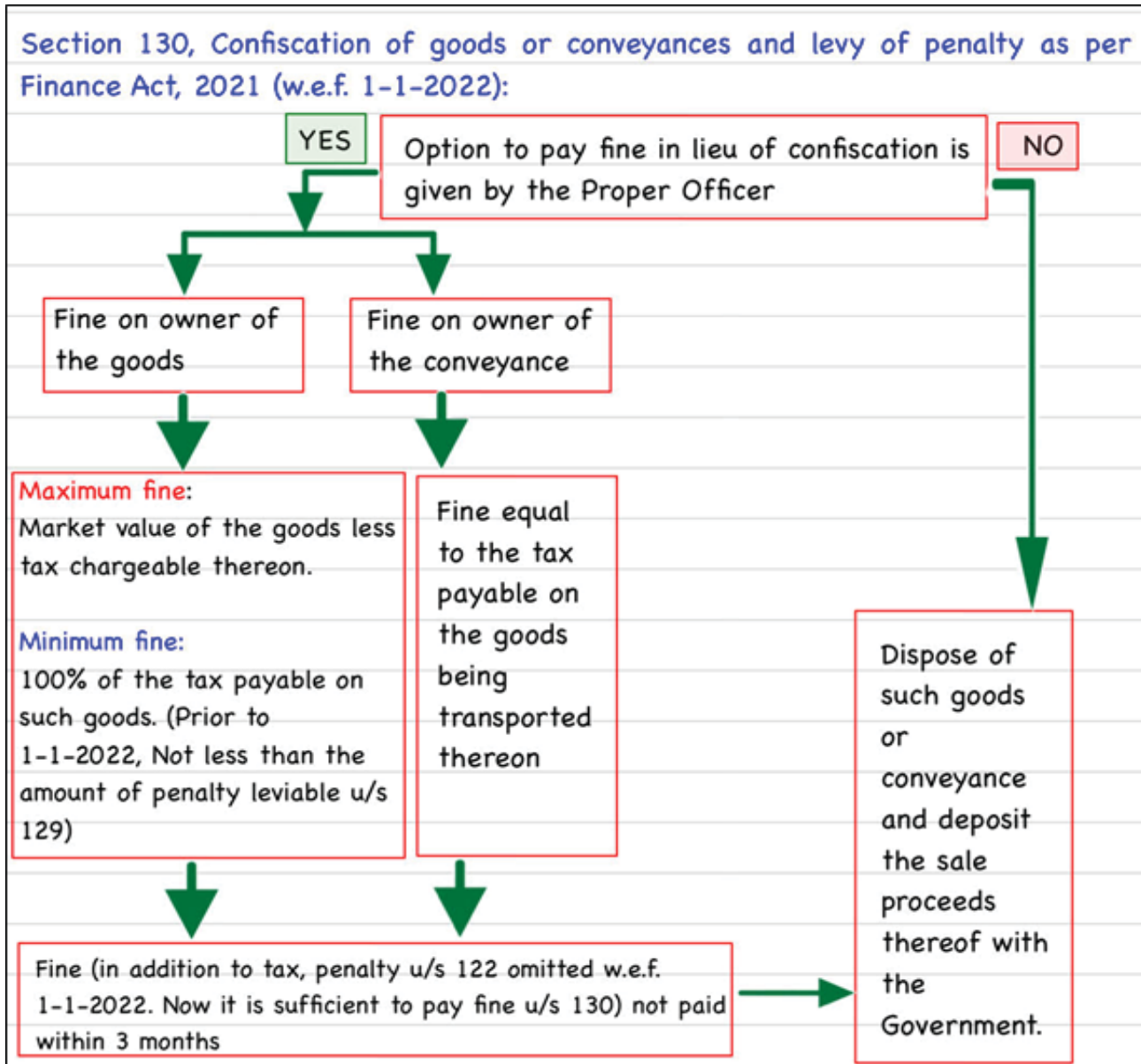
- (i) Fine in lieu of confiscation u/s 130 of CGST Act, 2017 = (₹20,00,000 – ₹3,60,000) = ₹16,40,000/-
- (ii) Fine in lieu of confiscation u/s 130 of CGST Act, 2018 = ₹3,60,000/-

Note:

- (a) Fine leviable shall not exceed the market value of the goods confiscated, less the tax chargeable thereon:
- (b) Any such conveyance is used for the carriage of the goods or passengers for hire, the owner of the conveyance shall be given an option to pay in lieu of the confiscation of the conveyance a fine equal to the tax payable on the goods being transported thereon.

**Proceedings under section 130 delinked from proceedings under section 129:**

w.e.f. 1-1-2022, Section 130 of the CGST Act (i.e. Confiscation of goods or conveyances and levy of penalty) has been amended to delink the proceedings under that section relating to confiscation of goods or conveyances and levy of penalty from the proceedings under section 129 relating to detention, seizure and release of goods and conveyances in transit.



**Proceedings under section 129 and section 130 delinked from proceedings under section 74 of CGST Act, 2017:**

Section 74 deals with Determination of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised by reason of fraud or any willful mis-statement or suppression of facts.

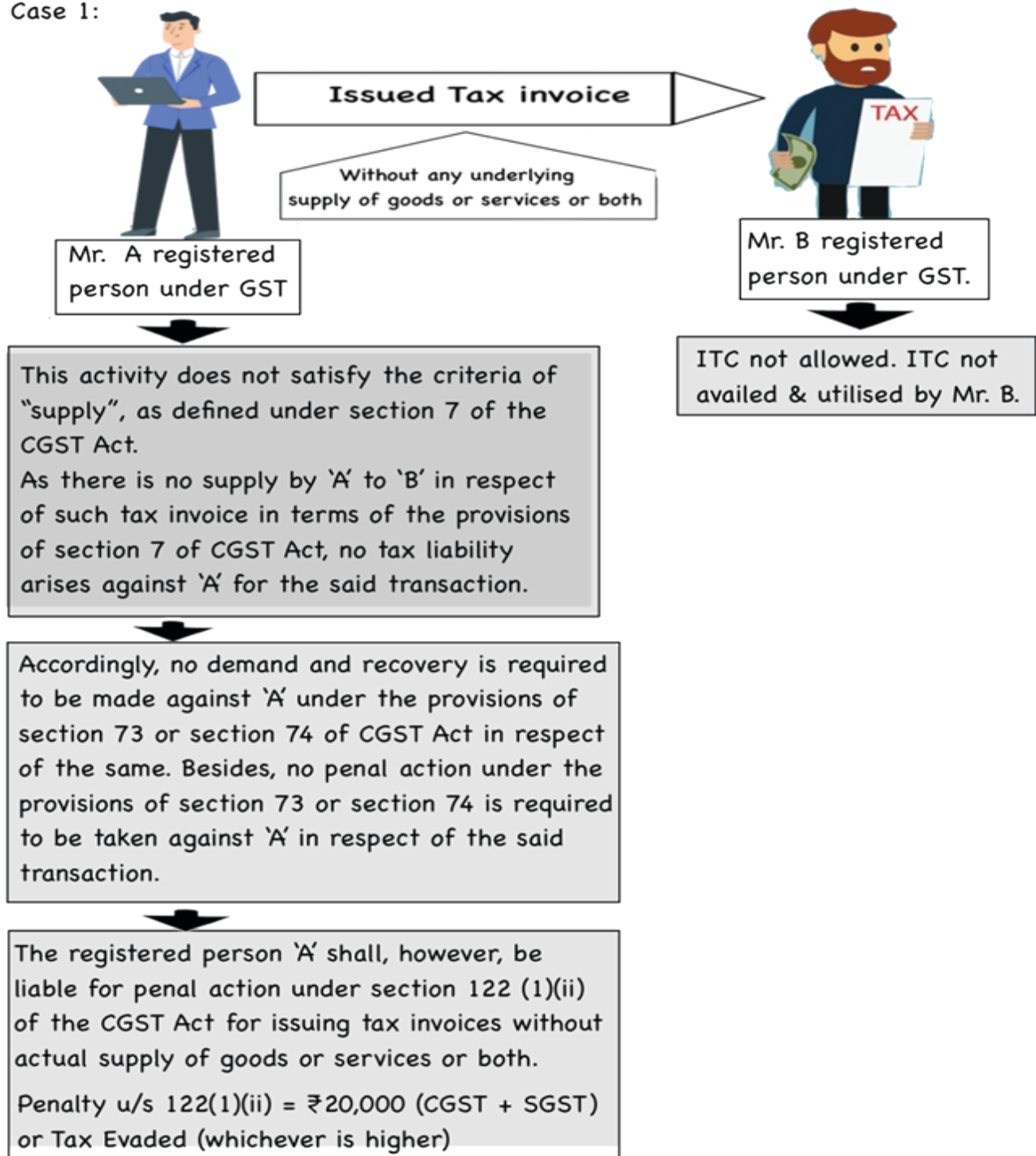
w.e.f. 1-1-2022, Section 74 of the CGST Act has been amended so as make seizure (section 129) and confiscation of goods and conveyances (section 130) in transit a separate proceeding from recovery of tax.

This makes detention, seizure and confiscation of goods and conveyances in transit a separate proceeding from recovery of tax.

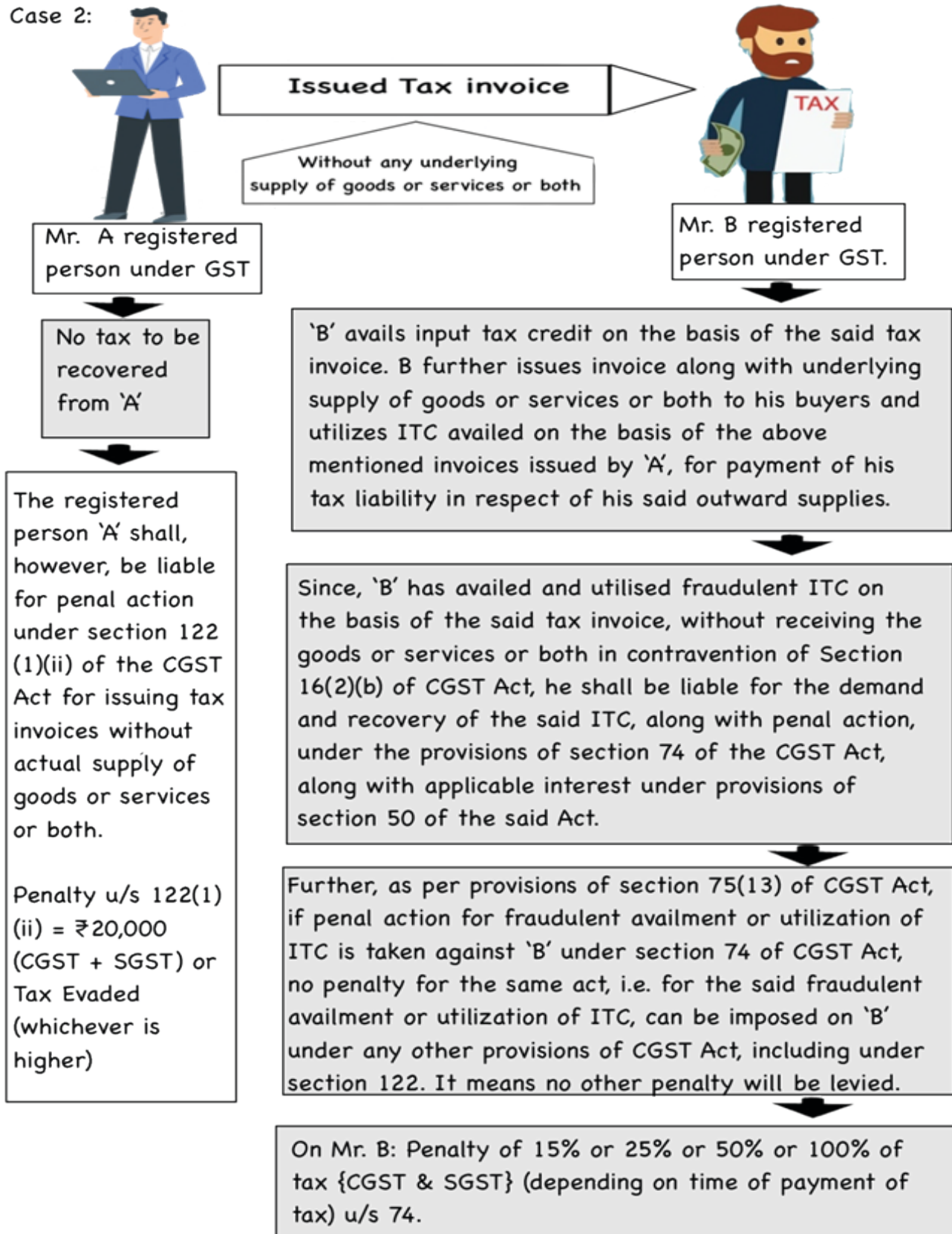
A circular has been issued clarifying various issues relating to applicability of demand and penalty provisions under the CGST Act, 2017 in respect of transactions involving fake invoices:

[Circular No. 171/03/2022-GST dt. 6th July, 2022]

Case 1:

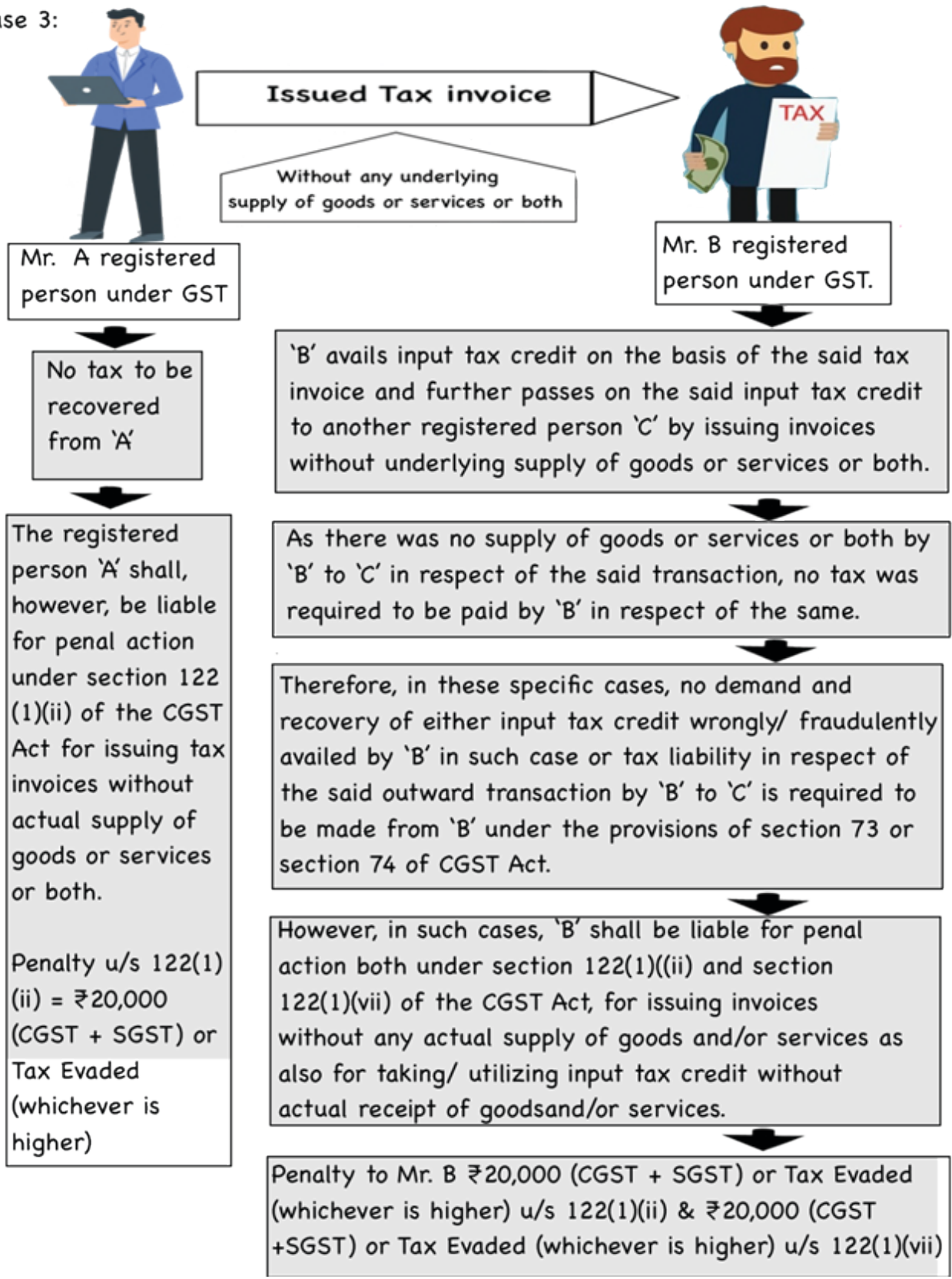


Case 2:





Case 3:





Since, 'C' has availed and utilised fraudulent ITC on the basis of the said tax invoice, without receiving the goods or services or both in contravention of Section 16(2)(b) of CGST Act, he shall be liable for the demand and recovery of the said ITC, along with penal action, under the provisions of section 74 of the CGST Act, along with applicable interest under provisions of section 50 of the said Act.

Mr. C has to pay penalty @15% or 25% or 50% or 100% of tax as the case may be u/s 74 along with Interest u/s 50.

Any person who has retained the benefit of transactions specified under sub-section (1A) of section 122 of CGST Act, and at whose instance such transactions are conducted, shall also be liable for penal action under the provisions of the said sub-section. It may also be noted that in such cases of wrongful/fraudulent availment or utilization of input tax credit, or in cases of issuance of invoices without supply of goods or services or both, leading to wrongful availment or utilization of input tax credit or refund of tax, provisions of section 132 of the CGST Act may also be invocable, subject to conditions specified therein, based on facts and circumstances of each case.

## 19.2 ARREST, PROSECUTION AND COMPOUNDING OF OFFENCE

The person committing the offence will be punishable depending on the amount involved which is as follows; Prosecution is the conducting of legal proceedings against someone in respect of a criminal charge.

Any person committing the following offences (i.e., deliberate intention of fraud) becomes liable to prosecution, i.e., face criminal charges Section 132(1) of the CGST Act, 2017:

The following are cognizable offences if the tax evaded > Rs 500 lakh (section 132(5) of the CGST Act, 2017):  
Whoever commits any of the following offences (from the Finance Act, 2020 dt. 27-3-2020 read as Whoever commits, or causes to commit and retain the benefits arising out of, any of the following offences), namely (Section 132(1) of the CGST Act, 2017):—

- (a) supplies any goods or services or both without issue of any invoice, in violation of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder, with the intention to evade tax;
- (b) issues any invoice or bill without supply of goods or services or both in violation of the provisions of this Act, or the rules made thereunder leading to wrongful availment or utilisation of input tax credit or refund of tax;
- (c) avails input tax credit using such invoice or bill referred to in clause (b), this clause shall be substituted from the Finance Act, 2020 dated 27-3-2020 namely- avails input tax credit using the invoice or bill referred to in clause (b) or fraudulently avails input tax credit without any invoice or bill;
- (d) collects any amount as tax but fails to pay the same to the Government beyond a period of three months from the date on which such payment becomes due;

**Note:** all the above offences shall be non-cognizable and bailable where tax evaded ≤ ₹ 500 lakh (Section 132(4) of the CGST Act, 2017).

The following are non-cognizable and bailable offences irrespective of the tax amount evaded (Section 132(4) of the CGSG Act, 2017):

Whoever commits any of the following offences, namely (Section 132(1) of the CGST Act, 2017):—

- (e) evades tax, (fraudulently omitted from the Finance Act, 2020 dated 27-3-2020) avails input tax credit or fraudulently obtains refund and where such offence is not covered under clauses (a) to (d);



- (f) falsifies or substitutes financial records or produces fake accounts or documents or furnishes any false information with an intention to evade payment of tax due under this Act;
- (g) obstructs or prevents any officer in the discharge of his duties under this Act;
- (h) acquires possession of, or in any way concerns himself in transporting, removing, depositing, keeping, concealing, supplying, or purchasing or in any other manner deals with, any goods which he knows or has reasons to believe are liable to confiscation under this Act or the rules made thereunder;
- (i) receives or is in any way concerned with the supply of, or in any other manner deals with any supply of services which he knows or has reasons to believe are in contravention of any provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder;
- (j) tampers with or destroys any material evidence or documents;
- (k) fails to supply any information which he is required to supply under this Act or the rules made thereunder or (unless with a reasonable belief, the burden of proving which shall be upon him, that the information supplied by him is true) supplies false information; or
- (l) attempts to commit, or abets the commission of any of the offences mentioned in clauses (a) to (k) of this section,

### Cognizable or non-cognizable:

Section	Tax amount involved	Quantum of punishment by imprisonment	Cognizable Or non-cognizable	Bailable or non-bailable
132(1)(i)	> ₹ 500 lakhs	Upto 5 years with fine	Cognizable	Non-bailable
132(1)(ii)	> ₹ 200 lakhs ≤ ₹ 500 lakhs	Upto 3 years with fine	Non-cognizable	Bailable
132(1)(iii)	> ₹ 100 lakhs ≤ ₹ 200 lakhs	Upto 1 years with fine	Non-cognizable	Bailable
132(1)(iv)	Offence specified in clauses (f),(g) or (j) of Section 132(1) of the CGST Act, 2017	Upto 6 months or with fine or with both	Non-cognizable	Bailable

### Second and subsequent offence:

Section 132(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 where any person convicted of an offence under this section is again convicted of an offence under this section, then, he shall be punishable for the second and for every subsequent offence with **imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine.**

### Minimum imprisonment is 6 months:

Section 132(3) of the CGST Act, 2017 the imprisonment referred to in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of sub-section (1) and sub-section (2) shall, in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be recorded in the judgment of the Court, be for a term not less than six months.

### Prior permission from the Commissioner:

Section 132(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 a person shall not be prosecuted for any offence under this section except with the previous sanction of the Commissioner.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this section, the term "tax" shall include the amount of tax evaded or the amount of input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised or refund wrongly taken under the provisions of this Act, the State Goods and Services Tax Act, the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act and cess levied under the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act.

**Example 1:**

Discuss the prosecution, arrest and bail implications, if any, in respect of the following cases pertaining to the period November 2017:

- (i) 'Ram' avails input tax credit of ₹ 162 lakh without actual receipt of excisable goods. However, he is yet to utilize the same (i.e. Yet to confirm this credit in his GSTR-2A return).
- (ii) 'Rahim' willfully evades payment of tax of ₹ 275 lakh.
- (iii) 'Robert' fails to supply information sought by the Central Tax Officer. The amount of GST involved is ₹ 8 lakh.
- (iv) 'Lakshman' collects ₹ 585 lakh as tax from its clients but deposits only ₹ 25 lakh with the Central Government.
- (v) 'Karthik' collects ₹ 265 lakh as IGST from its clients and deposits ₹ 261 lakh with the Central Government by falsifies or substitutes financial records or produces fake accounts or documents.

What will be the prosecution implications, if Rahim, Robert, Lakshman and Karthik are convicted for subsequent offences?

Answer:

Person	Offence	Prosecution	Arrest	Bail
'Ram'	No offence. Because utilization of ITC not confirmed in his return GSTR-2A	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
'Rahim'	Non-cognizable offence [Section 132(1)(e)]	Upto 3 years with fine [Section 132(1)(ii)]	Arrest can be ordered by Commissioner of Central Tax.	Bailable offence [Section 132(4)]
'Robert'	Non-cognizable offence [Section 132(1)(k)]	Not applicable [since, tax evasion not exceeds ₹ 100 lakh]	No Arrest can be ordered by Commissioner of Central Tax.	Not applicable
'Lakshman'	Cognizable offence [Section 132(1)(a)]	Upto 5 years with fine [Section 132(1)(i)]	Arrest can be ordered by Commissioner of Central Tax without arrest warrant	Non-Bailable Offence [Section 132(5)]
'Karthik'	Non-cognizable offence [Section 132(1)(f)]	Upto 6 months or with fine or with both [section 132(1)(iv)]	Arrest can be ordered by Commissioner of Central Tax.	Bailable Offence [Section 132(4)]

If Rahim, Robert, Lakshman and Karthik are convicted for subsequent offences:

Person	Prosecution for subsequent offences [Section 132(2) of the CGST Act, 2017]
'Rahim'	Imprisonment upto 5 years with fine
'Robert'	Imprisonment upto 5 years with fine
'Lakshman'	Imprisonment upto 5 years with fine
'Karthik'	Imprisonment upto 5 years with fine

**Power to arrest**

As per Section 69(1) of CGST Act, 2017, where the Commissioner has reasons to believe that a person has committed any offence specified in clause (a) or clause (b) or clause (c) or clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 132 which is punishable under clause (i) or (ii) of sub-section (1), or sub-section (2) of the said section, he may, by order, authorise any officer of central tax to arrest such person.



As per section 69(2) of CGST Act, 2017, where a person is arrested under sub-section (1) for an offence specified under sub-section (5) of section 132, the officer authorised to arrest the person shall inform such person of the grounds of arrest and produce him before a Magistrate within twenty-four hours.

As per Section 69(3) of CGST Act, 2017, Subject to the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973,—

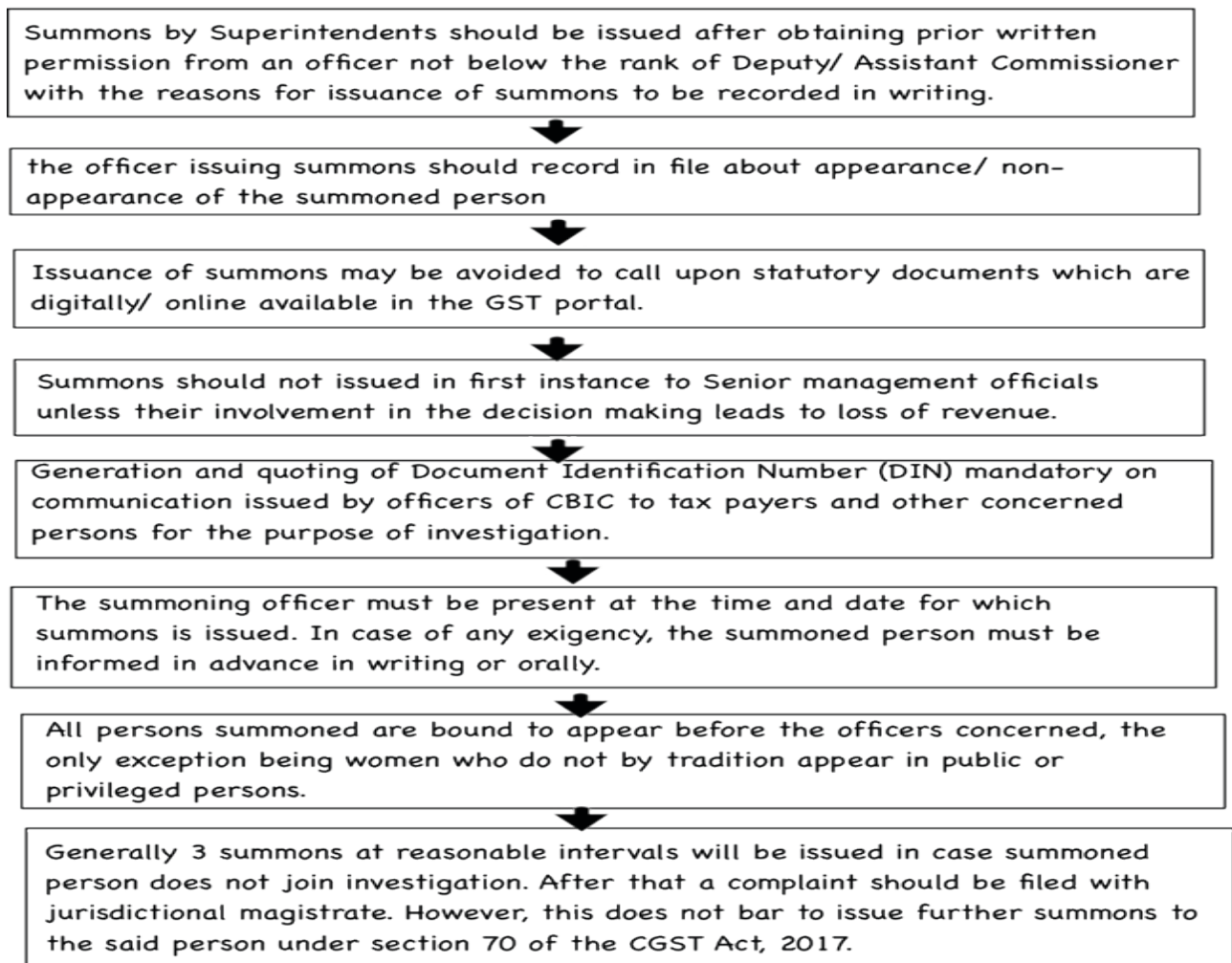
- (a) where a person is arrested under sub-section (1) for any offence specified under sub-section (4) of section 132, he shall be admitted to bail or in default of bail, forwarded to the custody of the Magistrate;
- (b) in the case of a non-cognizable and bailable offence, the Deputy Commissioner or the Assistant Commissioner shall, for the purpose of releasing an arrested person on bail or otherwise, have the same powers and be subject to the same provisions as an officer-in-charge of a police station.

**Monetary limit of ₹500 lakh is not applicable to prosecute a person:**

- (i) Habitual evaders: A company/taxpayer would be treated as habitual evader, if it has been involved in two or more cases of confirmed demand (at the first adjudication level or above) of tax evasion/fraudulent refund or misuse of ITC involving fraud, suppression of facts etc. in past two years such that the total tax evaded and/or total ITC misused and/or fraudulently obtained refund exceeds Five Hundred Lakh rupees. DIGIT database may be used to identify such habitual evaders.
- (ii) Arrest Cases: Cases where during the course of investigation, arrests have been made under section 69 of the CGST Act.

Guidelines on issuance of summons under section 70 of the CGST Act, 2017:

(Instruction No. 03/2022-23 (GST-Investigation) dt. 17.08.2022)





**Guidelines for arrest and bail in relation to offences punishable under the CGST Act, 2017 (Instruction No. 02/2022-23 (GST-Investigation) dt. 17.08.2022):**

I.e. non-bailable offence or arrest is necessary to ensure proper investigation etc. Arrest not be resorted in cases of technical nature i.e. demand of tax is based on a difference of opinion regarding interpretation of Law.

**Step 2: Procedure to arrest**  
Pr. Commissioner/Commissioner shall record on file that after considering the nature of offence, the role of person involved and evidence available, he has reason to believe that the person has committed an offence as mentioned in Section 132 and may authorize an officer of central tax to arrest the concerned person(s).

**Step 3: Arrest memo**  
The arrest memo should indicate relevant section (s) of the CGST Act, 2017 or other laws attracted to the case and to the arrested person and inapplicable provisions should be struck off. In addition, the grounds of arrest must be explained to the arrested person and this fact must be mentioned in the arrest memo and also informed immediately to a nominated or authorised person of the arrested person.

**Step 4: Post arrest formalities**  
In cases, where a person is arrested under sub-section (1) of Section 69 of the CGST Act, 2017, for an offence specified under sub-section (4) of Section 132 of the CGST Act, 2017 (i.e. bailable offences), the Assistant Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner is bound to release a person on bail against a bail bond.  
In cases, where a person is arrested under sub-section (1) of Section 69 of the CGST Act, 2017, for an offence specified under sub-section (5) of Section 132 of the CGST Act, 2017 (non-bailable), the officer authorized to arrest the person shall inform such person of the grounds of arrest and produce him before a Magistrate within twenty-four hours.

**Step 5: Report to be sent**  
a monthly report of all persons arrested in the Zone shall be sent by the Principal Chief Commissioner(s)/Chief Commissioner(s) to the Directorate General of GST Intelligence, Headquarters, New Delhi, by the 5th of the succeeding month.





**Section 133, Liability of officers and certain other persons:**

Where any person engaged in connection with the collection of statistics u/s 151 or if any officer of central tax having access to information specified under section 150(1) wilfully acts otherwise than his duties shall be punishable with imprisonment for the term which may extend to 6 months or with fine which may extend to ₹25,000/-.

A person shall be prosecuted for any offence under this section:-

- In case of Government Servant – with the previous sanction of Government only.
- In case of person other than Government Servant – with the previous sanction of Commissioner only.

w.e.f. 1-1-2022, Section 151 of the CGST Act has been substituted to empower the jurisdictional commissioner to call for information from any person relating to any matter dealt with in connection with the Act.

Earlier, Commissioner was required to issue a notification to call for information from the concerned persons relating to any matter in respect of which statistics were to be collected.

W.e.f. 1-1-2022, section 152 of the CGST Act, has been amended so as to provide that no information obtained u/s 150 and 151 shall be used for the purpose of any proceedings under that Act without giving an opportunity of being heard to the person concerned.

w.e.f 1-1-2022, Section 168 of the CGST Act has been amended to enable the jurisdictional commissioner to exercise powers under section 151 to call for information.

**Section 135, Presumption of culpable mental state:**

**In any prosecution for an offence under this Act which requires a culpable mental state on the part of the accused, the court shall presume the existence of such mental state but it shall be a defence for the accused to prove the fact that he had no such mental state with respect to the act charged as an offence in that prosecution.**

Explanation.- For the purposes of this section,-

- (i) the expression "culpable mental state" includes intention, motive, knowledge of a fact, and belief in, or reason to believe, a fact;
- (ii) a fact is said to be proved only when the court believes it to exist beyond reasonable doubt and not merely when its existence is established by a preponderance of probability.

Section 136, Relevancy of statements under certain circumstances:

A statement made and signed by a person on appearance in response to any summons issued under section 70 during the course of any inquiry or proceedings under this Act shall be relevant, and may be admitted in evidence in the interest of justice, if;

Section 136(a):

1. the person who made the statement is dead
2. or cannot be found,
3. or is incapable of giving evidence,
4. or is kept out of the way by the adverse party,
5. or whose presence cannot be obtained without an amount of delay or expense which, under the circumstances of the case, the court considers unreasonable;

'Or'

Section 136 (b):

If the above 5 circumstances do not exist, then before the statement is treated relevant and admissible under the law, it is necessary that

- the maker of the statement is 'not only' required to be present in the proceedings before the adjudicating authority,
- 'but' the court is also obliged under the law to examine him
- 'and' the court has to form an opinion
- that having regard to the circumstances of the case,
- the statement should be admitted in evidence in the interest of justice.

W.e.f. 01-10-2022, Consequent to the amendment in section 38, sub-section (2) of section 168 has been amended so as to remove the reference of section 38 therefrom.

Example: Mr. Truth in the statement made and signed by him under section 70 has stated the facts that M/s RRR Ltd. has supplied raw material to him without issue of any invoice. Before this statement of Mr. Truth, can be considered to be relevant and admissible in prosecution against M/s RRR Ltd, for the purpose of proving that M/s RRR Ltd. have committed an offence of supplying the goods issue of invoice, it is necessary that statement of Mr. Truth passes the test of 'being relevant'. This test of relevance is placed in Section 136 of the Act.

Section 137, Offences by companies (including Public & Private):

Example 1: What are the consequences of offences committed by Companies and certain other persons?

Answer: When an offence is committed by a Company, every person who at the time of offence was committed was in charge of or was responsible to the Company for the conduct of business of the Company as well as the Company shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be prosecuted against and punished accordingly.

Example 2: What are the consequences of an offence (under the CGST Act) has been committed by a Company and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent of any director, manager, secretary or other officers of the company?

Answer: If an offence under the Act has been committed by a Company and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any negligence on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other officers of the Company, then such director, manager, secretary or other officers of the Company shall also be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Example 3: What would be the situation if the person proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he had exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence?

Answer: Such person shall not be liable to any punishment.

Example 4: What are the consequences of offences committed by taxable person being a partnership firm or a LLP or HUF or a trust?

Answer: If offences are committed by taxable person being a partnership firm or a LLP or HUF or a trust, the partner or Karta or managing trustee respectively shall deemed to be guilty of offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Further, If offences are committed by partnership firm or a LLP or HUF or a trust and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any negligence on the part of, the partner or Karta or managing trustee respectively, then such partner or Karta or managing trustee shall also be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Example 5: Is culpable mental state necessary for prosecution?

Answer: Yes. In any prosecution for an offence under this Act which requires a culpable mental state on the part of the accused, the Court shall presume the existence of culpable mental state but it shall be a defence for the accused to prove the fact that he had no such mental state with respect to the act charged as an offence in that prosecution.



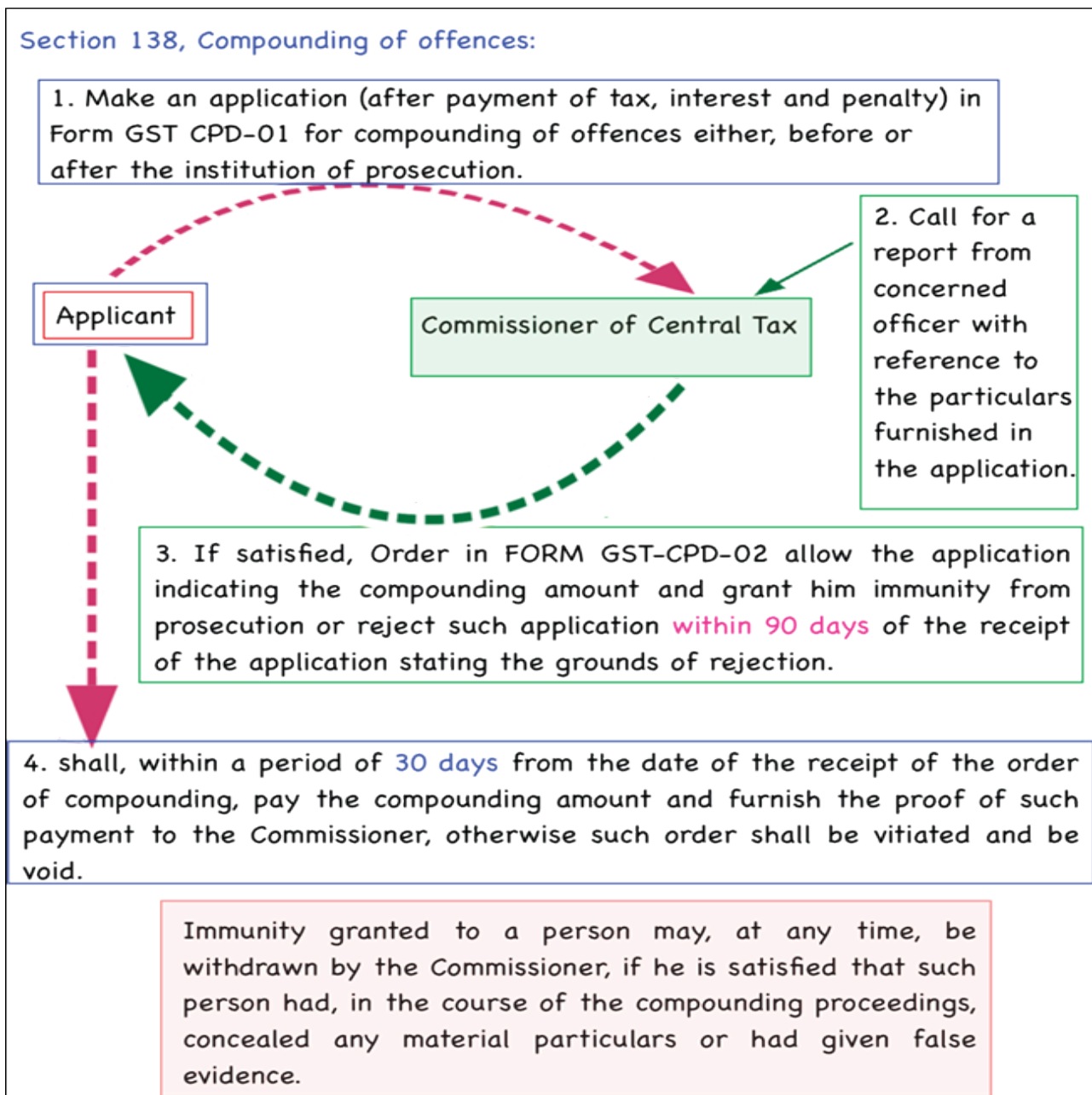


**Section 134, Cognizance of Offences:**

No court shall take cognizance (i.e. notice) of any offence punishable under this Act or the rules made thereunder except with the previous sanction of the Commissioner, and no court inferior to that of a Magistrate of the First Class, shall try any such offence.

**Compounding of offences under GST [Section 138 of the CGST Act, 2017]**

Compounding of offences is a short cut method to avoid litigation. In the case of prosecution for an offence in a criminal court, the accused has to appear before the Magistrate at every hearing through an advocate. Court proceedings are time-consuming and expensive. In compounding, the accused is not required to appear personally and can be discharged on payment of compounding fee which cannot be more than the maximum fine leviable under the relevant provisions.



Compounding will not be available for—

- (a) a person who has been allowed to compound once in respect of any of the offences specified in clauses (a) to (f) of sub-section (1) of section 132 and the offences specified in clause (l) which are relatable to offences specified in clauses (a) to (f) of the said sub-section;
- (b) a person who has been allowed to compound once in respect of any offence, other than those in clause (a), under this Act or under the provisions of any State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act or the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act in respect of supplies of value exceeding one crore rupees;
- (c) a person who has been accused of committing an offence under this Act which is also an offence under any other law for the time being in force;
- (d) a person who has been convicted for an offence under this Act by a court;
- (e) a person who has been accused of committing an offence specified in clause (g) or clause (j) or clause (k) of sub-section (1) of section 132 of the CGST Act, 2017; and
- (f) any other class of persons or offences as may be prescribed:

Provided further that any compounding allowed under the provisions of this section shall not affect the proceedings, if any, instituted under any other law:

Provided also that compounding shall be allowed only after making payment of tax, interest and penalty involved in such offences.

Amount payable for compounding

The amount payable for compounding of offences shall be 50% of the tax involved subject to a minimum ₹10,000.

Maximum amount for compounding is—

150% of the tax

OR

₹30,000

-Whichever is higher.

Abatement of further proceedings:

On payment of the compounding amount, no further proceedings shall be initiated against the accused person for the same offence and any criminal proceedings, if already initiated, will be abated.

Apart from prosecution, the offender can also be arrested.

Example 1: Are there any monetary limits prescribed for compounding of offence?

Answer: Yes. The lower limit for compounding amount is to be the greater of the following amounts:—

- 50% of tax involved, or
- ₹10,000.

The upper limit for compounding amount is to be greater of the following amounts:—

- 150% of tax involved, or
- ₹30,000.



Example 2:

Answer whether the following offences are compoundable as per section 138 of CGST Act, 2017.

Particulars	Compoundable –yes/no	Reason
X Pvt Ltd is making taxable supplies and not issuing tax invoice with the Intention to evade tax	Yes	This offence falls in Section 132(1)(a). Such offence is compoundable once. If X Pvt Ltd commits it for Second time, then it is not compoundable
2. (a) X firm issued tax invoice to few customers without actually making supply in order to give input tax benefit to customers  (b) Customers availed Input tax credit or claimed refund with the above said Invoices issued by X Firm	In case of X Firm- (a) Committed offence for First time – Yes Committed offence for Second time – No  In case of customers- (b) Committed offence for First time – Yes Committed offence for Second time – No	In case of X Firm-  This offence falls in Section 132(1)(b). Such offence is compoundable once. If X Firm commits it for Second time, then it is not compoundable  In case of Customers-  This offence falls in Section 132(1)(c). Such offence is compoundable once. If X Firm commits it for Second time, then it is not compoundable
Z LLP has a tax liability of `10 Lakhs for the month of August 2017. Z LLP failed to pay till 30th December 2017. Due date of payment for Z LLP is 20th September.	Committed offence for First time – Yes Committed offence for Second time – No	This offence falls in Section 132(1) (d). Such offence is compoundable once. If Z LLP commits it for Second time, then it is not compoundable
Y, an exporter intentionally availed excess refund of Input Tax credit	Committed offence for First time – Yes Committed offence for Second time – No	This offence falls in Section 132(1)(e). Such offence is compoundable once. If Y commits it for Second time, then it is not compoundable
F a dealer has intentionally furnished wrong information in return in order to evade or minimize tax outflow	Committed offence for First time – Yes Committed offence for Second time – No	This offence falls in Section 132(1)(f). Such offence is compoundable once. If Y commits it for Second time, then it is not compoundable
T Ltd manufacturer of Chemicals has not allowed an officer to allow the business premises wherein it the duty of the officer to visit the premises and also given moneys to officer not to investigate company as order in the Act.	NOT COMPOUNDABLE	This offence falls in Section 132(1)(g). Such offence is not compoundable
ABC Ltd have tampered or destroyed material evidence under this Act for Assessment	NOT COMPOUNDABLE	This offence falls in Section 132(1)(j). Such offence is not compoundable
Z Pvt Ltd company Intentionally fails to provide information or supplied wrong information to the officer	NOT COMPOUNDABLE	This offence falls in Section 132(1)(k). Such offence is not compoundable

<p>Mr.A being a GTA knowingly transported drugs or goods without proper Invoice to other place. Such goods are liable to confiscation.</p> <p>If the Value of above supplies is</p> <p>(a) ₹50 Lakhs</p> <p>(b) ₹150 Lakhs</p> <p>The value the amount involved in such offence is ₹50 Lakhs</p>	<p>Compoundable without any limit.</p> <p>(a) Compoundable without any limit.</p> <p>(b) Committed offence for First time – Yes</p> <p>Committed offence for Second time – No</p>	<p>This offence falls in Section 132(1)(h) for which no restriction is mentioned in Section 138(a).</p> <p>(a) This offence falls in Section 132(1)(h) for which no restriction is mentioned in Section 138(a).</p> <p>(b) This offence falls in Section 132(1)(h) though not mentioned in section 138(a) it falls under section 138(b) since value exceeded `One Crore rupees. Such offence is compoundable once. If Y commits it for Second time, then it is not compoundable</p>
<p>Mr. B is committed an offence for which court has convicted him.</p>	<p>NOT COMPOUNDABLE</p>	<p>This offence falls in Section 138(d) which is not compoundable.</p>

### 19.3 DEMAND AND ADJUDICATION

Adjudicating Authority:

As per Section 2(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 “adjudicating authority” means any authority, appointed or authorised to pass any order or decision under this Act, but does not include

- the Central Board of Excise and Customs,
- the Revisional Authority,
- the Authority for Advance Ruling,
- the Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling,
- the Appellate Authority and
- the Appellate Tribunal;

Officers under Section 3 of the CGST Act, 2017:

<b>(a)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Chief Commissioners of Central Tax or</li> <li>• Principal Directors General of Central Tax,</li> </ul>
<b>(b)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Commissioners of Central Tax or</li> <li>• Directors General of Central Tax,</li> </ul>
<b>(c)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Commissioners of Central Tax or</li> <li>• Principal Additional Directors General of Central Tax,</li> </ul>
<b>(d)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners of Central Tax or</li> <li>• Additional Directors General of Central Tax,</li> </ul>
<b>(e)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Commissioners of Central Tax or</li> <li>• Additional Directors of Central Tax,</li> </ul>
<b>(f)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Commissioners of Central Tax or</li> <li>• Deputy Directors of Central Tax,</li> </ul>



<b>(g)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Commissioners of Central Tax or</li> <li>• Assistant Directors General of Central Tax,</li> </ul>
<b>(h)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Chief Commissioners of Central Tax or</li> <li>• Principal Directors of Central Tax,</li> </ul>
<b>(i)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any other class of officers as it may deem fit:</li> </ul>

**Monetary limits to issue notices and orders are notified:**

Monetary limit of the amount of central tax (including cess)/IGST not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or input tax credit of central tax wrongly availed or utilized for issuance of show cause notices and passing of orders under sections 73 and 74 of CGST Act

Sl. No.	Officer of Central Tax	CGST (including cess)	IGST (including cess)	CGST & IGST (including cess)
1.	Superintendent of Central Tax	≤ ₹10 lakhs	≤ ₹20 lakhs	≤ ₹20 lakhs
2.	Deputy or Assistant Commissioner of Central Tax	> ₹10 lakhs ≤ ₹1 crore	> ₹20 lakhs ≤ ₹2 crore	> ₹20 lakhs ≤ ₹2 crore
3.	Additional or Joint Commissioner of Central Tax	> ₹1 crore without any limit	> ₹2 crore without any limit	> ₹2 crore without any limit

The central tax officers of Audit Commissionerate's and Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (hereinafter referred to as "DGGSTI") shall exercise the powers **only** to issue show cause notices. A show cause notice issued by them shall be adjudicated by the competent central tax officer of the Executive Commissionerate in whose jurisdiction the noticee is registered. In case there are more than one noticees mentioned in the show cause notice having their principal places of business falling in multiple Commissionerate's, the show cause notice shall be adjudicated by the competent central tax officer in whose jurisdiction, the principal place of business of the noticee from whom the highest demand of central tax and/or integrated tax (including cess) has been made falls.

Notwithstanding anything contained in above, a show cause notice issued by DGGSTI in which the principal places of business of the noticees fall in multiple Commissionerate's and where the central tax and/or integrated tax (including cess) involved is more than **₹5 crores** shall be adjudicated by an officer of the rank of Additional Director/Additional Commissioner (as assigned by the Board), who shall not be on the strength of DGGSTI and working there at the time of adjudication. Cases of similar nature may also be assigned to such an officer.

In case show cause notices have been issued on similar issues to a noticee(s) and made answerable to different levels of adjudicating authorities within a Commissionerate, such show cause notices should be adjudicated by the adjudicating authority competent to decide the case involving the highest amount of central tax and/or integrated tax (including cess).

**Demand and Adjudication:**

Show Cause Notice can be issued by proper officer to a registered person where it appears to him that tax has not been paid or short paid or erroneously refunded, or where input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilized, asking him to show cause as to why the said tax be not demanded and recovered from him.

Where it appears to the proper officer that any tax has not been paid or short-paid or erroneously refunded, or where input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilised for reason, other than of fraud or any willfull

misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax, he can issue show cause notice upto 3 months prior to normal period of demand within 3 years from the due date for furnishing of annual return for the financial year to which said demand pertains (i.e. show cause notice to be issued within 2 years and 9 months) as per section 73(1) and (2) read with section 73(10) of the CGST Act, 2017.

Where it appears to the proper officer that any tax has not been paid or short-paid or erroneously refunded, or where input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilised for reason, by reason of fraud or any willful misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax, he can issue show cause notice upto 6 months prior to extended period of demand within 5 years from the due date for furnishing of annual return for the financial year to which said demand pertains (i.e. show cause notice to be issued within 4 years and 6 months) as per section 74(1) and (2) read with section 74(10) of the CGST Act, 2017.

**Time limit for Show Cause Notice (SCN) and Adjudication (Order):**

Nature of transaction	Time for issuance of SCN	Time of issuance of order
Other than fraud	Within 2 years and 9 months from the due date of filing Annual Return for the Financial Year to which the demand pertains or from the date of erroneous refund. Section 73(2) of the CGST Act, 2017	Within 3 years from the due date of filing of Annual Return for the Financial Year to which the demand pertains or from the date of erroneous refund. Section 73(10) of the CGST Act, 2017
Fraud case	Within 4 years and 6 months from the due date of filing Annual Return for the Financial Year to which the demand pertains or from the date of erroneous refund. Section 74(2) of the CGST Act, 2017	Within 5 years from the due date of filing of Annual Return for the Financial Year to which the demand pertains or from the date of erroneous refund. Section 74(10) of the CGST Act, 2017
Any amount collected as tax but not paid Section 76(1) and (2) of the CGST Act, 2017.	No time limit	Within 1 Year from the date of issue of notice. Section 76(6) of the CGST Act, 2017
Non-payment of self-assessed tax	No need to issue a show cause notice	Recovery proceedings can be started directly.

**Dispensation of SCN (i.e. SCN not required to issue):**

(a) Once a SCN has been issued, where for normal period or extended period, for subsequent demand period, a statement showing details demand can be served if grounds of demand are same. It means for subsequent period no separate show cause notice is required to issue as per section 73(6) or 74(6) of the CGST Act, 2017.

(b) In a normal demand case (other than fraud), where assessee on the basis of his own ascertainment or ascertainment of the proper officer pays the tax short levied or short paid etc. along with interest and informs the proper officer in writing, then no SCN will be issued.

(c) In an extended period demand case (i.e. fraud case), where assessee on the basis of his own ascertainment or ascertainment of the proper officer pays the tax short levied or short paid etc., along with interest with 15% of the amount as penalty and informs the proper officer in writing, then no SCN will be issued.



**Clarification on the legal position of voluntary payment of taxes during the course of inspection, search or investigation:**

Under CGST Act, 2017, the taxpayers have an option to make voluntary payment of tax through Form DRC-03. Such voluntary payment of tax before issuance of show cause notice is permitted under section 73(5) and section 74(5) of the CGST Act, 2017. This helps the taxpayers in discharging their admitted liability, self-ascertained or as ascertained by the tax officer, without having to bear the burden of interest under section 50 of CGST Act, 2017 for delayed payment of tax and may also save him from higher penalty imposable on him subsequent to issuance of show cause notice under section 73 or section 74, as the case may be.

Recovery of taxes not paid or short paid, can be made under the provisions of section 79 of CGST Act, 2017 only after following due legal process of issuance of notice and subsequent confirmation of demand by issuance of adjudication order. Therefore, there may not arise any situation where "recovery" of the tax dues has to be made by the tax officer from the taxpayer during the course of search, inspection or investigation, on account of any issue detected during such proceedings. However, the law does not bar the taxpayer from voluntarily making payment of any tax liability ascertained by him or the tax officer in respect of such issues, either before or during the course of such proceedings or subsequently. The tax officer should however, inform the taxpayers regarding the provisions of voluntary tax payments through DRC-03.

The Pr. Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners, CGST Zones and Pr. Director General, DGGI are advised that in case, any complaint is received from a taxpayer regarding use of force or coercion by any of their officers for getting the amount deposited during search or inspection or investigation, the same may be enquired at the earliest and in case of any wrongdoing on the part of any tax officer, strict disciplinary action as per law may be taken against the defaulting officers.

[Instruction No. 01/2022-23 [GST-Investigation] dt. 25.05.2022]

**Clarification on levy of penalty under section 73 of the CGST Act in case of delayed filing of return:**

Issue: Whether penalty in accordance with section 73(11) of the CGST Act should be levied in cases where the return in Form GSTR-3B has been filed after the due date of filing such return?

Clarification: As per the provisions of section 73(11) of the CGST Act, penalty is payable in case self-assessed tax or any amount collected as tax has not been paid within a period of 30 days from the due date of payment of such tax.

The provisions of section 73(11) of the CGST Act can be invoked only when the provisions of section 73 are invoked and the provisions of section 73 of the CGST Act are generally not invoked in case of delayed filing of the return in FORM GSTR-3B because tax along with applicable interest has already been paid.

It is accordingly clarified that penalty under the provisions of section 73(11) of the CGST Act is not payable in such cases. It is further clarified that since the tax has been paid late in contravention of the provisions of the CGST Act a general penalty under section 125 of the CGST Act may be imposed after following the due process of law.

[Circular No. 76/50/2018-GST, dated 31.12.2018]


**Waiver or reduction of Penalties and Dispensation of Adjudication:**

Nature of offence	Time limit	Quantum of penalty
Person liable to pay Tax if the same: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not paid, or</li> <li>• short paid, or</li> <li>• erroneously refunded, or</li> <li>• input tax wrongly availed, or utilized for any reason</li> </ul> other than fraud or wilful misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax.	Time Limit for issue of Show Cause Notice (sec 73(2)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 months prior to the time limit for issuance of order as per section 73(10)</li> </ul> Time Limit for issuance of Order (sec 73(10)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years from the due date of furnishing of Annual return for the relevant FY, or</li> <li>• 3 years from the date of erroneous refund</li> </ul>	(1) Nil (Zero) if amount due is paid with interest prior to or within 30 days of issuance of SCN (Section 73(8) of the CGST Act, 2017). Hence, the case would be concluded without resorting to adjudication proceedings and without imposing penalty. For this purpose, the assessee shall intimate the proper officer of such payment in Form GST DRC-03 and the proper officer shall issue an order in Form GST DRC-05 concluding the proceedings in respect of the said notice. (2) 10% of tax amount due or ₹ 10,000/- whichever is higher as per the adjudication order (section 73(9) of the CGST Act, 2017). (3) 10% of tax amount due or ₹ 10,000/- whichever is higher if self assessed tax or amount collected as tax has not been paid within period of 30 days from the due dates of payment of such tax (section 73(11) of the CGST Act, 2017).
Person liable to pay Tax if the same: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not paid, or</li> <li>• short paid, or</li> <li>• erroneously refunded, or</li> <li>• input tax wrongly availed, or utilized</li> </ul> by reason of fraud or any wilful- misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax.	Time Limit for issue of Notice (sec 74(2)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 months prior to the time limit for issuance of order as per section 74(10).</li> </ul> Time Limit for issuance of Order (sec 74(10)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 years from the due date of furnishing of Annual return for the relevant FY, or</li> <li>• 5 years from the date of erroneous refund</li> </ul>	(1) 15% if tax amount due is paid with interest prior to issuance of SCN (section 74(5) of the CGST Act, 2017). (2) 25% of tax amount if the same is paid with interest within 30 days of issuance of SCN (section 74(8) of the CGST Act, 2017). Hence, the case would be concluded without resorting to adjudication proceedings. For this purpose, the assessee shall intimate the proper officer of such payment in Form GST DRC-03 and the proper officer shall issue an order in Form GST DRC-05 concluding the proceedings in respect of the said notice. The proper officer shall issue an acknowledgement, accepting the payment made by the said person in Form GST DRC-04. (3) 50 % of tax amount if the same is paid with interest within 30 days of issuance of adjudication order (section 74(11) of the CGST Act, 2017). Adjudicating proceedings will be concluded as stated above. (4) 100% of tax amount due (section 74(1) of the CGST Act, 2017)

**Intimation before show cause notice under section 73 or 74 of CGST Act, 2017 [Notification No. 49/2019 CT dated 09.10.2019]:**

With effect from 09.10.2019, the proper officer shall, before serving of such a notice, communicate the details of any tax, interest and penalty as ascertained by him, in the prescribed form, to the person chargeable with tax, interest and penalty under section 73 or section 74. Further, where such person has made partial payment of





amount communicated to him or desires to file any submission against the proposed liability, he may make such submission in the prescribed form. Taxpayer will be able to take advantage of nil or reduced penalty under sections 73(5) and 74(5) of the CGST Act.

Where any person makes payment of tax, interest, penalty or any other amount due in accordance with the provisions of the Act whether on his own ascertainment or, as communicated by the proper officer as mentioned above, he shall inform the proper officer of such payment and the proper officer shall issue an acknowledgement, accepting the payment made by the said person.

Amendment of section 151, Power to collect statistics: w.e.f. 1-1-2022, Section 151 of the CGST Act has been substituted to empower the jurisdictional commissioner to call for information from any person relating to any matter dealt with in connection with the Act.

Earlier, Commissioner was required to issue a notification to call for information from the concerned persons relating to any matter in respect of which statistics were to be collected.

Amendment of section 152, Bar on disclosure of information: w.e.f. 1-1-2022, Section 152 of the CGST Act has been amended so as to provide that no information obtained under sections 150 and 151 shall be used for the purposes of any proceedings under the Act without giving an opportunity of being heard to the person concerned.

Amendment of section 168, Power to issue instructions or directions: w.e.f. 1-1-2022, Section 168 of the CGST Act has been amended to enable the jurisdictional commissioner to exercise powers under section 151 to call for information.

### General provisions relating to determination of tax [Section 75 of the CGST Act, 2017]:

- (1) **Period of Stay:** Period of stay on issuance of SCN ordered by Court or Tribunal to be excluded for determining limitation (i.e. 3 years or 5 years).
- (2) **Deemed Notice:** Where any Appellate Authority or Appellate Tribunal or court concludes that the notice issued under sub-section (1) of section 74 is not sustainable for the reason that the charges of fraud or any wilful-misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax has not been established against the person to whom the notice was issued, the proper officer shall determine the tax payable by such person, deeming as if the notice were issued under sub-section (1) of section 73.
- (3) **Order issued in pursuance of the Court:** Where any order is required to be issued in pursuance of the direction of the Appellate Authority or Appellate Tribunal or a court, such order shall be issued within **two years** from the date of communication of the said direction.
- (4) **Opportunity of hearing:** An opportunity of hearing shall be granted where a request is received in writing from the person chargeable with tax or penalty, or where any adverse decision is contemplated against such person.
- (5) **Ajournment not more than 3 times:** The proper officer shall, if sufficient cause is shown by the person chargeable with tax, grant time to the said person and adjourn the hearing for reasons to be recorded in writing:  
Provided that no such adjournment shall be granted for more than **three times** to a person during the proceedings.
- (6) The proper officer, in his order, shall set out the relevant facts and the basis of his decision.
- (7) **Order should not be passed more than the demand mentioned in SCN:** The amount of tax, interest and penalty demanded in the order shall not be in excess of the amount specified in the notice and no demand shall be confirmed on the grounds other than the grounds specified in the notice.

- (8) Court findings final:** Where the Appellate Authority or Appellate Tribunal or court modifies the amount of tax determined by the proper officer, the amount of interest and penalty shall stand modified accordingly, taking into account the amount of tax so modified.
- (9) Interest mandatory:** The interest on the tax short paid or not paid shall be payable whether or not specified in the order determining the tax liability.
- (10) Time barred Orders:** The adjudication proceedings shall be deemed to be concluded, if the order is not issued within three years as provided for in sub-section (10) of section 73 or within five years as provided for in sub-section (10) of section 74.
- (11)** An issue on which the Appellate Authority or the Appellate Tribunal or the High Court has given its decision which is prejudicial to the interest of revenue in some other proceedings and an appeal to the Appellate Tribunal or the High Court or the Supreme Court against such decision of the Appellate Authority or the Appellate Tribunal or the High Court is pending, the period spent between the date of the decision of the Appellate Authority and that of the Appellate Tribunal or the date of decision of the Appellate Tribunal and that of the High Court or the date of the decision of the High Court and that of the Supreme Court shall be excluded in computing the period referred to in sub-section (10) of section 73 or sub-section (10) of section 74 where proceedings are initiated by way of issue of a show cause notice under the said sections.
- (12)** Notwithstanding anything contained in section 73 or section 74, where any amount of self-assessed tax in accordance with a return furnished under section 39 remains unpaid, either wholly or partly, or any amount of interest payable on such tax remains unpaid, the same shall be recovered under the provisions of section 79 (i.e. recovery of tax from various modes).
- (13)** Where any penalty is imposed under section 73 or section 74, no penalty for the same act or omission shall be imposed on the same person under any other provision of this Act.

**Important points:**

- (a) A summary of demand has to be furnished electronically in Form GST DRC-01 along with SCN simultaneously. In case of extended period a summary of demand has to be furnished electronically in Form GST DRC-02.
- (b) the assessee will reply/make representation against SCN in Form GST DRC-06 within the prescribed time or time as extended.
- (c) A summary of the order issued shall be uploaded electronically in Form GST DRC-07, specifying therein the amount of tax, interest and penalty payable by the person chargeable with tax. This order shall be treated as Recovery Notice.
- (d) Cross empowerment between CGST and SGST/UTGST officers has been done so as to ensure that if a proper officer of one Act (say CGST Act, 2017) passes an order with respect to a transaction, he will also act as the proper officer of SGST for the same transaction and issue the order with respect to the CGST as well as the SGST/UTGST component of the same transaction.

self-assessed tax to include tax payable on outward supplies furnished in GSTR-1 but not included in return under Section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017:

General provisions relating to determination of tax section 75, An explanation has been inserted in sub-section (12) of section 75 of the CGST Act to clarify that "self-assessed tax" shall include the tax payable in respect of outward supplies, the details of which have been furnished under section 37 (output tax liability GSTR-1), but not included in the return furnished under section 39 (payment of tax GSTR-3B).

Example 1: a typographical error/wrongly reported details in GSTR-1 or GSTR-3B which may be rectified in subsequent GSTR\_1 or GSTR-3B.

Example 2: where a supply could not be declared in GSTR-1 of an earlier tax period, though the tax on the same was paid by correctly reporting the same in GSTR-3B of said tax period; details may now be reported in the GSTR-1 of the current tax period.



Therefore, in case of mis-match between GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B, the proper officer may first send a communication to the registered person to pay the self-assessed tax short paid /not paid, or to explain the reasons for the same, within a reasonable time prescribed in the communication.

Recovery proceedings under section 79 will be initiated by the proper officer only when the said person either (i) fails to reply to the proper officer, or (ii) fails to make the payment of such amount short paid/not paid within the prescribed time or (iii) fails to explain the reasons for such amount short paid/not paid (instruction No. 01/2022 GST dated 07/01/2022).

### **Rule 142 of CGST Rules – Notice and order for demand of amounts payable under the Act:**

- (1) The proper officer shall serve, along with the
  - (a) notice under sub-section (1) of section 73 or sub-section (1) of section 74 or subsection (2) of section 76, a summary thereof electronically in FORM GST DRC-01,
  - (b) statement under sub-section (3) of section 73 or sub-section (3) of section 74, a summary thereof electronically in FORM GST DRC-02, specifying therein the details of the amount payable.
- (2) Where, before the service of notice or statement, the person chargeable with tax makes payment of the tax and interest in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 73 or, as the case may be, tax, interest and penalty in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 74, he shall inform the proper officer of such payment in FORM GST DRC-03 and the proper officer shall issue an acknowledgement, accepting the payment made by the said person in FORM GST DRC-04.
- (3) Where the person chargeable with tax makes payment of tax and interest under sub-section (8) of section 73 or, as the case may be, tax, interest and penalty under sub-section (8) of section 74 within thirty days of the service of a notice under sub-rule (1), he shall intimate the proper officer of such payment in FORM GST DRC-03 and the proper officer shall issue an order in FORM GST DRC-05 concluding the proceedings in respect of the said notice.
- (4) The representation referred to in sub-section (9) of section 73 or sub-section (9) of section 74 or sub-section (3) of section 76 shall be in FORM GST DRC-06.
- (5) A summary of the order issued under sub-section (9) of section 73 or sub-section (9) of section 74 or sub-section (3) of section 76 shall be uploaded electronically in FORM GST DRC-07, specifying therein the amount of tax, interest and penalty payable by the person chargeable with tax.
- (6) The order referred to in sub-rule (5) shall be treated as the notice for recovery.
- (7) Any rectification of the order, in accordance with the provisions of section 161, shall be made by the proper officer in FORM GST DRC-08.

1. Amendment Vide Notification No. 28/2018 – Central Tax, dt 19.6.2018  
– The following Rule 142 sub-rule (5) has been amended so as to provide an order in Form DRC-07 shall be issued under section 125 for general penalty or under section 129 - Detention, seizure and release of goods and conveyances in transit or section 130 - Confiscation of goods or conveyances and levy of penalty, also
2. Following Insertion was made in Rule 142 sub rule (5) vide Notification No. 48 /2018 – Central Tax, dt 10.09.2018 namely  
Rule 142 relates to notice and order for demand of amounts payable under the Act, the following sub-rule (5) has been amended so as to provide a summary of order issued under section 125- General penalty, also.



### Communication before issue of SCN

- Rule 142 (1A) inserted w.e.f 09.10.2019
- The proper officer shall, before service of notice to the person chargeable with tax, interest and penalty, under Section 73(1) or 74(1), communicate the details of any tax, interest and penalty as ascertained by the said officer, in **Part A of FORM GST DRC- 01A**.
- The taxpayer after receiving DRC-01A, may file any submissions against the proposed liability in **Part B of FORM GST DRC-01A**.
- Taxpayer will be able to take advantage of nil or reduced penalty under section 73(5) and 74(5)

#### **AMENDMENT VIDE Notification No. 60/2018 – Central Tax, dt 30.11.2018**

A summary order of demand of tax, interest, penalty, or any other dues which became recoverable under existing laws after the proceedings will be uploaded in FORM GST DRC-07A and also demand of the order will be posted in part 2 of electronic liability register in FORM GST PMT-01.

If the demand uploaded in FORM GST PMT-01 is rectified, modified or quashed in any proceedings, then the summary of the same will be uploaded in FORM GST DRC-08A and part 2 of electronic liability register in FORM GST PMT-01.

#### **Tax collected but not paid to Government (Section 76 of the CGST Act, 2017):**

Every person who has collected any amount as representing the GST and has not paid same to the Government, is required to pay said amount with interest, irrespective of whether the supplies in respect of which such amount was collected are taxable or not (as per section 76(1) of the CGST Act, 2017).

In case of failure, proper officer can issue a SCN to him proposing recovery and imposition of penalty equivalent to the amount specified in the notice (as per section 76(2) of the CGST Act, 2017)

As per section 76(3) of the CGST Act, 2017, the proper officer shall, after considering the representation, if any, made by the person on whom the notice is served under sub-section (2), determine the amount due from such person and thereupon such person shall pay the amount so determined.

As per section 76(4) of the CGST Act, 2017, the person referred to in sub-section (1) shall in addition to paying the amount referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (3) also be liable to pay **interest** thereon at the rate specified under section 50 from the date such amount was collected by him to the date such amount is paid by him to the Government.

As per section 76(5) of the CGST Act, 2017, an opportunity of hearing shall be granted where a request is received in writing from the person to whom the notice was issued to show cause.

As per section 76(6) of the CGST Act, 2017, the proper officer shall issue an order within **one year** from the date of issue of the notice and such order issued in Form GST DRC-07. This order shall be treated as Recovery Notice.

As per section 76(7) of the CGST Act, 2017, where the issuance of order is stayed by an order of the court or Appellate Tribunal, the period of such stay shall be excluded in computing the period of **one year**.

As per section 76(8) of the CGST Act, 2017, the proper officer, in his order, shall set out the relevant facts and the basis of his decision.

As per section 76(9) of the CGST Act, 2017, the amount paid to the Government under sub-section (1) or sub-section (3) shall be adjusted against the tax payable, if any, by the person in relation to the supplies referred to in sub-section (1).

As per section 76(10) of the CGST Act, 2017, where any surplus is left after the adjustment under sub-section (9), the amount of such surplus shall either be credited to the Fund or refunded to the person who has borne the incidence of such amount.



As per section 76(11) of the CGST Act, 2017, the person who has borne the incidence of the amount, may apply for the refund of the same in accordance with the provisions of section 54.

### **Tax wrongly collected and paid to Central Government or State Government (Section 77 of the CGST Act, 2017):**

- (1) In case of wrong charging and deposit of tax considering it to be intra-State supply which is later found to be inter-State supply, the tax paid shall be refunded.
- (2) However, in case of payment of tax considering the supply as inter-State which is later found to be intra-State supply, no interest shall be payable on the amount of Central and State/UT tax paid.

### **Initiation of recovery proceedings (Section 78 of the CGST Act, 2017):**

The adjudication order passed by proper officer in pursuant to demand SCN is to be treated as recovery notice.

Any amount payable by a taxable person in pursuance of an order passed under this Act shall be paid by such person within a period of **three months** from the date of service of such order failing which recovery proceedings shall be initiated:

Provided that where the proper officer considers it expedient in the interest of revenue, he may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, require the said taxable person to make such payment within such period less than a period of three months as may be specified by him.

## **19.4 RECOVERY OF TAX**

### **Recovery of Tax (Section 79 of the CGST Act, 2017):**

- (1) Where any amount payable by a person to the Government under any of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder is not paid, the proper officer shall proceed to recover the amount by one or more of the following modes, namely:—

#### **(a) Recovery by deducting form any money owed:**

The proper officer may deduct or may require any other specified officer to deduct the amount so payable from any money owing to such person which may be under the control of the proper officer or such other specified officer. For this purpose, the proper officer shall issue Form GST DRC-09.

#### **(b) Recovery by sale of goods under the control of proper officer:**

The proper officer may recover or may require any other specified officer to recover the amount so payable by detaining and selling any goods belonging to such person which are under the control of the proper officer or such other specified officer. The sale will be by auction including e-auction by issuing a notice in Form GST DRC-10.

Perishable or hazardous goods can be auctioned immediately, but in other cases a 15 days notice is required. The successful bidder will be informed in Form GST DRC-11 requiring him to make the payment within a period of 15 days from the date of auction. On payment of full bid amount, the proper officer shall transfer the possession of the said goods by issuing a certificate in Form GST DRC-12.

#### **(c) Recovery from a third person:**

- (i) the proper officer may, by a notice in writing, require any other person
  - from whom money is due or may become due to such person or
  - who holds or may subsequently hold money for or
  - on account of such person,



- to pay to the Government either forthwith upon the money becoming due or being held, or within the time specified in the notice not being before the money becomes due or is held, so much of the money as is sufficient to pay the amount due from such person or the whole of the money when it is equal to or less than that amount;
- (ii) every person to whom the notice is issued under sub-clause (i) shall be bound to comply with such notice, and in particular, where any such notice is issued to a post office, banking company or an insurer, it shall not be necessary to produce any pass book, deposit receipt, policy or any other document for the purpose of any entry, endorsement or the like being made before payment is made, notwithstanding any rule, practice or requirement to the contrary;
  - (iii) in case the person to whom a notice under sub-clause (i) has been issued, fails to make the payment in pursuance thereof to the Government, he shall be **deemed to be a defaulter** in respect of the amount specified in the notice and all the consequences of this Act or the rules made thereunder shall follow;
  - (iv) the officer issuing a notice under sub-clause (i) may, at any time, amend or revoke such notice or extend the time for making any payment in pursuance of the notice;
  - (v) any person making any payment in compliance with a notice issued under sub-clause (i) shall be deemed to have made the payment under the authority of the person in default and such payment being credited to the Government shall be deemed to constitute a good and sufficient discharge of the liability of such person to the person in default to the extent of the amount specified in the receipt;
  - (vi) any person discharging any liability to the person in default after service on him of the notice issued under sub-clause (i) shall be personally liable to the Government to the extent of the liability discharged or to the extent of the liability of the person in default for tax, interest and penalty, whichever is less;
  - (vii) where a person on whom a notice is served under sub-clause (i) proves to the satisfaction of the officer issuing the notice that the money demanded or any part thereof was not due to the person in default or that he did not hold any money for or on account of the person in default, at the time the notice was served on him, nor is the money demanded or any part thereof, likely to become due to the said person or be held for or on account of such person, nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to require the person on whom the notice has been served to pay to the Government any such money or part thereof;

Recovery of defaulted money can be undertaken from such third person by issuing him a notice in Form GST DRC-13 directing him to deposit the amount specified in the notice. On payment by such person, the proper officer shall issue a certificate in Form GST DRC-14 indicating the details of the liability so discharged.

**(d) Recovery by sale of movable or immovable property:**

The proper officer may, in accordance with the rules to be made in this behalf, distrain any movable or immovable property belonging to or under the control of such person, and detain the same until the amount payable is paid; and in case, any part of the said amount payable or of the cost of the distress or keeping of the property, remains unpaid for a period of 30 days next after any such distress, may cause the said property to be sold and with the proceeds of such sale, may satisfy the amount payable and the costs including cost of sale remaining unpaid and shall render the surplus amount, if any, to such person. The Proper Officer shall issue an order of attachment or distraint and a notice for sale in Form GST DRC-16.

**(e) Recovery through land revenue authority:**

The proper officer may prepare a certificate signed by him specifying the amount due from such person and send it to the Collector of the district in which such person owns any property or resides or carries on his business or to any officer authorised by the Government and the said Collector or the said officer, on receipt of such certificate, shall proceed to recover from such person the amount specified



thereunder as if it were an arrear of land revenue;

**(f) Recovery through court:**

Not with standing anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the proper officer may file an application to the appropriate Magistrate and such Magistrate shall proceed to recover from such person the amount specified thereunder as if it were a fine imposed by him.

- (2)** Where the terms of any bond or other instrument executed under this Act or any rules or regulations made thereunder provide that any amount due under such instrument may be recovered in the manner laid down in sub-section (1), the amount may, without prejudice to any other mode of recovery, be recovered in accordance with the provisions of that sub-section.
- (3)** Where any amount of tax, interest or penalty is payable by a person to the Government under any of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder and which remains unpaid, the proper officer of State tax or Union territory tax, during the course of recovery of said tax arrears, may recover the amount from the said person as if it were an arrear of State tax or Union territory tax and credit the amount so recovered to the account of the Government.
- (4)** Where the amount recovered under sub-section (3) is less than the amount due to the Central Government and State Government, the amount to be credited to the account of the respective Governments shall be in proportion to the amount due to each such Government.

**Note** - Following explanation has been inserted of the above mentioned Section 79(4) of CGST Act vide CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 namely:

For the purposes of this section, the word person shall include "distinct persons" as referred to in sub-section (4) or, as the case may be, sub-section (5) of section 25

**Recovery in installments (Section 80 of the CGST Act, 2017):**

- Commissioner can allow payment with interest by defaulter in monthly installments not exceeding 24 installments.
- In case of default in payment of any one installment on its due date, the whole outstanding balance payable on such date shall become due.
- For seeking installment facility, taxable person can file application electronically in Form GST DRC-20.

The installment facility will not be allowed if:

- The taxable person has already defaulted on the payment of any amount under GST law and recovery process is already undergoing;
- The taxable person has not been allowed to make payment in installments in the preceding financial year under GST law; and
- The amount for which instalment facility is sought is less than ₹ 25,000/-.

**Transfer of property to be void in certain cases (Section 81 of the CGST Act, 2017):**

Where a person, after any amount has become due from him, creates a charge on or parts with the property belonging to him or in his possession by way of sale, mortgage, exchange, or any other mode of transfer whatsoever of any of his properties in favour of any other person with the intention of defrauding the Government revenue, such charge or transfer shall be void as against any claim in respect of any tax or any other sum payable by the said person:

Creation of any charge on any property belonging to defaulter, after tax has become due from him, shall be void.

Provided that, such charge or transfer shall not be void if it is made for adequate consideration, in good faith and without notice of the pendency of such proceedings under this Act or without notice of such tax or other sum payable by the said person, or with the previous permission of the proper officer.



### Tax to be first charge on property (Section 82 of the CGST Act, 2017)

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law for the time being in force, save as otherwise provided in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, any amount payable by a taxable person or any other person on account of tax, interest or penalty which he is liable to pay to the Government shall be a first charge on the property of such taxable person or such person.

### Provisional attachment to protect revenue in certain cases (Section 83 of the CGST Act, 2017)

- (1) Where assessment or adjudication are pending under
  - Section 62 Assessment of non-filers of returns;
  - Section 63 assessment of unregistered persons;
  - Section 64 summary assessment in certain special cases; Section 73 determination of tax not paid other than fraud; Section 74 determination of tax not paid by reason of fraud;
 The Commissioner for protecting the interest of the Government revenue, by order in writing in Form GST DRC- 22 can attach provisionally any property, including bank account, belonging to the taxable person.
- (2) Every such provisional attachment shall cease to have effect after the expiry of a period of one year from the date of the order made under sub-section (1).

**As per CBIC Letter F. No. CBEC-20/16/05/2021-GST/359, dated 23-2-2021 - Guidelines:**

#### 1. Grounds for provisional attachment of property

- (a) Commissioner must exercise due diligence and duly consider as well as carefully examine all the facts of the case, including the nature of offence, amount of revenue involved, established nature of the business, and extent of investment in capital assets before attaching the property.
- (b) Commissioner must have reasons to believe that the taxable person may dispose of or remove the property if not attached provisionally.
- (c) Commissioner should duly record the 'reasons to believe' on file.
- (d) CBIC has directed that the power of provisional attachment must not be exercised in a routine/mechanical manner and should be based on careful examination of all the facts of the case. It has been mandated that the collective evidence, based on the proceedings/ enquiry conducted in the case, must indicate that prima-facie a case has been made out against the taxpayer, before going ahead with any provisional attachment.
- (e) As the provisional attachment of property may affect the working capital of the taxable person, the investigation and adjudication should be completed at the earliest.

#### 2. Cases fit for provisional attachment of property

Provisional attachment should not be invoked in cases of technical nature and should be resorted to mainly in cases where there is an evasion of tax or where the wrongful input tax credit ("ITC") is availed or utilized or wrongfully passed on. Provisional attachment can be resorted to in following cases (illustrative list):

- (a) Where taxable person has supplied any goods or services without issue of any invoice with an intention to evade tax; or
- (b) Where taxable person has issued any invoice without supply; or
- (c) Where taxable person has availed ITC using the invoice or bill issued without any corresponding supply or fraudulently availed ITC without any invoice; or





- (d) Where taxable person has collected any amount as tax but has failed to pay the same to the Government beyond a period of 3 months; or
- (e) Where taxable person has fraudulently obtained refund; or
- (f) Where taxable person has passed on ITC fraudulently to the recipient(s) but has not paid the commensurate tax.

### 3. Procedure for provisional attachment of property

- (a) Commissioner should duly record the 'reasons to believe' on file and pass an order in Form GST DRC-22 with proper Document Identification Number ("DIN") recording the details of property being attached.
- (b) Copy of order in Form GST DRC-22 to be sent to the concerned revenue authority/transport authority/bank or the relevant authority to place encumbrance on the attached property. The property, thus attached, shall be removed only on the written instructions from the Commissioner.
- (c) Copy of such attachment order shall be provided to the taxable person as early as possible so that objections, if any, to the said attachment can be made by the taxable person within 7 days.
- (d) If such objection is filed by the taxable person, Commissioner should provide an opportunity of being heard. After considering the facts presented by the person in his written objection as well as during the personal hearing, if any, the Commissioner should form a reasoned view whether the property is still required to be continued to be attached or not, and pass an order in writing.
- (e) In case, the Commissioner is satisfied that the property was or is no longer liable for attachment, he may release such property by issuing an order in FORM GST DRC- 23.
- (f) Even in cases where objection is not filed within the time prescribed under Rule 159(5) of CGST Rules i.e. 7 days, the Commissioner should pass a reasoned order.
- (g) Each such provisional attachment shall cease to have effect after the expiry of a period of one year from the date of the order of attachment.
- (h) In case the attached property is of perishable/hazardous nature, then such property shall be released to the taxable person by issuing order in FORM GST DRC-23, after taxable person pays an amount equivalent to the market price of such property or the amount that is or may become payable by the taxable person, whichever is lower, and submits proof of payment.
- (i) In case the taxable person fails to pay the said amount, then the perishable/hazardous property may be disposed of and the amount recovered from such disposal of property shall be adjustable against the tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount payable by the taxable person.
- (j) Further, the sale proceeds thus obtained must be deposited in the nearest Government Treasury or branch of any nationalised bank in fixed deposit and the receipt thereof must be retained for record, so that the same can be adjusted against the amount determined to be recoverable from the said taxable person.

### 4. Types of property that can be attached

- (a) Value of property attached should not be excessive and should be reasonable to the estimated amount of pending revenue. More than one property can be attached.
- (b) Provisional attachment can be made only of the property belonging to the taxable person, against whom the proceedings under Section 83 of the Act are pending.
- (c) Movable property should normally be attached only if the immovable property, available for attachment, is not sufficient to protect the interests of revenue.

- (d) As far as possible, it should also be ensured that such attachment does not hamper normal business activities of the taxable person. This would mean that raw materials and inputs required for production or finished goods should not normally be attached by the Department.
- (e) In cases where the movable property, including bank account, belonging to a taxable person has been attached, such movable property may be released if taxable person offers any other immovable property which is sufficient to protect the interest of revenue.

#### 5. Attachment period:

- (a) Every provisional attachment shall cease to have effect after the expiry of a period of ONE Year from the date of the provisional attachment order.
- (b) Besides, the provisional attachment order shall also cease to have effect if an order in Form GST DRC-23 for release of such property is made by the Commissioner.

#### 6. Investigation and Adjudication:

- (a) The investigation and adjudication are completed at the earliest, well within the period of attachment, so that the due liability of tax as well as interest, penalty etc., arising upon adjudication can be recovered from the said taxable person and the purpose of attachment is achieved.
- (b) Where the property to be provisionally attached consists of the share or interest of the concerned taxable person in property belonging to him and another as co-owners, the provisional attachment shall be made by order to the concerned person prohibiting him from transferring the share or interest or charging it in any way.

#### 7. Property exempt from attachment:

##### **Amendment of section 83 Provisional Attachment as per Finance Act, 2021 (w.e.f. 1-1-2022):**

In section 83 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

Where, after the initiation of any proceeding under Chapter XII (Advance Ruling), Chapter XIV (i.e. Transitional Provisions) or Chapter XV (i.e. Anti-Profitteering), the Commissioner is of the opinion that for the purpose of protecting the interest of the Government revenue it is necessary so to do, he may, by order in writing, attach provisionally, any property, including bank account, belonging to the taxable person or any person specified in sub-section (1A) of section 122, in such manner as may be prescribed.

Vide this Modification Powers of Provisional attachment of the Commissioner have been extended to proceeding under Chapter XII (Assessment), XIV (Inspection, Search, Seizure and Arrest) or XV (Demands and Recovery) for attachment of property including bank account belonging to the taxable person / person who has retained benefits of offences under 122(1A) e.g Fake Invoice Transactions, where he feels that provisional attachment is necessary to protect the Interest of the Revenue.

Further, earlier the person whose property is attached could file an objection to such attachment within 7 days of the attachment. However, said provision has been amended by aforesaid notification to provide that the objections to such attachment can be filed at any time. Further, amendment in rule 159 of the CGST Rules, 2017 is also effective from 1-1-2022. Further, a copy of the order of provisional attachment of the property including bank account shall also be sent to the person whose property is being attached.

##### **Continuation and validation of certain recovery proceedings (Section 84 of the CGST Act, 2017):**

If adjudicated dues are enhanced or reduced in appeal, revision or other proceedings in relation to such Government dues as are covered by the notice of demand served upon him before the disposal of such appeal etc. will continue. The order for the reduction or enhancement of any demand under Section 84 shall be issued in Form GST DRC-25.



**Standard operating procedure to be followed in case of non-filers of returns**

**[Circular No. 129/48/2019 GST dated 24.12.2019]**

Section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the CGST Rules requires issuance of a notice to a registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 of the CGST Act requiring him to furnish such return within 15 days. Further, section 62 of the CGST Act provides for assessment of non-filers who fail to file return under section 39 or section 45 even after service of notice under section 46. No separate notice is required to be issued for best judgment assessment under section 62 if the return is not filed within 15 days of issuance of notice under section 46.

CBIC has issued the following guidelines to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law in relation to non-filers of returns:

- (i) System generated message would be sent to all the registered persons 3 days before the due date to nudge them about the filing of return by the due date.
- (ii) Once the due date for furnishing return under section 39 is over, a system generated mail/ message would be sent to all the defaulters immediately after the due date to the effect that the said registered person has not furnished his return for the said tax period; the said mail/ message is to be sent to the authorized signatory as well as the proprietor/ partner/ director/ karta, etc.
- (iii) After 5 days of due date of furnishing the return, notice under section 46 shall be issued electronically to the defaulters requiring them to furnish return within 15 days.
- (iv) If the return is not filed within 15 days of the said notice, the proper officer may proceed to assess the tax liability of the said defaulter under section 62, to the best of his judgment taking into account all the relevant material which is available or which he has gathered and would issue assessment order. The proper officer would upload the summary of such order in the prescribed form.
- (v) For the purpose of assessment of tax liability under section 62, the proper officer may take into account the following:
  - Details of outward supplies available in GSTR-1
  - Details of inward supplies auto-populated in GSTR-2A
  - Information available from e-way bills
  - Any other information available from any other source including inspection under section 71 of the CGST Act
- (vi) If the defaulter furnishes a valid return within 30 days of the service of assessment order under section 62, the said assessment will be deemed to have been withdrawn.
- (vii) If the said return remains unfurnished within the statutory period of 30 days from the service of assessment order under section 62, the proper officer may initiate proceedings under section 78 and recovery under section 79 of the CGST Act.

Based on facts available, in some cases, the Commissioner may resort to provisional attachment to protect revenue under section 83 of the CGST Act before issuance of assessment order under section 62. Further, proper officer would initiate action under section 29(2) of the CGST Act for cancellation of registration in cases where the return has not been furnished for the period specified in section 29.

**LIABILITY TO PAY IN CERTAIN CASES**

**Liability to pay in certain cases**

GST Law has provisions for special cases like transfer of business, where the transferee and transferor are both held liable to pay unpaid GST. These provisions come into force when there is an amount due under GST (tax, interest, penalty) which cannot be recovered from the taxpayer directly. Sections 85 to 94 of the CGST Act, 2017 deals with the liability to pay in certain cases.



Section	Case	Person liable to pay GST	Remarks
<b>85(1) &amp;(2)</b>	Liability in case of transfer of business	<p>The taxable person (transferor) and the person to whom the business is transferred (transferee) will be liable, jointly and severally, wholly or to the extent of such transfer, to pay the GST due.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The transferee will be liable to pay GST from the date of transfer.</p> <p>As per section 85(1) of the CGST Act, the transferor and the transferee/successor shall jointly and severally be liable to pay any tax, interest or any penalty due from the transferor in cases of transfer of business "in whole or in part, by sale, gift, lease, leave and license, hire or in any other manner whatsoever".</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is immaterial if such tax, interest, or penalty has been determined before or after the transfer, as long it is unpaid.</li> <li>If the transferee carries on the business in a new name (which is different from original) then he must apply for amendment of his registration certificate.</li> </ul>
<b>86</b>	Liability of agent and principal	If an agent supplies or receives any taxable goods on behalf of his principal, then both the agent and the principal will be liable to pay GST, jointly and severally.	Supply of goods to agent by principal covered under Schedule II of CGST Act, 2017 and the same treated supply of goods even without consideration.
<b>87</b>	Liability in case of amalgamation or merger of companies	the two or more companies are individually responsible for their taxes.	<p>If two or more companies merge/ amalgamate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>due to the order of a court/ tribunal</li> <li>the order is to take effect from a date earlier to the date of the order (i.e. retrospective effect)</li> <li>the companies have supplied goods/ services to each other during that period (from order date to order effect date)</li> </ul> <p>Such companies shall be treated as distinct companies under GST till the date of the order (and not order effect date). Their registrations will get cancelled on the date of order.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> X Ltd and Y Ltd has received a court order on 15th December 2017 to merge with effect from 1st October 2017. Under GST they will be treated as distinct companies till 15th December 2017 and each one will be responsible for its own dues until 15th December 2017.</p>
<b>88</b>	Liability in case of company in liquidation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company</li> <li>Where dues cannot be recovered from private company then same are to be</li> </ul>	Section 88(1) when any company is being wound up person appointed as receiver of any assets of such company,



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		recovered from its directors who were in office during the period when the tax was due will be held liable for payment of such tax, interest or penalty, unless he proves to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that such non-recovery cannot be attributed to any gross neglect, misfeasance or breach of duty on his part in relation to the affairs of the company [Section 88(3)]	is required to inform to the Commissioner, of such appointment within 30 days after his appointment. Section 88(2) the Commissioner is required to notify within 3 months from the date of receipt of intimation, the amount which would be sufficient to provide for any tax and other dues of the company.
89	Liability of directors of private company	Notwithstanding anything contained in the Companies Act, 2013, where any tax, interest or penalty due from a private company cannot be recovered, then, every person who was a director of the private company during such period shall be liable for the payment of such dues unless he proves to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that such non-recovery cannot be attributed to any gross neglect, misfeasance or breach of duty on his part in relation to the affairs of the company [Section 89(1)].	As per Section 89(2), if the company has been converted from a private to a public limited company, then the provisions under Section 89(1) will not apply. Provided that nothing contained in section 89(2) shall apply to any personal penalty imposed on such director. It means penalty leviable on directors of a company will be continue to apply. <b>Important note:</b> Nothing has been mentioned in the GST Act regarding conversion/ transfer of a private company to public company. As a result section 89 provisions does not apply when a private company is converted to a public company, it can be interpreted to mean that this provision does not apply to public companies.
90	Liability of partners of firm to pay tax (firm includes limited liability partnership firm)	where any firm (including LLP) is liable to pay any tax, interest or penalty under this Act, the firm and each of the partners of the firm shall be jointly and severally liable for such payment. <b>Important note:</b> Normally, partners have limited liabilities in LLPs. But the GST Act overrides all other laws and the partners become jointly and severally liable for the entire GST dues.	Commissioner must be informed by the firm or the retiring partner in case of retirement of a partner. The retiring partner could be held liable for dues under GST until the date of his retirement. If any intimation regarding the retirement is not given within 1 month, the retiring partner will be continued to be held liable till such intimation is received by the Commissioner. <b>Example:</b> Nambiar & Co. is a partnership firm with 4 partners. Mr. C retires on 20th August. Nambiar & Co. has GST due amount ₹20,000 till 20th August and Mr. C informs the Commissioner on 30th August about the same, then C is liable for the due amount ₹20,000. Now if neither C nor the firm informs the



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			Commissioner regarding his retirement, and Nambiar & Co. does not pay the dues until it stands at ₹35,000 on 30th September (when they finally inform the Commissioner), then Mr. C would be liable for ₹35,000 even though ₹15,000 was incurred after he had retired.
91	Liability of guardians, trustees, etc.	Tax, interest or penalty shall be levied upon and recoverable from both the guardian/trustee/ agent AND the beneficiary (minor/incapacitated person) will be liable under GST Act. The due amount can be recovered from both parties.	The business owes tax, interest and/ or penalty under GST. This becomes applicable when any business is conducted by a guardian/ trustee/agent on behalf AND for the benefit of a minor / incapacitated person.
92	Liability of Court of Wards, etc.	If the business owes any amount under GST then the Court of Wards, the Administrator General, the Official Trustee or any receiver or manager will be held liable along with the taxable person.	This is applicable to the estate of a taxable person, which owns a business, is under the control of the Court of Wards, the Administrator General, the Official Trustee or any receiver or manager appointed by a court.
93(1)	Liability after the Death of the Taxpayer	Section 93(1)(a): If the business is carried on by the legal heir/ representative then the heir/ representative will be held liable for the unpaid dues under GST. Section 93(1)(b): If the business is discontinued, whether before or after death, the legal heir will be liable to pay the due amount out of the estate of the deceased, to the extent to which the estate is capable of meeting the charge, the tax, interest or penalty due from such person under this Act, whether such tax, interest or penalty has been determined before his death but has remained unpaid or is determined after his death.	The legal heir/representative will NOT be personally liable for the pending dues. <b>Example:</b> Mr. F being a dealer of laptops. He owes ₹2,25,000 as GST. But he passes away and his daughter Ms. D takes over the shop. Then, Ms. D is liable to pay the pending amount of ₹2,25,000. However, if Ms. D inherits ₹40,000 and closes down the shop after her father's death, then she would be liable to pay only ₹40,000 as the tax. She cannot be held liable for the balance ₹1,85,000. Since, it is beyond the inherited amount. Furthermore, section 93(1) of the CGST Act provides that where a person, liable to pay tax, interest or penalty under the CGST Act, dies, then the person who continues business after his death, shall be liable to pay tax, interest or penalty due from such person under this Act. It is therefore clarified that the transferee/ successor shall be liable to pay any tax, interest or any penalty due from the transferor in cases of transfer of business due to death of sole proprietor.



Section	Case	Person liable to pay GST	Remarks
94	Liability of Partnership Firm on Dissolution	Each partner will be liable jointly and severally for any GST amount due upto the date of dissolution.	
	Liability of HUF/AOP on Partition	When the property of the HUF/AOP is divided amongst the various members, then each member or group of members will be liable for all GST dues upto the time of partition, jointly and severally.	
	Liability when a Trust is Terminated	If the guardianship or trust looks after the business for a beneficiary and pays tax under GST, if terminated then the beneficiary will be held liable for all unpaid GST dues.	
	Liability in cases of Reconstitution of Firm/AOP	In cases of reconstitutions, all the partners/members who were there before the reconstitution will be held liable jointly and severally for all dues before the date of reconstitution.	

**Example:** M/s X Pvt Ltd. (with 3 directors A, B & C) decided to wind up its affairs on 1st August after suffering losses. It appoints Mr. CA as liquidator on 15th August.

You are required to answer the following:

- (a) liquidator is required to inform to the Commissioner about his appointment if so, within which period?
- (b) Commissioner is required to specify the liability of the company if so, within which period and to whom he has to inform?
- (c) Who is liable to pay GST dues and what is the time limit?
- (d) If A & B unable to pay GST liability, then who is liable to pay?

**Answer:**

- (a) Mr. CA must then inform the Commissioner regarding his appointment within 30 days, i.e., on or before 14th September.
- (b) The Commissioner informs the liquidator within 3 months from the date of receipt of intimation from liquidator, that M/s X Pvt Ltd. owes taxes for tax period. Let us assume the Commissioner intimated tax dues on 20th November.
- (c) M/s X Pvt Ltd. has 3 months to pay, i.e., till 20th February 2018. However, the company fails to pay. In this case, the 3 directors A, B & C will be held liable to pay the full amount.
- (d) If A & B fail to pay, then C alone will have to pay entire due. However, if C proves that the non-payment of taxes was not due to his personal negligence, then he will be exempt from the liability of paying the company's taxes.

**Special procedure for corporate debtors undergoing the corporate insolvency resolution process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 [Notification No. 11/2020 CT dated 21.03.2020]:**

As per Insolvency Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016 once an entity defaults certain threshold amount, Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) gets triggered and the management of such entity (Corporate Debtor) and its assets vest with an interim resolution professional (IRP) or resolution professional (RP). The IRP/RP continues

to run the business and operations of the said entity as a going concern and is responsible for compliance with all the laws till the insolvency proceeding is over and an order is passed by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). The definitions of the terms, corporate debtor, CIRP, IRP and RP can be referred from IBC, 2016.

The Government has prescribed special procedure under section 148 of the CGST Act for the corporate debtors who are undergoing CIRP under the provisions of IBC and the management of whose affairs are being undertaken by IRP/RP.

The corporate debtor who is undergoing CIRP is to be treated as a distinct person of the corporate debtor and shall be liable to take a new registration in each State or Union territory where the corporate debtor was registered earlier, within thirty days of the appointment of the IRP/RP. The IRP/RP will be liable to furnish returns, make payment of tax and comply with all the provisions of the GST law during CIRP period.

**CBIC Circular No.134/04/2020-GST, dated 23-3-2020:**

S. No.	Issue	Clarification
1	How are dues under GST for pre-CIRP period be dealt?	In accordance with the provisions of the IBC and various legal pronouncements on the issue, no coercive action can be taken against the corporate debtor with respect to the dues for period prior to insolvency commencement date. The dues of the period prior to the commencement of CIRP will be treated as 'operational debt' and claims may be filed by the proper officer before the NCLT in accordance with the provisions of the IBC. The tax officers shall seek the details of supplies made / received and total tax dues pending from the corporate debtor to file the claim before the NCLT. Moreover, section 14 of the IBC mandates the imposition of a moratorium period, wherein the institution of suits or continuation of pending suits or proceedings against the corporate debtor is prohibited.
2	Should the GST registration of corporate debtor be cancelled?	It is clarified that the GST registration of an entity for which CIRP has been initiated should not be cancelled under the provisions of section 29 of the CGST Act, 2017. The proper officer may, if need be, suspend the registration. In case the registration of an entity undergoing CIRP has already been cancelled and it is within the period of revocation of cancellation of registration, it is advised that such cancellation may be revoked by taking appropriate steps in this regard.
3	Is IRP/RP liable to file returns of pre-CIRP period?	No. In accordance with the provisions of IBC, 2016, the IRP/RP is under obligation to comply with all legal requirements for period after the Insolvency Commencement Date. Accordingly, it is clarified that IRP/ RP are not under an obligation to file returns of pre-CIRP period.
<b>During CIRP period</b>		
4	Should a new registration be taken by the corporate debtor during the CIRP period?	The corporate debtor who is undergoing CIRP is to be treated as a distinct person of the corporate debtor and shall be liable to take a new registration in each State or Union territory where the corporate debtor was registered earlier, within thirty days of the appointment of the IRP/RP. Further, in cases where the IRP/RP has been appointed prior to the issuance of notification No.11/2020- Central Tax, dated 21.03.2020, he shall take registration within thirty days of issuance of the said notification, with effect from date of his appointment as IRP/RP.
5	How to file First Return after obtaining new registration?	The IRP/RP will be liable to furnish returns, make payment of tax and comply with all the provisions of the GST law during CIRP period. The IRP/RP is required to ensure that the first return is filed under section 40 of the CGST Act, for the period beginning the date on which it became liable to take registration till the date on which registration has been granted.





S. No.	Issue	Clarification
6	How to avail ITC for invoices issued to the erstwhile registered person in case the IRP/RP has been appointed before issuance of notification No.11/2020- Central Tax, dated 21.03.2020 and no return has been filed by the IRP during the CIRP ?	The special procedure issued under section 148 of the CGST Act has provided the manner of availment of ITC while furnishing the first return under section 40. The said class of persons shall, in his first return, be eligible to avail input tax credit on invoices covering the supplies of goods or services or both, received since appointment as IRP/RP and during the CIRP period but bearing the GSTIN of the erstwhile registered person, subject to the conditions of Chapter V of the CGST Act and rule made thereunder, except the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 16 of the CGST Act and sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of the CGST Rules. In terms of the special procedure under section 148 of the CGST Act issued vide notification No.11/2020- Central Tax, dated 21.03.2020. This exception is made only for the first return filed under section 40 of the CGST Act.
7	How to avail ITC for invoices by persons who are availing supplies from the corporate debtors undergoing CIRP, in cases where the IRP/RP was appointed before the issuance of the notification No.11/2020 - Central Tax, dated 21.03.2020?	Registered persons who are receiving supplies from the said class of persons shall, for the period from the date of appointment of IRP / RP till the date of registration as required in this notification or 30 days from the date of this notification, whichever is earlier, be eligible to avail input tax credit on invoices issued using the GSTIN of the erstwhile registered person, subject to the conditions of Chapter V of the CGST Act and rule made thereunder, except the provisions of sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of the CGST Rules.
8	Some of the IRP/RPs have made deposit in the cash ledger of erstwhile registration of the corporate debtor. How to claim refund for amount deposited in the cash ledger by the IRP/RP?	Any amount deposited in the cash ledger by the IRP/RP, in the existing registration, from the date of appointment of IRP / RP to the date of notification specifying the special procedure for corporate debtors undergoing CIRP, shall be available for refund to the erstwhile registration under the head refund of cash ledger, even though the relevant FORM GSTR-3B/GSTR-1 are not filed for the said period. The instructions contained in Circular No. 125/44/2019-GST dt. 18.11.2019 stands modified to this extent.

**Case Law: Mansi Oils and Grains (P) Ltd. (2020) 117 taxmann.com 446 (AAR-WB):**

It was held that sale of assets of a corporate debtor by NCLT appointed liquidator s a supply of goods by said liquidator, who is required to take registration under Section 24 of CGST Act.

**Facility for registration of IRP/RPs made available on the GST Portal:**

1. Insolvency Resolution Professionals/ Resolution Professionals (IRPs/RPs), appointed to undertake corporate insolvency resolution proceedings for Corporate Debtors, in terms of Notification. No 11/2020-CT, dated 21st March, 2020 can apply for new registration on GST Portal, on behalf of the Corporate Debtors, in each of the States or Union Territories, on the PAN and CIN of the Corporate Debtor, where the corporate debtor was registered earlier, within thirty days of their appointment as IRP/RP.
2. They should select the Reason for Registration as "Corporate Debtor undergoing the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process with IRP/RP" from the drop down menu.
3. The date of commencement of business for IRP/RPs will be the date of their appointment. Their compliance liabilities will also come into effect from the date of their appointment.
4. The person appointed as IRP/RP shall be the Primary Authorized Signatory for the newly registered Company.
5. In the Principal Place of business/ Additional place of business, the details as specified in original registration

- of the Corporate Debtors, is required to be entered.
6. The new registration application shall be submitted electronically on GST Portal under DSC of the IRP/RP
  7. The new registration by IRP/RP will be required only once. In case of a change in IRP/RP, after initial appointment, it would be deemed to be change of authorized signatory and not an appointment of a distinct person requiring a fresh registration.
  8. In cases where the RP is not the same as IRP, or in cases where a different IRP/RP is appointed midway during the insolvency process, the change in the GST system may be carried out by a non- core amendment in the registration form.
  9. The change in Primary Authorized Signatory details on the portal can be done either by the authorised signatory of the Company or by the concerned jurisdictional officer (if the previous authorized signatory does not share the credentials with his successor) on request of IRP/RP.

**Issues relating to Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 - CBIC Circular No. 138/08/2020 GST, dated 6-5-2020:**

S. No.	Issue	Clarification
1	Notification No. 11/2020 – Central Tax dated 21.03.2020, issued under section 148 of the CGST Act provided that an IRP / CIRP is required to take a separate registration within 30 days of the issuance of the notification. It has been represented that the IRP/RP are facing difficulty in obtaining registrations during the period of the lockdown and have requested to increase the time for obtaining registration from the present 30 days limit.	Vide notification No. 39/2020- Central Tax, dated 05.05.2020, the time limit required for obtaining registration by the IRP/RP in terms of special procedure prescribed vide notification No. 11/2020 – Central Tax dated 21.03.2020 has been extended. Accordingly, IRP/RP shall now be required to obtain registration within thirty days of the appointment of the IRP/RP or by 30th June, 2020, whichever is later.
2	The notification No. 11/2020– Central Tax dated 21.03.2020 specifies that the IRP/RP, in respect of a corporate debtor, has to take a new registration with effect from the date of appointment. Clarification has been sought whether IRP would be required to take a fresh registration even when they are complying with all the provisions of the GST Law under the registration of Corporate Debtor (earlier GSTIN) i.e. all the GSTR-3Bs have been filed by the Corporate debtor / IRP prior to the period of appointment of IRPs and they have not been defaulted in return filing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The notification No. 11/2020– Central Tax dated 21.03.2020 was issued to devise a special procedure to overcome the requirement of sequential filing of FORM GSTR-3B under GST and to align it with the provisions of the IBC Act, 2016. The said notification has been amended vide notification No. 39/2020 - Central Tax, dated 05.05.2020 so as to specifically provide that corporate debtors who have not defaulted in furnishing the return under GST would not be required to obtain a separate registration with effect from the date of appointment of IRP/RP.</li> <li>ii. Accordingly, it is clarified that IRP/RP would not be required to take a fresh registration in those cases where statements in FORM GSTR-1 under section 37 and returns in FORM GSTR-3B under section 39 of the CGST Act, for all the tax periods prior to the appointment of IRP/RP, have been furnished under the registration of Corporate Debtor (earlier GSTIN).</li> </ol>



S. No.	Issue	Clarification
3	Another doubt has been raised that the present notification has used the terms IRP and RP interchangeably, and in cases where an appointed IRP is not ratified and a separate RP is appointed, whether the same new GSTIN shall be transferred from the IRP to RP, or both will need to take fresh registration	<p>i. In cases where the RP is not the same as IRP, or in cases where a different IRP/RP is appointed midway during the insolvency process, the change in the GST system may be carried out by an amendment in the registration form. Changing the authorized signatory is a non-core amendment and does not require approval of tax officer. However, if the previous authorized signatory does not share the credentials with his successor, then the newly appointed person can get his details added through the Jurisdictional authority as Primary authorized signatory.</p> <p>ii. The new registration by IRP/RP shall be required only once, and in case of any change in IRP/RP after initial appointment under IBC, it would be deemed to be change of authorized signatory and it would not be considered as a distinct person on every such change after initial appointment. Accordingly, it is clarified that such a change would need only change of authorized signatory which can be done by the authorized signatory of the Company who can add IRP /RP as new authorized signatory or failing that it can be added by the concerned jurisdictional officer on request by IRP/RP.</p>

**Summary:**

Case	GST is liable to pay by
Business transferred	Both transferor and transferee
Agent and principal	Both agent and principal
Merger	Each company liable for own dues
Liquidation	Company and then directors
Private company	Company and then Directors
Partnership firm (including LLP)	Partners
Guardianship/Trust	Both guardian/trustee And minor
Court of wards	Tax payer AND Court of wards
Death of tax payer	Legal heir
Dissolution of HUF/AOP/Firm	All members/partners



## 19.5 APPEALS AND REVISIONS

A person who is aggrieved by a decision or order passed against him by an adjudicating authority, can file an appeal to the Appellate Authority (i.e. Commissioner (Appeals) also in short called as AA). It is important to note that it is only the aggrieved person who can file the appeal. Also, the appeal must be against a decision or order passed under the Act.

It is to be noted that no appeals whatsoever can be filed against the following orders:-

- (a) Board can fix monetary limits below which no departmental appeal would be filed with respective authorities.
- (b) An order of the Commissioner or other authority empowered to direct transfer of proceedings from one officer to another officer;
- (c) An order pertaining to the seizure or retention of books of account, register and other documents; or
- (d) An order sanctioning prosecution under the Act; or
- (e) An order passed under section 80 (payment of tax in instalments).

### Important definitions:

As per Section 2(4) of the CGST Act, 2017 "**adjudicating authority**" means any authority, appointed or authorised to pass any order or decision under this Act, but does not include

- the Central Board of Excise and Customs,
- the Revisional Authority,
- the Authority for Advance Ruling,
- the Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling,
- the Appellate Authority and
- the Appellate Tribunal;

### Amendments made by the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 – Effective from 01.02.2019

#### Definition of "Adjudicating Authority" amended [Section 2(4) of the CGST Act]

Anti profiteering authority has been excluded from the definition of Adjudicating authority and the term CBEC used therein has been changed to CBIC. The CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 has amended section 2(4) of the CGST Act, which defines adjudicating authority, as under:

"Adjudicating authority means any authority, appointed or authorised to pass any order or decision under this Act, but does not include the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs**, the Revisional Authority, the Authority for Advance Ruling, the Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling, the Appellate Authority, the Appellate Tribunal and the **Authority referred to in sub-section (2) of section 171**.

Section 2(8) of the CGST Act, 2017 "**Appellate Authority**" means an authority appointed or authorised to hear appeals as referred to in section 107;

Section 2(9) of the CGST Act, 2017 "**Appellate Tribunal**" means the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal constituted under section 109;

Section (24) of the CGST Act, 2017 "**Commissioner**" means the Commissioner of central tax and includes the Principal Commissioner of central tax appointed under section 3 and the Commissioner of integrated tax appointed under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act;



Section 2(99) of the CGST Act, 2017 "**Revisional Authority**" means an authority appointed or authorised for revision of decision or orders as referred to in section 108;

Right to appeal against an adverse decision or order is a statutory right available with all assesseees under any law and GST law also. However, this right is not an absolute right and is conditioned by fetters of timely filing of appeal and mandatory payment of part dues as pre-deposit. Under GST regime the taxable supplies of goods or services are attracting the levy which is being leviable by both Central Tax and State Tax.

**Person aggrieved should approach both the authorities of Central and State for exercising the right of appeal?**

**Answer:** As per CBIC clarification the answer to this question is NO.

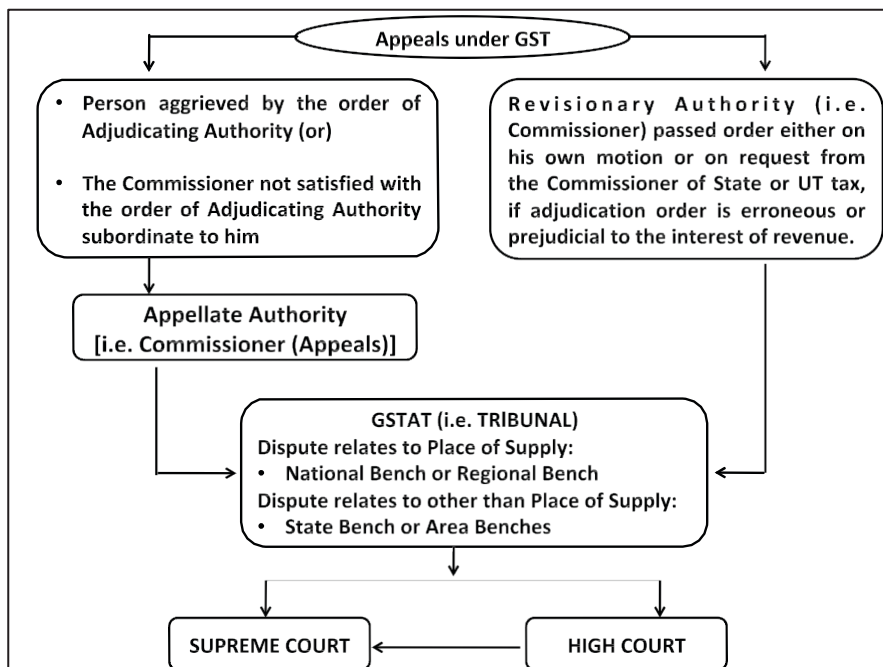
The Act makes provisions for cross empowerment between CGST and SGST/UTGST officers so as to ensure that if a proper officer of one Act (say CGST) passes an order with respect to a transaction, he will also act as the proper officer of SGST for the same transaction and issue the order with respect to the CGST as well as the SGST/UTGST component of the same transaction. The Act also provides that where a proper officer under one Act (say CGST) has passed an order, any appeal/review/revision/rectification against the said order will lie only with the proper officers of that Act only (CGST Act).

So also if any order is passed by the proper officer of SGST, any appeal/review/revision/rectification will lie with the proper officer of SGST only.

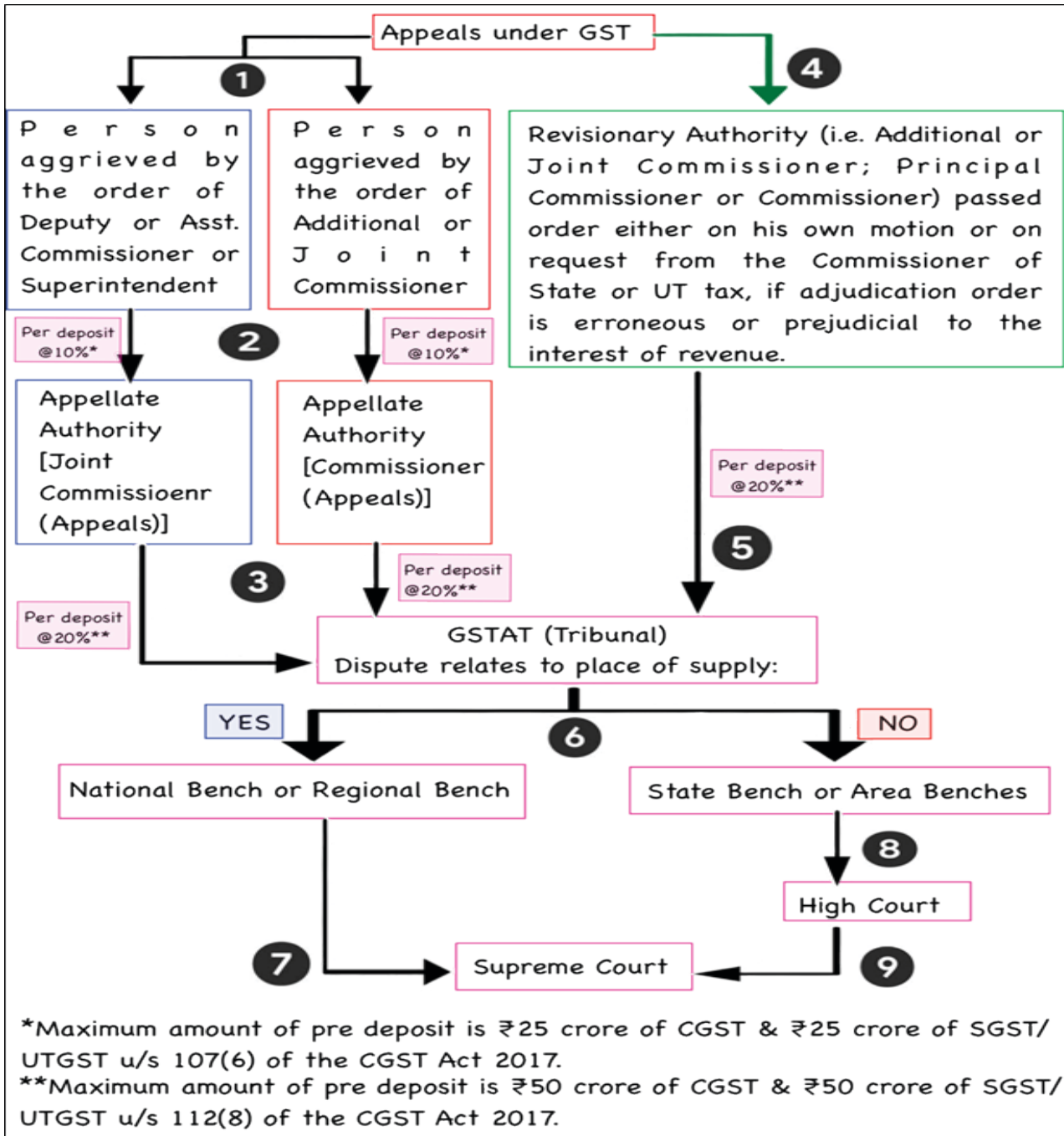
**Hierarchy of appeals under GST:**

**Appointment of Appellate Authority [Notification No. 60/2018-CT, dated 30.10.2018]**

A new rule 109A has been inserted in CGST Rules to appoint Appellate Authority as under:



in rule 109A of CGST Rules, 2017,



**Mandatory pre-deposit for entertaining appeal:**

As per section 107(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 No appeal shall be filed under sub-section (1) of Section 107 i.e. Appeals to Appellate Authority ('AA'), unless the appellant has paid—

- (a) in full, such part of the amount of tax, interest, fine, fee and penalty arising from the impugned order, as is admitted by him; and
- (b) a sum equal to 10% of the remaining amount of tax in dispute arising from the said order, (w.e.f. 1-2-2019 subject to a maximum of ₹ 25 crore) in relation to which the appeal has been filed.



**Amendment:**

**Section 107(6) of CGST Act has been amended vide CGST Amendment Act,2018, that**

No appeal shall be filed under sub-section (1), unless the appellant has paid—

- (a) in full, such part of the amount of tax, interest, fine, fee and penalty arising from the impugned order, as is admitted by him;and
- (b) a sum equal to ten per cent. of the remaining amount of tax in dispute arising from the said order **subject to a maximum of twenty-five crore rupees**, in relation to which the appeal has been filed.

w.e.f. 1-1-2022, A proviso to sub-section (6) of section 107 of the CGST Act has been inserted to provide that no appeal shall be filed against an order made under sub-section (3) of section 129, unless a sum equal to twenty-five per cent. of penalty has been paid by the appellant.

Accordingly, no appeal shall be filed to Appellate Authority against an order under section 129(3), unless a sum equal to 25% of the penalty has been paid by the applicant. In all other cases it is 10% of the amount of tax in dispute.

**As per Section 112(8) of the CGST Act, 2017 No appeal shall be filed under sub-section (1), unless the appellant has paid—**

- (a) in full, such part of the amount of tax, interest, fine, fee and penalty arising from the impugned order, as is admitted by him, and
- (b) a sum equal to 20% of the remaining amount of tax in dispute, in addition to the amount paid under sub-section (6) of section 107, arising from the said order, **subject to a maximum of fifty crore rupees** in relation to which the appeal has been filed.

With effect from 01.02.2019, section 20 of the IGST Act has also been amended vide the IGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 to provide that where the appeal is to be filed before the Appellate Authority or the Appellate Tribunal, the maximum amount payable shall be ₹ 50 crore and ₹ 100 crore rupees respectively. Section 20 of the IGST Act specifies the provisions of the CGST Act which are applicable in case of IGST Act as well.

**Note:** Pre-deposit will be **refunded with Interest @ 6%** where said amount becomes refundable on account of order in favor of assessee.

**Example 2:**

X Ltd. received a protective demand notice from the department Assistant Commissioner of Central Tax on 1.9.2021 under Section 73 of the CGST Act, 2017 where

	Amount ₹
CGST & SGST due	= 5,00,000
Interest	= @15% p.a. for no. of days delay.
Penalty	= 10% of tax due or ₹ 10,000 whichever is higher

The assessee went for appeal and filed the case in the Appellate Authority on 25.9.2021. This appeal has been taken up for hearing on 06-10-2021.

**Case 1:** How much has to pay as pre-deposit of duty under section 107(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 and date of pre- deposit of duty by X Ltd. to entertain appeal by the Appellate Authority (i.e. Commissioner (Appeals)).

**Case 2:** Whether your answer is different if the assessee appeals only part of the amount say ₹ 3,00,000 is in dispute arising from the said order.

**Answer:**

**Case 1:** Pre-deposit is ₹ 50,000 (5,00,000 x 10%) is to deposit on or before 6th October 2021.

**Case 2:** Disputed amount ₹ 3,00,000:

Pre-deposit is ₹ 2,00,000 plus ₹ 30,000 (₹ 3,00,000 x 10%) together is ₹ 2,30,000. It should be deposited on or before 6th October 2021.

**Example 3:**

Considered the example 1 where Appellate Authority passed the order against the assessee, if so how much has to pay as pre-deposit of duty under section 112(8) of the CGST Act, 2017 to entertain appeal by the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT).

**Answer:**

Pre-deposit is ₹ 1,00,000 ( $5,00,000 \times 20\%$ ) it is in addition to pre-deposit of ₹ 50,000.

**Case 2: Disputed amount ₹ 3,00,000:**

Pre-deposit is ₹ 2,00,000 plus ₹ 60,000 ( $₹ 3,00,000 \times 20\%$ ) together is ₹ 2,30,000, it is in addition to pre-deposit of ₹ 30,000.

**Interest on refund of amount paid for admission of appeal**

As per Section 115 of the CGST Act, 2017 Where an amount paid by the appellant under sub-section (6) of section 107 or sub-section (8) of section 112 is required to be refunded consequent to any order of the Appellate Authority or of the Appellate Tribunal, interest at the rate specified under section 56 shall be payable in respect of such refund from the date of payment of the amount till the date of refund of such amount.

Pre-deposit will be refunded with Interest @ 6% where said amount becomes refundable on account of order in favour of assessee.

**Example 4: In an order dated 30.08.20XX issued to M/s. Ram & Sons, the Commissioner of Central Tax (i.e. Revisionary Authority) has confirmed a tax demand of ₹50,50,000 and imposed a penalty of equal amount under CGST Act, 2017.**

M/s. Ram & Sons deposits the required amount of pre-deposit on 10.09.20XX and files an appeal with GSTAT. GSTAT decides the appeal in favour of M/s. Ram & Sons on 10.11.20XX. M/s. Ram & Sons submits a letter seeking refund of the pre deposit on 30.11.20XX and the department acknowledge the application on the same day. The pre-deposit is refunded to M/s Ram & Sons on 15.03.20XX.

Compute the amount of interest payable on refund of such pre-deposit, if any under section 115 of the CGST Act, 2017.

**Answer: Interest = ₹30,881/- (As per Section 115 of the CGST Act, 2017)**

$(₹50,50,000 \times 20\%) \times 6/100 \times 186/365$

Month	No. of day delay
Sep 20XX	21
Oct 20XX	31
Nov 20XX	30
Dec 20XX	31
Jan 20XX	31
Feb 20XX	28
Mar 20XX	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>

**Note:**

(1) Refund granted on 15.03.20XX, hence no interest is to be paid on the day of on which refund is paid.

(2) Interest of ₹30,881/- has to pay as per respective SGST Act in addition to CGST.





**Appeals to Appellate Authority [i.e. Commissioner (Appeals)] [Section 107 of the CGST Act, 2017]:**

**Step by step approach:**

1. Any person aggrieved by any decision or order passed by an adjudicating authority may appeal to Appellate Authority (AA).
2. Time limit for filing appeal is 3 months from the date on which the decision or order is communicated. However, the Commissioner (Appeals) namely Appellate Authority is empowered to condone delay of 30 days if sufficient cause is shown.
3. Appeal has to be filed in Form GST APL-01. A provisional acknowledgement shall be issued to the appellant immediately on filing appeal.
4. A hard copy of the appeal then shall be submitted in triplicate and shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the decision or order appealed against along with the supporting documents within 7 days of filing electronic appeal. Acknowledgment shall be issued by the Department in Form GST APL-02.
5. The date of filing will be issuance of provisional acknowledgement if the hard copy is submitted after 7 days, then relevant date would be this date of submission.
6. As per section 107(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 the Commissioner of Central Tax or State Tax or UT Tax may call for and examine the records of any proceedings in which the authority subordinate to him has passed any decision or order under this Act, or SGST or UTGST Act. In case he is not satisfied about the legality or propriety of the said decision or order, then he shall direct any GST Officer subordinate to him to apply to the Appellate Authority (AA) for determination of points arising out of the said decision or order as may be specified by the Commissioner.
7. In case of Department appeal has to be filed within 6 months from the date of communication of the said decision or order by the Commissioner. The authorised officer can file an appeal in Form GST APL-03 electronically and also submit hard copies thereof accompanied by a certified copy of the decision or order appealed against along with the supporting documents within 7 days.
8. The Appellate Authority will grant an opportunity of hearing to appellant. The hearing can be adjourned for maximum 3 occasions by recording reasons in writing.
9. The Appellate Authority can also allow to add/include grounds of appeal if satisfied that their omission was not willful or unreasonable.
10. The Appellate Authority as far as possible within ONE year of appeal, shall pass such order in writing, as it thinks just and proper, confirming, modifying or annulling the decision or order appealed.
11. The Appellate Authority shall not remand the matter back to the adjudicating authority. Accordingly AA shall also issue a summary of the order in Form GST APL-04 clearly indicating the final amount of demand confirmed.

**Revisionary proceedings by Commissioner against Adjudication Orders:**

As per section 108 of the CGST Act, 2017 provides revisionary powers to the Commissioner. It provides that the Commissioner shall examine the records of any proceeding passed under the Act by officers subordinate to him. If he considers that any decision or order passed under the Act is not proper or legal and it is prejudicial to the interest of the revenue, the Commissioner can stay the operation of such decision or order for such period as it is deemed fit. It is further provided that the Commissioner can after giving the person an opportunity of being heard and after making such further inquiry, he can pass such order as it thinks just and proper.

As per Section 108(2) of the CGSt Act, 2017, the Revisional Authority shall not exercise any power under sub-section (1) of Section 108, if—

- (a) the order has been subject to an appeal under section 107 or section 112 or section 117 or section 118; or
- (b) the period specified under sub-section (2) of section 107 has not yet expired or more than three years have



expired after the passing of the decision or order sought to be revised; or

- (c) the order has already been taken for revision under this section at an earlier stage; or
- (d) the order has been passed in exercise of the powers under sub-section (1):

Provided that the Revisional Authority may pass an order under sub-section (1) of Section 108 on any point which has not been raised and decided in an appeal referred to in clause (a) of sub-section (2), before the expiry of a period of one year from the date of the order in such appeal or before the expiry of a period of three years referred to in clause (b) of that sub-section, whichever is later.

In the following cases Appellate Authority has no power to enhance or modify or annul the decision or order of adjudicating authority subordinate to him:

- (a) if the assessee has filed the appeal to the AA, the Commissioner GST (i.e. Revisionary Authority) cannot make the review of such order u/s 108 of the CGST Act, 2017.
- (b) If the appeal against any Order is pending before the appellate Tribunal u/s 112 of the CGST Act or before the High Court u/s 117 of the CGST Act, or before the Supreme Court u/s 118 of the CGST Act, 2017, the Commissioner GST (i.e. Revisionary Authority) cannot make the review of such order u/s 108 of the CGST Act, 2017.
- (c) The Commissioner cannot exercise the powers u/s 108(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 if the appeal period (i.e. 3 months for filing the appeal has not expired or more than 3 years have expired after passing the decision or Order sought to be reviewed.
- (d) If the Order has already been taken up for revision earlier and certain decision has been taken, the order cannot be again taken up for revision by the Commissioner.
- (e) The order has already been passed u/s 108 of the CGST Act, 2017. Therefore, the Commissioner cannot take the order again for revision.

#### **Exceptions:**

- (i) proviso to Sec 108(2) provides revisionary powers to the Commissioner to pass the order on any point which has not been raised and decided in any appeal filed either before the Appellate Authority u/s 107 or Appellate Tribunal u/s 112 or High Court u/s 117 or Supreme Court u/s 118, before the expiry of the period of ONE year from the date of order in such appeal or before the expiry period of 3 years after the passing of the decision or order whichever is later.

#### **Prior notice to person in case of adverse order by Revisional Authority**

If the Revisional Authority decides to pass an order in revision under section 108 of the CGST Act which is likely to affect the person adversely, an obligation has been cast on the Revisional Authority to serve a notice on such person and give him a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

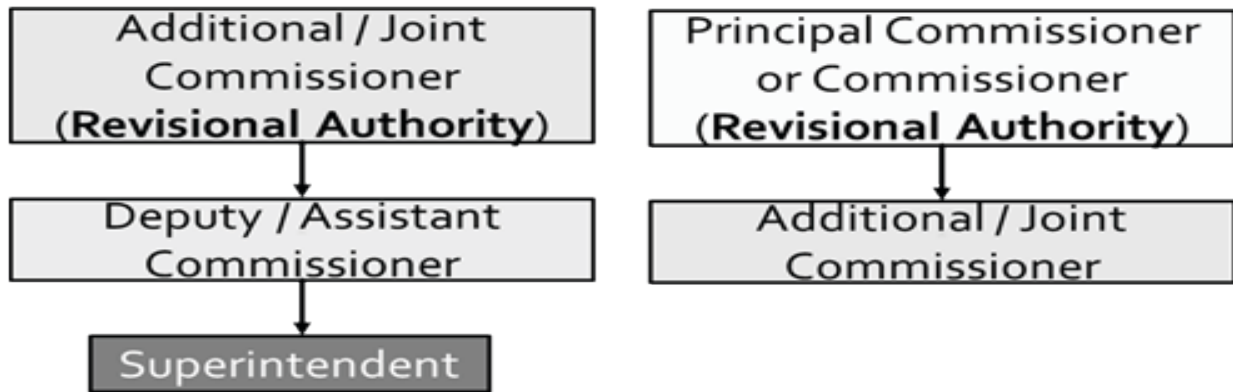
Along with the order under section 108(1), the Revisional Authority will also issue a summary of the order clearly indicating the final amount of demand confirmed.

[Notification No. 74/2018-CT, dated 31.12.2018]

#### **Revisional Authority under section 108[Notification No. 05/2020 CT dated 13.01.2020]:**

The following officers have been authorised as the Revisional Authority under section 108 of the CGST Act:

- (a) Principal Commissioner or Commissioner for decisions or orders passed by the Additional or Joint Commissioner; and.
- (b) Additional or Joint Commissioner for decisions or orders passed by the Deputy Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner or Superintendent.



**Conduct of personal hearing in virtual mode under CGST Act, 2017, IGST Act, 2017, Customs Act, 1962 Revised guidelines (vide CBIC Instruction F.No. 390/Misc./3/2019-JC dated 21-8-2020):**

1. In any proceedings before the Commissioner (Appeals)/Additional/Joint Commissioner (Appeals), the authority shall mandatorily indicate that the personal hearing would take place through video conferencing facility. For this purpose he/she shall also indicate the email address for correspondence etc.
2. The date and time of hearing along with a link for the video conference shall be informed to the appellant/respondent or their authorized representative and the concerned Commissioner representing revenue through the official email, giving the details of officer in-charge who would provide assistance to the party, for conducting the virtual hearing. This link should not be shared with any other person without the approval of the Appellate Authority.
3. The appellant/respondent or authorized representative, appearing in virtual hearing, should file his vakalatnama or authorization letter along with a copy of his photo ID card and contact details to the appellate authority through official e-mail address of the concerned authority after scanning the same.
4. All persons participating in the video conference should be appropriately dressed and maintain the decorum required for such an occasion.
5. Virtual hearing through video conference shall be held from the office of the Appellate authority or any official video conference facility set up in the office of the Commissioner (Appeals).
6. The virtual hearing through video conference will be conducted through available applications like VIDYO, or other secured computer network. The appellant/respondent should download such application in their computer system/laptop/mobile phone beforehand for ready connectivity during virtual hearing, and join the video conference at the time allotted to them, as given in point (2) above
7. In case where the appellant/respondent wishes to participate in the virtual hearing proceeding along with their advocate, they should do so under proper intimation to this office as mentioned at point (2) above. They may participate in virtual hearing along with their advocate/ authorized representative or join the proceedings from their own office.
8. The submissions made by the appellant or their representative through the video conference will be reduced in writing and a statement of the same will be prepared, which shall be known as "record of personal hearing". A soft copy of such record of personal hearing in PDF format will be sent to the appellant through email ID provided by appellant/ respondent/authorized representative, within one day of such hearing.
9. If the, appellant/their representative wants to modify the contents of emailed record of personal hearing, they can do so and sign the modified record, scan and send back the signed record of personal hearing to the Appellate Authority within 3 days of receipt of such e-mail or else it will be presumed that they agree with the contents of e-mailed record of personal hearing. No modification in e-mailed record of personal



hearing will be entertained after 3 days of its receipt by appellant/their authorized representative. The date or receipt of the email by the appellate authority will not be counted for this purpose.

10. The record of personal hearing submitted in this manner shall be deemed to be a document for the purpose of the relevant statute read with Section 4 of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
11. If the appellant/their authorized representative prefers to submit any document including additional submissions during the virtual hearing, he may do so by self-attesting such document and scanned copy of the same may be emailed to the appellate authority immediately after virtual hearing and in no case after 3 days of virtual hearing. The date of the hearing will be excluded for this purpose.
12. Any official representing the Department's side can also participate in the virtual hearing through video conferencing. The Commissionerate concerned shall inform the details in advance regarding such participation, on receipt of intimation as mentioned at point (2) above.
13. While the conduct of personal hearing through video conferencing is being made mandatory, there may yet be rare and accentuating circumstances on the part of the assessee or his authorized representative on account of which this cannot be done. Each such request shall be approved by the appellate authority and the reasons for the same recorded in writing.

#### Appeal to Appellate Tribunal [Section 112 of the CGST Act, 2017]

The Tribunal is the second level of appeal, where appeals can be filed against the orders-in-appeal passed by the AA or order in revision passed by revisional authority, by any person aggrieved by such an Order-in-Appeal/ Order-in-Revision.

The law envisages constitution of a two tier Tribunal namely

- (1) The National Bench/Regional Benches and
- (2) The State Bench/ Area Benches.

Jurisdiction of the two constituents of the GST Tribunal is also defined. If place of supply is one of the issues in dispute, then the National Bench/ Regional benches of the Tribunal will have jurisdiction.

#### **Step by step approach:**

- The National bench or regional Benches shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals against the orders passed by the appellate authority i.e., Commissioner (Appeals) or the Revisional Authority in the cases where one of the issues involved relates to the place of supply
- Other matters will fall in jurisdiction of State bench or Area Bench
- Appellate Tribunal can refuse to admit any appeal where the amount involved does not exceed fifty thousand rupees
- Time limit of three months from the date of communication is available to aggrieved person for filing appeal. Tribunal can condone delay for another three months.
- The appeal has to be filed electronically, in FORM GST AL-05, on the common portal and a provisional acknowledgement shall be issued to the appellant immediately.
- A hard copy of the appeal then shall be submitted in triplicate and shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the decision or order appealed along with the supporting documents within seven days of filing electronic appeal.
- A final acknowledgement, indicating appeal number shall be issued FORM GST APL-02 to appellant.
- The date of filing will be issuance of provisional acknowledgement if the hard copy as above is submitted within time. If hard copy is submitted after 7 days, then relevant date would be the date of submission.
- Department can also file appeal to Tribunal against order passed by an Appellate or Revisionary Authority.



- For this purpose, the Commissioner can call for and examine the records for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the legality or propriety of the said decision or order.
- If not satisfied he may pass an order directing any officer subordinate to him to apply to the appellate tribunal.
- The appeal has to be filed within six months from the date of communication of the said decision or order. Delay in filing can be condoned by Tribunal by another three months .
- Authorized officer will file appeal in FORM GST AP-07 electronically and also submit hard copies thereof accompanied by a certified copy of the decision or order appealed against along with the supporting documents within seven days.
- Cross-objection can be filed in prescribed Memorandum by the opposite party to the appeal within forty five days of the receipt of notice of appeal. Such memorandum shall be disposed of by the Appellate Tribunal, as if it were an appeal.

### **Procedure before Appellate Tribunal**

- Appellate Tribunal will grant an opportunity of hearing to appellant.
- The hearing can be adjourned for maximum three occasions by recording reasons in writing.
- Appellate Tribunal can also allow to add/Include grounds of appeal if satisfied that their omission was not willful or unreasonable.
- The Appellate Tribunal, as far as possible within one year of appeal, shall pass such order in writing, as it thinks just and proper, confirming, modifying or annulling the decision or order appealed against.
- The Appellate Tribunal can also remand the case back to the Appellate or Provisional Authority.
- The Appellate Tribunal has the power to rectify any error apparent on the face of records, if such error is noticed by it on its own accord, or is brought to its notice by the appellant or department within a period of three months from the date of the order.
- Rectification which has the effect of enhancing an assessment or reducing a refund or Input tax credit or otherwise increasing the liability of the other party can only be done after the party has been given an opportunity of being heard.
- The Appellant Tribunal shall have power to regulate its own procedures.
- It shall be guided by the principles of natural justice.
- The Tribunal has same powers as are vested in a Civil court for summoning or seeking the attendance of any person and examining him on oath or requiring the discovery and production of documents or receiving evidence on affidavits or setting aside any order of dismissal of any representation for default or any order passed by it ex parte etc.

### **Fee for filing Appeal**

Fee for filing Appeal to Appellate tribunal is one thousand rupees for every lakh rupees of tax or input credit involved or the difference in tax or input tax credit involved or the amount of fine, fee or penalty determined in the order appealed against, subject to maximum of twenty five thousand rupees.

### **Appeal to High Court [Section 117 of the CGST Act, 2017]**

Appeal against orders passed by the State Bench or Area Bench of the Appellate Tribunal shall lie to the High Court and the High Court may admit such appeal, if it is satisfied that the case involves a substantial question of law and doesn't not involve any issue relating to place of supply.

This appeal in FORM GST APL-08 shall be filed within a period of one hundred and eighty days(180 days) from the date on which the order appealed against is received by aggrieved party.

High court can condone delay in filing appeal without any limit.

The Appeal shall be heard by a bench of not less than two judges.



### Appeal to Supreme Court [Section 118 of the CGST Act, 2017]

An Appeal shall lie to the supreme court from any order passed by the National Bench or Regional Benches of the Appellate Tribunal where on the issues involved relates to place of supply.

Appeal would also lie to supreme court from any judgment or order passed by the High Court in an appeal in any case which the High Court certifies to be a fit case for appeal to the supreme court.

## 19.6 ADVANCE RULING

It means **knowing the law in advance**.

Section 95 of CGST Act,2017 deals with the provisions of Advance ruling. In this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) "advance ruling" means a decision provided by the Authority or the Appellate Authority (or the National Appellate Authority w.e.f. 1-8-2019) to an applicant on matters or on questions specified in sub-section (2) of section 97 or sub-section (1) of section 100, in relation to the supply of goods or services or both being undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by the applicant;
- (b) "Appellate Authority" means the Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling referred to in section 99;
- (c) "applicant" means any person registered or desirous of obtaining registration under this Act;
- (d) "application" means an application made to the Authority under sub-section (1) of section 97;
- (e) "Authority" means the Authority for Advance Ruling referred to in section 96.
- (f) W.e.f. 1-8-2019 "National Appellate Authority" means the National Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling referred to in section 101A.¹.

### Authority in respect of State and Union Territory

As per Section 96 of CGST Act,2017 Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, for the purposes of this Act, the Authority for advance ruling constituted under the provisions of a State Goods and Services Tax Act or Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act shall be deemed to be the Authority for advance ruling in respect of that State or Union territory.

### Application to Authority [Section 97 of CGST Act, 2017]

- (1) An applicant desirous of obtaining an advance ruling under this Chapter may make an application in such form and manner and accompanied by such fee as may be prescribed, stating the question on which the advance ruling is sought.
- (2) The question on which the advance ruling is sought under this Act, shall be in respect of,—
  - classification of any goods or services or both;
  - applicability of a notification issued under the provisions of this Act;
  - determination of time and value of supply of goods or services or both;
  - admissibility of input tax credit of tax paid or deemed to have been paid;
  - determination of the liability to pay tax on any goods or services or both;
  - whether applicant is required to be registered;
  - whether any particular thing done by the applicant with respect to any goods or services or both amounts to or results in a supply of goods or services or both, within the meaning of that term.

**Advance ruling can be sought only on the above mentioned aspects**

### Procedure of Authority with respect to Application

Section-98 of CGST Act,2017-



- (1) On receipt of an application, the Authority shall cause a copy thereof to be forwarded to the concerned officer and, if necessary, call upon him to furnish the relevant records  
Provided that where any records have been called for by the Authority in any case, such records shall, as soon as possible, be returned to the said concerned officer.
- (2) The Authority may, after examining the application and the records called for and after hearing the applicant or his authorised representative and the concerned officer or his authorised representative, by order, either admit or reject the application  
Provided that the Authority shall not admit the application where the question raised in the application is already pending or decided in any proceedings in the case of an applicant under any of the provisions of this Act  
Provided further that no application shall be rejected under this sub-section unless an opportunity of hearing has been given to the applicant.  
Provided also that where the application is rejected, the reasons for such rejection shall be specified in the order.
- (3) A copy of every order made under sub-section (2) shall be sent to the applicant and to the concerned officer.
- (4) Where an application is admitted under sub-section (2), the Authority shall, after examining such further material as may be placed before it by the applicant or obtained by the Authority and after providing an opportunity of being heard to the applicant or his authorised representative as well as to the concerned officer or his authorised representative, pronounce its advance ruling on the question specified in the application.
- (5) Where the members of the Authority differ on any question on which the advance ruling is sought, they shall state the point or points on which they differ and make a reference to the Appellate Authority for hearing and decision on such question.
- (6) The Authority shall pronounce its advance ruling in writing within ninety days from the date of receipt of application
- (7) A copy of the advance ruling pronounced by the Authority duly signed by the members and certified in such manner as may be prescribed shall be sent to the applicant, the concerned officer and the jurisdictional officer after such pronouncement.

### **Appellate Authority for Advance ruling**

As per Section 99 of CGST Act, 2017 -Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, for the purposes of this Act, the Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling constituted under the provisions of a State Goods and Services Tax Act or a Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act shall be deemed to be the Appellate Authority in respect of that State or Union territory.

### **Appeal to Appellate Tribunal [Section 100 of CGST Act, 2017]**

- (1) The concerned officer, the jurisdictional officer or an applicant aggrieved by any advance ruling pronounced under sub-section (4) of section 98, may appeal to the Appellate Authority.
- (2) Every appeal under this section shall be filed within a period of thirty days from the date on which the ruling sought to be appealed against is communicated to the concerned officer, the jurisdictional officer and the applicant:  
Provided that the Appellate Authority may, if it is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by a sufficient cause from presenting the appeal within the said period of thirty days, allow it to be presented within a further period not exceeding thirty days.
- (3) Every appeal under this section shall be in such form, accompanied by such fee and verified in such manner as may be prescribed.



**Constitution of National Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling w.e.f. 1-8-2019:**

“Section 101A of the CGST Act, 2017, —

- (1) The Government shall, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, constitute, with effect from such date as may be specified therein, an Authority known as the National Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling for hearing appeals made under section 101B.
- (2) The National Appellate Authority shall consist of—
  - (i) the President, who has been a Judge of the Supreme Court or is or has been the Chief Justice of a High Court, or is or has been a Judge of a High Court for a period not less than five years;
  - (ii) a Technical Member (Centre) who is or has been a member of Indian Revenue (Customs and Central Excise) Service, Group A, and has completed at least fifteen years of service in Group A;
  - (iii) a Technical Member (State) who is or has been an officer of the State Government not below the rank of Additional Commissioner of Value Added Tax or the Additional Commissioner of State tax with at least three years of experience in the administration of an existing law or the State Goods and Services Tax Act or in the field of finance and taxation.
- (3) The President of the National Appellate Authority shall be appointed by the Government after consultation with the Chief Justice of India or his nominee:
 

Provided that in the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the President by the reason of his death, resignation or otherwise, the senior most Member of the National Appellate Authority shall act as the President until the date on which a new President, appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Act to fill such vacancy, enters upon his office:

Provided further that where the President is unable to discharge his functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the senior most Member of the National Appellate Authority shall discharge the functions of the President until the date on which the President resumes his duties.
- (4) The Technical Member (Centre) and Technical Member (State) of the National Appellate Authority shall be appointed by the Government on the recommendations of a Selection Committee consisting of such persons and in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (5) No appointment of the Members of the National Appellate Authority shall be invalid merely by the reason of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Selection Committee.
- (6) Before appointing any person as the President or Members of the National Appellate Authority, the Government shall satisfy itself that such person does not have any financial or other interests which are likely to prejudicially affect his functions as such President or Member.
- (7) The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the President and the Members of the National Appellate Authority shall be such as may be prescribed:
 

Provided that neither salary and allowances nor other terms and conditions of service of the President or Members of the National Appellate Authority shall be varied to their disadvantage after their appointment.
- (8) The President of the National Appellate Authority shall hold office for a term of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office, or until he attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier and shall also be eligible for reappointment.
- (9) The Technical Member (Centre) or Technical Member (State) of the National Appellate Authority shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office, or until he attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier and shall also be eligible for reappointment.
- (10) The President or any Member may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Government, resign from his office:





Provided that the President or Member shall continue to hold office until the expiry of three months from the date of receipt of such notice by the Government, or until a person duly appointed as his successor enters upon his office or until the expiry of his term of office, whichever is the earliest.

- (11) The Government may, after consultation with the Chief Justice of India, remove from the office such President or Member, who— (a) has been adjudged an insolvent; or (b) has been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of such Government involves moral turpitude; or (c) has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as such President or Member; or (d) has acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as such President or Member; or (e) has so abused his position as to render his continuance in office prejudicial to the public interest:

Provided that the President or the Member shall not be removed on any of the grounds specified in clauses (d) and (e), unless he has been informed of the charges against him and has been given an opportunity of being heard.

- (12) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section (11), the President and Technical Members of the National Appellate Authority shall not be removed from their office except by an order made by the Government on the ground of proven misbehaviour or incapacity after an inquiry made by a Judge of the Supreme Court nominated by the Chief Justice of India on a reference made to him by the Government and such President or Member had been given an opportunity of being heard.
- (13) The Government, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of India, may suspend from office, the President or Technical Members of the National Appellate Authority in respect of whom a reference has been made to the Judge of the Supreme Court under sub-section (12)
- (14) Subject to the provisions of article 220 of the Constitution, the President or Members of the National Appellate Authority, on ceasing to hold their office, shall not be eligible to appear, act or plead before the National Appellate Authority where he was the President or, as the case may be, a Member.

### **Appeal to National Appellate Authority.**

Section 101B. (1) Where, in respect of the questions referred to in sub-section (2) of section 97, conflicting Advance Rulings are given by the Appellate Authorities of two or more States or Union territories or both under sub-section (1) or sub-section (3) of section 101, any officer authorised by the Commissioner or an applicant, being distinct person referred to in section 25 aggrieved by such Advance Ruling, may prefer an appeal to National Appellate Authority:

Provided that the officer shall be from the States in which such Advance Rulings have been given.

(2) Every appeal under this section shall be filed within a period of thirty days from the date on which the ruling sought to be appealed against is communicated to the applicants, concerned officers and jurisdictional officers:

Provided that the officer authorised by the Commissioner may file appeal within a period of ninety days from the date on which the ruling sought to be appealed against is communicated to the concerned officer or the jurisdictional officer:

Provided further that the National Appellate Authority may, if it is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by a sufficient cause from presenting the appeal within the said period of thirty days, or as the case may be, ninety days, allow such appeal to be presented within a further period not exceeding thirty days.

**Explanation** — For removal of doubts, it is clarified that the period of thirty days or as the case may be, ninety days shall be counted from the date of communication of the last of the conflicting rulings sought to be appealed against.

(3) Every appeal under this section shall be in such form, accompanied by such fee and verified in such manner as may be prescribed.

### **Order of National Appellate Authority**

Section 101C. (1) The National Appellate Authority may, after giving an opportunity of being heard to the applicant, the officer authorised by the Commissioner, all Principal Chief Commissioners, Chief Commissioners

of Central tax and Chief Commissioner and Commissioner of State tax of all States and Chief Commissioner and Commissioner of Union territory tax of all Union territories, pass such order as it thinks fit, confirming or modifying the rulings appealed against.

(2) If the members of the National Appellate Authority differ in opinion on any point, it shall be decided according to the opinion of the majority.

(3) The order referred to in sub-section (1) shall be passed as far as possible within a period of ninety days from the date of filing of the appeal under section 101B.

(4) A copy of the Advance Ruling pronounced by the National Appellate Authority shall be duly signed by the Members and certified in such manner as may be prescribed and shall be sent to the applicant, the officer authorised by the Commissioner, the Board, the Chief Commissioner and Commissioner of State tax of all States and Chief Commissioner and Commissioner of Union territory tax of all Union territories and to the Authority or Appellate Authority, as the case may be, after such pronouncement."

### **Orders of Appellate Authority-**

Section 101 of CGST Act, 2017-

- (1) The Appellate Authority may, after giving the parties to the appeal or reference an opportunity of being heard, pass such order as it thinks fit, confirming or modifying the ruling appealed against or referred to.
- (2) The order referred to in sub-section (1) shall be passed within a period of ninety days from the date of filing of the appeal under section 100 or a reference under sub-section (5) of section 98.
- (3) Where the members of the Appellate Authority differ on any point or points referred to in appeal or reference, it shall be deemed that no advance ruling can be issued in respect of the question under the appeal or reference.
- (4) A copy of the advance ruling pronounced by the Appellate Authority duly signed by the Members and certified in such manner as may be prescribed shall be sent to the applicant, the concerned officer, the jurisdictional officer and to the Authority after such pronouncement.

### **Rectification of Advance Ruling**

Section 102 of CGST Act, 2017-

The Authority or the Appellate Authority may amend any order passed by it under section 98 or section 101, so as to rectify any error apparent on the face of the record, if such error is noticed by the Authority or the Appellate Authority on its own accord, or is brought to its notice by the concerned officer, the jurisdictional officer, the applicant or the appellant within a period of six months from the date of the order:

Provided that no rectification which has the effect of enhancing the tax liability or reducing the amount of admissible input tax credit shall be made unless the applicant or the appellant has been given an opportunity of being heard.

**w.e.f. 1-8-2019:** after the words "Appellate Authority", at both the places where they occur, the words "or the National Appellate Authority" shall be inserted under sec 102 of CGST Act, 2017;

### **Ruling Applicability**

Section-103 of CGST Act, 2017

- (1) The advance ruling pronounced by the Authority or the Appellate Authority under this Chapter shall be binding only-
  - (a) on the applicant who had sought it in respect of any matter referred to in sub-section (2) of section 97 for advance ruling
  - (b) on the concerned officer or the jurisdictional officer in respect of the applicant.
- (2) The advance ruling referred to in sub-section (1) shall be binding unless the law, facts or circumstances supporting the original advance ruling have changed.



**w.e.f 1-8-2019:**

“(1A) The Advance Ruling pronounced by the National Appellate Authority under this Chapter shall be binding on—

- (a) the applicants, being distinct persons, who had sought the ruling under sub-section (1) of section 101B and all registered persons having the same Permanent Account Number issued under the Income-tax Act, 1961;
- (b) the concerned officers and the jurisdictional officers in respect of the applicants referred to in clause (a) and the registered persons having the same Permanent Account Number issued under the Income-tax Act, 1961.”;

**Advance ruling to be void**

Section 104 of CGST Act, 2017

(1) Where the Authority or the Appellate Authority finds that advance ruling pronounced by it under sub-section (4) of section 98 or under sub-section (1) of section 101 has been obtained by the applicant or the appellant by

- fraud or
- suppression of material facts or
- misrepresentation of facts,

it may, by order, declare such ruling to be void ab-initio and thereupon all the provisions of this Act or the rules made there under shall apply to the applicant or the appellant as if such advance ruling had never been made

Provided that no order shall be passed under this sub-section unless an opportunity of being heard has been given to the applicant or the appellant.

(2) A copy of the order made under sub-section (1) shall be sent to the applicant, the concerned officer and the jurisdictional officer.

**Powers of Authority or Appellate Authority**

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Section 105 of CGST Act, 2017

(1) The Authority or the Appellate Authority shall, for the purpose of exercising its powers regarding—

- (a) discovery and inspection;
- (b) enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath
- (c) issuing commissions and compelling production of books of account and other records

have all the powers of a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

(2) The Authority or the Appellate Authority shall be deemed to be a civil court for the purposes of section 195, but not for the purposes of Chapter XXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and every proceeding before the Authority or the Appellate Authority shall be deemed to be a judicial proceedings within the meaning of sections 193 and 228, and for the purpose of section 196 of the Indian Penal Code.

Section-106 of CGST Act, 2017, The Authority or the Appellate Authority shall, subject to the provisions of this Chapter, have power to regulate its own procedure.

**w.e.f.1-8-2019:**

“Powers of Authority, Appellate Authority and National Appellate Authority.”;

- in sub-section (1), after the words “Appellate Authority”, the words “or the National Appellate Authority” shall be inserted;
- in sub-section (2), after the words “Appellate Authority”, the words “or the National Appellate Authority” shall be inserted.

**Case law:****Global Reach Education Services Pvt. Ltd. (2018) 96 taxmann.com 107 (AAAR-West Bengal)**

Recently, in the case of Global Reach Education Services Pvt Ltd, (2018) 96 taxmann.com 107 (AAAR-West Bengal), the Appellant Authority for Advance Rulings (AAAR), West Bengal has confirmed the decision of Authority for Advance Ruling (AAR), that the services of-

Promoting courses of Foreign university in India, considered to be intermediary services

- promoting the courses of the foreign university in India;
- finding suitable prospective students to undertake the course;
- recruiting and
- assisting in recruiting the suitable students

shall be treated as intermediary services in terms of Section 2(13) of the IGST Act, 2017, and not 'Export of Services'.

Here, the assessee appealed against the ruling of the AAR, that they are 'intermediary' of the Foreign Universities. The appellant contended that they are providing 'business auxiliary services' to the Foreign Universities rather than intermediary services, as they provide services of promoting and marketing of Foreign Universities courses in India on their own account which does not include the function of an intermediary as to facilitation and arrangement of supply of goods or services between two or more persons.

The AAAR here observed that the in the instant case, the appellant was free to refer students to various foreign universities of its choice. Further, the fee paid to the Appellant was not tied to the promotional activities or expenses incurred to promote the courses of foreign universities but as a percentage of fee paid by the students who got admitted to the universities. Thus, no consideration was paid in spite of incurring expenses by the Appellant for promoting activities of universities, if no student joined the university.

Whereas, in the case of M/s Sunrise Immigration Consultants Private Ltd. v CCE & ST, Chandigarh, cited by the appellant, the AAAR observed that the order passed there by the Tribunal was completely different from this case. As in that case, the tribunal considered the 'intermediary' under Rule 2(f) of the Place of Provision of Service Rules, 2012 (POPS), in relation to 'main service'. Further, the definition of 'intermediary' under Section 2(13) of the IGST Act, is not same as that under Rule 2(f) of the POPS Rules, 2012, in as much as under GST an intermediary is an entity who arranges/facilitates for the supply of services of another entity, which may include the ancillary services, whereas under POPS Rules, the intermediary arranges/ facilitates for the provisions of services of the main service provider.

Therefore, the services provided carried out by the appellant would be considered as an intermediary in terms of Section 2(13) of the IGST Act.

**Power of Government to extend time limit in special circumstances [Section 168A]**

The Central Government has issued Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation of Certain Provisions) Ordinance, 2020 on 31.03.2020 which empowers it to extend the due dates for compliances under various tax laws.

The Ordinance has inserted a new section 168A in the CGST Act which enables the Government to extend the time limits provided under the said Act in respect of actions which cannot be completed or complied with due to force majeure. Here, force majeure means war, epidemic, flood, drought, fire, cyclone, earthquake or any other calamity caused by nature affecting the implementations of provisions of the CGST Act. This power can also be exercised retrospectively. The new section has become effective from 31.03.2020.



## 19.7 GST PRACTITIONER

### 1. Who can be a GST Practitioner?

- a. He is a retired officer of the Commercial Tax Department of any State Government or of the Central Board of Excise and Customs, Department of Revenue, Government of India, who, during his service under the Government, had worked in a post not lower in rank than that of a Group-B Gazetted officer for a period of not less than two years; OR
- b. He has enrolled as a sales tax practitioner or tax return preparer under the existing law for a period of not less than five years;
- c. He has passed,
  - He is a Graduate or Post-graduate degree or its equivalent examination having a degree in Commerce, Law, Banking including Higher auditing, or business administration from any Indian University established by any law for the time being in force; OR
  - A degree examination of any Foreign University recognized by any Indian University as equivalent to the degree examination mentioned in sub-clause (i) OR
  - Any other examination notified by the Government for this purpose OR
  - Any degree examination of an Indian University or of any Foreign University recognized by any Indian University as equivalent of the degree examination and has also passed any of the following examinations, namely:-
    - (i) Final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India; OR
    - (ii) Final examination of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India; OR
    - (iii) Final examination of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

### 2. Roles and Responsibilities of a GST Practitioner

- The government by virtue of section 48 of CGST Act, 2017 permits GST practitioners, upon authorization from taxpayers, to:
  - Filing GSTR-1 with the details of outward (w.e.f. 01-10-2022 and inward omitted) supplies
  - Filing of GST monthly, quarterly or annual returns on behalf of his clients
  - Representing the clients before GST authorities
  - Filing refund claims, upon confirmation from clients
  - Making deposits for credit in the electronic ledger
  - Filing applications in case of any for changes (amendment) or cancellation the registration

GST practitioners are entrusted by the government to help common people with the work/ activity related to compliance of GST laws. With this provision of the Act, it becomes the responsibility of the GST practitioner to ensure that returns are filed correctly and on timely basis.

Further, provisions of CGST Act, 2017 requires CGST Practitioners to follow the principle of due diligence while preparing the statements of return and verify such statements. Verification can be done:

- Electronically by Electronic Verification Code (EVC); or
- By way of affixing Digital Signature Certificate.

### 3. GST Practitioner Exam Date

The National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) has been authorized for conducting the examination for the enrollment of GST Practitioners (GSTP), vide Notification No. 24/2018-Central Tax dated 28.5.2018.

As per the Ministry of Finance, a person can be enrolled as GST Practitioner only after passing the examination. A person seeking registration as a GST Practitioner have to clear the GST Practitioner examination.

w.e.f. 1st February 2019, [Notification No. 03/2019-CT, dated 29th January 2019]:

Substitution in heading of Chapter-II	Composition Rules	"Composition Levy"	
<b>Substitution in 2nd proviso to Rule 83 (3)</b>	Provided further that no person to whom the provisions of clause (b) of sub-rule (1) apply shall be eligible to remain enrolled unless he passes the said examination within a period of [eighteen months] from the appointed date	Provided further that no person to whom the provisions of clause (b) of sub-rule (1) apply shall be eligible to remain enrolled unless he passes the said examination within a period of [thirty months] from the appointed date	Allows time to complete the exam after enrolment.

CBIC notifies Central Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2019 vide Notification No. 49/2019 – Central Tax dated 09-10-2019 and made some important changes as given below-

**In rule 83A, in sub-rule (6), for clause (i), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-**

“(i) Every person referred to in clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 83 and who is enrolled as a goods and services tax practitioner under sub-rule (2) of the said rule is required to pass the examination within the period as specified in the second proviso of sub-rule (3) of the said rule.”.

**In rule 83A, in sub-rule (6), for clause (i), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-**

“(i) Every person referred to in clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 83 and who is enrolled as a goods and services tax practitioner under sub-rule (2) of the said rule is required to pass the examination within the period as specified in the second proviso of sub-rule (3) of the said rule.”.

#### 4. Conditions for becoming a GST practitioner

As per Rule 83, an application in FORM GST PCT-01 may be made electronically through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner for enrolment as goods and services tax practitioner by any person who is:

1. The applicant must be an Indian Citizen
2. The applicant should be a person of sound mind
3. The applicant should be not be adjudged as an insolvent
4. The applicant should be not be convicted by a court for an offence with imprisonment of a period exceeding 2 years

#### 5. Validity of GST Practitioner License

The GST practitioner license would be valid until it's cancelled by the relevant authority.

A person seeking for GST practitioner license through tax return preparer or the sales tax practitioner route are required to pass the examination conducted by the GST Authority within one year from the implementation of GST.

#### 6. Documents required for registration as a GST practitioner

- Enrolment type (Central or State application),
- Bar Council Membership Proof – For Advocates
- Date of enrolment,
- Photograph(jPEG-100kb),
- date of enrolment,
- Valid e-mail id,
- Valid Phone number,



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- Membership number and valid up to
- Name of university/institute and
- Office address proof,
- A digital signature, and
- Year of passing
- Qualification proof: Certificate of Practice – For Chartered Accountant, Company Secretary, Cost and Management Accountant, Bar Council Membership Proof – For Advocates

### 7. Difference between taxpayer and GST practitioner

A taxpayer is a person registered under GST law for the purpose of filing returns, payment of tax, availing input tax credit and other compliances. Such a person is defined as a 'taxable person' under GST law.

On the contrary, a GST practitioner is a person registered as a GST professional under GST Law. A taxpayer may authorise a GST practitioner to furnish monthly/quarterly/ annual returns and information, on his behalf, to the government. The manner of approval of GST practitioners, the manner of removal, eligibility and qualification, roles and responsibilities and other conditions relevant for the functioning of a GST Practitioner have been prescribed in Rule 24 and 25 of the Return Rules. A taxable person can add a GST Practitioner to his GST Portal, to allow such a person to make compliance under GST on his behalf.

### 8. Disqualifications and cancellation of GST Practitioner's certificate:

If a GST Practitioner is found guilty of misconduct in connection with any proceedings under the GST Act, he is disqualified to act as GST Practitioner. The process of disqualification from practicing as a GST Practitioner is as follows:

- A Show cause notice is served upon the GST Practitioner by the authorized officer in FORM GST PCT- 03 to call for an explanation for carrying out the misconduct.
- Reasonable opportunity of being heard is provided to GST practitioner to seek justifications from his/her side.
- After hearing the GST Practitioner, if he is found guilty of misconduct, the authorized officer passes order in FORM GST PCT -04 directing that the GST practitioner cannot function as GST practitioner under the GST Act, 2017 and is disqualified.
- However, the person (i.e. the GST practitioner) can make an appeal against the order in FORM GST PCT -04 to the commissioner within thirty days.

### 9. Documents required for Enrolment of a GST Practitioner

Purpose	Acceptable Documents	Max Size for Upload
Photo of Applicant in JPG Format	Photo	100 KB
	Any other certificate/document issued by Government	120 KB
	Any other Certificate or record from Govt department	100 KB
	Consent Letter	100 KB
	Electricity Bill	100 KB
	Legal ownership document	1 MB
	Municipal Khata Copy	100 KB
	Property Tax Receipt	100 KB
	Rent/ Lease agreement	2 MB
	Rent receipt with NOC (In case of no / expired agreement)	1 MB

Proof of qualifying degree in JPG/PDF format	Degree	100 KB
Proof of designation of post held at time of retirement in JPG/PDF format (Applicable for Retired Govt Officials only)	Pension Certificate used by AG Office or LPG	1 MB

### AMENDMENT

Notification No. 60/2018 – Central Tax, dt 30.11.2018 After Rule 83 of the CGST Rule, 2017 the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

“Rule 83A. Examination of Goods and Services Tax Practitioners.-

- (1) Every person referred to in clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 83 and who is enrolled as a goods and services tax practitioner under sub-rule (2) of the said rule, shall pass an examination as per sub-rule (3) of the said rule.
- (2) The National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (hereinafter referred to as “NACIN”) shall conduct the examination.
- (3) Frequency of examination.- The examination shall be conducted twice in a year as per the schedule of the examination published by NACIN every year on the official websites of the Board, NACIN, common portal, GST Council Secretariat and in the leading English and regional newspapers.
- (4) Registration for the examination and payment of fee.-
  - (i) A person who is required to pass the examination shall register online on a website specified by NACIN.
  - (ii) A person who registers for the examination shall pay examination fee as specified by NACIN, and the amount for the same and the manner of its payment shall be specified by NACIN on the official websites of the Board, NACIN and common portal.
- (5) Examination centers.- The examination shall be held across India at the designated centers. The candidate shall be given an option to choose from the list of centers as provided by NACIN at the time of registration.
- (6) Period for passing the examination and number of attempts allowed.-
  - (i) A person enrolled as a goods and services tax practitioner in terms of sub-rule (2) of rule 83 is required to pass the examination within two years of enrolment:  
 Provided that if a person is enrolled as a goods and services tax practitioner before 1st of July 2018, he shall get one more year to pass the examination:  
 Provided further that for a goods and services tax practitioner to whom the provisions of clause (b) of sub- rule (1) of rule 83 apply, the period to pass the examination will be as specified in the second proviso of sub-rule (3) of said rule.
  - (ii) A person required to pass the examination may avail of any number of attempts but these attempts shall be within the period as specified in clause (i).
  - (iii) A person shall register and pay the requisite fee every time he intends to appear at the examination.
  - (iv) In case the goods and services tax practitioner having applied for appearing in the examination is prevented from availing one or more attempts due to unforeseen circumstances such as critical illness, accident or natural calamity, he may make a request in writing to the jurisdictional Commissioner for granting him one additional attempt to pass the examination, within thirty days of conduct of the said examination. NACIN may consider such requests on merits based on recommendations of the jurisdictional Commissioner.
- (7) Nature of examination.-The examination shall be a Computer Based Test. It shall have one question paper consisting of Multiple Choice Questions. The pattern and syllabus are specified in Annexure-A.





- (8) Qualifying marks.- A person shall be required to secure fifty per cent. of the total marks.
- (9) Guidelines for the candidates.-
- (i) NACIN shall issue examination guidelines covering issues such as procedure of registration, payment of fee, nature of identity documents, provision of admit card, manner of reporting at the examination center, prohibition on possession of certain items in the examination center, procedure of making representation and the manner of its disposal.
  - (ii) Any person who is or has been found to be indulging in unfair means or practices shall be dealt in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (10). An illustrative list of use of unfair means or practices by a person is as under: -
    - (a) obtaining support for his candidature by any means;
    - (b) impersonating;
    - (c) submitting fabricated documents;
    - (d) resorting to any unfair means or practices in connection with the examination or in connection with the result of the examination;
    - (e) found in possession of any paper, book, note or any other material, the use of which is not permitted in the examination center;
    - (f) communicating with others or exchanging calculators, chits, papers etc. (on which something is written);
    - (g) misbehaving in the examination center in any manner;
    - (h) tampering with the hardware and/or software deployed; and
    - (i) attempting to commit or, as the case may be, to abet in the commission of all or any of the acts specified in the foregoing clauses.
- (10) Disqualification of person using unfair means or practice.- If any person is or has been found to be indulging in use of unfair means or practices, NACIN may, after considering his representation, if any, declare him disqualified for the examination.
- (11) Declaration of result.- NACIN shall declare the results within one month of the conduct of examination on the official websites of the Board, NACIN, GST Council Secretariat, common portal and State Tax Department of the respective States or Union territories, if any. The results shall also be communicated to the applicants by e-mail and/or by post.
- (12) Handling representations.- A person not satisfied with his result may represent in writing, clearly specifying the reasons therein to NACIN or the jurisdictional Commissioner as per the procedure established by NACIN on the official websites of the Board, NACIN and common portal.
- (13) Power to relax.- Where the Board or State Tax Commissioner is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do so, it may, on the recommendations of the Council, relax any of the provisions of this rule with respect to any class or category of persons.

**Explanation :-** For the purposes of this sub-rule, the expressions –

- (a) "jurisdictional Commissioner" means the Commissioner having jurisdiction over the place declared as address in the application for enrolment as the GST Practitioner in FORM GST PCT-1. It shall refer to the Commissioner of Central Tax if the enrolling authority in FORM GST PCT-1 has been selected as Centre, or the Commissioner of State Tax if the enrolling authority in FORM GST PCT-1 has been selected as State;
- (b) NACIN means as notified by notification No. 24/2018-Central Tax, dated 28.05.2018.

# Study Note - 20

## JOB WORK UNDER GST



### This Study Note includes

- 20.1 Job Work Meaning
- 20.2 Provisions relating to Job Work under CGST Act, 2017
- 20.3 Accompanying documents
- 20.4 Form GST ITC - 04

### 20.1 JOB WORK MEANING

Meaning of job work and job worker: Section 2(68) of CGST Act, 2017 gives the meaning of the term 'job work'. As per the said provision, it means a person undertaking any treatment or processing of goods belonging to another registered person. Any person who does such job work will be considered as "Job worker".

As per the Section 2(68) the Job worker may or may not be registered but the principal should be registered.

### 20.2 PROVISIONS RELATING TO JOB WORK UNDER CGST ACT, 2017

Section 143 provides for a special procedure to exempt supplies from payment of GST by principal to job worker and return from job worker to principal subject to certain conditions and procedure.

It enables registered person to send inputs/capital goods under intimation and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed to a job worker without payment of tax.

It also provides that the inputs or capital goods can be sent from one job worker to another job worker as well without payment of any tax on such goods being sent.

### 20.3 ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

Rule 55 of CGST Rules, 2017 provides that transaction of goods for job work can be without invoice, but a proper delivery challan containing specific details must be issued while sending goods to the job worker serial number of such delivery challan shall also be provided in GSTR -1.

#### Notification No. 39/2018 – Central Tax, dt 04.09.2018 amends Rule 55 of CGST Act, 2017

With regards to transport of goods without the tax invoice as laid down in Rule 55, the same procedure of transport of goods through delivery challans as applicable on Transportation of goods in a semi knocked down or completely knocked down condition, shall also apply to the transportation of goods in batches or lots, i.e. –

- (a) the supplier shall issue the complete invoice before dispatch of the first consignment;
- (b) the supplier shall issue a delivery challan for each of the subsequent consignments, giving reference of the invoice;



- (c) each consignment shall be accompanied by copies of the corresponding delivery challan along with a duly certified copy of the invoice; and
- (d) the original copy of the invoice shall be sent along with the last consignment.

**Accounts & records :-**

The responsibility for keeping proper accounts for the inputs or capital goods shall lie with the principal.

Delivery Challan :-

- All goods sent for job work must be accompanied by a challan.
- The challan will be issued by the principal.
- It will be issued even for the inputs or capital goods sent directly to the job-worker.
- The details of challans must be shown in FORM GSTR-1.
- Details of challans must also be filed through Form GST ITC – 04.

Delivery challan to be treated as invoice if input/capital goods not returned within 1/3 years respectively.

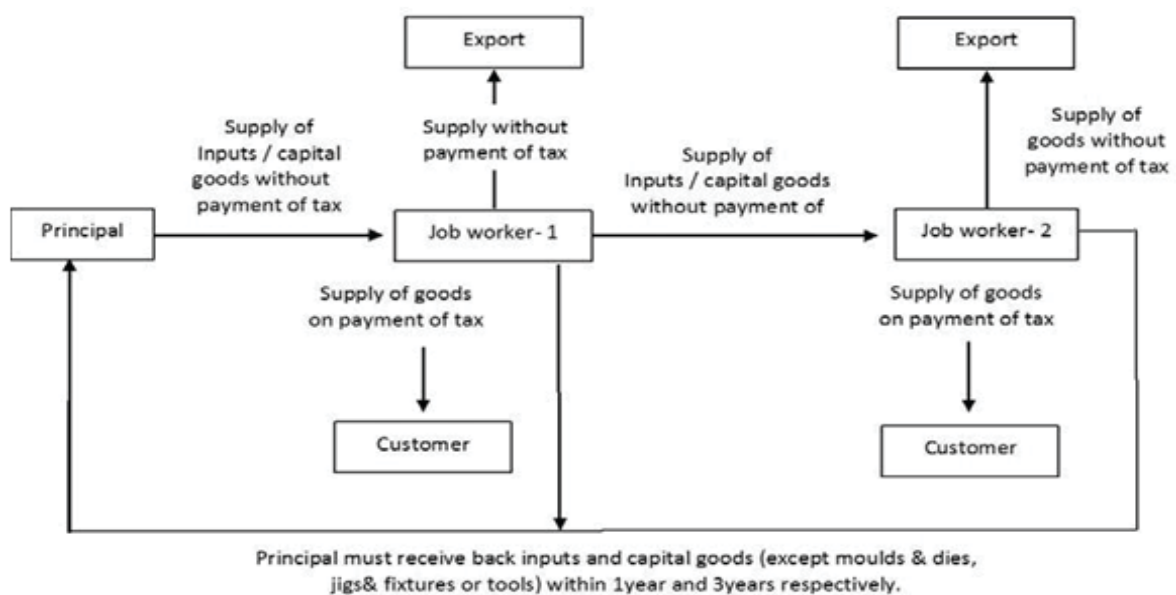
After the processing of goods or otherwise, the goods may be dealt with in any of the following manner by the principal within One year/Three Year- Brought back to any place of business without payment of tax and thereafter supplied, Within India on payment of tax, For export with or without payment of tax, Supply from the place of business of job worker.

The goods can be supplied directly from the place of business of job worker by the principal only when the principal declares the place of business of the job worker as his additional place of business. However, the exceptions are -

- (i) If job worker is registered under Section 25;
- (ii) The principal is engaged in the supply of notified goods.
- (iii) Responsibility for accountability of Inputs/ Capital Goods

The principal is responsible and accountable for keeping proper accounts of the inputs or capital goods and for all the transactions between him and the job worker.

The above chain can be represented as under:



Inputs sent to Job Worker not received back within one year-As per section 143(3), where the inputs sent for job-work are not received back by the "principal" after completion of job-work or otherwise or are not supplied from the place of business of the job worker as aforesaid within a period of one year of their being sent out, it shall be deemed that such inputs had been supplied by the principal to the job-worker on the day when the said inputs were sent out. Hence, the Principal would be liable to pay GST along with interest from the date inputs were sent out.

Capital Goods Sent to Job Worker not received back within three years- As per section 143(4), where the capital goods, other than moulds and dies, jigs and fixtures, or tools, sent for job-work are not received back by the "principal" or are not supplied from the place of business of the job worker as aforesaid within a period of three years of their being sent out, it shall be deemed that such capital goods had been supplied by the principal to the job-worker on the day when the said capital goods were sent out. Hence, the Principal would be liable to pay GST along with interest from the date capital goods were sent out.

As per CGST (Amendment) Act, 2017 - Commissioner to be empowered to extend the time limit on sufficient cause being shown, for return of inputs and capital sent on job work, upto a period of one year and two years, respectively.

Waste and Scrap generated at Job worker-As per section 143(5), any waste and scrap generated during the job work may be supplied by the job worker directly from his place of business on payment of tax if such job worker is registered, or by the principal, if the job worker is not registered.

## 20.4 FORM GST ITC - 04

FORM GST ITC-04 must be submitted by the principal every quarter. He must include the details of challans in respect of the following-

- Goods dispatched to a job worker or
- Received from a job worker or
- Sent from one job worker to another.

### ILLUSTRATIONS

(1) A Ltd sends the goods to B & co. for making finished goods on 30/07/2017. What are the tax implications, in the following cases if GST @ 18% is levied.

(a) B & co. sends the goods back to A Ltd within one year of being sent.

(b) B & co. sells the goods directly to the customer in behalf of A Ltd.

#### **Solution :**

As per Sec 143 of the Act, supply of goods to a job worker without payment of tax is permissible upon an intimation. In the given example, the implications are as follows:

- On supply of goods to B & co. – As per the sec 143 of Act, no tax shall be payable on supply of goods to B & co. However, the tax will be payable if finished goods is not returned before one year from 30/07/2021.
- B & co. sends the finished goods back to A Ltd – As per the Act, there is no tax liability on returning of goods back to the principal i.e A Ltd within a period of one year. Hence post completion of Job Work, no tax is liveable on finished goods returned to A Ltd.
- B & co. sells the finished goods on behalf of A Ltd- Sec 143, also allows the job worker to directly sell the goods on behalf of principal, wherein the liability to pay tax is of the principal and not the job worker. A Ltd is liable to pay GST on sale of Finished goods to customer by B & co.



However, A Ltd must declare the premises of B & co. as an 'Additional Place of Business' and the sale of finished goods will form part of aggregate turnover of A Ltd. Such a declaration is not required in case where :

- Job worker is registered under Sec 25 or
  - Principal is engaged in supply of notified goods.
- (2) A Ltd sends the goods/inputs to B & co. for further processing on 30/08/2021. The value of goods sent for job work is ₹100,000. What are the tax implications, in the following cases, if GST @ 18% is levied.
- (A) B & co. sends the processed good back to A Ltd on 30/10/2021.
- (B) B & co. send the processed good back to A Ltd on 30/10/2022.

**Solution :**

B & co. sends the processed goods back to B Ltd on 30/10/2021 – As per Sec 143, Principal can remove the goods without payment of tax and take input tax credit provided inputs sent for job work are returned back within one year of removal. Otherwise, it shall be treated as supply from Principal to Job-worker as on 30/08/2021 and subject to tax along with interest.

In the present case, as the inputs are received back on 30/10/2021 i.e before completion of one year, and hence no tax is payable.

B & co. sends the processed goods back to B Ltd on 30/10/2022 – As per Sec 143, Principal can remove the goods without payment of tax and take input tax credit provided inputs sent for job work are returned back within one year of removal. Otherwise, it shall be treated as supply from Principal to Job-worker as on 30/08/2021 and subject to tax along with interest.

In the present case, as the inputs are received back on 30/10/2022 and hence A Ltd needs to pay tax @ 18% i.e ₹9000 CGST and ₹9000 SGST along with the specified interest on completion of one year.

- (3) P Ltd send the machinery to R & co. for fixing of some technical issue and maintenance on 15/08/2021. The value of goods sent to R & co. is ₹ 100,000. What are the tax implications, in the following cases.
- (A) R & co. sends the machinery back to 30/12/2022
- (B) R & co. sends the machinery back to 30/12/2024

**Solution :**

R & co. sends the machinery back to 30/12/2022 – As per Sec 143, Principal can remove the gods without payment of tax and take input tax credit provided capital goods sent for job work are returned within 3 years of removal. Otherwise, it shall be treated as supply from principal to Job worker as on 15/08/2021 and subject to interest along with.

In the present case, as the machinery is received back on 30/12/2022 i.e before completion of 3 years, and hence no tax is payable.

R & co. sends the machinery back to 30/12/2024 - In the present case, as the machinery is received back on 30/12/2024 i.e after completion of 3 years, and hence tax is payable @ 18% i.e SGST and CGST ₹9000 each along with specified interest on completion of 3 years.

- (4) A Pvt Ltd., a registered manufacturer, sent steel cabinets worth ₹ 50 Lakh under a delivery challan to M/s B tools, a registered job worker, for work on 28/01/2022. The scope of job work included mounting the steel cabinets on a metal frame and spending the mounted panels back to A Pvt Ltd., The metal frame is to be supplied by M/s B Tools has agreed to a consideration of ₹5 Lakhs for the entire mounting activity including the supply of metal frame. During the course of mounting activity, metal waste is generated which is should be M/s B tools for ₹ 45,000. M/s B Tools sent the steel cabinets mounted on the metal frame of A Pvt Ltd., on 31/12/2022.



Assuming GST Rate for metal frame is 28% for metal waste as 12% and standard rate for services as 18%, you are required to compute the GST liability of M/s B Tools. Also, give reasons for inclusion or exclusion of the value of cabinets in the job charges for the purpose of payment of GST By M/s B Tools.

**Solution :**

As per para 3 of Schedule II to the CGST Act, any treatment or process which is applied to another person's goods is a supply of services and accordingly is subject to GST rate applicable for services.

In the given case, M/s B Tools (job work) undertakes the process of mounting the steel cabinets of A Pvt Ltd (principal) on metal frames. In view of para 3 of Schedule II to the CGST Act, the mounting activity classifies as services even though metal frames are also supplied as a part of the mounting activity. Accordingly, the job-charges will be chargeable to rate of 18%, which is the applicable rate for services.

Further, The value of steel cabinets will not be included in the value of taxable supply made by M/s B Tools as the supply of cabinets does not fall within the scope of supply to be made by M/s B Tools. It is only required to mount the steel cabinets, which are to be supplied by A Ltd. On metal frames, which are to be supplied by it.

As regards to sale of waste generated during the job work, since M/s B Tools is registered, the tax leviable on the supply will have to be paid by it in terms of Sec 143(5) of the CGST Act, Such Supply will be treated as supply of goods and subject to GST rate applicable for metal waste.

Accordingly, the GST liability of M/s B Tools will be computed as under :

Job Charges	₹ 5,00,000
GST @ 18%	₹ 90,000
Sale of metal waste	₹ 45,000
GST @ 12%	₹ 5,400
Total GST payable	₹ 95,400

**Case Laws**

**As per Advance Ruling:** M/S JSW ENERGY LIMITED it was held that the activity undertaken by M/s JEL to convert Coal, to be supplied by M/s JSL, in electricity is not covered under the definition of Job work in terms of the CGST Act. Since goods supplied by M/s JSL will be utilized by M/s JEL in manufacture of new commodity i.e. electricity (though attracting NIL rate of duty), the process is manufacture and the same will be considered as supply of goods and not service.

**As per Advance Ruling:** M/S RARA UDHYOG it was held that the activity (removing of various impurities from various products such as saunf (fennel), dhaniya (coriander) jeera (cumin seeds) etc. or like goods brought to them for cleaning process) of mechanized cleaning does not fall under intermediate production process as job work in relation to cultivation of plants. Intermediate production process as job work in relation to cultivation of plants usually relates to agricultural operations directly related to production of any agricultural produce such as cultivation, harvesting, threshing, plant protection, testing, and supply of farm labour etc., carried out at agricultural farm - the activity of mechanized cleaning at an installed plant is not covered under the above clause too and does not attract NIL rate of Tax.

**As per Advance Ruling:** M/S. INOX AIR PRODUCTS PVT. LTD it was held that the activity (Activity of manufacturing industrial gases viz. Oxygen, Nitrogen and Argon) undertaken by the applicant falls under the 'Job Work' as defined under Section 2(68) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and the Gujarat Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 - The applicant is liable to pay Goods and Services Tax on the value of supply determined under Section 15(1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and the Gujarat Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.



## CLARIFICATION

### Clarification on issues related to Job Work – Under GST Law

**Issue:** Whether independent fabric processors (job workers) in the textile sector supplying job work services are eligible for refund of unutilized input tax credit on account of inverted duty structure under section 54(3) of the CGST Act, 2017, even if the goods (fabrics) supplied are covered under notification No. 5/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017?

The above mentioned issue was clarified vide Circular No. 48/22/2018-GST dt 14.06.2018 are as below:

Notification No. 5/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 specifies the goods in respect of which refund of unutilized input tax credit (ITC) on account of inverted duty structure under section 54(3) of the CGST Act shall not be allowed. However, in case of fabric processors, the output supply is the supply of job work services and not of goods (fabrics).

Hence, it is clarified that the fabric processors shall be eligible for refund of unutilized ITC on account of inverted duty structure under section 54(3) of the CGST Act even if the goods (fabrics) supplied to them are covered under notification No. 5/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017

# Study Note - 21

## E-WAY BILLS UNDERS GST



This Study Note includes

### 21.1 E-way Bill

#### 21.1 E-WAY BILL

##### 1. MEANING

E-way bill will be generated when there is a movement of goods in a vehicle/ conveyance of value more than ₹ 50,000 (either each Invoice or in (aggregate of all Invoices in a vehicle/ Conveyance) –

- In relation to a 'supply'
- For reasons other than a 'supply' ( say a return)
- Due to inward 'supply' from an unregistered person

For this purpose, a supply may be either of the following:

- A supply made for a consideration (payment) in the course of business
- A supply made for a consideration (payment) which may not be in the course of business
- A supply without consideration (without payment) In simpler terms, the term 'supply' usually means a:
  1. Sale – sale of goods and payment made
  2. Transfer – branch transfers for instance
  3. Barter/Exchange – where the payment is by goods instead of in money

Therefore, eWay Bills must be generated on the common portal for all these types of movements. For certain specified Goods, the eWay bill needs to be generated mandatorily even if the Value of the consignment of Goods is less than ₹ 50,000:

1. Inter-State movement of Goods by the Principal to the Job-worker by Principal/ registered Job-worker,
2. Inter-State Transport of Handicraft goods by a dealer exempted from GST registration.

##### 2. Generation of one Way bill -

- i. Registered Person** – Eway bill must be generated when there is a movement of goods of more than ₹ 50,000 in value to or from a Registered Person. A Registered person or the transporter may choose to generate and carry eWay bill even if the value of goods is less than ₹ 50,000.
- ii. Unregistered Persons** – Unregistered persons are also required to generate e-Way Bill. However, where a supply is made by an unregistered person to a registered person, the receiver will have to ensure all the compliances are met as if they were the supplier.
- iii. Transporter** – Transporters carrying goods by road, air, rail, etc. also need to generate e-Way Bill if the supplier has not generated an e-Way Bill.





Who	When	Part	Form
Every Registered person under GST	Before movement of goods	Fill Part A	Form GST EWB-01
Registered person is consignor or consignee (mode of transport may be owned or hired) OR is recipient of goods	Before movement of goods	Fill Part B	Form GST EWB-01
Registered person is consignor or consignee and goods are handed over to transporter of goods	Before movement of goods	Fill Part B	The registered person shall furnish the information relating to the transporter in Part B of FORM GST EWB-01
Transporter of goods	Before movement of goods		Generate e-way bill on basis of information shared by the registered person in Part A of FORM GST EWB-01
An unregistered person under GST and recipient is registered	Compliance to be done by Recipient as if he is the Supplier.		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the goods are transported for a distance of fifty kilometers or less, within the same State/ Union territory from the place of business of the consignor to the place of business of the transporter for further transportation, the supplier or the transporter may not furnish the details of conveyance in Part B of FORM GST EWB-01.</li> <li>2. If supply is made by air, ship or railways, then the information in Part A of FORM GST EWB-01 has to be filled in by the consignor or the recipient</li> </ol>

Note: If a transporter is transporting multiple consignments in a single conveyance, they can use the form GST EWB- 02 to produce a consolidated e-way bill, by providing the e-way bill numbers of each consignment. If both the consignor and the consignee have not created an e-way bill, then the transporter can do so \* by filling out PART A of FORM GST EWB-01 on the basis of the invoice/bill of supply/delivery challan given to them.

Documents or Details required to generate e-Way bill-

- Invoice/Bill of Supply/Challan related to the consignment of goods
- Transport by road – Transporter ID or Vehicle number
- Transport by rail, air, or ship – Transporter ID, Transport document number, and date on the document.

Documents and devices to be carried by a person-in-charge of a conveyance.[Rule 138(A)]-

- (1) The person in charge of a conveyance shall carry-
- (a) the invoice or bill of supply or delivery challan, as the case may be; and
  - (b) a copy of the e-way bill in physical form or the e-way bill number in electronic form or mapped to a Radio Frequency Identification Device embedded on to the conveyance in such manner as may be notified by the Commissioner:

Provided that nothing contained in clause (b) of this sub-rule shall apply in case of movement of goods by rail or by air or vessel.

- (2) A registered person may obtain an Invoice Reference Number from the common portal by uploading, on the said portal, a tax invoice issued by him in FORM GST INV-1 and produce the same for verification by the proper officer in lieu of the tax invoice and such number shall be valid for a period of thirty days from the date of uploading.

- (3) Where the registered person uploads the invoice under sub-rule (2), the information in Part A of FORM GST EWB-01 shall be auto-populated by the common portal on the basis of the information furnished in FORM GST INV-1.
- (4) The Commissioner may, by notification, require a class of transporters to obtain a unique Radio Frequency Identification Device and get the said device embedded on to the conveyance and map the e-way bill to the Radio Frequency Identification Device prior to the movement of goods.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (b) of sub-rule (1), where circumstances so warrant, the Commissioner may, by notification, require the person-in-charge of the conveyance to carry the following documents instead of the e-way bill
  - (a) tax invoice or bill of supply or bill of entry; or
  - (b) a delivery challan, where the goods are transported for reasons other than by way of supply.

As per Notification No. 39/2018 – Central Tax, dt 04.09.2018- the person in-charge of the conveyance shall also carry a copy of the bill of entry in case of imported goods but the date and document number must be mentioned in Part A of GST EWB-01.

**Example:** Goods imported from China arrive at Mumbai port. These goods are transported from Mumbai port to factory in Pune. This is an inter-State supply from China to Pune, but it is an intra-State movement from Mumbai to Pune – Requirement of EWB to be determined under the State GST Law.

**Example:** Goods are sold from Lucknow by Supplier to Customer in Delhi with instructions for these goods to be delivered to job-worker in Noida. This is an inter- State supply from Lucknow to Delhi but an intra-State movement within UP – Requirement of EWB to be determined under the State GST Law.

**Example:** Generator installed in basement of building being sold to Landlord on termination of lease agreement. EWB will NOT BE REQUIRED as there is 'no movement' in this supply.

**Example:** Contractor carrying portable crane to customer site, both located in same State, is intra-State movement– Requirement of EWB to be determined under the State GST Law.

**Example:** Laptop carried by an employee of a Company in Delhi, having no other branches, to client-location in Bangalore on business. This movement is not supply but is incidental to 'services of employee to employer' under schedule III.

EWB will NOT BE REQUIRED for this movement. Contract-staff carrying company laptop not excluded from EWB requirement.

**Example:** LPG cylinders transported from dealership to bottling plant of Oil Company, is 'excluded' from requirement. EWB will NOT BE REQUIRED for this movement. But EWB will be required for movement of cylinders supplied by fabricator to Oil Company.

**3. 'Bill-to-Ship-to' Transactions-** Although bill-to-ship-to transactions could sometimes result in twin-supply transactions, they require a single EWB since the movement is singular. In the e-way bill form, there are two portions under the 'TO' section.

- In the left-hand-side: 'Billing To' GSTIN and trade name is entered; and
- In the right-hand-side: 'Ship to' address of the destination of the movement is entered.
- The other details are entered as per the invoice.

In case ship-to State is different from the Bill-to State, the tax components are entered as per the details of the bill- to person (Bill-to State). i.e., if the Bill-to location is inter- State for the supplier, IGST is entered and if the Bill-to person is located in the same State as the supplier, then SGST and CGST are entered irrespective of the place of delivery (whether within the State or outside the State).



In a typical "Bill To Ship To" model of supply, there are three persons involved in a transaction, namely:

- 'A' is the person who has ordered 'B' to send goods directly to 'C'.
- 'B' is the person who is sending goods directly to 'C' on behalf of 'A'.
- 'C' is the recipient of goods.

In this complete scenario two supplies are involved and accordingly two tax invoices are required to be issued:

- Invoice -1, which would be issued by 'B' to 'A'.
- Invoice -2 which would be issued by 'A' to 'C'.

It is clarified that as per the CGST Rules, 2017 either 'A' or 'B' can generate the e-Way Bill but it may be noted that only one e-Way Bill is required to be generated as per the following procedure:

**Case -1:** Where e-Way Bill is generated by 'B', the following fields shall be filled in Part A of GST FORM EWB-01:

Bill From	Bill From: In this field details of 'B' are supposed to be filled.
Dispatch From	Dispatch From: This is the place from where goods are actually dispatched. It may be the principal or additional place of business of 'B'.
Bill To	Bill To: In this field details of 'A' are supposed to be filled.
Ship To	Ship to: In this field address of 'C' is supposed to be filled.
Invoice Details	Invoice Details: Details of Invoice-1 are supposed to be filled

**Case -2:** Where e-Way Bill is generated by 'A', the following fields shall be filled in Part A of GST FORM EWB-01:

Bill From	In this field details of 'A' are supposed to be filled.
Dispatch From	This is the place from where goods are actually dispatched. It may be the principal or additional place of business of 'B'.
Bill To	In this field details of 'C' are supposed to be filled.
Ship To	In this field address of 'C' is supposed to be filled.
Invoice Details	Details of Invoice-2 are supposed to be filled

**Example :** Goods supplied from Baroda to intermediate in Chennai but directly delivered to Kolkata. EWB to be generated 'before' commencement of movement with 'bill to Chennai' and 'ship to Kolkata' and the GSTIN of original supplier (Baroda) and intermediate (Chennai).

**Example :** Car sold by Dealer in Bangalore to Bank in Mumbai but delivered to Lessee in Bangalore. EWB to be issued 'before' commencement of movement with 'bill to Mumbai' and 'ship to Bangalore'.

**4. In the following cases it is not necessary to generate e-Way Bill:**

1. The mode of transport is non-motor vehicle
2. Goods transported from Customs port, airport, air cargo complex or land customs station to Inland Container Depot (ICD) or Container Freight Station (CFS) for clearance by Customs.
3. Goods transported under Customs supervision or under customs seal
4. Goods transported under Customs Bond from ICD to Customs port or from one custom station to another.
5. Transit cargo transported to or from Nepal or Bhutan
6. Movement of goods caused by defence formation under Ministry of defence as a consignor or consignee

7. Empty Cargo containers are being transported
8. Consignor transporting goods to or from between place of business and a weighbridge for weighment at a distance of 20 kms, accompanied by a Delivery challan.
9. Goods being transported by rail where the Consignor of goods is the Central Government, State Governments or a local authority.
10. Goods specified as exempt from E-Way bill requirements in the respective State/Union territory GST Rules.
11. Transport of certain specified goods- Includes the list of exempt supply of goods, Annexure to Rule 138(14), goods treated as no supply as per Schedule III, Certain schedule to Central tax Rate notifications.

**Note:** Part B of e-Way Bill is not required to be filled where the distance between the consignor or consignee and the transporter is less than 50 Kms and transport is within the same state.

As per Notification No. 26/2018 – Central Tax, dt 13.6.2018- A new clause (o) has been inserted to the list of specified goods on which no e-way bill is required to be generated. For movement of empty cylinders for packing of liquefied petroleum gas other than supply, No E-Waybill will be required.

**5. An e-way bill is valid for periods as listed below, which is based on the distance travelled by the goods. Validity is calculated from the date and time of generation of e-way bill-**

Earlier one day was permitted for a distance up to 100 km under e way bill provision. Now one day was permitted for a distance up to 200 km. This means that two-day validity granted to cover a distance up to 200 km, is reduced to one day.

Sl.No.	Distance within country	Validity period from relevant date
1.	Upto 100 km (w.e.f. 1-1-2021 upto 200 km)	One day in cases other than Over Dimensional Cargo or multimodal shipment in which at least one leg involves transport by ship
2.	For every 100 km (w.e.f. 1-1-2021 upto 200 km) or part thereof thereafter	One additional day in cases other than Over Dimensional Cargo or multimodal shipment in which at least one leg involves transport by ship
3.	Upto 20 km	One day in case of Over Dimensional Cargo or multimodal shipment in which at least one leg involves transport by ship
4.	For every 20 km or part thereof thereafter	One additional day in case of Over Dimensional Cargo or multimodal shipment in which at least one leg involves transport by ship

The sub-rule (10) has been further amended to lay down that the validity of the e-way bill can be extended within eight hours from the time of its expiry.

**\*Relevant date** means the date on which the e-way bill has been generated and the period of validity shall be counted from the time at which the e-way bill has been generated and each day shall be counted as the period expiring at midnight of the day immediately following the date of generation of e-way bill.

**\*\*Over dimensional cargo** means a cargo carried as a single indivisible unit and which exceeds the dimensional limits prescribed in rule 93 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989, made under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

**Extension of validity period:**

Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, extend the validity period of an e-way bill for certain categories of goods as may be specified therein.

Where, under circumstances of an exceptional nature, including trans-shipment, the goods cannot be transported within the validity period of the e-way bill, the transporter may extend the validity period after updating the details in Part B, if required.



**Validity of the eway bill for the first day ends by the midnight of the following day.**

**Illustration 1** – eway bill generated on April 1, 2019 at 6pm for transport of cargo which will cover a distance of 90 kms. This eway bill will be valid for one day (till mid night of April 2, 2019);

**Illustration 2** – eway bill generated on April 1, 2019 at 5pm for transport of cargo which will cover a distance of 190 kms. This eway bill will be valid for two days.

2. Validity of the eway bill commences upon the updation of vehicle number for the first time by the supplier/ recipient or by the transporter in Part B of the eway bill.

**Commencement of validity period:**

Supplier handed over the goods to the transporter on April 1, 2019. Part A of the eway bill was submitted by the supplier on April 1, 2019 after updating the GSTIN of the transporter. Transporter loaded the goods on the truck on April 3, 2019 and completed Part B of the eway bill by updating the vehicle number. In this case, the validity of the eway bill commences from April 3, 2019.

**Restriction on furnishing of information in Part A of Form GST EWB-01**

No person (including a consignor, consignee, transporter, an e-commerce operator or a courier agency) shall be allowed to furnish the information in Part A of Form GST EWB-01 in respect of following registered persons, whether as a supplier or a recipient:

- (i) A person paying tax under composition scheme or under Notification No. 2/2019 CT (R) dated 07.03.2019 has not furnished the statement for payment of self-assessed tax for 2 consecutive quarters, or
- (ii) A person paying tax under regular scheme has not furnished the returns for 2 consecutive months, or
- (iii) A person paying tax under regular scheme has not furnished GSTR-1 (Statement of outward supplies) for any 2 months or quarters, as the case may be.

However, Commissioner (jurisdictional commissioner) may, on receipt of an application from a registered person in prescribed form, on sufficient cause being shown and for reasons to be recorded in writing, by order, in prescribed form allow furnishing of the said information in Part A of Form GST EWB-01, subject to prescribed conditions and restrictions. An order rejecting said request shall not be passed without giving the said person a reasonable opportunity of being heard. The permission granted or rejected by the Commissioner of State tax or Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be granted or, as the case may be, rejected by the Commissioner.

**[Notification No. 74/2018 CT dated 31.12.2018 read with Notification No. 36/2019 CT dated 20.08.2019 and Notification No. 75/ 2019 CT dated 26.12.2019]**

“Provided also that the said restriction shall not apply during the period from the 20th day of March, 2020 till the 15th day of October, 2020 in case where the return in FORM GSTR-3B or the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 or the statement in FORM GST CMP-08, as the case may be, has not been furnished for the period February, 2020 to August, 2020” (vide Notification No.79/2020-Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020)

e-way bill generated on or before 24-3-2020 (whose validity has expired on or after 20-3-2020 - validity extended till 30-6-2020 (vide NT No. 47/2020 CT dated 9-6-2020.

**Blocking of E-Way Bill (EWB) generation facility for taxpayers with AATO over Rs 5 Cr., after 15th October, 2020**

- In terms of Rule 138E(b) of the CGST Rules, 2017, the E Way Bill generation facility of a person is liable to be restricted, in case the person fails to file their GSTR-3B returns, for a consecutive period of two months or more.

- The GST Council has decided that this provision will be made applicable for the taxpayers whose Aggregate Annual Turn Over (AATO, PAN based) is more than ₹ 5 Crores.
- Thus, if the GSTIN associated with the respective PAN (with AATO over ₹ 5 Cr.) has failed to file their GSTR-3B Return for 02 or more tax periods, up to the month of tax period of August, 2020, their EWB generation facility will be blocked on the EWB Portal. Please note that the EWB generation facility for such GSTINs (whether as consignor or consignee or by transporter) will be blocked on EWB Portal after 15th October, 2020.
- To avail continuous EWB generation facility on EWB Portal, you are therefore advised to file your pending GSTR 3B returns immediately.
- Please ignore this update if:  
You are not registered on the EWB portal or  
You have already filed your GSTR-3B Return for August, 2020 or  
Your AATO (PAN based) is below ₹ 5 Cr.

#### 6. Verification of documents and conveyances.-[Rule 138B]-

- (1) The Commissioner or an officer empowered by him in this behalf may authorize the proper officer to intercept any conveyance to verify the e-way bill in physical or electronic form for all inter-State and intra-State movement of goods.
- (2) The Commissioner shall get Radio Frequency Identification Device readers installed at places where the verification of movement of goods is required to be carried out and verification of movement of vehicles shall be done through such device readers where the e-way bill has been mapped with the said device.
- (3) The physical verification of conveyances shall be carried out by the proper officer as authorised by the Commissioner or an officer empowered by him in this behalf:  
Provided that on receipt of specific information on evasion of tax, physical verification of a specific conveyance can also be carried out by any other officer after obtaining necessary approval of the Commissioner or an officer authorised by him in this behalf.

As per Notification No. 28/2018 – Central Tax, dt 19.6.2018 - After interception of the vehicle, the officer had 3 days time to prepare and submit summary report of inspection in Part B of Form EWB-03. Such period now can be extended by another 3 days by the Commissioner or any other officer authorized by him.

### GST CIRCULAR RELATING TO E-WAY BILL

#### (A) Circular No. 47/21/2018-GST dt 08.06.2018 - Clarifications of certain issues under GST

1. In case of transportation of goods by railways, whether goods can be delivered even if the e-way bill is not produced at the time of delivery?  
As per proviso to rule 138(2A) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (CGST Rules for short), the railways shall not deliver the goods unless the e-way bill is produced at the time of delivery.
2. Whether e-way bill is required in the following cases-
  - (i) Where goods transit through another State while moving from one area in a State to another area in the same State.
  - (ii) Where goods move from a DTA unit to a SEZ unit or vice versa located in the same State.  
Where goods move from a DTA unit to a SEZ unit or vice versa located in the same State, there is no requirement to generate an e-way bill (this exemption is applicable only if state has exempted the same.)



**(B) Circular No. 61/35/2018-GST dt 04.09.2018-E-way bill in case of storing of goods in godown of transporter-**

The GST Council clarifies issue regarding the textile sector and problems being faced by weavers & artisans regarding storage of their goods in the warehouse of the transporter. It clarify that in case the consignee/ recipient taxpayer stores his goods in the godown of the transporter, then the transporter's godown has to be declared as an additional place of business by the recipient taxpayer. In such cases, mere declaration by the recipient taxpayer to this effect with the concurrence of the transporter in the said declaration will suffice. Where the transporter's godown has been declared as the additional place of business by the recipient taxpayer, the transportation under the e-way bill shall be deemed to be concluded once the goods have reached the transporter's godown (recipient taxpayer' additional place of business). Hence, e-way bill validity in such cases will not be required to be extended. Further, whenever the goods are transported from the transporters' godown , which has been declared as the additional place of business of the recipient taxpayer, to any other premises of the recipient taxpayer then, the relevant provisions of the e-way bill rules shall apply. Hence, whenever the goods move from the transporter's godown (i.e, recipient taxpayer's additional place of business) to the recipient taxpayer's any other place of business, a valid e-way bill shall be required, as per the extant State-specific e-way bill rules.

**Synopsis.**

1. Place of business now also includes a warehouse, a godown, or any other place where a taxable person stores in goods, supplies or receives goods or services or both.
2. In case, the goods have reached the transporter's godown.i.e additional place of business then the transportation under the e-way bill will be deemed to be concluded. There will be no need of an extension of e-way bill's validity.
3. The recipient will be required to maintain books of accounts in relation to the goods stored at the godown of the transporters.

**Blocking of e-way bill generation facility, extended to a person, whose registration has been suspended [Rule 138E]**

Blocking of e-waybill generation facility means disabling a taxpayer from generating the e-way bill. A user will not be able to generate e-way bill for a GSTIN if the said GSTIN is not eligible for e-way bill generation as per rule 138E of the CGST Rules. The GSTINs of such blocked taxpayers cannot be used to generate the e-way bills either as consignor or consignee.

Clause (b) of rule 138E blocks the e-way bill generation facility of a person paying tax under regular scheme if he has not furnished the returns for a consecutive period of 2 months.

Said clause has been amended to **replace 2 months with 2 tax periods.**

Accordingly, henceforth, e-way bill generation facility of a person paying tax under regular scheme will be blocked if he has not furnished the returns for a consecutive period of 2 tax periods.

Further, a new clause (d) has been added to rule 138E to block the e-way bill generation facility of a person, whose registration has been **suspended under rule 21A** pending the completion of the proceedings for cancellation of registration.

**[Notification No. 94/2020-CT, dated 22.12.2020]**

**E-way bill generation facility to be blocked only in respect of outward movement of goods, by the defaulting person (Rule 138E of CGST Rules, 2017):**

Blocking of GSTIN for e-way bill generation would only be for the defaulting supplier GSTIN and not for the



defaulting Recipient or Transporter GSTIN. Suspended GSTIN cannot generate the e-way bill as supplier. However, the suspended GSTIN can get the e-way bill generated as recipient or as transporter.

**Example:** M/s Potat & Co., a registered person under GST and paying tax monthly basis (located Mumbai). M/s Potat & Co., has not filed Form GSTR-1 for last 2 months. M/s Gada & Co., a regular return filer (located Madhya Pradesh) wants to generate an e-way bill for goods to be supplied to M/s Potat & Co. As per earlier position of law, M/s Gada & Co., would not have been able to generate e-way bill with M/s Potat & Co. GSTIN.

In terms of the amended position of law, there will be no more restriction in generating e-way Bill as M/s Gada & Co., who is making outward movement of goods is a regular return filer.

M/s Potat & Co, wants to generate an e-way bill in respect of an outward supply of goods to M/s Roshan & Co. E-way bill generation is blocked in this case as it's an outward movement of goods of M/s Potat & Co., who has not filed GSTR-1 for past 2 months.

(Notificaiton No. 15/2021 CT dated 18.05.2021)





# Study Note - 22

## TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

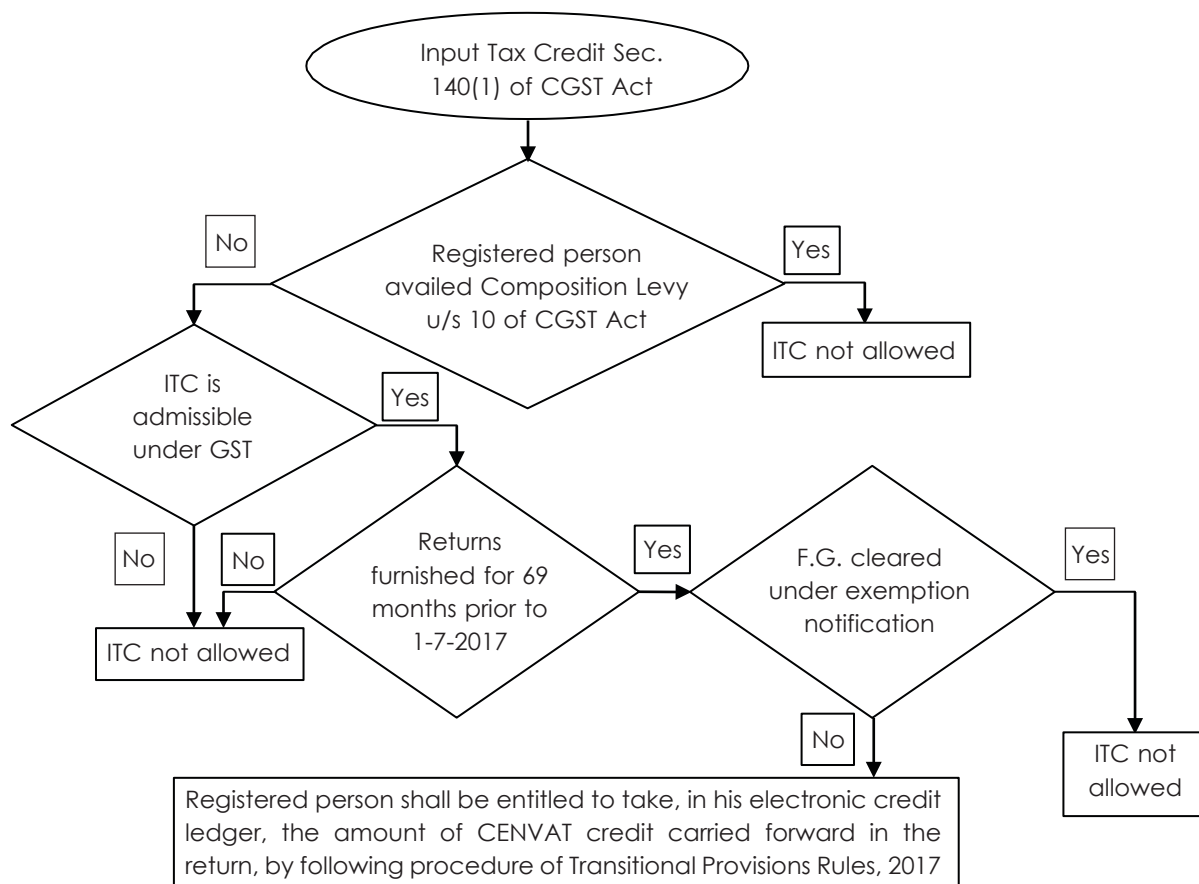


This Study Note includes

22.1 Input Tax Credit

### 22.1 INPUT TAX CREDIT

Input Tax Credit [Sec. 140(1) of CGST Act]



#### Submission of Application:

- **FORM GST TRAN-1** duly signed on the Common Portal within 60 days from 1-7-2017 by showing details of tax already c/f in their respective returns for inputs including goods, services and capital goods.
- Inputs purchased from 100% EOU/EHTP credit is allowed to the extent as provided in rule 3(7) of CCR, 2004. (CGST RULES)



S.No.	Nature of ITC carried forward in last return filed	Tax carried forward as
1	Service tax	CGST
2	Central Excise	CGST
3	CVD under Customs Act	IGST
4	SAD (Spl. CVD) under Customs Act (not available to service Providers)	IGST
5	NCCD on inputs	CGST

S.No.	Nature of ITC carried forward in last return filed	Tax carried forward as
1	State VAT	SGST
2	Entry Tax	SGST

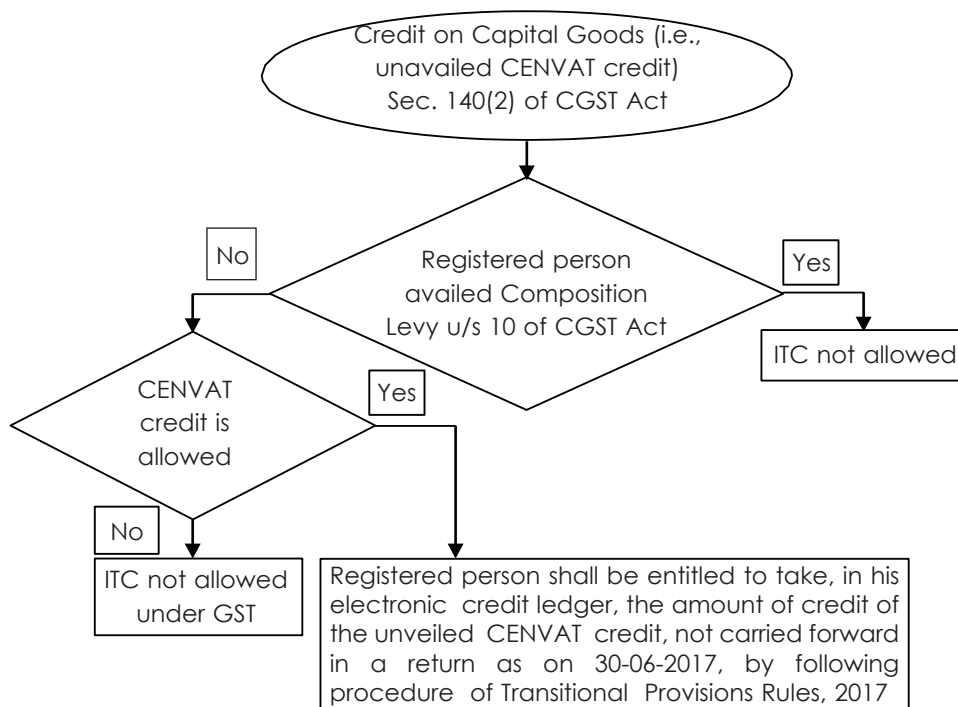
**Submission of Application:**

- The application shall specify separately
  - i. the value of claim u/s 3, 5(3), 6, 6A and 8(8) of CST Act, 1956 made by the applicant during the financial year relating to the relevant return, and
  - ii. the serial number and value of declaration in Form C and / or F and certificates in Form E and/or H or Form I specified in Rule 12 of the CST (Registration and Turnover) Rules, 1957 submitted by the applicant in support of the claims referred to in sub-clause (i) above. (SGST RULES)

**As per CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 – Section 140(1) has been amended to –“A registered person, other than a person opting to pay tax under section 10, shall be entitled to take, in his electronic credit ledger, the amount of CENVAT credit of eligible duties carried forward in the return relating to the period ending with the day immediately preceding the appointed day, furnished by him under the existing law in such manner as may be prescribed.”**

**CENVAT Credit on only “Eligible duties” can be availed – Section to eliminate dispute of Transition of EC, SHEC & KKC in GST. Further CVD us 3(1) of Customs Tariff Act has been excluded from eligible duty.**

**(A) Credit on Capital Goods (i.e. Unavailed CENVAT credit) [Sec. 140(2) of CGST Act]**



**Under FORM GST TRAN-1 (Part-B)**

<b>Transitional Provisions Rules, 2017</b>		
<b>Rule 1(2): Under Form GST TRAN-1 (Part-B)</b>		
<b>DETAILS of unaviled tax on capill goods where such ITC is not carried forward in their respective returns.</b>		
S.No.	Nature of ITC carried forward in last return filed	Tax carried forward as
1	Central Excise & NCCD	CGST
2	CVD	IGST
3	SAD (i.e. Spl. CVD)	IGST
4	VAT	SGST

**Also specify the separately the following:**

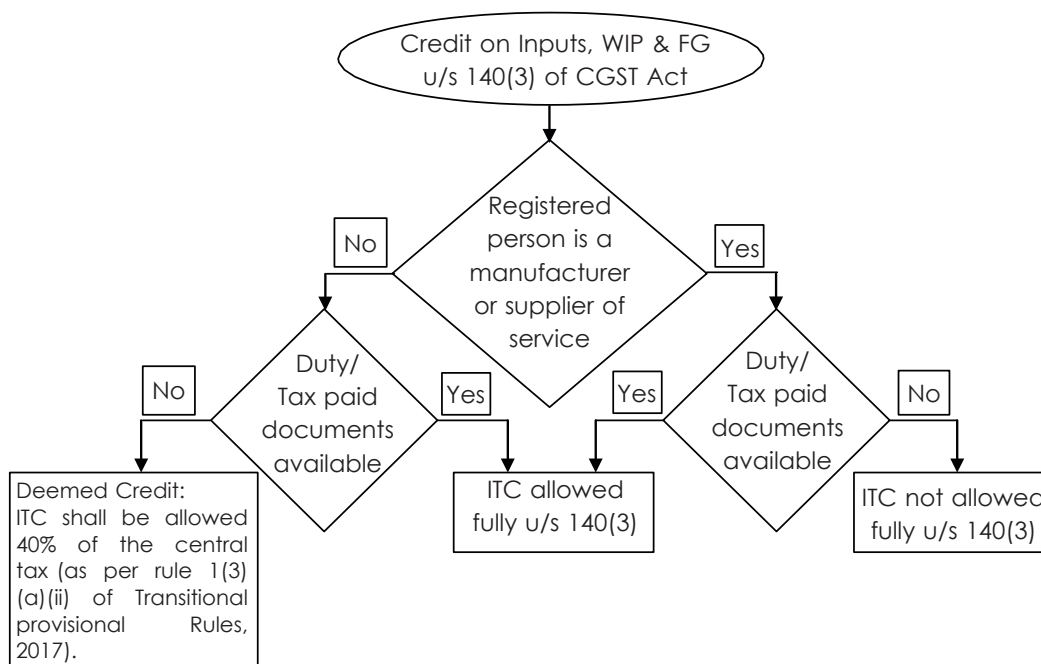
**(i) Amount of ITC already availed or utilized under the existing laws till 01-07-2017 and**  
**(ii) Amount of ITC yet to be availed or utilized under the existing laws till 01-07-2017**

**(B) Credit of duties on Inputs held in Stock, WIP or F.G. as on 01-07-2017. [Sec. 140(3) of CGST Act]:**

A registered person, who:

- (a) was not liable to be registered under the existing law (C.Ex, S.T. & VAT), or
- (b) who was engaged in the manufacture of exempted goods and provision of exempted services, or
- (c) who was providing works contract service and was availing of the benefit of NT No. 26/2012 or
- (d) a first state dealer or a second stage dealer or a registered importer or a depot of manufacturer shall be entitled to take, in his electronic credit ledger, subject to the following conditions, namely
  - (i) Such inputs used or intended to be used for making taxable supplies under this Act;
  - (ii) Such registered person is eligible for input tax credit on such inputs under this Act;
  - (iii) Such registered person is in possession of invoice evidencing payment of duty under the existing law (C.Ex, S.T. & VAT) in respect of such inputs;
  - (iv) Such invoices were issued not earlier than 12 months immediately preceding 1st July 2017 (it means the duty paid document shall not be of the date prior to 1-7-2016);

**Credit on Inputs, WIP & FG [u/s 140(3) of CGST Act]:**





**Transitional Provisions Rules:**

- i. A registered person other than manufacturer or supplier of service will only be eligible for deemed credit.
- ii. @ 40% of the Central tax applicable on supply of such goods after the appointed date and shall be credited after the central tax payable on such supply has been paid.
- iii. The goods are required to be sold within a period of 6 months in order to avail the credit, as the scheme is applicable only for 6 tax periods from the appointed date.

**Transitional Provisions Rules**

Deemed Credit provisions applies only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- i. Such goods were not wholly exempt from duty of excise or were not nil rated.
- ii. The registered person should have the document for procurement of these goods (e.g. he should possess purchase invoices/bills/challan etc).
- iii. A registered person availing this scheme must separately submit the details of stock in hand on 1st July. The registered person must give details of sales of such goods in the FORM GST TRAN-1 at the end of each of the six tax periods during which the scheme is in operation.
- iv. The amount of credit allowed will be credited to the electronic credit ledger maintained in the **FORM GST PMT-2** on the Common Portal.
- v. The stock of goods on which the credit is availed must be easily identified by the registered person and must be stored accordingly.

The amount of credit specified in the application in the **FORM GST TRAN-1** will be credited to the electronic credit ledger of the applicant maintained in the **FORM GST PMT-2** on the Common Portal.

**Deemed Credit [u/s 140(3)]:**

- Registered person holding stock as on 1-7-2017 along with VAT and Entry tax paid document on such stock of goods (which suffered tax at first point of sale in the state and subsequent sale of which are not subject to tax) shall be allowed to avail the input tax credit on such goods held in stock. Thus, in case of credit of VAT and Entry tax, is allowed as ITC equal to the VAT and Entry tax which attracted tax at the first point only.
- If such registered person is not in possession of any document evidencing payment of VAT, then such credit shall be allowed @ 40% of the State tax applicable on such goods and shall be credited after the State tax payable on such supply has been paid.
- The scheme shall be available for six tax periods from the 1-7-2017.
- This benefit is available only when the supplier pass on the benefit of such credit by way of reduced prices to the recipient.
- The stock of goods on which such credit is availed is to be so stored that it can be easily identified by the registered person.

**Example 1:**

**Mr. X is a taxable person under GST (who is a wholesaler), is having a stock worth of ₹ 5,00,000/- as on 01-07-2017. Such person has supplied goods for ₹ 5,60,000/- and on which he has paid CGST @ 9% and SGST @ 9%. How much ITC is allowed under sec. 140(3) of GST in the following independent cases:**

**(a) If he is in possession of duty paid document for the stock (namely BED is ₹ 62,500 and VAT ₹28,125).**

**(b) If he is not in possession of duty paid document for the stock, but has invoice evidencing purchase of good.**



**Answer:**

(a) ITC allowed is equal to BED is ₹ 62,500 as CGST credit and VAT of ₹ 28,125 as SGST credit.

(b) In accordance with the provisions of Transition Rules, he can claim credit to the extent of 60% of CGST paid, i.e., ₹ 30,240/- (₹ 50,400 @ 60%) as CGST credit.

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**(C) Credit in respect of exempted and non-exempted goods or provisions of exempted as well as non-exempted services [u/s 140(4)]:**

Registered person is liable to tax under this Act, on all his goods and services, shall be entitled to take, in his electronic credit ledger

- (a) The amount of CENVAT credit c/f in a return furnished under the existing law by him in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 140(1); and
- (b) The amount of CENVAT credit of eligible duties in respect of inputs held in stock and inputs contained in semi-finished goods or F.G. held in stock on as on 1-7-2017, relating to such exempted goods or services, in accordance with the provisions of Sec 140(3).

**Example 2:**

M/s X Ltd. manufacturer of product 'A' and 'B'. Product 'A' is cleared on payment of duty whereas product 'B' is exempt from payment of excise duty. Inputs used exclusively for product 'A' of ₹ 2,00,000 suffered excise duty ₹ 25,000 and product 'B' of ₹ 1,00,000 suffered excise duty paid ₹ 12,500. Common inputs of ₹ 3,00,000 is used for product 'A' as well as 'B' which also suffered excise duty ₹ 37,500.

As on 1-7-2017, Finished goods of Product 'A' worth ₹ 10,00,000 and Product 'B' worth of ₹ 5,00,000 is in Stock. How much ITC credit is allowed to M/s X Ltd under GST under Section 140(1) and 140(4) of the CGST Act, 2017. w.e.f. 1-7-2017 Product 'A' as well as 'B' taxable with CGST 6% as well as SGST 6%.

**Note:** Manufacturer is in possession of relevant duty paid documents on inputs.

**Answer:**

ITC c/f under Sec 140(1) is as follows:

Inputs used exclusively for Product 'A'	= ₹ 25,000
Inputs used commonly for "A & B"	= ₹ 25,000
(₹ 37,500 x ₹ 10 Lakhs / ₹ 15 Lakhs)	

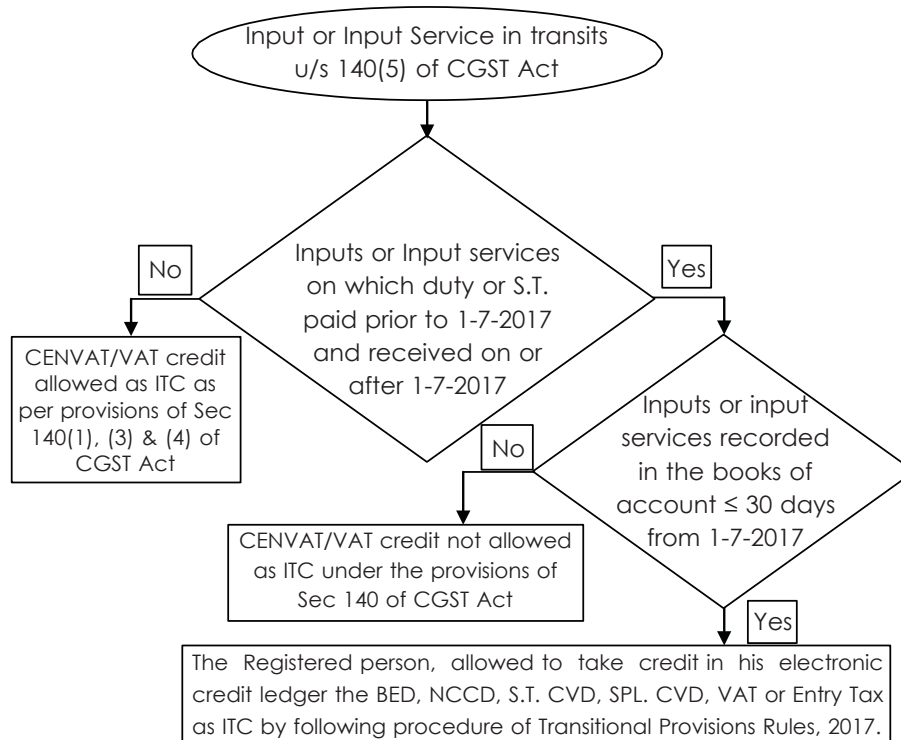
ITC allowed under Sec 140(3) is as follows:

Inputs used exclusively for Product 'B'	= ₹ 12,500
Inputs used commonly for "A & B"	= ₹ 12,500
(₹ 37,500 x ₹ 5 Lakhs / ₹ 15 Lakhs)	

**Total ITC under section 140(4) = ₹ 75,000**



**(D) Input or Input Service in transits [u/s 140(5) of CGST Act]:**



**Period of 30 days may, on sufficient cause being shown, be extended by the Commissioner for a further period not exceeding 30 days.**

The registered person shall furnish a statement namely Form GST TRAN – 1 (Part –E):

- (i) the name of supplier,
- (ii) Serial number and date of issue of invoice by the supplier based of which credit of input tax was admissible under the existing law (C.Ex., S.T., & VAT)
- (iii) The description, quantity and value of the goods or services
- (iv) The amount of eligible taxes and duties (BED, S.T., NCCD, CVD, Spl. CVD, VAT or Entry Tax)
- (v) The date on which the receipt of goods or services is entered in the books of account of the recipient.

**Example 3:**

**Mr. X has cleared goods from his factory on 20th May 2017 for sale to Mr. Y for ₹ 5,00,000. Effective rate of E.D @12.5%. However, E.D ₹ 62,500 has been paid on 6th June 2017. The consignment received by Mr. Y on 5th July 2017.**

**Find the following:**

- (a) Mr. Y is eligible for ITC if so what amount?**
- (b) Time limit within which receipt of inputs should record in the books of account of Mr. Y.**
- (c) Mr. Y recorded receipt of inputs in the books of account on 15-8-2017, if so can be avail the ITC?**

**Answer:**

- (a) Yes. Mr. Y is eligible to avail the ITC of ₹ 62,500 provided he deals with taxable supplies being registered person.**



(b) Inputs or Input Services recorded in the books of account  $\leq$  30 days from 1-7-2017. Therefore, Mr. Y should be account for by 30th July 2017.

(c) Since, period of 30 days may, on sufficient cause being shown, be extended by the Commissioner for a further period not exceeding 30 days.

In the given Mr. Y can take credit on inputs on 15th Aug 2017, provided permission granted by the Commissioner for extension not exceeded 30 days.

**Example 4:**

Mr. X imported goods from USA on 28th June 2017 for ₹ 5,00,000. Customs duties like BCD ₹ 50,000, CVD ₹ 68,750, Cess ₹ 3,563 and Spl.CVD. of ₹ 24,893 also paid on 29th June 2017. The consignment received by Mr. Y into his factory on 20th July 2017. The services of Customs Broker and C&F are used for imported inputs. Service Tax ₹ 10,000, SBC of ₹ 500 and KKC of ₹ 500 has been paid on 30th June 2017 along with value of services to the provider of services.

Mr. Y is eligible for ITC if so what amount?

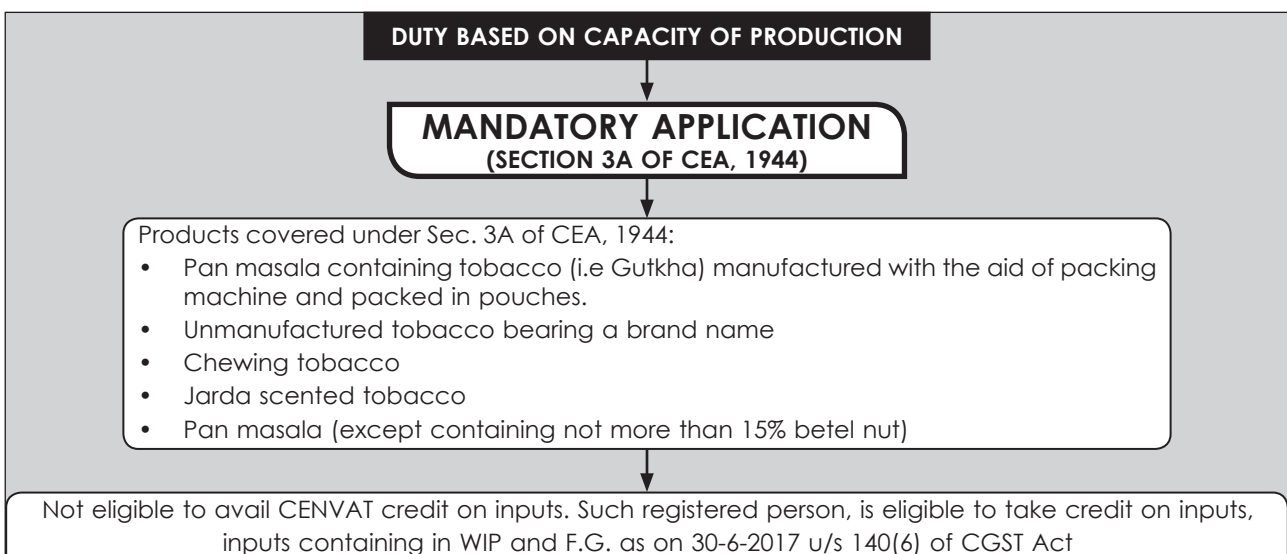
Answer:

Statement showing ITC to Mr. X under GST

S.No.	Duties and Taxes	Tax Amount in ₹	Remarks
1	BCD	Nil	Not allowed as ITC
2	CVD	68,750	Allowed as ITC under CGST
3	Cess	Nil	Not allowed as ITC
4	Spl. CVD	24,893	Allowed as ITC under CGST
5	Service Tax	10,000	Allowed as ITC under CGST
6	SBC	Nil	Not allowed as ITC
7	KKC	nil	Not allowed as ITC
	<b>Total u/s 140(5)</b>	<b>1,03,643</b>	

**(E) Duty based on capacity of production**

Such registered person, is eligible to take credit on inputs, inputs containing in WIP and F.G. as on 30-6-2017 u/s 140(6) of CGST







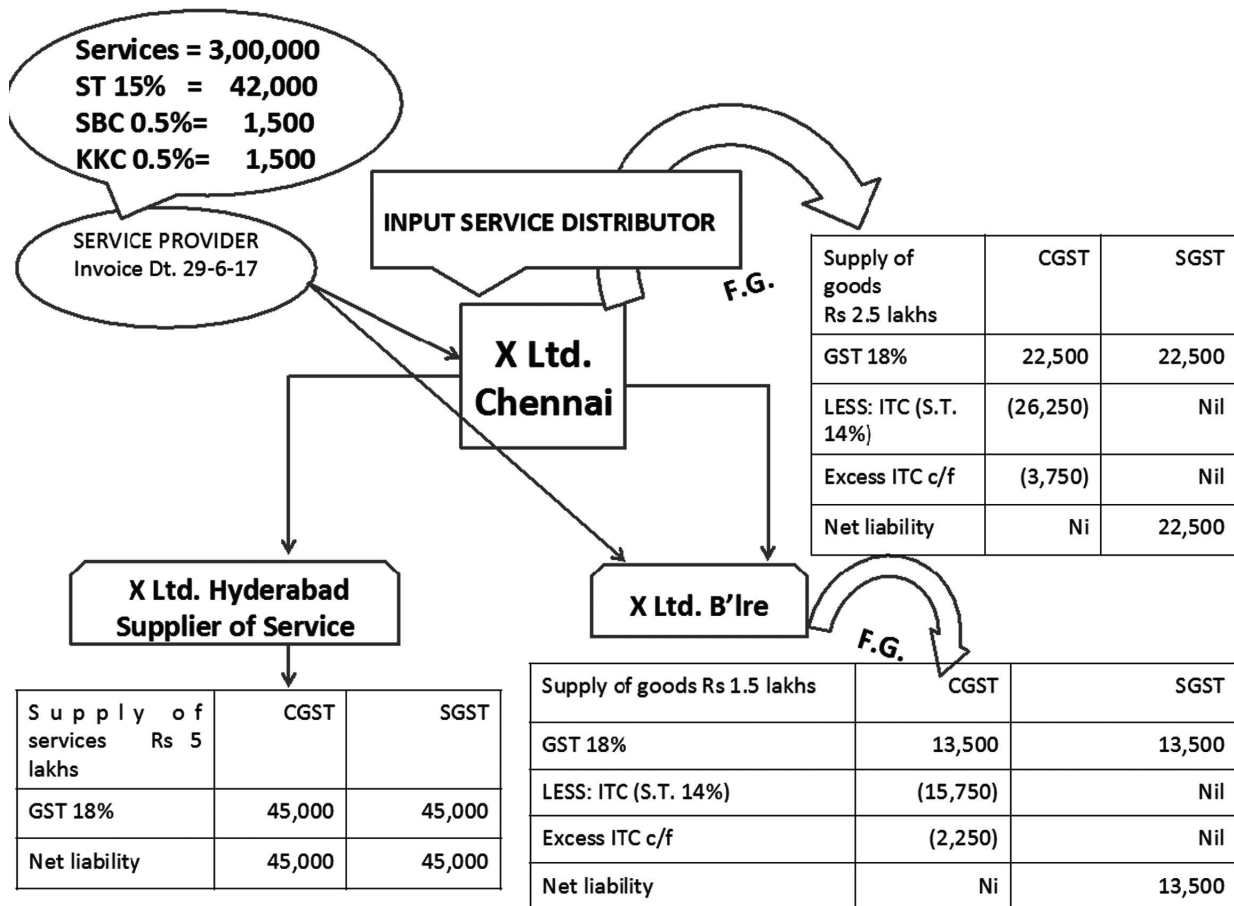
**Satisfy the following conditions to take credit [u/s 140(6)]:**

- (i) Such inputs are used or intended to be used for making taxable supplies under this Act;
- (ii) The registered person not opted to pay tax under composition levy (Sec 10.);
- (iii) The said registered person is eligible for input tax credit on such inputs under this Act;
- (iv) The said registered person is in possession of invoice evidencing payment of duty under existing law (C.Ex., S.T., CVD, Spl. CVD., VAT or Entry tax) in respect of inputs; and
- (v) Such invoice not earlier than 12 months as on 30-6-2017.

**(F) Credit on input service by an input service distributor [u/s 140(7)]:**

- The input tax credit on account of any services received prior to 1-7-2017 by an Input Service Distributor shall be eligible for distribution as credit under this Act even if the invoices relating to such services are received on or after 1-7-2017.

**Input Service Distributor**



**(G) Centralized registered person under existing law is allowed to take credit [u/s 140(8)]:**

- Centralized registration is allowed under Rule 4 of the STR, 1994.
- Registered person under this Act, to take credit in the Electronic Credit Ledger for the amount carried forward in the return furnished in the earlier law.

- Thus, the balance of credit shown in the return filed for a period upto 30th June 2017 can be carried forward by the service provider.

Note: Rule 7 of STR, 1994 may amend to provide for filing of return for the period 1-4-2017 to 30-6-2017 by 25th July 2017.

- Provided that if registered person furnishes his return for the period from ending 30-6-2017 within 3 months (i.e. from 1-7-2017), then the credit shall be carried forward, subject to the condition that the said return is either an original return or in case of revised return, the credit amount is less than the credit shown in the original return.
- Return is filed subsequent to September 2017 (i.e. after 3 months from 1-7-2017), the credit will not be allowed to carried forward to the person having centralized registration.

**Distribution of credit by Centralized registered person under existing law is allowed to transfer credit to any registered person have same PAN [u/s 140(8)]:**

**Example 5:**

**Guidelines Academy being provider of taxable services has obtained centralized registration in Chennai for its offices in Hyderabad and Cochin under the Finance Act, 1994. The Chennai Office has the balance credit of ₹ 5 Lakhs as on 30-06-2017.**

**Can Guidelines Academy distribute the credit to Hyderabad and Cochin? If so in which ratio. Explain?**

**Answer:**

**Registered person, can be filed the return for the period ending 30th June 2017 by showing credit that can be carried forward by him on or before the due date or within 3 months from 1-7-2017 as the case may be.**

**In the given case, credit can be distributed by Guidelines Academy to Hyderabad and Cochin. Since, all the units has same PAN.**

**It is not necessary that to distribute the credit in the ratio of the turnover of these locations.**

**(H) Reversal of Service tax credit on input services due to non-payment [u/s 140(9) of CGST Act]:**

- As per Rule 4(7) of CCR, 2004: C.C. on I.S. allowed on credit basis, provided payment should be made within three months from the date of invoice.
- In case the amount is not paid within 3 months from the date of invoice, the credit is required to be reversed by the service provider/manufacturer.
- The said credit can be taken as and when the manufacturer or service provider has paid the amount to the service provider.
- **CENVAT credit on input service reversed under rule 4(7) of CCR, 2004, such credit can be reclaimed subject to the condition that the registered person has made the payment of the consideration for that supply of service within a period of 3 months from 1-7-2017.**

**(I) The manner in which credit is required to be calculated [u/s 140(10) of CGST Act]:**

The Transitional Provision Rules, 2017 specify:

Manner of calculation of credit u/s 140(3);

Manner of calculation of credit u/s 140(4);

Manner of calculation of credit u/s 140(6).

**As per CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 - Explanation to Section 140 -**

**Explanation 1** — For the purposes of sub sections (1), (3), (4) and (6), the expression “eligible duties” means—



- (i) the additional duty of excise leviable under section 3 of the Additional Duties of Excise (Goods of Special Importance) Act, 1957;
- (ii) the additional duty leviable under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975;
- (iii) the additional duty leviable under sub-section (5) of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975;
- (iv) the duty of excise specified in the First Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985;
- (v) the duty of excise specified in the Second Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985; and
- (vi) the National Calamity Contingent Duty leviable under section 136 of the Finance Act, 2001, in respect of inputs held in stock and inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock on the appointed day.

**Explanation 2** — For the purposes of sub-sections (1) and (5), the expression “eligible duties and taxes” means—

- (i) the additional duty of excise leviable under section 3 of the Additional Duties of Excise (Goods of Special Importance) Act, 1957;
- (ii) the additional duty leviable under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975;
- (iii) the additional duty leviable under sub-section (5) of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975;
- (iv) the duty of excise specified in the First Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985;
- (v) the duty of excise specified in the Second Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985;
- (vi) the National Calamity Contingent Duty leviable under section 136 of the Finance Act, 2001; and
- (vii) the service tax leviable under section 66B of the Finance Act, 1994, in respect of inputs and input services received on or after the appointed day.

**Explanation 3.**—For removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that the expression “eligible duties and taxes” excludes any cess which has not been specified in Explanation 1 or Explanation 2 and any cess which is collected as additional duty of customs under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

### CIRCULAR ON TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

#### **Circular No. 58/32/2018- GST dt 04.09.2018- Recovery of arrears of wrongly availed CENVAT credit under the existing law and inadmissible**

The GST Council clarifies issue regarding the process of recovery of arrears of wrongly availed CENVAT credit under the existing law and CENVAT credit wrongly carried forward as transitional credit in the GST regime.

Accordingly, it is clarified that the recovery of arrears arising under the existing law shall be made as central tax liability to be paid through the utilization of the amount available in the electronic credit ledger or electronic cash ledger of the registered person, and the same shall be recorded in Part II of the Electronic Liability Register (FORM GST PMT-01). Currently, the functionality to record this liability in the electronic liability register is not available on the common portal. Therefore, it is clarified that as an alternative method, taxpayers may reverse the wrongly availed CENVAT credit under the existing law and inadmissible transitional credit through Table 4(B) (2) of FORM GSTR-3B. The applicable interest and penalty shall apply on all such reversals which shall be paid through entry in column 9 of Table 6.1 of FORM GSTR-3B.

It is clarified that the taxpayers will reverse the wrongly availed CENVAT credit under the existing law and inadmissible credit through table 4(B)(2) of GSTR 3B. Interest and penalty will be applicable thereof.

# Study Note - 23

## ANTI-PROFITEERING



### This Study Note includes

23.1 Anti-profiteering

23.2 Anti-profiteering Committee-Section 171(2)

### 23.1 ANTI-PROFITEERING

Anti Profiteering-Section 171

As per section 171(1),

- Any reduction in rate of tax on any supply of goods or services  
or
- the benefit of input tax credit

shall be passed on to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices.

Tenure of Anti-Profiteering Authority extended to five years:

With effect from 30.11.2021, rule 137 of the CGST Rules, 2017 has been amended to extend the tenure of National Anti-Profiteering Authority from existing 4 years to 5 years. Thus, the Authority shall cease to exist after the expiry of five years from the date on which the Chairman enters upon his office unless the Council recommends otherwise [Notification No. 37/2021 CT dated 1.12.2021].

#### Detailed analysis of above provision is as follows-

Any reduction in rate of tax on any supply of goods or services-

For Example Under the Service Tax regime, Tour operator services are charged at abated rate of 9% whereas in Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 rate of tax fixed is 5% which resulted in reduction of tax from 9% to 5%. The tax rate reduction benefit to the extent of 4% to be passed on to recipient.

Particulars	Service tax regime	GST regime	Remarks
Taxable value	100	100	
ST/GST rate (%)	9%	5%	
ST/GST (₹)	9	5	
Total Invoice value	109	105	Reduction of ₹ 4 is benefit to be passed on to recipient

#### The benefit of input tax credit

Any additional benefit by way of Input tax credit is arising to the supplier due to implementation of GST the same benefit to be passed on to recipient by way of reduction in prices which is explained as follows- X Ltd being an Interior designing service provider while providing output service has availed Input services and a material 'M' for which tax paid is as under

Particulars	Service tax regime	GST regime
Tax paid towards service tax on Input services availed	15	15
Tax paid towards VAT for Material 'M'	5	5

Output tax liability of X Ltd is ₹ 25 before deducting Input tax credit available.



In the given case benefit of input tax credit accruing to X Ltd due to implementation of GST is as follows-

Particulars	Service tax regime	GST regime	Remarks
Output tax liability	25	25	
Input allowed-			
Towards Input services	15	15	Service provider cannot avail VAT paid as Input tax credit in Service tax regime
Towards Material 'M'	NIL	5	
Total Input Tax credit eligible for set off	15	20	
Net tax payable	10	5	
Input tax benefit due to GST	-	5	Benefit of ₹ 5 to be passed to recipient by way reduction in prices

### 23.2 ANTI-PROFITEERING COMMITTEE-SECTION 171(2)

#### Anti-profiteering Committee [Section 171(2)]

The Central Government may, on recommendations of the Council, by notification, constitute an Authority, or empower an existing Authority constituted under any law for the time being in force, to examine whether input tax credits availed by any registered person or the reduction in the tax rate have actually resulted in a commensurate reduction in the price of the goods or services or both supplied by him.

The National Anti-Profiteering Authority shall be a five member committee consisting of

- a Chairman who holds or has held a post equivalent in rank to a Secretary to the Government of India; and
- four Technical Members who are or have been Commissioners of State tax or central tax or have held an equivalent post under existing laws.
- The Additional Director General of Safeguards under the CBIC (Board) shall be the Secretary to the Authority.

The Authority shall cease to exist after the expiry of two years from the date on which the Chairman enters upon his office unless the Council recommends otherwise.

#### Duties & Powers of Anti-profiteering committee-Section 171(3)

The Authority referred to in sub-section (2) shall exercise such powers and discharge such functions as may be prescribed.

The Authority can determine the methodology and procedure for determination as to whether the reduction in the rate of tax on the supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit has been passed on by the registered person to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices.

The Authority would have the following duties:

- (i) to determine whether any reduction in the rate of tax on any supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit has been passed on to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices;
- (ii) to identify the registered person who has not passed on the benefit of reduction in the rate of tax on supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices;

(iii) to order,

- reduction in prices;
- return to the recipient, an amount equivalent to the amount not passed on by way of commensurate reduction in prices along with interest at the rate of eighteen per cent. from the date of collection of the higher amount till the date of the return of such amount or recovery of the amount not returned, as the case may be, in case the eligible person does not claim return of the amount or is not identifiable, and depositing the same in the Consumer Welfare Fund;
- imposition of penalty; and
- Cancellation of registration.

**w.e.f. 1-8-2019:**

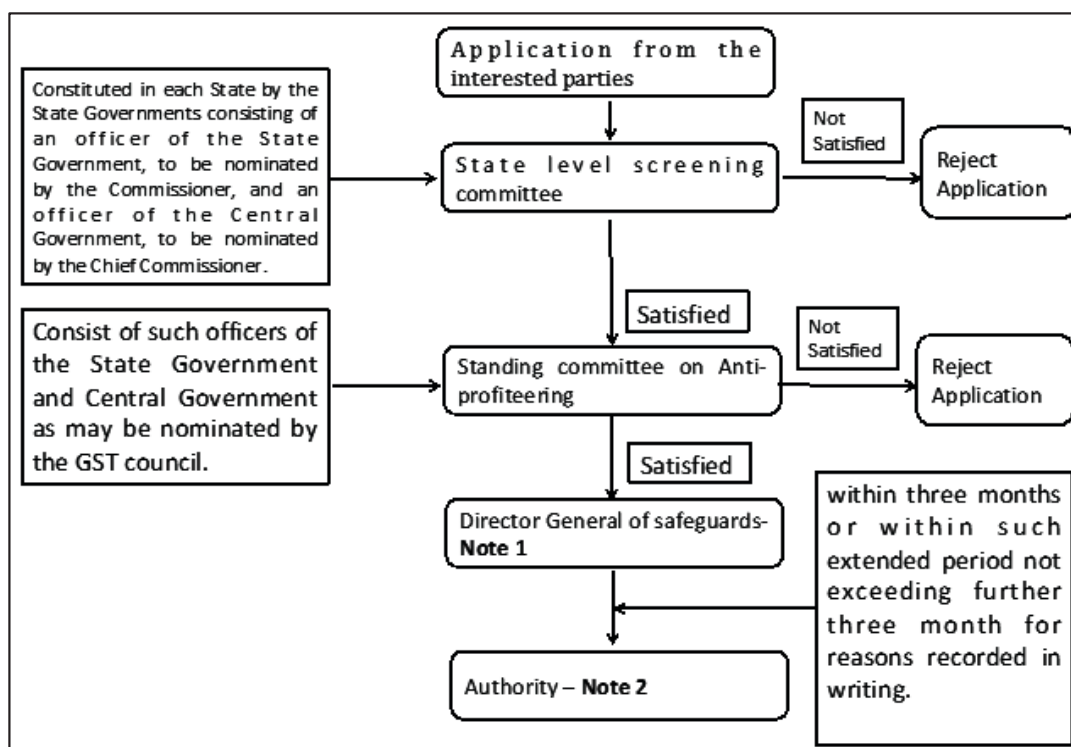
as per section 171(3A) of the CGST Act, 2017 Where the Authority referred to in sub-section (2), after holding examination as required under the said sub-section comes to the conclusion that any registered person has profiteered under sub-section (1), such person shall be liable to pay penalty equivalent to **ten per cent of the amount so profiteered**:

Provided that no penalty shall be leviable if the profiteered amount is deposited **within thirty days of the date of passing of the order by the Authority**.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this section, the expression “profiteered” shall mean the amount determined on account of not passing the benefit of reduction in rate of tax on supply of goods or services or both or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in the price of the goods or services or both.’.

**Application & process flow of Anti-profiteering hierarchy mechanism:**

w.e.f. 12-7-2018 the Director General of safeguards replaced as the Director General of Anti-Profiteering.





### Note-1:

The Director General of Safeguards shall conduct investigation and collect evidence necessary to determine undue profiteering and before initiation of the investigation, issue a notice to the interested parties (and to such other persons as deemed fit for a fair enquiry into the matter) containing, inter alia, information on the following, namely: -

- (a) the description of the goods or services in respect of which the proceedings have been initiated;
- (b) summary of the statement of facts on which the allegations are based; and
- (c) the time limit allowed to the interested parties and other persons who may have information related to the proceedings for furnishing their reply.

The evidence or information presented to the Director General of Safeguards by one interested party can be made available to the other interested parties, participating in the proceedings. The evidence provided will be kept confidential and the provisions of section 11 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), shall apply mutatis mutandis to the disclosure of any information which is provided on a confidential basis.

The Director General of Safeguards can seek opinion of any other agency or statutory authorities in the discharge of his duties. The Director General of Safeguards, or an officer authorised by him will have the power to summon any person necessary either to give evidence or to produce a document or any other thing. He will also have same powers as that of a civil court and every such inquiry will be deemed to be a judicial proceeding.

The Director General of Safeguards will complete the investigation within a period of three months or within such extended period not exceeding a further period of three months for reasons to be recorded in writing as allowed by the Standing Committee and, upon completion of the investigation, furnish to the Authority, a report of its findings along with the relevant records.

### Note-2

The Authority shall (after granting an opportunity of hearing to the interested parties if so requested) within a period of three months from the date of the receipt of the report from the Director General of Safeguards determine whether a registered person has passed on the benefit of the reduction in the rate of tax on the supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices. If the Members of the Authority differ in opinion on any point, the point shall be decided according to the opinion of the majority. Where the Authority determines that a registered person has not passed on the benefit of the reduction in the rate of tax on the supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices, the Authority may order

- (a) reduction in prices;
- (b) return to the recipient, an amount equivalent to the amount not passed on by way of commensurate reduction in prices along with interest;
- (c) imposition of penalty as specified under the Act; and
- (d) cancellation of registration under the Act.

Any order passed by the Authority shall be immediately complied with by the registered person failing which action shall be initiated to recover the amount in accordance with the provisions of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act or the Central Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union territory Goods and Services Tax Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act of the respective States, as the case may be. The Authority can direct any authority of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax to monitor the implementation of the order passed by it.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 164 read with section 171 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017(12 of 2017) the Central Government hereby makes the following rules under Anti Profiteering , namely :-



1. Constitution of the Authority Rule 122.- The Authority shall consist of- (a) a Chairman who holds or has held a post equivalent in rank to a Secretary to the Government of India; and (i) (b) four Technical Members who are or have been Commissioners of State tax or central tax or have held an equivalent post under the existing law, -to be nominated by the Council.
2. Constitution of the Standing Committee and Screening Committees Rule 123.-
  - (1) The Council may constitute a Standing Committee on Anti-profitteering which shall consist of such officers of the State Government and Central Government as may be nominated by it .
  - (2) A State level Screening Committee shall be constituted in each State by the State Governments which shall consist of-
    - (a) one officer of the State Government, to be nominated by the Commissioner, and
    - (b) one officer of the Central Government, to be nominated by the Chief Commissioner
3. Appointment, salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Chairman and Members of the Authority Rule 124:-
  - (1) The Chairman and Members of the Authority shall be appointed by the Central Government on the recommendations of a Selection Committee to be constituted for the purpose by the Council
  - (2) The Chairman shall be paid a monthly salary of ₹2,25,000 (fixed) and other allowances and benefits as are admissible to a Central Government officer holding posts carrying the same pay. Where a retired officer is selected as a Chairman, he shall be paid a monthly salary of ₹2,25,000 reduced by the amount of pension.
  - (3) The Technical Member shall be paid a monthly salary of ₹2,05,400 (fixed) and shall be entitled to draw allowances as are admissible to a Government of India officer holding Group 'A' post carrying the same pay. Where a retired officer is selected as a Technical Member, he shall be paid a monthly salary of ₹2,05,400 reduced by the amount of pension.
  - (4) The Chairman shall hold office for a term of two years from the date on which he enters upon his office, or until he attains the age of sixty- five years, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for reappointment. A person shall not be selected as the Chairman if he has attained the age of sixty-two years.
  - (5) The Technical Member of the Authority shall hold office for a term of two years from the date on which he enters upon his office, or until he attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for reappointment. A person shall not be selected as a Technical Member if he has attained the age of sixty-two years.
4. Secretary to the Authority Rule 125 The Additional Director General of Safeguards under the Board shall be the Secretary to the Authority.
5. Power to determine the methodology and procedure Rule 126:- The Authority may determine the methodology and procedure for determination as to whether the reduction in rate of tax on the supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit has been passed on by the registered person to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices.
6. Duties of the Authority- It shall be the duty of the Authority Rule 127:-
  - (1) to determine whether any reduction in rate of tax on any supply of goods or services or the benefit of the input tax credit has been passed on to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices;
  - (2) to identify the registered person who has not passed on the benefit of reduction in rate of tax on supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices;





- (3) to order,
  - (a) reduction in prices;
  - (b) return to the recipient, an amount equivalent to the amount not passed on by way of commensurate reduction in prices along with interest at the rate of eighteen percent from the date of collection of higher amount till the date of return of such amount or recovery of the amount not returned in case the eligible person does not claim return of the amount or is not identifiable, and depositing the same in the Fund referred to in section 57
  - (c) imposition of penalty as prescribed under the Act; and
  - (d) cancellation of registration under the Act.
7. Examination of application by the Standing Committee and Screening Committee Rule 128.-
  - (1) The Standing Committee shall, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a written application, in such form and manner as may be specified by it, from an interested party or from a Commissioner or any other person, examine the accuracy and adequacy of the evidence provided in the application to determine whether there is prima-facie evidence to support the claim of the applicant that the benefit of reduction in rate of tax on any supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit has not been passed on to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices.
  - (2) All applications from interested parties on issues of local nature shall first be examined by the State level Screening Committee and the Screening Committee shall, upon being satisfied that the supplier has contravened the provisions of section 171, forward the application with its recommendations to the Standing Committee for further action.
8. Initiation and conduct of proceedings Rule 129:-
  - (1) Where the Standing Committee is satisfied that there is a prima-facie evidence to show that the supplier has not passed on the benefit of reduction in rate of tax on the supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices, it shall refer the matter to Director General of Safeguards for a detailed investigation.
  - (2) The Director General of Safeguards shall conduct investigation and collect evidence necessary to determine whether the benefit of reduction in rate of tax on any supply of goods or services or the benefit of the input tax credit has been passed on to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices.
  - (3) The Director General of Safeguards shall, before initiation of investigation, issue a notice to the interested parties containing, inter alia, information on the following, namely:-
    - (a) the description of the goods or services in respect of which the proceedings have been initiated;
    - (b) summary of statement of facts on which the allegations are based; and
    - (c) the time limit allowed to the interested parties and other persons who may have information related to the proceedings for furnishing their reply.
  - (4) The Director General of Safeguards may also issue notices to such other persons as deemed fit for fair enquiry into the matter.
  - (5) The Director General of Safeguards shall make available the evidence presented to it by one interested party to the other interested parties, participating in the proceedings.
  - (6) The Director General of Safeguards shall complete the investigation within a period of three months of receipt of reference from the Standing Committee or within such extended period not exceeding a further period of three months for reasons to be recorded in writing as allowed by the Standing Committee and, upon completion of the investigation, furnish to the Authority a report of its findings, along with the relevant records.

## 9. Confidentiality of information Rule 130:-

- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rules (3) and (5) of rule 10 and sub-rule (2) of rule 14, the provisions of section 11 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the disclosure of any information which is provided on a confidential basis.
- (2) The Director General of Safeguards may require the parties providing information on confidential basis to furnish non-confidential summary thereof and if, in the opinion of the party providing such information, the said information cannot be summarised, such party may submit to the Director General of Safeguards a statement of reasons why summarisation is not possible

## 10. Cooperation with other agencies or statutory authorities Rule 131:-

Where the Director General of Safeguards deems fit, he may seek opinion of any other agency or statutory authorities in discharge of his duties.

## 11. Power to summon persons to give evidence and produce documents Rule 132:- (1) The Director General of Safeguards, or an officer authorized by him in this behalf, shall be deemed to be the proper officer to exercise power to summon any person whose attendance he considers necessary either to give evidence or to produce a document or any other thing under section 70 and shall have power in any inquiry in the same manner, as provided in the case of a civil court under the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908). (2) Every such inquiry referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be deemed to be a "judicial proceedings" within the meaning of section 193 and section 228 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).

## 12. Order of the Authority Rule 133:-

- (1) The Authority shall, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the report from the Director General of Safeguards determine whether a registered person has passed on the benefit of reduction in rate of tax on the supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices.
- (2) An opportunity of hearing shall be granted to the interested parties by the Authority where any request is received in writing from such interested parties.
- (3) Where the Authority determines that a registered person has not passed on the benefit of reduction in rate of tax on the supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices, the Authority may order –
  - (a) reduction in prices;
  - (b) return to the recipient, an amount equivalent to the amount not passed on by way of commensurate reduction in prices along with interest at the rate of eighteen percent from the date of collection of higher amount till the date of return of such amount or recovery of the amount including interest not returned in case the eligible person does not claim return of the amount or is not identifiable, and depositing the same in the Fund referred to in section 57;
  - (c) imposition of penalty as prescribed under the Act; and
  - (d) cancellation of registration under the Act.

## 13. Decision to be taken by the majority Rule 134:- If the Members of the Authority differ in opinion on any point, the point shall be decided according to the opinion of the majority.

## 14. Compliance by the registered person Rule 135:- Any order passed by the Authority under these rules shall be immediately complied with by the registered person failing which action shall be initiated to recover the amount in accordance with the provisions of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act or the Central Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act of the respective States, as the case may be.



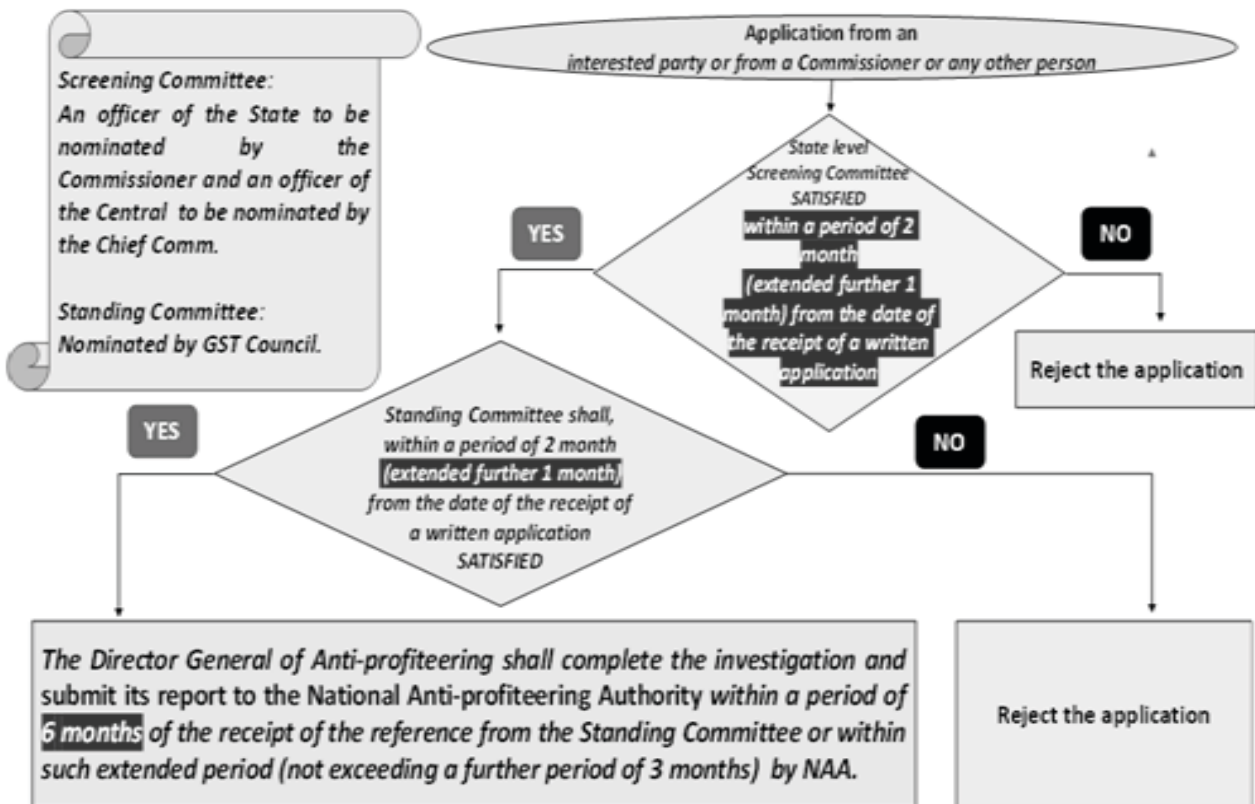
15. Monitoring of the order Rule 136:- The Authority may require any authority of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax to monitor implementation of the order passed by it. 18. Tenure of Authority.- The Authority shall cease to exist after the expiry of two years from the date on which the Chairman enters upon his office unless the Council recommends otherwise.
16. Tenure of Authority Rule137.- The Authority shall cease to exist after the expiry of two years from the date on which the Chairman enters upon his office unless the Council recommends otherwise.

**AMENDMENTS:**

1. Rule 133(3) has been amended vide Notification No. 26/2018 – Central Tax, dt 13.6.2018 so as to provide that incase where an Order for reduction has been passed by The Anti-Profiteering Authority and the eligible person does not claim return of the amount or is not identifiable, the amounts should be credited to the Consumer Welfare Fund.
2. AMENDMENT VIDE Notification No. 29/2018 – Central Tax, dt 06.07.2018 in Rule 125,129,130,131,132 &133 wherein “Directorate General of Safeguards” will be called “Directorate General of Anti-profiteering”

**Application & process flow of Anti-profiteering hierarchy mechanism:**

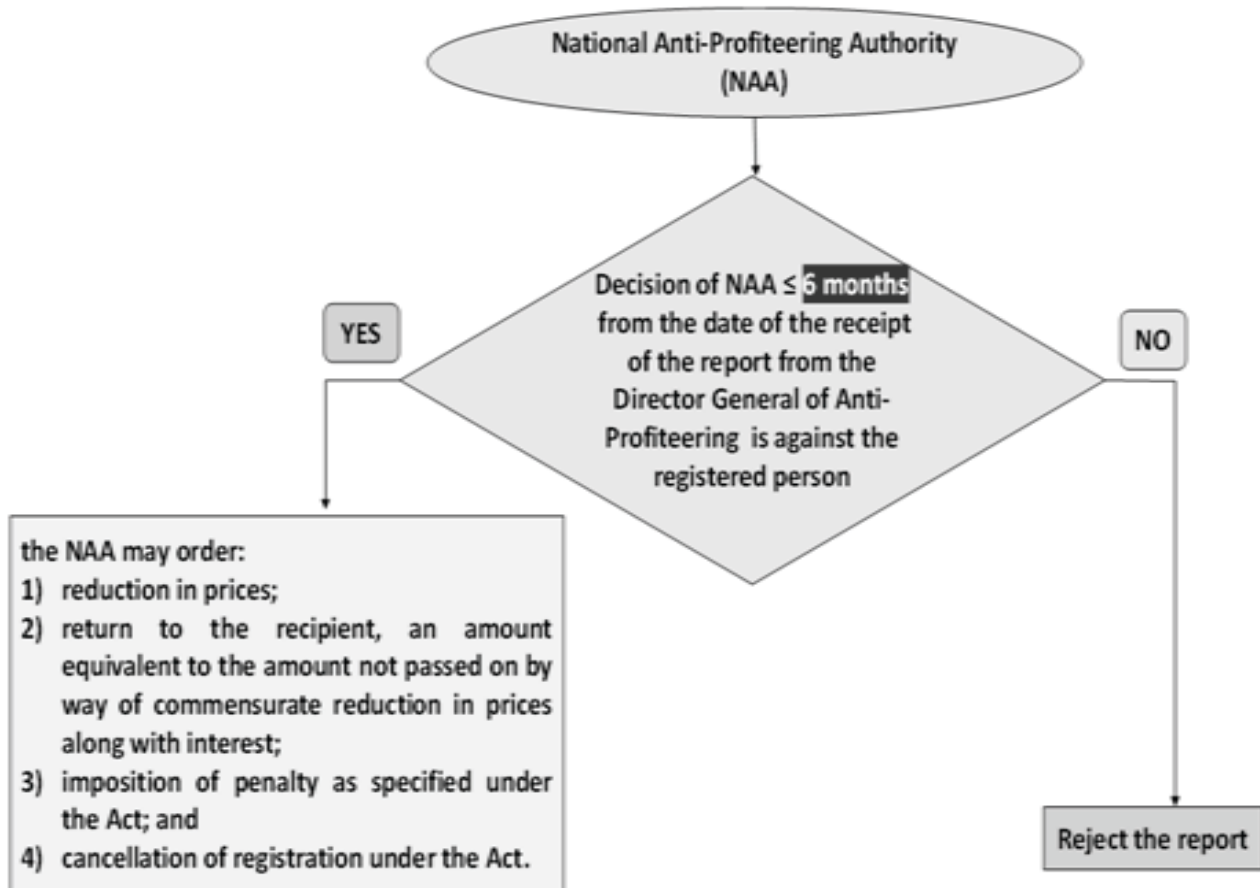
w.e.f. 12-7-2018 the Director General of safeguards replaced as the Director General of Anti-Profiteering.



Anti-profiteering measure – Due date of compliance which falls during the period from 20-3-2020 to 29-11-2020 extended upto 30-11-2020:  
(vide Notification No. 65/2020-Central Tax dated 01-09-2020)

"Provided that where, any time limit for completion or compliance of any action, by any authority, has been specified in, or prescribed or notified under section 171 of the said Act, which falls during the period from the 20th day of March, 2020 to the 29th day of November, 2020, and where completion or compliance of such action has not been made within such time, then, the time-limit for completion or compliance of such action, shall be extended up to the 30th day of November, 2020."

With insertion of above proviso said Authority get further breather of three months to complete any action or comply with any action as now any such action falls during the period from the 20th day of March, 2020 to the 29th day of November, 2020 can be completed by the anti profiteering authority by 30-11-2020.



**Amendments have been made in anti-profiteering provisions prescribed under rules 128, 129, 132, 133 & 137 of the CGST Rules as under: Notification No. 31/2019 CT dated 28.06.2019**

Rule 128 provides that on receipt of written application from an interested party or from a Commissioner or from any other person, the Standing Committee have to examine the accuracy and adequacy of the evidence provided in the application within a period of 2 months from the date of the receipt of application and determine whether there is prima facie evidence to support the claim of the applicant that the benefit of reduction in the rate of tax on any supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit has not been passed on to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices.

The said period of 2 months can now be extended up to a further period of 1 month for reasons to be recorded in writing as may be allowed by the Authority.



Rule 128 has been amended to provide that all applications from interested parties on issue of local nature as well as those forwarded by Standing Committee shall first be examined by the State level Screening Committee and the Screening Committee shall, within 2 months from the date of receipt of a written application (further extendable up to 1 month), upon being satisfied that the supplier has contravened the provisions of section 171, forward the application with its recommendations to the Standing Committee for further action.

Earlier, Screening Committee used to examine application on issues of local nature only and there was no time limit for forwarding the application to Standing Committee for further action.

Rule 129 provides that where Standing Committee is satisfied that there is a prima facie evidence to show that the supplier has not passed on the benefit to the recipient, it shall refer the matter to the Director General of Anti-Profiteering [DGAP] for detailed investigation.

Earlier, DGAP had to complete the investigation within a period of 3 months of the receipt of the reference from the Standing Committee. Now the said period of 3 months has been extended to 6 months.

Therefore, now DGAP has to complete the investigation within a period of 6 months of the receipt of the reference from the Standing Committee which is further extendable up to 3 months.

In addition to DGAP and an officer authorized by him in this behalf, the Authority has also been empowered to summon any person whose attendance he considers necessary either to give evidence or to produce a document or any other thing under section 70 of the CGST Act and shall have power in any inquiry in the same manner, as provided in the case of a civil court under the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 [Rule 132].

As per rule 133, the Authority had to determine as to whether the registered person has passed on the benefit of the reduction in the rate of tax on the supply of goods or services or the benefit of ITC to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices, within 3 months from the date of receipt of investigation report from DGAP. The said period of 3 months has now been extended to 6 months.

In terms of rule 133, the Authority can now seek a clarification from DGAP on the Investigation report submitted by it during the process of determining as to whether the benefit of reduction in rate of tax or benefit of ITC has been passed on to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices.

**The procedure followed in decision making/investigation (Notification No. 31/2019 CT dated 28.06.2019):**

As per rule 133, the Authority may, inter-alia, order to deposit an amount equivalent to 50% of the amount not passed on by way of commensurate reduction in prices, in the Consumer Welfare Fund of the Centre and remaining 50% in the Consumer Welfare Fund of the concerned State\* where the eligible person does not claim return of the amount or is not identifiable.

The rule has been amended to provide that the said amount shall now be deposited along with interest @ 18% from the date of collection of the higher amount till the date of deposit of such amount.

\*Here, the expression "concerned State" means the State or Union Territory in respect of which the Authority passes an order.

A new sub-rule (5) has been inserted in rule 133 to provide that where upon receipt of the report of the DGAP, the Authority has reasons to believe that there has been contravention of the provisions of section 171 in respect of goods and/or services other than those covered in the said report, it may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, within a period of six months, direct the DGAP to cause investigation or inquiry with regard to such other goods and/or services.

Such investigation or enquiry shall be deemed to be a new investigation or enquiry and all the provisions of rule 129 shall mutatis mutandis apply to such investigation or enquiry

As per rule 137, the Authority ceases to exist after the expiry of 2 years from the date on which the Chairman



enters upon his office unless the GST Council recommends otherwise. Rule 137 has been amended to increase the said period of 2 years to 4 years. w.e.f. 12-7-2018 the Director General of safeguards replaced as the Director General of Anti-Profiteering.

**Note 1:**

The Director General of Safeguards shall conduct investigation and collect evidence necessary to determine undue profiteering and before initiation of the investigation, issue a notice to the interested parties (and to such other persons as deemed fit for a fair enquiry into the matter) containing, inter alia, information on the following, namely:—

- (a) the description of the goods or services in respect of which the proceedings have been initiated;
- (b) summary of the statement of facts on which the allegations are based; and
- (c) the time limit allowed to the interested parties and other persons who may have information related to the proceedings for furnishing their reply.

The evidence or information presented to the Director General of Safeguards by one interested party can be made available to the other interested parties, participating in the proceedings. The evidence provided will be kept confidential and the provisions of section 11 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), shall apply mutatis mutandis to the disclosure of any information which is provided on a confidential basis.

The Director General of Safeguards can seek opinion of any other agency or statutory authorities in the discharge of his duties. The Director General of Safeguards, or an officer authorised by him will have the power to summon any person necessary either to give evidence or to produce a document or any other thing. He will also have same powers as that of a civil court and every such inquiry will be deemed to be a judicial proceeding.

The Director General of Safeguards will complete the investigation within a period of three months or within such extended period not exceeding a further period of three months for reasons to be recorded in writing as allowed by the Standing Committee and, upon completion of the investigation, furnish to the Authority, a report of its findings along with the relevant records.

**Note 2:**

The Authority shall (after granting an opportunity of hearing to the interested parties if so requested) within a period of three months from the date of the receipt of the report from the Director General of Safeguards determine whether a registered person has passed on the benefit of the reduction in the rate of tax on the supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices. If the Members of the Authority differ in opinion on any point, the point shall be decided according to the opinion of the majority. Where the Authority determines that a registered person has not passed on the benefit of the reduction in the rate of tax on the supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices, the Authority may order:

- (a) reduction in prices;
- (b) return to the recipient, an amount equivalent to the amount not passed on by way of commensurate reduction in prices along with interest;
- (c) imposition of penalty as specified under the Act; and
- (d) cancellation of registration under the Act.

Any order passed by the Authority shall be immediately complied with by the registered person failing which action shall be initiated to recover the amount in accordance with the provisions of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act or the Central Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union territory Goods and Services Tax Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act of the respective States, as the case may be. The Authority can direct any authority of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax to monitor the implementation of the order passed by it.



# Study Note - 24

## REPLYING TO DEPARTMENT NOTICES UNDER GST-SAMPLE CASES



### This Study Note includes

#### 24.1 Show Cause Notice

#### 24.2 Replying to Department Notices under GST – Sample Cases

### 24.1 SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

The Goods & Service Tax (GST) is payable on self-assessment basis i.e. assessee himself has to determine its tax liability.

If the determination of assessee goes wrong i.e. assessee has short paid any taxes or not paid any taxes or has wrong availed and utilized any input tax credit or has erroneously been refunded, etc then, under such circumstances demand would be raised by the GST officials by way of issuing GST notices - to be called as Show cause notices under taxation parlance.

**Show cause notice (SCN)** is the first stage in any investigation in tax laws. In Goods and Services Tax Act, show cause notice is to be issued before any penalty is levied or demand is raised. SCN is also required to be issued while taking action for payment of Goods and Services tax collected from any person which has not been deposited with the Central Government.

#### Handling a show cause GST notice and GST notice reply letter format

Some points stated below are important to note while handling show cause GST notices -

- Date of notice and date of receipt of GST notice could be different. While acknowledging the Show cause GST notice, always remember to put date and time over the acknowledgement copy.
- Don't avoid the receipt of SCN. If such notice is being served, there is no point in avoiding receiving it. First it has to be received and then contested / replied. Non-receipt is considered as a service.
- If the service of notice is time barred, it could be suitably replied with substantiating evidence.
- Whenever SCN is intended to enhance the liability of assessee or reduce the amount of refund, an opportunity of being heard is necessary and it cannot be denied by the revenue.
- SCN is always issued in writing.
- Department cannot go beyond what is mentioned in SCN and adjudicate an issue which is not a subject matter of SCN.
- SCN is required to be replied within the stipulated time mentioned in the notice and must be replied accordingly.
- Try to provide reply or explanation to all points covered in SCN and wherever necessary, substantiate the reply with documentary evidences.
- Detailed reply may be submitted along with earlier decided case laws.





- A list of evidences on which you are relying must also be submitted.
- Orders issued against show cause notice are appealable.

If the above points is borne in mind by the assesseees and service providers, it shall help them in appropriately replying to the show cause notice issued by the Department.

**24.2 REPLYING TO DEPARTMENT NOTICES UNDER GST – SAMPLE CASES**

**Sample Case 1**

**REPLY TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE (IN FORM DRC 01) RECEIVED FOR DIFFERENTIAL TAX AMT IN GSTR 3B VIS-À-VIS GSTR 1**

**FORM GST DRC - 06**

**[See rule 142(4)]**

Reply to the Show Cause Notice

1. GSTIN	.....	
2. Name	.....	
3. Details of Show Cause Notice : Form GST DRC-01	Reference No :...	Date of issue :.....
4. Financial Year	2017-18	
5. Reply: As below		

Date .....

To

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Dear Sir,

**(Sub: Reply to DRC-01 dated ..... (Reference No.....) issued to .....  
limited holding GSTIN .....)**

With reference to the above mentioned subject, we confirm to have received the said Notice under Sec ..... of The CGST Act 2017, read with Rule ..... of CGST Rules 2017, in form DRC-01 and noted the contents thereof.



### Facts of The Case

We, M/s ....., having our registered office at ..... (herein referred to as 'Noticee') confirm having received the Show Cause Cum Demand Notice (herein after referred to as 'SCN') referred above and noted the contents thereof. The allegations, alleged contravention and proposal contained in the SCN are as under:--

- 1.0. It is alleged that M/s. ...., holding GSTIN. ....has contravened the provisions of Section ..... of the CGST Act 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act') read with Rule ..... Of The CGST Rules 2017 as amended (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Rules') in as much as the noticee has not paid GST amounting to ₹..... o ..... Goods/ Services
- 2.0. The said noticee was therefore, required to show Cause to the Joint Commissioner of Service Tax, Service Tax as to why the said GST Amount alongwith Interest and penalty should not be recovered from the Noticee.
- 3.0. The noticee was asked by the department to submit documents relating to charging and payment of GST for the period ..... which the noticee dutifully complied.
- 4.0. Thereafter certain correspondences have also taken place between the Noticee and the GST authorities whereby certain information/explanations/clarifications were sought and which the Noticee has provided.

### Grounds

- 5.0. We have made a detailed reconciliation between the GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B filed by us for the month of JULY 2017- MARCH 2018.
- 6.0. Now we provide the detailed working of the differences between GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B in Annexure A to this submission. The reasons for the same is as follows-
  1. In the month of ....., one sale entry was missed out in GSTR 1, but while filing GSTR 3B the same was taken into consideration and correctly reported in the GSTR 3B and taxes had been paid on that. We had been reported this invoice in GSTR 1 of ..... with the respective date of the invoice.
- 7.0. From the above, your honour may note that we have already amended GSTR 3B in subsequent tax period as per circular no.26/26/2017-GST. So as on date there is no discrepancy in our GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B.

### Prayer

In view of the above, it is prayed before your honour that kindly accept our explanation on the matter of discrepancies in the returns from July 17 to Mar 18 And drop the issue.

For this act of kindness, your petitioner as in duty bound shall remain grateful.



**6. Documents Annexed:**

1. ....

7. Option for personal hearing - **Yes**

8. Verification-

I hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the information given hereinabove is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed there from.

Signature of Authorized Signatory

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Designation / Status -----

Date –

**Sample Case 2**

**REPLYING TO NOTICE FOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TAX AMT IN GSTR 3B VIS-A-VIS IN GSTR 1 –**

**THE NOTICE IS RECEIVED IN FORM ASMT-10 AND REPLY AS BELOW IN ASMT-11**

**Form GST ASMT - 11**

**[See rule 99(2)]**

Reply to the notice issued under section 61 intimating discrepancies in the return

1. GSTIN	.....	
2. Name	.....	
3. Details of the notice	.....	Date. ....
4. Tax Period	JULY 2017– MARCH 2018	



5. Reply to the discrepancies	<p>We refer to the above notice received on ..... We have noted the differences provided by your honour between GSTR 3B and GSTR 1 filed by us for the months of JULY 2017– MARCH 2018. We have made a detailed reconciliation between the GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B filed by us for the month of JULY 2017– MARCH 2018.</p> <p>Now we provide the detailed working of the differences between GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B in Annexure A to this submission. The reasons for the same is as follows-</p> <p>1. In the month of ....., one sale entry was missed out in GSTR 1, but while filing GSTR 3B the same was taken into consideration and correctly reported in the GSTR 3B and taxes had been paid on that. We had been reported this invoice in GSTR 1 of ..... with the respective date of the invoice.</p> <p>(Details as per annexure .....)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>From the above, your honour may note that we have already amended GSTR 3B in subsequent tax period as per circular no.26/26/2017-GST. So as on date there is no discrepancy in our GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B.</p> <p>In view of the above, it is prayed before your honour that kindly accept our explanation on the matter of discrepancies in the returns from July 17 to Mar 18 And drop the issue.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;">Sr. No.</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Discrepancy</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Reply</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1.</td> <td>Taxable value and tax amount related reply</td> <td>Please find the details report on annexure 1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Sr. No.	Discrepancy	Reply	1.	Taxable value and tax amount related reply	Please find the details report on annexure 1
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6. Amount admitted and paid, if any -	Act	Tax	Interest	Others	Total						
	CGST	NA	NA	NA	NIL						
	SGST₹	NA	NA	NA	NIL						

7. Verification-

I .....hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the information given hereinabove is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therefrom.

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Name – .....

Designation / Status – .....

Date – 09-06-2018



**Sample Case 3**

**REPLYING TO NOTICE FOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ITC AVAILED IN GSTR 3B VIS-A-VIS AVAILABLE IN GSTR 2A**

**Date 10-06-2018**

To

The office of the Assistant Commissioner (ST),

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Respected Sir/Madam,

**Sub: Reply to the notice received on .....for variation in ITC claimed in GSTR 3B Vs  
ITC available under GSTR 2A.**

We have received the said Notice u/s ..... of The CGST Act 2017 and read with Rule ..... of CGST Rules 2017 and noted the contents thereof. In the said notice your goodself have sited certain discrepancies in the ITC availed by the noticee in its GSTR 3B and the GSTR 2A filed by the noticee which is available on the GST Portal.

In this regard, we have tried to match the reasons for differences and the same as are summarised as under:

1. Ineligible ITC was not claimed by us.
2. Timing Gap – Wherein the Invoice would be uploaded in the GSTR 1 of the Counter Party in one month and the ITC for the same would be availed by us in another month.
3. There are certain delayed/non-compliance from the supplier's side due to non payment, incorrect uploading, data entry mistake in figures or GST numbers, classifying at B2C instead of B2B, etc.

We are further enclosing the invoice-wise details of the ITC availed by us as per Sec 16 of The CGST Act 2017.

We pray to take our reply on record and rest the issue in the light of Provisions as per Law.

For this act of kindness, your petitioner as in duty bound shall remain grateful.

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Name – .....

Designation / Status – Director

# Study Note - 25

## OPERATION OF GST PORTAL - A WALK-THROUGH



### This Study Note includes

25.1 GST Portal

25.2 Walk-through

### 25.1 GST PORTAL

GST Portal or GSTN hosted at <https://www.gst.gov.in/> is a website where all the activities related to GST can be done. Activities like GST registration, return filing, payment of taxes, application for refund, etc. can be done on the GST Portal.

#### Services Available on GST Portal

Here is a list of some services available on the GST Portal..

1. Application for Registration for Normal Taxpayer, ISD, Casual Dealer
2. Application for GST Practitioner
3. Opting for Composition Scheme (GST CMP-02)
4. Stock intimation for Composition Dealers (GST CMP-03)
5. Opting out of Composition Scheme (GST CMP-04)
6. Filing GST Returns
7. Payment of GST
8. Filing Table 6A of GSTR-1 (Export Refund)
9. Claim Refund of excess GST paid (RFD-01)
10. Furnish Letter of Undertaking(LUT)(RFD-11)
11. Transition Forms (TRAN-1, TRAN-2, TRAN-3)
12. Viewing E-Ledgers

Other than the above services changing core and non-core fields, browsing notices received, filing ITC Forms, Engage/ Disengage GST Practitioner are some of the other services provided on the GST Portal/ GSTN.

#### Goods and Service Tax Network

The Goods and Service Tax Network (or GSTN) is a non-profit, non-government organization. It will manage the entire IT system of the GST portal, which is the mother database for everything GST. This portal will be used by the government to track every financial transaction, and will provide taxpayers with all services – from registration to filing taxes and maintaining all tax details.

#### Structure of GSTN

Private players own 51% share in the GSTN, and the rest is owned by the government. The authorized capital



of the GSTN is ₹10 crore (US\$1.6 million), of which 49% of the shares are divided equally between the Central and State governments, and the remaining is with private banks.

The contract for developing this vast technological backend was awarded to Infosys in September 2015.

The GSTN is chaired by Mr. Navin Kumar, an Indian Administrative Service servant (1975 batch), who has served in many senior positions with the Govt. of Bihar, and the Central Govt.

### Salient Features of the GSTN

The GSTN is a complex IT initiative. It will establish a uniform interface for the taxpayer and also create a common and shared IT infrastructure between the Centre and States.

#### 1. Trusted National Information Utility

The GSTN is a trusted National Information Utility (NIU) providing reliable, efficient and robust IT backbone for the smooth functioning of GST in India.

#### 2. Handles Complex Transactions

GST is a destination based tax. The adjustment of IGST (for inter-state trade) at the government level (Centre & various states) will be extremely complex, considering the sheer volume of transactions all over India. A rapid settlement mechanism amongst the States and the Centre will be possible only when there is a strong IT infrastructure and service backbone which captures, processes and exchanges information.

#### 3. All Information Will Be Secure

The government will have strategic control over the GSTN, as it is necessary to keep the information of all taxpayers confidential and secure. The Central Government will have control over the composition of the Board, mechanisms of Special Resolution and Shareholders Agreement, and agreements between the GSTN and other state governments. Also, the shareholding pattern is such that the Government shareholding at 49% is far more than that of any single private institution.

#### 4. Expenses Will Be Shared

The user charges will be paid entirely by the Central Government and the State Governments in equal proportion (i.e. 50:50) on behalf of all users. The state share will be then apportioned to individual states, in proportion to the number of taxpayers in the state.

### Functions of GSTN

GSTN is the backbone of the Common Portal which is the interface between the taxpayers and the government. The entire process of GST is online starting from registration to the filing of returns.

It has to support about 3 billion invoices per month and the subsequent return filing for 65 to 70 lakh taxpayers.

The GSTN will handle:

- Invoices
- Various returns
- Registrations
- Payments & Refunds

## 25.2 WALK-THROUGH

**Various FAQs and User Manual, Training Kit are available on GST Portal.**



### **(1) FAQs on Registration – Normal Taxpayer (FORM GST REG-01)**

**1. I am on the landing page of the New Registration Application and there are two radio buttons – New Registration and Temporary Reference Number (TRN). Which one do I need to select?**

Select the New Registration Application to begin applying for GST Registration .

If you have already filled Part A of the Registration Application and have a valid TRN, select Temporary Reference Number.

**2. I am applying for a new registration. Which state should I select?**

Select the state for which you are applying for the registration.

Once you select a state in Part A of the Registration Application, it cannot be changed at a later stage.

**3. My principal place of business is in State 'X' but I am applying for a new registration for State 'Y'. Which state should I select?**

Select the state for which you are applying for the registration as registration is state-specific.

**4. In the field for PAN, do I need to put my own PAN or the PAN of the business?**

Please enter the PAN of your business. In case of proprietor, please provide your personal PAN.

**5. Whose e-mail ID and mobile number should I give in the PART A of the Registration Application?**

Please give details of the Primary Authorised Signatory in the Part A of the Registration Application .

**6. What is Captcha Code? Why do I need to fill it?**

Captcha Code is a numeric code that must be filled every time a taxpayer login to the GST Portal. It has been added as an additional security measure.

**7. The Captcha Code provided is not legible. What should I do?**

You can click the refresh icon next to the code and the system will generate a new code for you.

**8. I clicked the SUBMIT button and now the system is asking me for a mobile OTP and an e-mail OTP but I haven't received either. What do I do? / I have received my mobile OTP but not my e-mail OTP or vice versa. How long should I wait?**

Please wait for at least 180 seconds after generating the OTPs.

In case you have still not received the OTP/s, make sure you are checking the correct mobile phone and e-mail inbox. For e-mail OTP, you must also check the spam folder of your e-mail account.

In case you have still not received one or both the OTPs, please click the Click to Resend OTP option available on the screen. Both the OTPs will be sent again.

**9. How long are the OTPs valid? OR Are the OTPs valid for a limited period of time? OR What is the validity of the OTP?**

The validity period of each OTP is clearly mentioned in the SMS and e-mail. They are valid for at least 10 minutes.

**10. I have entered both OTPs correctly but the system is saying the OTPs are not valid.**

It is possible your OTPs have expired. Click the Click to Resend OTP option available on the screen. Both the OTPs will be sent again. Please wait for at least 180 seconds after generating the OTPs.

Please note, when you generate fresh OTPs, both previous OTPs (mobile as well as e-mail) become invalid.

You will now need to enter both mobile and e-mail OTP again.





**11. How long should I wait for the OTPs before clicking on the resend OTP button?**

Please wait for at least 180 seconds after generating the OTPs.

In case you have still not received the OTP/s, make sure you are checking the correct mobile phone and e-mail inbox. For e-mail OTP, you must also check the spam folder of your e-mail account.

In case you have still not received one or both the OTPs, please click on Click to Resend OTP option available on the screen. Both the OTPs will be sent again.

Please note, when you generate fresh OTPs, both previous OTPs (mobile as well as e-mail) become invalid.

**12. What is a TRN?**

TRN or Temporary Reference Number is a unique 15-digit reference number that is generated when you successfully submit all the fields of PART A (first page) of the new registration application and successfully validate your mobile number and e-mail ID by correctly entering the respective OTPs.

Your TRN is sent to you via SMS and e-mail. It is valid for 15 days from the date of creation.

After TRN is generated, note it down and access PART B of your new registration application on the GST Portal in the pre-login mode by entering the TRN.

**13. Now that I have generated my TRN, how do I begin filling PART B of my new registration application?**

Please go to the New Registration page and select the radio button Temporary Reference Number. Now enter your TRN and click PROCEED. A new page will open where you will have to enter the Mobile OTP and e-mail OTP which will be sent to you when you click PROCEED. Enter the respective OTPs and you will be directed to the landing page of PART B of the New Registration Application (Business Details section).

**14. I did not write my TRN or I have forgotten my TRN?**

Your TRN is also sent to you via SMS and e-mail.

**15. I did not write my TRN and I also deleted the SMS and the e-mail that were sent to me. What do I do now?**

In such a case, you will have to fill in all the details in PART A of the Registration Application again. Upon completing the process, a message will be displayed 'You already have a TRN generated <TRN number> with this combination'.

Be sure to save the TRN this time!

**16. It has been more than 15 days since I generated a TRN. Can I still access my new registration application?**

In such a case, you will have to fill in all the details in PART A of the Registration Application again. Upon completing the process, a message will be displayed 'You already have a TRN generated <TRN number> with this combination'.

**17. Does the TRN expire 15 days after I generate it or 15 days after my last login?**

The TRN expires 15 days after it is generated regardless of any number of logins by you.

**18. I have logged into my new registration application successfully using my TRN, Mobile OTP, and E-mail OTP. What is the next step?**

Please click on the blue box with the pencil icon inside it to continue filling your Registration Application.

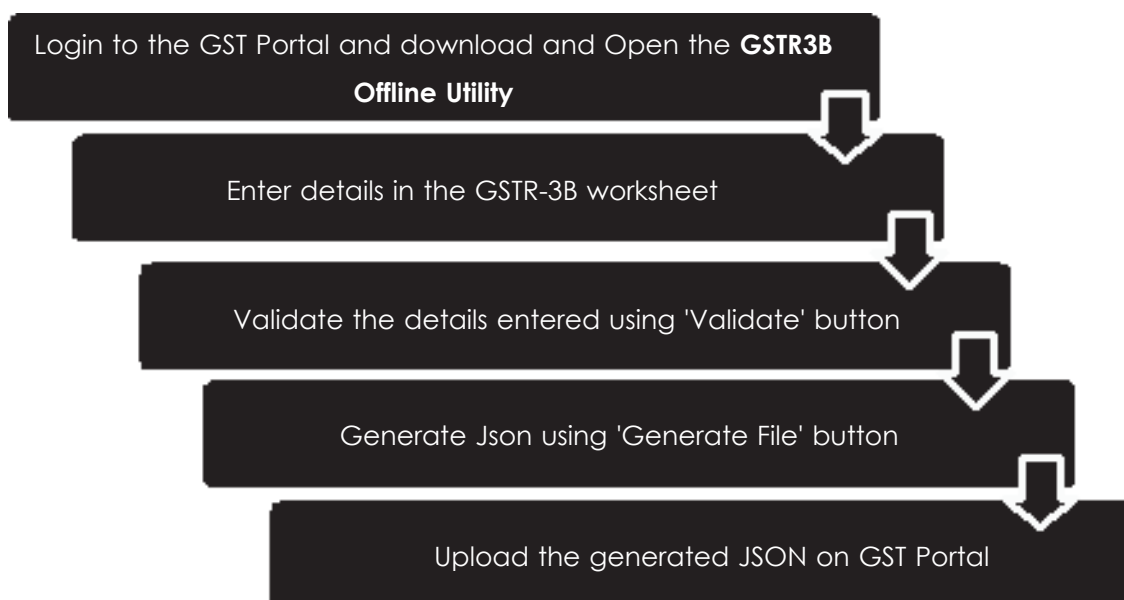
## (2) Preparing GSTR 3B – User Manual.

### 1. GST3B Offline Utility: An Overview

The Excel based GSTR-3B Offline Utility is designed to help taxpayer to prepare their GSTR-3B return offline. Details for following sections of GSTR-3B return can be added by taxpayer using the offline Utility

- ⦿ 3.1 Details of Outward Supplies and inward supplies liable to reversecharge
- ⦿ 3.2 Of the supplies shown in 3.1 (a) above, details of inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons, composition taxable persons and UINholders
- ⦿ Eligible ITC
- ⦿ Values of exempt, nil-rated and non-GST inward supplies
- ⦿ 5.1 Interest & late fee payable

Downloading GSTR3B Offline Utility and Uploading GSTR3B details



### 2. Downloading the GSTR3B Offline Utility

Downloading the GSTR3B Offline Utility is a one-time activity, however, it may require an update in future if the Tool is updated at the GST Portal. Please check the version of the offline utility used by you with the one available for download on the GST Portal at regular intervals.

To download and install the GSTR3B Offline Utility to prepare the GSTR3B return offline, perform the following steps:



You can download the GSTR3B Offline Utility from the Portal without login to the GST Portal.

1. Access the <https://www.gst.gov.in/URL>.

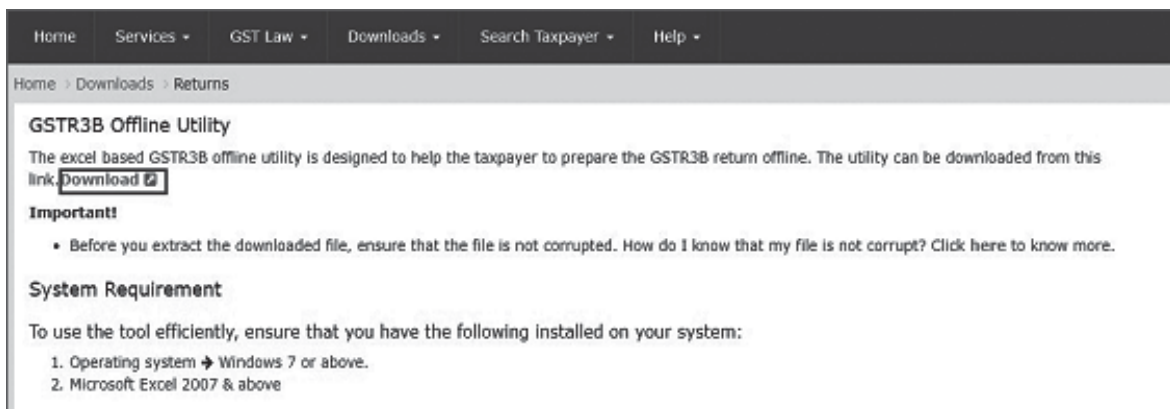


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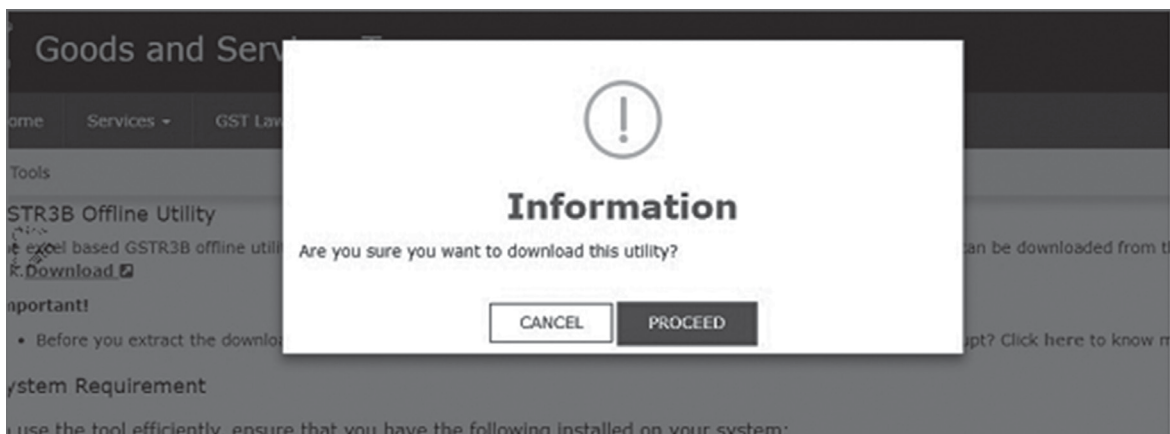
- The GST Homepage is displayed. Click the Downloads > Offline tools > GSTR3B Offline Utility.



- The Returns Offline tool page is displayed. Click the Download button. The download of the GSTR3B Offline Utility usually takes 2-3 minutes to download depending on the Internet speed.

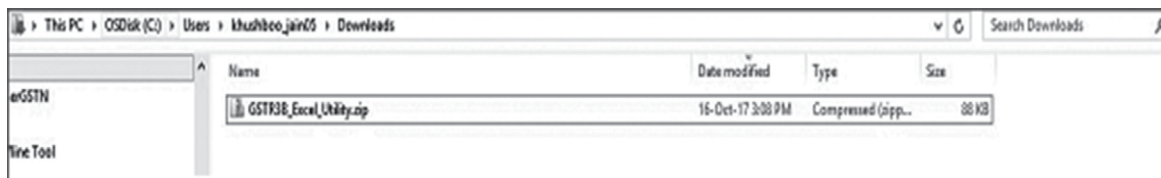


- A confirmation message is displayed on the screen. Click the PROCEED button to download the GSTR3B Offline Utility from the GST Portal.



The Progress update page is displayed in a new browser tab. You can notice that the download is in progress.

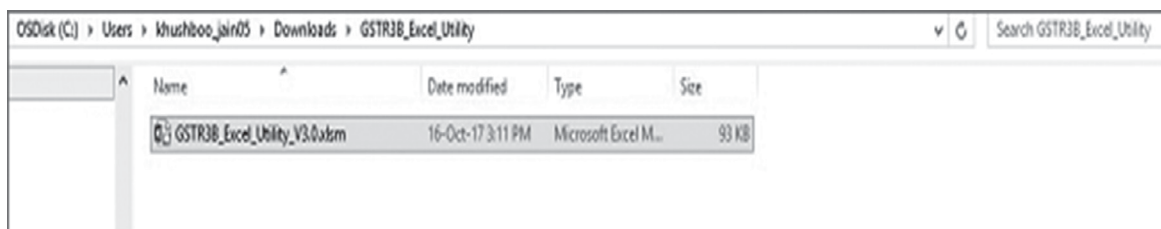
- Browse and select the location where you want to save the downloaded files.  
In some machines, depending on your browser settings, the files are downloaded in the folder Downloads on your machine.



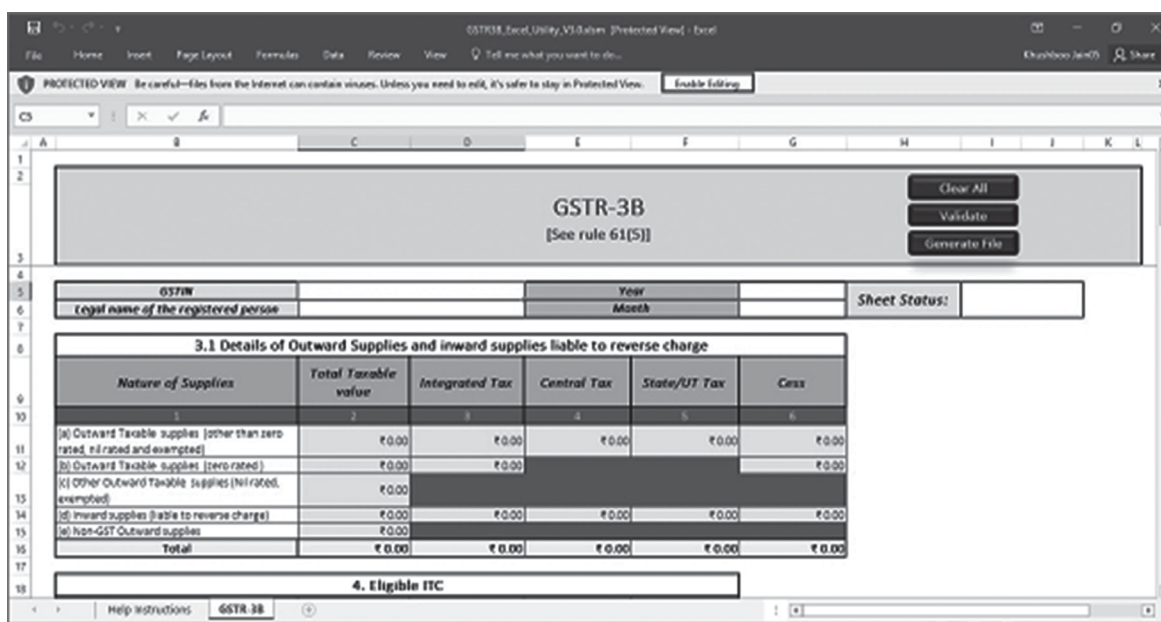
### 3. Installation of the GSTR3B Offline Utility

Once the download of the GSTR3B Offline Utility is complete, you need to unzip these downloaded files on your machine.

- Unzip the downloaded files and extract the files from the downloaded zip folder GSTR3\_Excel\_Utility.zip. Zip folder consists of the GSTR3B\_Excel\_Utility file as shown in the screenshot below.



- Double click the GSTR3B\_Excel\_Utility.
- Click the Enable Editing button in the excelsheet.





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4. Click the Enable Content button in the excelsheet.

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with a security warning dialog box open. The warning message reads: "SECURITY WARNING: Some of the data in this message may have been automatically deleted. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message." The dialog box has buttons for "Clear All", "Validate", and "Generate File".

Below the warning, the spreadsheet displays a table titled "3.1 Details of Outward Supplies and inward supplies liable to reverse charge". The table has the following structure:

3.1 Details of Outward Supplies and inward supplies liable to reverse charge					
Nature of Supplies	Total Taxable value	Integrated Tax	Central Tax	State/UT Tax	Cess
(A) Outward Taxable supplies (other than zero rated, nil rated and exempted)	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
(B) Outward Taxable supplies (zero-rated)	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00			₹ 0.00
(C) Other Outward Taxable supplies (nil rated, exempted)	₹ 0.00				
<b>Total</b>	<b>₹ 0.00</b>	<b>₹ 0.00</b>	<b>₹ 0.00</b>	<b>₹ 0.00</b>	<b>₹ 0.00</b>

For more details regarding various FAQs and User Manual, Training Kit visit "[www.gst.gov.in](http://www.gst.gov.in)"



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# **CUSTOMS LAW**

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# Study Note - 1

## CUSTOMS LAW - BASIC CONCEPTS



### This Study Note includes

- 1.1 Introduction
- 1.2 Definitions
- 1.3 Circumstances of Levy
- 1.4 Circumstances under which no Duty will be Levied
- 1.5 Tax Planning vs Tax Management

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Kautilya's Arthashastra also refers to 'shulka' consisting of import duty and export duty that was collected at the city gates on goods coming in and going out respectively.

Subsequently, the levy of customs duty was organised through legislation during the British period.

Constitutional Provision:

Entry 83 of the Union List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India is empowered to levy the customs duty by the Central Government of India.

The term customs is not new for us. It was customary for a trader who brings the goods to a particular kingdom to offer gifts to the king for allowing him to sell his goods in that kingdom. The gifts given by the dealer to the king was nothing but a customary practice in those days. In the modern days, these gifts are collected by the Government of India in the form of Customs Duty from the importer who imports the goods from a country outside India and from an exporter who exports the goods to a country outside India.

The Customs Act, was enacted by the Parliament in the year 1962, as per the List I of the Union List Parliament has an exclusive right to make laws. The Customs Act regulates import and export, protecting the Indigenous industry from other countries and so on. The Central Government of India has power to make rules under section 156 of Customs Act, 1962, and also has the power to issue Notifications from time to time for the purpose of smooth functioning and effective administration of the Act.

As per Finance Act, 2020 w.e.f 27.3.2020, In section 156 of the Customs Act, in sub-section (2), after clause (h), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— "(i) the form, time limit, manner, circumstances, conditions, restrictions and such other matters for carrying out the provisions of Chapter VAA."

As per section 157 of the Custom Act, 1962, the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBE&C), now renamed to Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs (CBIC) has been empowered to make regulations, consistent with provisions of the Act. The Commissioner of Customs has the power to issue the Public notices which are also called trade notices.

As per Finance Act, 2020 w.e.f 27.3.2020, In section 157 of the Customs Act, in sub-section (2), after clause (j), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— "(ja) the manner of maintaining electronic duty credit ledger, making payment from such ledger, transfer of duty credit from ledger of one person to the ledger of another and the conditions, restrictions and time limit relating thereto;"





**Difference between the Rules and Regulations**

Rules	Regulations
(1) Issued by the Government of India	(1) Issued by the CBIC
(2) Rules have to be consistent with Act	(2) Regulations have to be consistent with Act & Rules.
(3) Has statutory force	(3) Has statutory force

It is important to know the various terms used in the Customs Law to have better understanding of the subject.

**1.2 DEFINITIONS**

**(1) Adjudicating Authority:** As per section 2(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, adjudicating authority means any authority competent to pass any order or decision under this Act, but does not include:

- The Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBIC),
- Commissioner of Customs (Appeals) or
- Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT)

**(2) Assessment:** As per section 2(2) of the Customs Act, assessment means process of determining the tax liability in accordance with the provisions of the Act, which includes provisional assessment, self assessment, re-assessment and any assessment in which the duty assessed is nil;¹.

**As per the Finance Act, 2018 (w.e.f. 29th March 2018):**

**Assessment:** As per section 2(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, means determination of the dutiability of any goods and the amount of duty, tax, cess or any other sum so payable, if any, under this Act or under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (hereinafter referred to as the Customs Tariff Act) or under any other law for the time being in force, with reference to—

- (a) the tariff classification of such goods as determined in accordance with the provisions of the Customs Tariff Act;
- (b) the value of such goods as determined in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Customs Tariff Act;
- (c) exemption or concession of duty, tax, cess or any other sum, consequent upon any notification issued therefor under this Act or under the Customs Tariff Act or under any other law for the time being in force;
- (d) the quantity, weight, volume, measurement or other specifics where such duty, tax, cess or any other sum is leviable on the basis of the quantity, weight, volume, measurement or other specifics of such goods;
- (e) the origin of such goods determined in accordance with the provisions of the Customs Tariff Act or the rules made thereunder, if the amount of duty, tax, cess or any other sum is affected by the origin of such goods;
- (f) any other specific factor which affects the duty, tax, cess or any other sum payable on such goods,

**(3) Board:** means As per section 2(6) f the Customs Act, board means the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs constituted under the Central Boards of Revenue Act, 1963.

**(4) Coastal Goods:** As per section 2(7) of the Customs Act, the term coastal goods means goods, other than imported goods, transported in a vessel from one port in India to another.

Under section 7(1)(d) of the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs (CBIC), may by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint the ports which alone shall be coastal ports for the carrying on of trade in coastal goods or any class of such goods with all or any specified ports in India.

**Example 1:**



Chennai Port

Goods originally originated from India



Vizag Port

**(5) Conveyance:** As per section 2(9) of the Customs Act Defines, 'Conveyance includes a Vessel, an Aircraft and a Vehicle'. The specific terms are vessel (by sea), aircraft (by air) and vehicle (by land).

**(6) Customs Area:** As per section 2(11) of the Customs Act, customs area means the area of a customs station and includes any area in which imported goods or exported goods are ordinarily kept before clearance by Customs Authorities.

**(7) Customs port:** As per section 2(12) of the Customs Act, customs port means any port appointed under section 7(a) of the Customs Act, to be a customs port and includes a place appointed under section 7(aa) of the Customs Act, to be an inland container depot (ICD).

Customs Airport under section 7(a) means any airport and includes a place appointed under section 7(aa) (w.e.f. 28-5-2012) to be an air freight station.

Section 7(a): The CBIC may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint the ports and air ports which alone shall be customs ports or customs airports for the unloading of imported goods and the loading of export goods or any class of such goods.

Section 7(aa): The places which alone shall be inland container depots (ICD's) for the unloading of imported goods and the loading of export goods or any class of such goods.

**(8) Customs station:** As per section 2(13) of the Customs Act, customs station means any customs port, customs airport or land customs station.

As per Section 8 of the Customs Act, 1962, the Commissioner of Customs may (i) approve proper places in any customs port or customs airport or coastal port for the unloading of goods or for any class of goods; (ii) specify the limits of any customs area.

As per Section 141 of the Customs Act, 1962, all conveyances and goods in customs area are subject to control of officers of customs for enforcing the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962. The receipt/storage/delivery/dispatch/any other handling of goods (import/export) in the Customs area shall be in the prescribed manner and the responsibility thereon lies on the persons engaged in such activities (i.e. Custodian of the said goods).

CBIC empowered to permit landing of vessels and aircrafts at any place other than customs port or customs airport [Section 29(1)] w.e.f. 10-5-2013:

The Finance Act, 2013 has amended section 29(1) to empower CBIC to permit landing of vessels and aircrafts at any place other than customs port or customs airport.

**(9) Dutiable Goods:** As per section 2(14) of the Customs Act, the term is defined to mean any goods which are chargeable to duty and on which duty has not been paid. It means to say that the name of the product or goods should find a mention in the Customs Tariff Act,

**(10) Entry:** As per section 2(16) of the Customs Act, entry in relation to goods means an entry made in bill of entry, shipping bill or bill of export and includes in the case of goods imported or to be exported by post, the entry referred to in section 82 or the entry made under the regulations made under section 84 of the Customs Act.

**(11) Export:** As per section 2(18) of the Customs Act, the term export means taking out of India to a place outside India.



**(12) Exported Goods:** As per section 2(19) of the Customs Act, the term exported goods means any goods, which are to be taken out of India to a place outside India.

**Example 2:**

**The vessel sunk within territorial waters of India and therefore there is no export. Accordingly, no duty drawback shall be available in this case. [Union of India v Rajindra Dyeing & Printing Mills Ltd. 2005 (180) ELT 433 (SC)]. The territorial waters extend to 12 nautical miles into the sea from the base line.**

**(13) Foreign going Vessel or aircraft:** As per section 2(21) of the Customs Act, the foreign going vessel or aircraft means any vessel or aircraft for the time being in the carriage of goods or passengers between any port or airport in India and any port or airport outside India, whether touching any intermediate port or airport in India or not. The following are also included in the definition:

- (i) A foreign naval vessel doing naval exercises in Indian waters
- (ii) A vessel engaged in fishing or any other operation (like oil drilling by domestic vessel or foreign vessel) outside territorial waters
- (iii) A vessel going to a place outside India for any purpose whatsoever.

**Example 3:**

**A ONGC vessel and a vessel owned by A Ltd. of USA are drilling oil beyond 12 nautical miles in the sea. Hence, both the vessels are called as foreign going vessels.**

**(14) Goods:** As per section 2(22) of the Customs Act, the term goods includes

- (a) Vessels, aircrafts and vehicles
- (b) stores
- (c) baggage
- (d) currency and negotiable instruments and
- (e) any other kind of movable property.

**Case Law 1:**

RST Ltd. imported drawings and designs in paper form through professional courier and post parcels.

However, the Assistant Commissioner of Customs valued these drawings and designs and levied duty on them.

RST Ltd. Contended that customs duty cannot be levied on drawings and designs as they do not fall in the definition of goods under the Customs Act, 1962.

Do you feel the stand taken by the RST Ltd. is tenable in law? Support your answer with a decided case law, if any.

**Answer:**

**Associated Cement Companies Ltd. v CC 2001 (128) ELT 21 (SC)**

The Apex Court observed that though technical advice or information technology are intangible assets, but the moment they are put on a media, whether paper or cassettes or diskettes or any other thing, they become movable and are thus, goods.

Therefore, the Supreme Court held that drawings, designs, manuals and technical material are goods liable to customs duty.

Therefore, the stand taken by the RST Ltd. is not correct in law.



- (15) Import:** As per the section 2(23) of the Customs Act, the term import means bringing into India from a place outside India.
- (16) Imported Goods:** As per section 2(25) of the Customs Act, the term imported goods means any goods brought into India from a place outside India but does not include goods which have been cleared for home consumption.
- (17) Importer:** As per section 2(26) of the Customs Act, the term importer means in relation to any goods at any time between their importation and the time when they are cleared for home consumption, includes any owner, beneficial owner or any person holding himself out to be the importer.
- (18) India:** As per section 2(27) of the Customs Act, "India includes the territorial waters of India". The term India is an inclusive definition and includes not only the land mass of India but also territorial waters of India. The territorial waters extend to 12 nautical miles into the sea from the base line. Therefore, a vessel not intended to deliver goods should not enter these waters. [1 Nautical Mile = 1.852 Km or 1852 M]
- (19) Indian Customs Waters:** As per section 2(28) of the Customs Act, the term Indian Customs Waters - means the waters extending into the sea up to the limit of Exclusive Economic Zone under section 7 of the Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and other Maritime Zones Act, 1976 and includes any bay, gulf, harbour, creek or tidal river India includes the surface of sea in the territorial waters, air space above and the ground at the bottom of the sea.
- (20) Indian Customs Waters extend up to 200 nautical miles from the base line. Thereby, Indian Customs Waters cover both the Indian Territorial Waters and Exclusive Economic Zone as well. Indian Territorial Waters extend up to 12 nautical miles from the base line whereas Exclusive Economic Zone extend upto 200 nautical miles from the base line.**

Continental Shelf means the area of relatively shallow seabed between the shore of a continent and deeper ocean

**Example 4:**

**If the proper officer of customs has reason to believe that any vessel in Indian Customs waters is being used in the smuggling of any goods, he may at any time stop any such vessel and examine and search any goods in the vessel (Section 106(1)(b) of the Customs Act, 1962).**

- (21) Stores:** As per section 2(38) of the Customs Act, stores means goods for use in a vessel or aircraft and includes fuel and spare parts and other articles of equipment, whether or not for immediate fitting.

**Case Law 2:**

A Big Ship carrying merchandize and stores enters the territorial waters of India but it cannot enter the port. In order to unload the merchandize lighter ships are employed. Stores are consumed on board the ship as well as by the small ships. Examine whether such consumption of stores attracts customs duty. Quote relevant section and case law if any. Stores are supplied to the above ships. Will such supplies be treated as exports and be entitled to draw back? (CMA Final Dec 2013)

Answer: Bringing of 'stores' is treated as import. However, there is special provision for stores under section 87. Imported stores consumed on board an ocean going vessel (i.e. foreign going vessel) are exempt from import duty under Section 87. Since the ship is ocean going, stores consumed on board will not attract customs duty.

Regarding the smaller ships which are employed to unload the cargo from the mother ship, they are termed as "Transhippers". These are also treated as ocean going vessels as was decided in **UOI v V M Salgaoncar AIR 1998 SC1367: 99 ELT 3 (SC)**.

Hence stores consumed by small vessels would also be exempt from customs duty.

Stores supplied to the vessel will be treated as export as per Section 89 of Customs Act and hence will be eligible for duty drawback.



**(22) Person-in-charge:** As per section 2(31) person-in-charge means

(a) Vessel	Master
(b) Aircraft	Commander or Pilot in Charge
(c) Train	Conductor or Guard or other person having direction of the train
(d) Vehicle	Driver or other person in charge of the vehicle.
(e) Other Conveyance	Person in Charge

**(23) Bill of Export:** As per Section 2(5) of the Customs Act, 1962, the exporter of any goods shall make entry thereof by presenting to the proper officer in the case of goods to be exported by land, a bill of export in the prescribed form.

**(24) Import Report:** As per Section 2(24) of the Customs Act, 1962, the person-in-charge of a vehicle carrying imported goods or any other person as may be notified by the Central Government shall, in the case of a vehicle, deliver to the proper officer an import report within twelve hours after its arrival in the customs station, in the prescribed form.

As per Finance Act, Import Manifest Report – Amendment to IGM – Procedure:-

On receipt of representation from the Trade that owing to tedious process of IGM amendment, there is reluctance to avail the facility of advance/prior Bill of Entry, the Department of Revenue prescribing revised procedure has clarified that the responsibility of amendment in the IGM rest solely with Shipping Liine/ Agent, as they file IGM with Customs under section 30 of the Customs Act, 1962, the fine/penalty impose, if any, upon adjudication in such cases, shall be payable by the Shipping Line only or such other person as specified; No fine/penalty is required to be imposed on the consignee or otherwise; and No request for any amendment in the IGM from Customs Broker/ Importer will be entertained (M.F circular No. 14/2017-Cus, dated 11-4-2017).

w.e.f. 29.3.2018, for the words "import manifest" and "export manifest", wherever they occur, the words "arrival manifest or import manifest" and "departure manifest or export manifest" shall, respectively, be substituted, and such other consequential amendments as the rules of grammar may require shall also be made.

"such form and manner as may be prescribed and in case, the person-in charge fails to deliver the departure manifest or export manifest or the export report or any part thereof within such time, and the proper officer is satisfied that there is no sufficient cause for such delay, such person-in-charge shall be liable to pay penalty not exceeding **fifty thousand rupees**".

**Time limit for submission of Arrival Manifest or Import Report:**

As per Section 30(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, an arrival manifest by presenting electronically prior to the arrival of vessel or the aircraft, as the case may be, and in case of a vehicle, an import report within 12 hours, after its arrival in the Customs Station.

At the discretion of the Principal Commissioner or Commissioner of Customs this declaration may be filed within 24 hours of arrival of the vessel or Aircraft.

In case of vessel or air craft person-in-charge, deliver to the proper officer import general manifest (electronic filing mandatory w.e.f. 10-5-2013)

**(25) Notification:** As per Section 2(30AA) of the Customs Act, 1962, notification means notification published in the Official Gazette and the expression "notify" with its cognate meaning and grammatical variation shall be construed accordingly

**(26) Tariff Value:** The CBIC has the power to fix tariff values for any class of imported goods or exported goods. Fixing the tariff value for any class of imported goods or exported goods means the duty shall be chargeable



with reference to such tariff value. (For example, please refer the duty based on the % of tariff value under Central Excise). [Section 2(40) of Customs Act, 1962]

**(27) High Seas:** An area beyond 200 nautical miles from the base line is called High Seas. All countries have equal rights in this area.

**(28) Exclusive Economic Zone:** Exclusive Economic Zone extends to 200 nautical miles from the base line. In this zone, the coastal State has exclusive rights to exploit it for economic purpose like constructing artificial islands for oil exploration, power generation and so on.

Note: one nautical mile = 1.1515miles or 1.853kms.

**(29) Domestic Tariff Area** means the whole of India (including the territorial waters and continental shelf) but does not include the areas of the Special Economic Zones (Section 2(i) of Special Economic Zones Act, 2005), 100% Export Oriented Units (EOUs)/Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP)/Software Technology Park (STP)/ Bio Technology Park (BTP).

**Case Law 3:**

**Goods cleared from unit of DTA to Special Economic Zone (SEZ) chargeable to duty under the SEZ Act, 2005 or the Customs Act, 1962?**

**Answer: Tirupati Udyog Ltd. v UOI 2011 (272) ELT 209 (AP)**

**Decision:** Customs duty can be levied only on goods imported into or exported beyond the territorial waters of India, section 12(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 (i.e. charging section) is not attracted for supplies made by a DTA unit to a unit located within the Special Economic Zone.

**Therefore, goods cleared from DTA to SEZ is not liable to export duty either under SEZ Act, 2005 or under the Customs Act, 1962.**

**(30)** Customs Act, 1962 and Customs Tariff Act, 1975 have been extended to whole of Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and Continental Shelf of India for the purpose of (i) processing for extraction or production of mineral oils and (ii) Supply of any goods in connection with processing for extraction or production of mineral oils.

**Example: 5**

**Goods imported by the assessee for consumption on oil rigs which are situated in Continental Shelf/ Exclusive Economic Zones of India, are deemed to be a part of Indian Territory. Therefore, the supply of imported spares or goods or equipments to the rigs by a ship will attract import duty. [Aban Lloyd Chilies Offshore Ltd. v UOI (2008) 227 ELT 24 (SC)]**

**(31) Prohibited goods:** means any goods the import or export of which is subject to any prohibition under this Act or any other law for the time being in force but does not include any such goods in respect of which the conditions subject to which the goods are permitted to be imported or exported have been complied with.

**Example 6:**

**Pornographic and obscene materials, Maps and literature where Indian external boundaries have been shown incorrectly, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Counterfeit goods and goods violating any of the legally enforceable intellectual property right, Chemicals mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Chemical Weapons Convention of U.N. 1993, Wild life products, Specified Live birds and animals, Wild animals, their parts and products, Exotic birds except a few specified ones, Beef, tallow, fat/oil of animal origin. Specified Sea-shells, Human skeleton.**

w.e.f. 10-5-2013: Clause (n) of section 11(2) provided that importation/exportation of goods may be prohibited for the protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights.



The Finance Act, 2013 has expanded the scope of clause (n) to include designs and geographical indications so as to provide for protection of these legal rights also. Consequently, Central Government can now prohibit the import/export of specified goods for protection of designs and geographical indications also apart from patents, trademarks and copyrights.

As per Finance Act, 2020, Section 11 of the Customs Act, 1962 in sub-section (2), in clause (f), for the words "gold or silver", the words "gold, silver or any other goods" shall be substituted.

### 1.3 CIRCUMSTANCES OF LEVY

Section 12 of the Customs Act makes it clear that import or export of goods into or out of India is the taxable event for payment of the duty of customs. Lot of problems were faced in determining the point at which the importation or exportation takes place. The root cause of the problem was the definition of India.

The Supreme Court of India has given the landmark judgments in cases of *Union of India v Apar Industries Ltd* (1999) and further in the case of *Garden Silk Mills Ltd v Union of India* (1999). The import of goods will commence when they cross the territorial waters but continues and is completed when they become part of the mass of goods within the country, and the taxable event being reached at the time when goods reach the customs barriers and bill of entry for home consumption is filed.

#### Taxable event for imported goods

In the case of *Kiran Spinning Mills* (1999) the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India held that import is completed only when goods cross the customs barrier. The taxable event is the day of crossing of customs barrier and not on the date when goods landed in India or had entered territorial waters of India.

Hence, taxable event in case of imported goods can be summed up in the following lines:

The taxable event occurs in the course of imports under the customs law with reference to the principles laid down by the Supreme Court in the cases of **Garden Silk Mills Ltd. v Union of India; and Kiran Spinning Mills v CC:**

#### Crossing customs barrier:

when goods are imported into India even after the goods are unloaded from the ship, and even after the goods are assessed to duty subsequent to the filing of a bill of entry, the goods cannot be regarded as having crossed the customs barrier until the duty is paid and the goods are brought out of the limits of the customs station.

- (i) Unloading of imported goods at the customs port – **is not a taxable event**
- (ii) Date of entry into Indian territorial waters – **is not a taxable event**
- (iii) **Date on which the goods cross the customs barrier - is a taxable event**
- (iv) Date of presentation of bill of entry – **is not a taxable event**

#### No time limit for submission of bill of entry after the delivery of Import General Manifest (IGM):

As per Section 46(3) of the Customs Act, 1962 a bill of entry may be presented at any time after the delivery of import manifest or import report. Therefore, no time limit has been fixed for submission of bill of entry. Hence, no penalty can be imposed if there is delay in submission of Bill of Entry. However, cargo should be cleared from the wharf within 30 days of unloading.

#### W.e.f. 31-3-2017 Finance Act, 2017 Section 46 amended: Submission of Bill of entry:

The importer shall presented the bill of entry under section 46(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 before the end of the next day following the day (excluding holidays) on which the aircraft or vessel or vehicle carrying the goods arrives at a customs station at which such goods are to be cleared for home consumption or for warehousing.



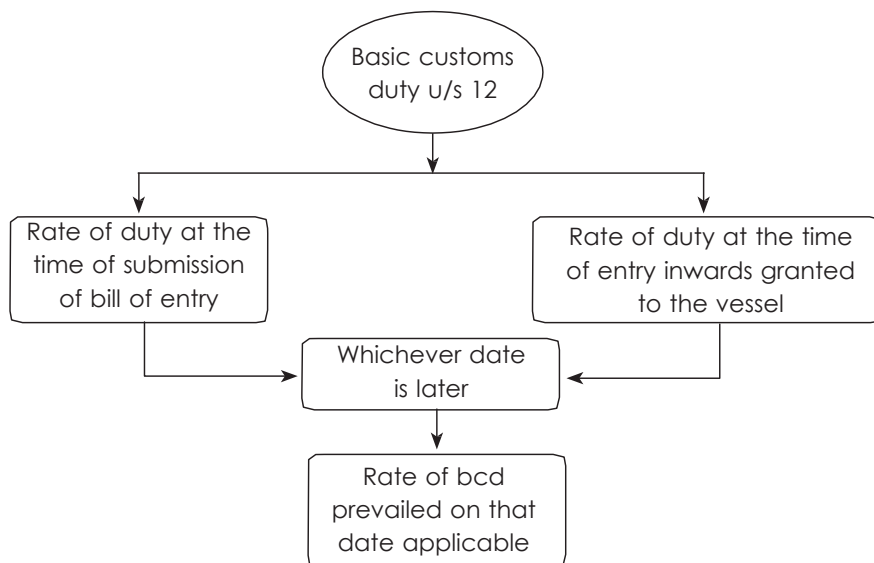
Provided that a bill of entry may be presented within 30 days of the expected arrival of the aircraft or vessel or vehicle by which the goods have been shipped for importation into India.

Provided further that where the bill of entry is not presented within the time so specified and the proper officer is satisfied that there was no sufficient cause for such delay, the importer shall pay such charges for the late presentation of the bill of entry as may be prescribed.

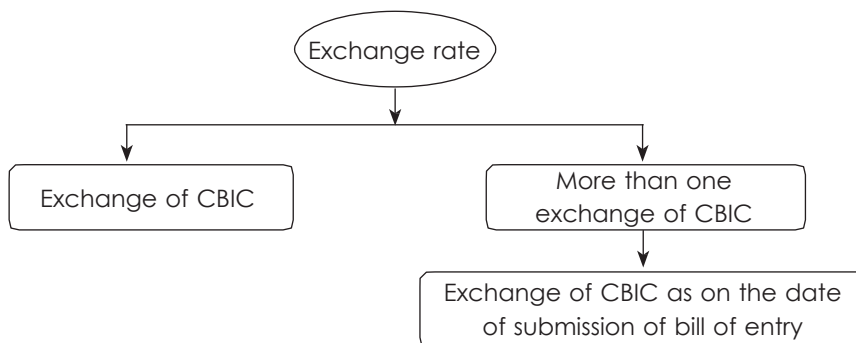
**Note:** Bill of entry may be allowed to present 30 days before the entry inward granted to the vessel.

W.E.F. 6-8-2014 The first proviso to section 46(3) has now been omitted and second proviso amended to lay down that a bill of entry may be presented before the delivery of import manifest (import through vessel or aircraft) or import report (import through land route) if the vessel/aircraft/vehicle by which the goods have been shipped for importation into India is expected to arrive within 30 days from the date of such presentation.

**Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on imported goods**



**Exchange rate for Imported Goods**



**Clearance of goods for home consumption [section 47 (1) of the Customs Act, 1962]**

w.e.f. 14-5-2016, Section 47(1) Where the proper officer is satisfied that any goods entered for home consumption are not prohibited goods and the importer has paid the import duty, if any, assessed thereon and any charges payable under this Act in respect of the same, the proper officer may make an order permitting clearance of the goods for home consumption:





Provided that the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, permit certain class of importers to make deferred payment of said duty [i.e. duty payable under sec. 47(1)] or any charges in such manner as may be provided by rules (w.e.f. 14-5-2016).

**w.e.f. 31-3-2017 Finance Act, 2017 section 47(2) amended:**

Importer shall have to make payment of duty on the same day in case of self-assessed Bill of Entry and in case of re-assessment or provisional assessment, within one day after the return of Bill of Entry.

As per section 47(2) of Customs Act, the importer is liable to pay interest where –

- the importer fails to pay the import duty under this section on the same day in case of self-assessed Bill of Entry and in case of re-assessment or provisional assessment, within one day after the return of Bill of Entry from the date on which the bill of entry is returned to him for payment of duty, he shall pay interest @ 15% p.a. on such duty till the date of payment of the said duty.
- w.e.f. 14-5-2016: in the case of deferred payment under the proviso to sub-section (1), from such due date as may be specified by rules made in this behalf, he shall pay interest @15% p.a. on the duty not paid or short- paid till the date of its payment.

**Note:** if the CBIC satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, it may, by order for reasons to be recorded, waive the whole or part of any interest payable under this section.

<b>Example 7:</b>			
<b>An importer imported some goods for subsequent sale in India at \$ 10,000 on Assessable value basis. Relevant exchange rate and rate of duty are as follows:</b>			
Particulars	Date	Exchange rate declared by the CBIC	Rate of Basic Customs Duty
Date of submission of bill of entry	25th February 20XX	₹ 58/USD	10%
Date of entry inwards granted to the vessel	5th March 20XX	₹ 58.75/USD	12%
Assume : Integrated Tax leviable u/s 3(7) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 is 18%.			
Calculate Assessable value and Customs Duty in Indian rupees?			
<b>Answer:</b>			
Relevant rate of duty for the imported goods is 12% (i.e. Date of submission of bill of entry or Date of entry inwards granted to the vessel whichever is latter)			
Exchange Rate is ₹ 58 per USD (i.e. the rate of CBIC as on the date of submission of Bill of Entry by the importer)			
Assessable value	= ₹ 5,80,000 (i.e. USD 10,000 × ₹ 58)		
Basic Customs Duty	= ₹ 69,600 (i.e. ₹ 5,80,000 × 12%)		
Social Welfare Surcharge on basic customs duty	= ₹ 6,960 (10% on 69,600)		
IGST @ 18 U/S of Customs Tarrif Act	= ₹ 1,18,180.8		
<b>Total Customs Duty</b>	<b>= ₹ 1,94,740.8 (including IGST)</b>		

**Taxable event for warehoused goods**

The taxable event in case of warehoused goods is when goods are cleared from customs bonded warehouse, by submitting sub-bill of entry. As per Section 15(1)(b) of the Customs Act, 1962, when goods have been deposited into a warehouse, and they are removed there from for home consumption, the relevant date for determination of rate of duty is the date of presentation of ex-bond bill of entry (i.e. Sub-bill of Entry) for home consumption.



Section 15(1) has been amended to provide for determination of rate of duty and tariff valuation for imports through a vehicle in cases where the bill of entry is filed prior to the delivery of import report. The proviso to section 15(1) has been amended to lay down that if a bill of entry has been presented before the date of arrival of the vehicle by which the goods are imported, the bill of entry shall be deemed to have been presented on the date of such arrival. Therefore, under the amended provisions, the relevant date for determination of rate of duty and tariff valuation of imported goods in different cases will be as under:

Particulars	Relevant date w.e.f. 6-8-2014
Goods entered for home consumption under section 46	Date of presentation of bill of entry OR Date of entry inwards of the vessel/arrival of the aircraft or <b>vehicle whichever is later</b>
Goods cleared from a warehouse under section 68	Date of presentation of bill of entry for home consumption
Other goods	Date of payment of duty

**Example 8:**

An importer imported some goods. Entry inwards granted to the vessel on 7<sup>th</sup> February, and the goods were cleared from Chennai port for warehousing on 8<sup>th</sup> February, after assessment. The Bill of Entry was presented on 1<sup>st</sup> February for warehousing. Assessable value was US\$ 10,000. Assume that no additional duty is payable. The goods were warehoused at Chennai and were cleared from Chennai warehouse on 4<sup>th</sup> March. What is the duty payable while removing the goods from Chennai warehouse on 4<sup>th</sup> March? Exchange rates and rate of Customs Duties are as follows:

Particulars	Date	Exchange rate declared by the CBIC	Basic Customs Duty
Date of submission of bill of entry for warehousing	1 <sup>st</sup> February	55/USD	10%
Date of entry inwards granted to the vessel	7 <sup>th</sup> February	59/USD	12%
Date of clearance of goods from warehouse	4 <sup>th</sup> March	60/USD	15%

Assume IGST@ 12%.

Answer:

Relevant rate of duty for the imported goods warehoused is 12% (i.e. Date of entry inwards granted to the vessel) Exchange Rate is 55 per USD (i.e. the rate of CBIC as on the date of submission of Bill of Entry by the importer)

Assessable value	=	5,50,000 (i.e. USD 10,000 x 55)
Basic Customs Duty	=	66,000 (i.e. 5,50,000 x 12%)
Social Welfare Surcharge @ 10%	=	6,600
IGST@ 12%	=	74,712
<b>Total Customs Duty</b>	=	<b>1,47,312</b>

**Taxable event for exported goods**

As per section 16(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, taxable event arises only when proper officer makes an order permitting clearance (i.e. entry outwards) granted - **Esajee Tayabally Kaposi (1995)(SC)** and loading of the goods for exportation took place under Section 51 of the Customs Act, 1962. In the case of any other goods, on the date of payment of duty.

Therefore, export duty rate prevailing as on the date of entry outwards granted to the vessel by the Customs Officer is relevant.

**Example 9:**

An assessee submitted the shipping bill on 1st January 2014. At that time the export duty was nil (i.e. duty free). Let export order (i.e. entry outwards) was granted on 5th January 2014. However, due to some problems goods could not be loaded into ship. On 25th March 2014, the shipping bills were voluntarily resubmitted by the assessee with the request to permit the shipment by a different vessel. Subsequently, on 27th March 2014, let export order was granted. However, in the mean time the duty at the rate of 12% ad valorem was levied with effect from 1st March 2014. Examine, whether exporter is liable to pay duty?

**Answer:**

In the given case actual export took place only after revised shipping bill was submitted on 25th March 2014, for which entry outwards granted on 27th March, 2014. Hence, the rate prevalent as on the date of entry outwards granted to the vessel is relevant for determination of rate of duty. Therefore, assessee is liable to pay export duty @12%.

Rate of foreign exchange: In case of exports, rate of exchange of the CEBC as in force on the date on which a shipping bill or bill of export, as the case may be, is presented under Sec. 50 of the Customs Act, 1962 is applicable.

FOB Value of exports:

FOB value is normally considered as 'value' for export valuation. However, this can be rejected if there is over valuation (often done to get excess export benefits).

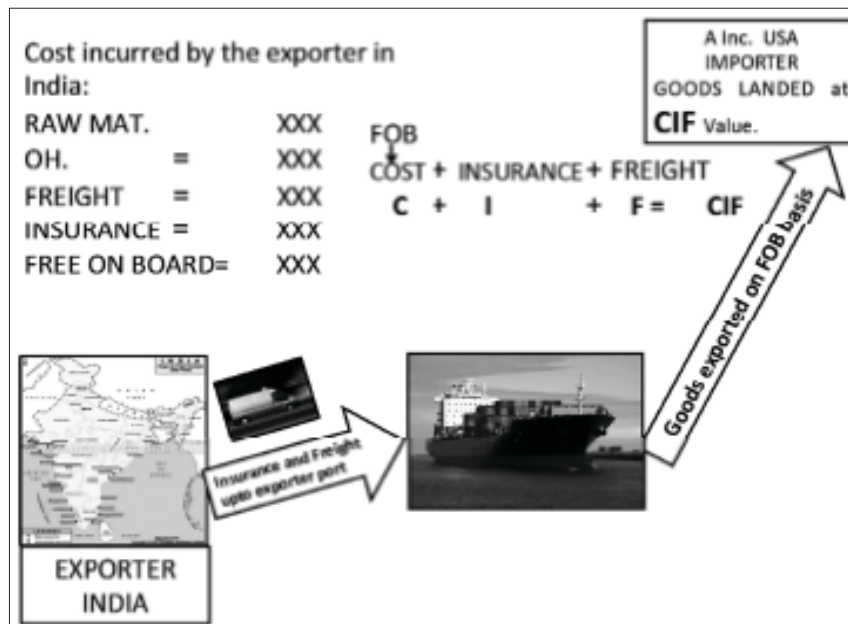
**Assessable Value (for Exported Goods) = Free on Board (i.e. FOB)**

Free on Board (FOB): FOB means all expenditure incurred by exporter upto the point of loading goods into the vessel or aircraft or vehicle is incurred by the exporter and hence, from importer point of view it is Free on Board.

Cost Insurance and Freight (CIF): CIF means once the goods are reached to the importer country port or air port importer has to pay Cost (i.e. FOB value) along with Insurance and Freight from exporter country to importer country.

Important point: As per our Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) all imports into India are measured in terms of CIF value whereas exports from India are measured in terms of FOB value.

**Simplified approach:**





**Example 10:**

Compute export duty from the following data:

- (i) FOB price of goods: US \$ 1,00,000
- (ii) Shipping bill presented electronically on 28-02-20XX
- (iii) Proper officer passed order permitting clearance and loading of goods for export on 01-03-20XX.
- (iv) Rate of exchange and rate of export duty are as under

	Rate of Exchange	Rate of Export
Duty		
On 28-02-20XX	1 US \$ = ₹ 65	10%
On 01-03-20XX	1 US \$ = ₹ 66	8%

- (v) Rate of exchange is notified for export by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (Make suitable assumptions wherever required and show the workings)

Answer:

Particulars	Value in ₹	Remarks
FOB	65,00,000	1,00,000 × ₹ 65
Customs Duty	5,20,000	₹ 65 lakhs × 8%

Note: Export duty does not carry Social Welfare Charge @ 10%.

Exchange rate for export of goods is the rate of CBIC at the time of submission of shipping bill.

Rate of duty for export is the date on which entry outward granted for export and loading of goods taken place.

**Example 11:**

An Exporter exported goods valuing ₹ 1,00,000 to United States of America (USA) by a vessel. Other details are as follows:

Particulars	Date of submission	Rate of export duty
Shipping Bill	1.8.20XX	10%
Entry outwards granted to the vessel by the proper officer of Customs	5.8.20XX	8%
Ship let for USA from the Indian port	7.8.20XX	15%
Ship crossed the territorial waters of India	8.8.20XX	12%

You are required to find the customs duty payable for exported goods?

Answer:

Customs Duty = ₹ 8,000 (i.e. ₹ 1,00,000 × 8%) Note:

- (i) As per section 16(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, taxable event arises only when proper officer makes an order permitting clearance (i.e. entry outwards) granted - Esajee Tayabally Kapasi (1995)(SC). Therefore, relevant rate is 8%
- (ii) Export duties do not carry Social Welfare Surcharge @ 10%.

As per CBIC Circular No. 18/2008-Cus, dated 10th November, 2008:

with effect from 1st January, 2009, it is proposed that for the purposes of calculation of export duty, the



transaction value, that is to say the price actually paid or payable for the goods for delivery at the time and place of exportation under section 14 of Customs Act 1962, shall be the FOB price of such goods at the time and place of exportation.

For example if the transaction is at ₹ 100 FOB, and the duty is 15%, the export duty will be 15% of FOB price that is ₹ 15. In case the transaction is on CIF basis, the FOB price may be deduced from the CIF value, and then the export duty is calculated as 15% of such FOB price.

Note: Export duties do not carry any cess.

### Entry Inwards to the vessel

The Master of the vessel is not to permit the unloading of any imported goods until an order has been given by the proper officer granting Entry Inwards of such vessel. Normally, Entry Inwards is granted only after the import manifest has been delivered. This entry inward date is crucial for determining the rate of duty, as provided in section 15 of the Customs Act, 1962. Unloading of certain items like accompanied baggage, mail bags, animals, perishables and hazardous goods are exempted from this stipulation.

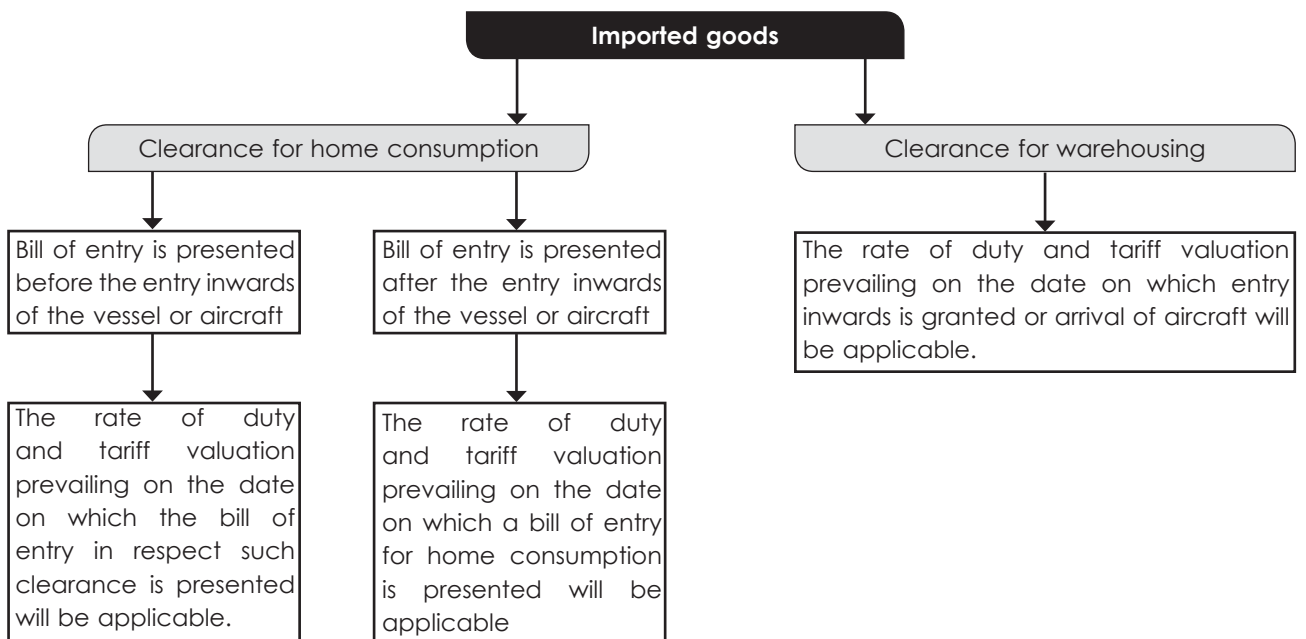
### Entry outwards to the vessel

The vessel should be granted 'Entry Outward'. Loading can start only after entry outward is granted under section 39 of Customs Act, 1962. Steamer Agents can file 'application for entry outwards' 14 days in advance so that intending exporters can start submitting 'Shipping Bills'. This ensures that formalities are completed as quickly as possible and loading in ship starts quickly.

If the shipping bill has been presented before the date of entry outwards of the vessel by which the goods are to be exported, the shipping bill shall be deemed to have been presented on the date of such entry outwards. The provisions of this section shall not apply to baggage and goods exported by post.

### Rate of duty and tariff valuation for imported goods

Date for determining the rate of duty and tariff valuation of imported goods will depend upon the imported goods cleared for home consumption and cleared for warehousing. The determination of appropriate rate of duty can be explained with the help of the following example:





**Note:** The applicable exchange rate is the rate declared by the CBIC on the date of submission of Bill of Entry. If more than one exchange of CBIC is available then consider the exchange rate which was prevailed as on the date of submission of Bill of Entry.

#### 1.4 CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH NO DUTY WILL BE LEVIED

- (1) No duty will be levied on pilfered goods under section 13 of the Customs Act. If any imported goods are pilfered after the unloading thereof and before the proper officer has made an order for clearance for home consumption or deposit in a ware house, then the importer shall not be liable to pay the duty leviable on such goods.
- (2) No duty will be levied when the goods are damaged or deteriorated before or during the course of their unloading, where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Assistant or Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Section 22).
- (3) No duty will be levied in case of warehoused goods, when the goods are damaged before their actual clearance from such warehouse, where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Assistant or Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Section 22).
- (4) No duty will be levied in case of goods lost or destroyed due to natural causes like fire, flood, etc. such loss may take place at any time before the clearance of goods for home consumption. The loss may be at the warehouse (Section 22).
- (5) No duty will be levied in case of goods abandoned by importers. Sometimes it may so happen that importer is unwilling or unable to take delivery of the imported goods due to the following reasons:
  - the said goods may not be according to the specification,
  - the goods may have been damaged during voyage,
  - there might have been breach of contract.

In all the above cases the importer has to relinquish his title to the goods unconditionally and abandon them. The relinquishment is done by endorsing the document of title to the goods in favour of the Commissioner of Customs along with invoice.

- (6) No duty will be levied, if the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest not to levy import duty by issuing the notification in the Official Gazette.

#### Transit of Goods (Section 53 of the Customs Act, 1962)

Any goods imported in any conveyance will be allowed to remain on the conveyance and to be transited without payment of duty, to any place out of India or any customs station.

Conveyance, includes a vessel, an aircraft and a vehicle

These goods should be mentioned as Transit Goods in the Import General Manifest (IGM). They are allowed by customs to be transited through Indian port without payment of duty.

However, Section 53 is not applicable in case of prohibited goods. It means to say transit of goods does not cover prohibited goods, which will not be allowed to be transited.

#### w.e.f. 14-5-2016:

Subject to the provisions of section 11 (i.e. power to prohibit importation or exportation of goods), where any goods imported in a conveyance and mentioned in the import manifest or the import report, as the case may be, as for transit in the same conveyance to any place outside India or to any customs station, **the proper officer** may allow the goods and the conveyance to transit without payment of duty, subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed.

**W.e.f. 29.03.2019:**

Section 11(3) of the Customs Act, 1962, Any prohibition or restriction or obligation relating to import or export of any goods or class of goods or clearance thereof provided in any other law for the time being in force, or any rule or regulation made or any order or notification issued thereunder, shall be executed under the provisions of that Act only if such prohibition or restriction or obligation is notified under the provisions of this Act, subject to such exceptions, modifications or adaptations as the Central Government deems fit."

**Example 12:**

**A vessel Bhishma, sailing from U.S.A. to Australia via India. Bhishma carries various types of goods namely 'A, B, C & D'. 'A & B' are destined to Mumbai Port and balance remains in the same vessel. Subsequently vessel chartered to Australia.**

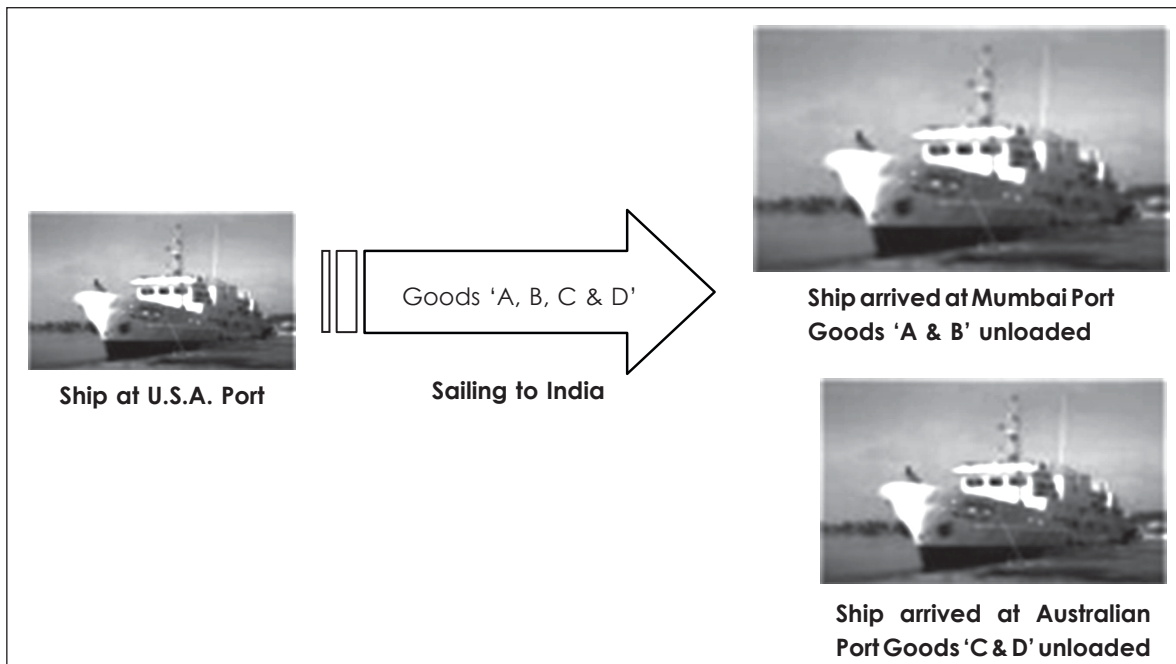
**Find the imported goods and transit goods?**

**Answer:**

**Imported Goods are A & B**

**Transit goods are C & D**

The same example has been explained with the help of a diagram.



**Transshipment of Goods (Section 54 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

Transshipment means transfer from one conveyance to another with or without payment of duty. It means to say that goods originally imported from outside India into India, then transhipped to another vessel to a place within India or outside India.



If the imported goods are intended for transshipment, a '**bill of transshipment**' shall be presented to the proper officer by the person-in-charge of conveyance or the person authorized by the exporter to transship along with a fee of ₹ 20 and also a bond.

If the transhipped goods are covered by an international treaty or a bilateral agreement between India and another country then a '**Declaration of Transshipment**' will be presented in the place of Bill of Transshipment.

**Transshipment of goods without payment of duty under Section 54(3):**

Transshipment of goods without payment of import duty is permissible only if the following conditions satisfy:

- Transshipment of goods with foreign destination
- The goods find place as Transshipment Goods in the Import of General Manifest (IGM) or Import Report in case of goods imported in a vehicle
- Bill of Transshipment or Declaration of Transshipment filed.
- Goods must be transhipped to another vessel to place outside India.

**Duty on Transit or Transshipment of goods (Section 55 of the Customs Act, 1956)**

Where any goods are allowed to be transited or transhipped, they shall, on their arrival at such station, be liable to duty and shall be entered in like manner as goods are entered on the first importation thereof and the provisions of this act and any rules and regulations shall, so far as may be, apply in relation to such goods.

If the goods arrive at such customs station in India as ultimate destination, then

- these goods are examined and assessed to pay duty,
- they shall be entered in the like manner as the goods are entered on the first importation and
- they are governed by the Customs Act, 1962 and the rules and regulations thereunder are same as applicable to any imported goods.

**Example 13:**

**A vessel Bhisma, sailing from U.S.A to Australia via,, India carries various types of products namely 'A, B, C & D'.**

**'A & B' are destined to Mumbai Port. On account of submission of bill of transshipment product 'A' transhipped to Chennai port as ultimate destination in India and product 'B' transhipped to Srilanka.**

**Find the imported goods, Transshipment goods and transit goods?**

**Answer:**

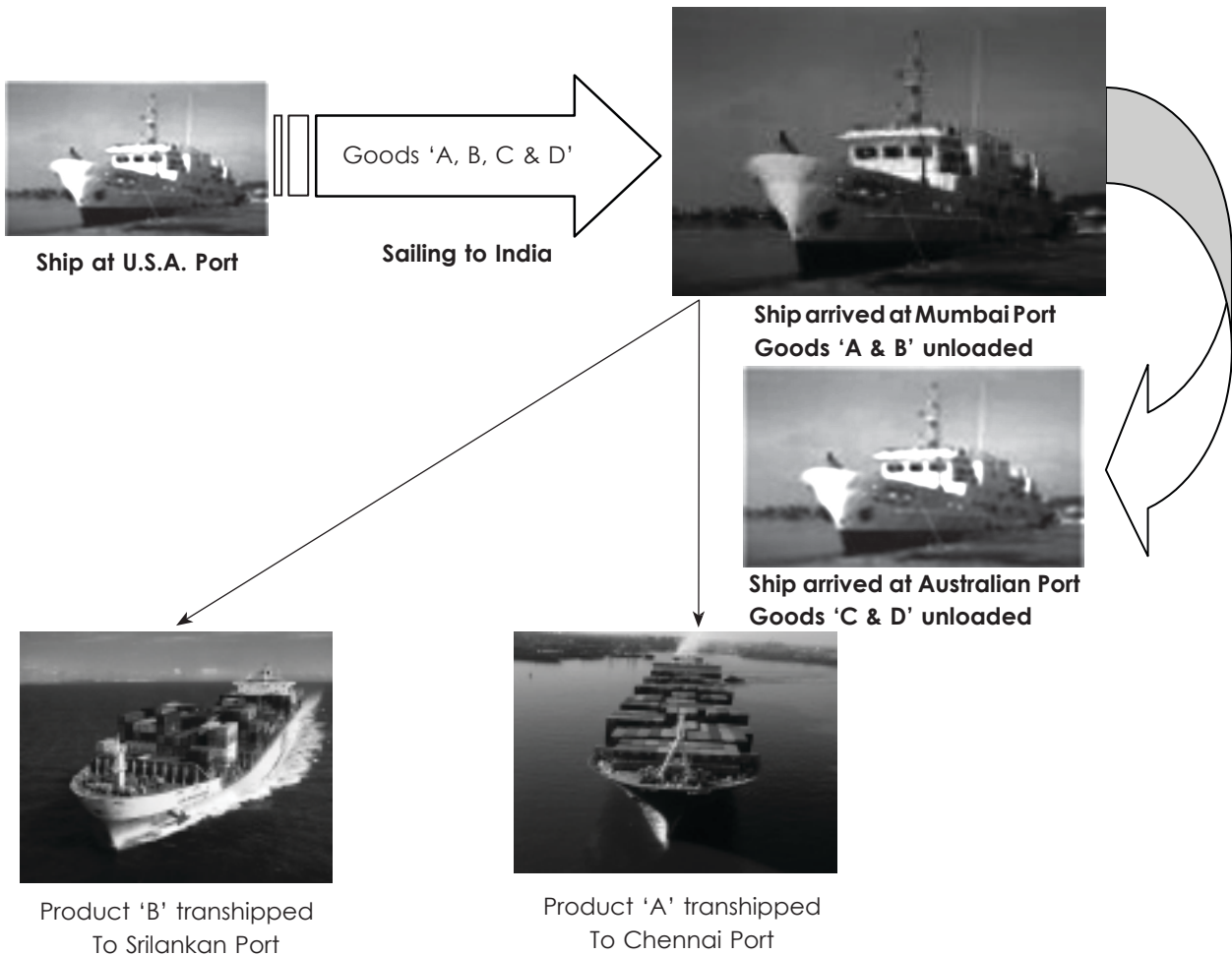
**Product 'A' is imported goods because its ultimate destination is in India.**

**Products 'A & B' are called as Transshipment goods, since these goods are transhipped to another vessel, Product 'A' transhipped to Chennai attracts import duty whereas product 'B' is destined to Srilanka without payment of duty.**

**Products C & D are transit goods since these goods remains in the same vessel Bhisma chartered to Australia.**



The same example has been explained with the help of a diagram.



**Pilferage: Section 13 of the Customs Act, 1962**

- Pilferage means loss arising out of theft.
- No duty is payable under section 13, if the goods are pilfered
- Goods must have been pilfered after the unloading thereof and before the proper officer has made an order for clearance for home consumption or deposit in a warehouse
- If the duty is paid before finding the pilferage, refund can be claimed if goods are found to be pilfered during examination but before order for clearance is made.
- Section 13 does not apply for the warehoused goods.

**w.e.f. 10-5-2013**, there shall be no duty liability on a sample of goods consumed/destroyed during the course of testing/examination.

**Important points:**

- If goods are pilfered after the order of clearance is made but before the goods are actually cleared, section 13 is not applicable and thus, duty would be leviable.
- Section 13 deals with only pilferage. It does not deal with loss/destruction of goods.



- (c) Provisions of section 13 would not apply if it can be shown that pilferage took place prior to the unloading of goods.
- (d) In case of pilferage, only section 13 applies and remission of duty under section 23(1) is not permissible.

**Example 14:**

**If goods are pilfered after the order of clearance is made but before the goods are actually cleared, duty would leviable?**

**Answer:**

**Yes. Importer has to pay duty. Note: refund can be claimed**

**Example 15:**

**Provisions of section 13 would apply if it can be shown that pilferage took place prior to the unloading of goods?**

**Answer:**

**Section 13 would not apply in the given case.**

**The pilferage should have occurred after the goods are unloaded, but before the proper officer makes the order of clearance.**

**Remission of Duty on Loss, Destroyed or Abandoned goods: Section 23 of the Customs Act, 1962**

- Section 23(1) of Customs Act provides for remission of duty on imported goods lost (other than pilferage) or destroyed, if such loss or destruction is at any time before clearance for home consumption.
- Burden of proof is on importer to prove loss or destruction under section 23
- Loss or destruction may be due to fire, accident etc, but not pilferage
- Section 23(2) provides that at any before an order for clearance of goods for home consumption or order for permitting warehousing has been made, the owner of the goods may relinquish his title to the goods and thereupon no duty shall be levied.
- However, relinquishment of title of goods will not be permissible if offence appears to have been committed in respect of such goods under Customs Act or any other law

**Importer may relinquish his title to the goods in the following cases [Section 23(2)]:**

- (i) The goods may not be according to the specifications;
- (ii) The goods may have been damaged or deteriorated during voyage and as such may not be useful to the importer;
- (iii) There might have been breach of contract and, therefore, the importer may be unwilling to take delivery of the goods.

In all the above cases, the goods having been imported, the liability to customs duty is imposed and, therefore, the importer may relinquish his title to the goods unconditionally and abandon them. If the importer does so, he will not be required to pay the duty amount.

However, the owner of any such imported goods shall not be allowed to relinquish his title to such goods regarding which an offence appears to have been committed under this Act or any other law for the time being in force.

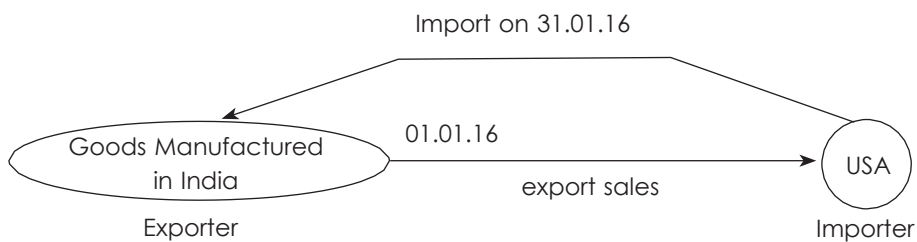
**Note:** It is open to the importer to exercise the option to relinquish the title on the imported goods at any time before the passing of order for clearance for home consumption or before order permitting the deposit of goods in a warehouse.

**Duty liability in certain special circumstances**

- Goods are imported into India after exportation therefrom.
- Imported goods have been originally exported to the overseas supplier for repairs.
- Exported goods may come back for repairs and re-export.

**(1) Goods are imported into India after exportation therefrom**

Good manufactured or produced in India, which are exported and thereafter re-imported are treated on par with other goods, which are imported.



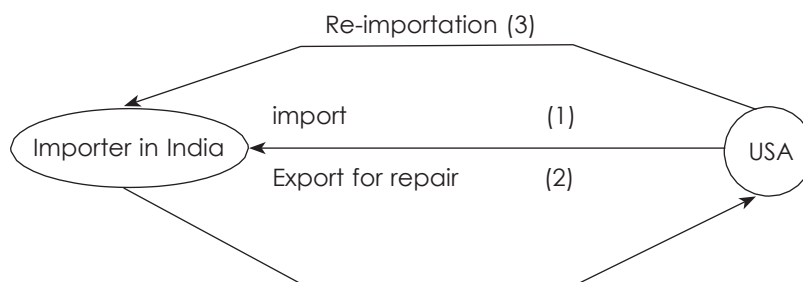
If the exporter has availed of export incentives in the nature of duty drawback, rebate under Central Excise Rules, etc., the import duty shall be restricted to the amount of incentive availed of at the time of export.

**Example 16:**

**Mr. M manufactured goods worth ₹ 1,00,000 exported to Mr. U of USA on 1st January, 2014. Mr. M availed the duty drawback for ₹ 1,000. If Mr. M imported the same on 31st January, 2014, the import duty that can be levied on Mr. M is ₹ 1,000.**

**(2) Imported goods have been originally exported to the overseas supplier for repairs**

If the imported goods are exported for repairs, then import duty on re-importation of such repaired goods is restricted to the cost of repairs done abroad, insurance and freight charges.



Conditions to avail the aforesaid benefit:

- the time limit for re-importation is 3 years from the date of export (extended up to 5 years)
- The exported and imported goods must be in the same form and ownership of the goods should also not have changed.
- This concept is not applicable if the repairs amount to manufacture and exports from EPZ or EOUs.



**Example 17:**

Mr. A imported an Air conditioner on 1st January 2022 for ₹ 5,00,000 from USA. Mr. A has paid import duty for ₹ 50,000. Due to some technical problems the same was exported for want of repairs on 31st January 2022. After incurring some additional cost for repairs and replacement worth for ₹ 1,00,000 the same was re-imported on 5th February 2022. The import duty in such case will be restricted on the value of repairs and replacement of ₹ 1,00,000.

**Example 18:**

A machine was originally imported from Japan at ₹ 250 lakh in August 2021 on payment of all duties of customs. The said machine was exported (sent-back) to supplier for repairs in January 2022 and re-imported without any re-manufacturing or re-processing in October, 2022 after repairs. Since the machine was under warranty period, the repairs were carried out free of cost.

However, the fair cost of repairs carried out (including cost of material ₹ 6 lakh) would have been ₹ 9 lakh. Actual insurance and freight charges (to and fro) were ₹ 3 lakh. The rate of basic customs duty is 10% and rate of IGST in India on like article is 12%.

Compute the amount of customs duty payable (if any) on re-import of the machine after repairs. The ownership of the machine has not been changed during the period.

**Answer:**

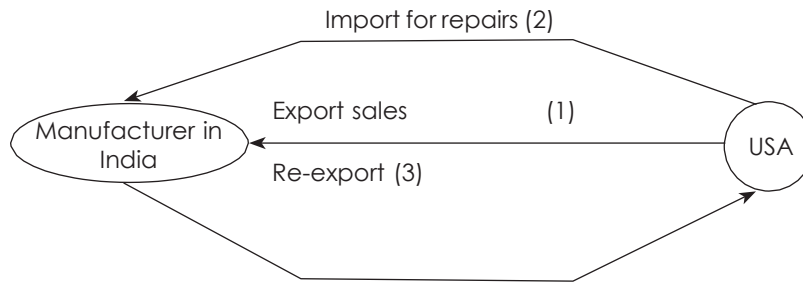
Particulars	₹
Value of goods re-imported after exports	12,00,000
[₹ 9 lakh (including cost of materials) + ₹ 3 lakh]	
Basic customs duty @ 10%	1,20,000
SWS @ 10%	12,000
Balance (i.e. Transaction value)	13,32,000
Add: IGST @12% on 13,32,000	1,59,840
<b>Total Customs Duty</b>	<b>2,91,840</b>

**(3) Exported goods may come back for repairs and re-export**

Sometimes exported goods come back for repairs into India, in such situation the re-imported goods can avail exemption from paying duty subject to satisfaction of some conditions.

**Conditions:**

- The re-importation is for repairs or reconditioning only
- The time limit for re-import should be within 7 years from the date of export. In case of export to Nepal, such time limit is 10 years.
- The time limit for re-export is 6 months from the date of import (extended upto 12 months).
- The importer at the time of importation executes a Bond.
- The re-importation is for reprocessing, refining or re-making then the time limit for re-importation should be within 1 year from the date of exportation.



**Example 19:**

Mr. B exported the Machinery to Mr. S of USA on 1st January, 2014 for ₹ 10,00,000. Due to technical problems Mr. S of USA returned the goods for want of repairs and the same was imported by Mr. B on 15th January, 2014. The same was repaired and brought into good condition and re-exported to Mr. S. Hence, Mr. B is not liable to pay any import duty.

**Note:** any loss notice during reprocessing, refining or re-making shall be exempt from the whole the customs duties subject to the satisfaction of the Assistant or Deputy Commissioner of Customs.

**Goods Derelict, Wreck etc. [Section 21]**

All goods, derelict, jetsam, flotsam and wreck brought or coming into India, shall be dealt with as if they were imported into India, unless it be shown to the satisfaction of the proper officer that they are entitled to be admitted duty-free under this Act.

**Goods brought into India:** apart from goods which are normally imported in the course of import, flotsam and jetsam, which are washed ashore, and derelict and wreck brought into India out of compulsion are also treated as par with goods brought into India.

**Goods Derelict**



Derelict means vessel or cargo which is abandoned in sea without any hope of recovering it.  
 Jetsam means where goods are cast into sea to reduce weight of ship to prevent it from sinking and the thrown goods sink.  
 Flotsam means when goods continue to float after thrown in sea  
 Wreck means cargo or vessel or any property which are cast ashore by tides after ship-wreck

**Jetsam means where goods are cast into sea to reduce weight of shop to prevent it from sinking and the thrown goods sink.**

Jetsam gets sunk and drifts to the shore



**Flotsam means when goods continue to float after thrown in sea**



**Distinguish between derelict, jetsam and flotsam**

Derelict	Jetsam	Flotsam
Goods abandoned by the owner of goods without any hope of recovering it.	Owner of goods has no intention to abandon	Owner of goods has no intention to abandon
Goods are not thrown from the vessel to prevent it from sinking	Goods are thrown with speed from the vessel to prevent it from sinking	Goods are thrown with speed from the vessel to prevent it from sinking
Derelict gets sunk and does not drift to the shore	Jetsam gets sunk and drifts to the shore	Flotsam does not sink but it floats and drifts to the shore.

**Wreck means cargo or vessel or any property which are cast ashore by tides after ship-wreck**





**Case law 4:**

**Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd v CCus. 2015 (323) ELT 433 (SC):**

**Facts of the Case:** The assessee imported crude oil. On account of ocean loss, the quantity of crude oil shown in the bill of lading was higher than the actual quantity received into the shore tanks in India. The assessee paid the customs duty on the actual quantity received into the shore tanks.

The Department contended that the quantity of crude oil mentioned in the various bills of lading should be the basis for payment of duty, and not the quantity actually received into the shore tanks in India. This was stated on the basis that duty was levied on an ad valorem basis and not on a specific rate.

The assessee contended that it makes no difference as to whether the basis for customs duty is at a specific rate or is ad valorem, inasmuch as the quantity of goods at the time of import alone is to be looked at.

**Decision:** The Supreme Court held that the quantity of crude oil actually received into a shore tank in a port in India should be the basis for payment of customs duty.

**Power to grant exemption from duty (Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962).**

**Inward processing of goods (w.e.f. 29.3.2018 Section 25A of the Customs Act, 1962):**

Where the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, it may, by notification, exempt such of the goods which are imported for the purposes of repair, further processing or manufacture, as may be specified therein, from the whole or any part of duty of customs leviable thereon, subject to the following conditions, namely:—

- (a) the goods shall be re-exported after such repair, further processing or manufacture, as the case may be, within a period of one year from the date on which the order for clearance of the imported goods is made;
- (b) the imported goods are identifiable in the export goods; and
- (c) such other conditions as may be specified in that notification.

**Outward processing of goods (w.e.f. 29.3.2018 Section 25B of the Customs Act, 1962):**

Notwithstanding anything contained in section 20, where the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, it may, by notification, exempt such of the goods which are re-imported after being exported for the purposes of repair, further processing or manufacture, as may be specified therein, from the whole or any part of duty of customs leviable thereon, subject to the following conditions, namely:—

- (a) the goods shall be re-imported into India after such repair, further processing or manufacture, as the case may be, within a period of one year from the date on which the order permitting clearance for export is made;
- (b) the exported goods are identifiable in the re-imported goods; and
- (c) such other conditions as may be specified in that notification."

**Finance Act, 2021, Section 25(4A) inserted:**

Where any exemption is granted subject to any condition, such exemption shall, unless otherwise specified or varied or rescinded, be valid up to 31st day of March falling immediately after two years from the date of such grant or variation.

Provided that in respect of any such exemption in force as on the date on which the Finance Bill, 2021 receives the assent of the President, the said period of two years shall be reckoned from 1st of February, 2021



## 1.5 TAX PLANNING VS TAX MANAGEMENT

It is essential to note differences between tax planning and tax management for effective learning of tax matters.

Tax Planning	Tax Management
Tax planning primarily aims at adopting an arrangement so as to bring lesser incidence of tax.	Tax Management is dealing with compliance of statutory provisions, prospective planning etc. so as to ease the financial constraints that would arise when discharging the commitments through payment of tax, keep close watch and monitor statutory requirements etc
Tax planning may not be essential for every assessee.	Tax management is essential for every tax paying person otherwise he may become liable for penalty. For example, improper import of goods attract penalty.
Tax planning essentially looks at future benefits arising out of present actions.	Tax management relates to past, present and future. <b>For Example:</b> (i) appeals, revisions, rectification of mistakes deal with the past. (ii) maintenance of records, self assessment, filing of returns and other documents are present activities.
Tax planning is focusing on saving taxes by choosing best among the alternatives.	Tax management is focusing on compliance with legal formalities: e.g. filing of return, payment of tax, documentation, records, maintenance of accounts etc.





# Study Note - 2

## CLASSIFICATION UNDER CUSTOMS



### This Study Note includes

- 2.1 Customs Tariff Act, 1975
- 2.2 General Rules for the Interpretation of Import Tariff

### 2.1 CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT, 1975

Duties of customs will be levied by the customs department by referring Customs Tariff Act, 1975. The Customs Tariff Act, 1975 has been divided into 21 sections (i.e. XXI sections) and 99 chapters out of which chapter 77 is blank. It is pertinent to note that goods are classified under Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 and Customs Tariff Act, 1975 based on the Harmonised System of Nomenclature (HSN). The Customs Tariff Act, 1975 contains five columns —

1. Tariff Item
2. Description of goods
3. Unit
4. Standard Rate of Duty
5. Rate of duty for Preferential Area.

**Rate of duty for Preferential Area** means Government of India may charge lower customs duty than that of standard rate of duty for some specified goods if imported from friendly countries like Myanmar, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Seychelles, Nepal, Tonga etc.

**NOTE :** Social Welfare Surcharge (SWS) ON Imports [w.e.f 02-02-2018]

1. Social Welfare Surcharge - A social welfare surcharge has been imposed on imported goods @ 10% of total customs duties (excluding certain duties) w.e.f 02-02-2018. Hence, effective rate of BCD = 10% general rate of basic custom duty (BCD) + SWS @ 10% of BCD = 11%.
2. No EC & SHEC W.E.F 02-02-2018 -Education cess @ 2% & Secondary & Higher Education Cess @ 1% was levied at total 3% on total import duties (excluding certain duties). Now, no EC & SHEC is leviable on imports from 02-02-2018 & Section 94 of Finance Act, 2007 providing for levy of EC/SHEC have been omitted.
3. Road & Infrastructure Cess on Imported goods (Section 111 of Finance Act, 2018 w.e.f 02-02-2018)- Road and Infrastructure cess is levied as duty of Customs @ ₹ 8 per litre on motor spirit (petrol) and high speed diesel imported into India for the purpose of financing infrastructure projects.
4. No Social Welfare Surcharge (SWS) is levied on Export Goods.

### Classification of goods

Under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 goods are classified into FOUR digit system, these are called as HEADINGS. Further TWO digits are called as sub-classification, which are termed as SUB-HEADINGS. Further more TWO digits are added for sub-classification, which is known as TARIFF ITEM. Rate of duty is indicated against each tariff item and not against heading or sub-heading



Each section is divided into chapters and each chapter contains goods of one class. These chapters are divided into sub-chapters. Each chapter and sub-chapter further divided into various headings depending on different types of goods belonging to same class of products.

**Coding of dashes**

As per Customs Tariff Act, 1975, dashes are very useful to classify the commodities into classification, sub-classification and so on.

- Single dash (i.e. -) = Primary classification of article covered by the heading
- Double dash (i.e. - -) = sub-classification of primary classification
- Triple dash (i.e. ---) classification. = sub-sub classification of primary classification or sub-classification of primary
- Quadruple dash (i.e. ----) = sub-sub classification of primary classification or sub-classification of primary classification.

**Note:** Both three dashes or four dashes are used to indicate EIGHT digit classification known as tariff item.

**Schedules to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975**

The Customs Tariff Act, 1975, contains following two schedules namely:

First Schedule	Deals with import tariff, showing import duties leviable.
Second schedule	Deals with export tariff, showing export duties leviable.

**Specimen sheet of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975**

**Section-XVI**

**Chapter-85**

Tariff Item	Description of goods	Unit	Standard Rate of duty	Preferential Areas Rate of duty
1	2	3	4	5
8512	Electrical lighting or signalling Equipment (excluding articles of Heading 8539), windscreen wipers, Defrosters and demisters, of a kind Used for cycles or motor vehicles			
8512 10 00	Lighting or visual signalling equipment of a kind used on bicycles	U	10%	—
8512 20	Other lighting or visual signalling equipment:			
8512 20 10	Head lamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, side lamps and blinkers	U	10%	—
8512 20 20	Other automobile lighting equipment	U	10%	—
8512 20 90	Other	U	7.5%	—
8512 30	Sound signalling equipment:			
8512 30 10	Horns	U	10%	—
8512 30 90	Other	U	7.5%	—
8512 40 00	Windscreen wipers, defrosters and demisters	U	10%	
8512 90 00	Parts	Kg.	7.5%	
8513	Portable electric lamps designed to Function by their own source of energy (for Example, dry batteries, accumulators, Magnetos), other than lighting equipment of heading 8512			

Tariff Item	Description of goods	Unit	Standard Rate of duty	Preferential Areas Rate of duty
1	2	3	4	5
8513 10	Lamps :			
8513 10 10	Torch	U	10%	—
8513 10 20	Other flash-lights excluding those for photographic purposes	U	7.5%	—
8513 10 30	Miners' safety lamps	U	7.5%	—
8513 10 40	Magneto lamps	U	7.5%	—
8513 90 00	Parts	Kg.	7.5%	—

**As per the Finance Act, 2020, 'CHAPTER VAA - ADMINISTRATION OF RULES OF ORIGIN UNDER TRADE AGREEMENT 28DA.**

- (1) An importer making claim for preferential rate of duty, in terms of any trade agreement, shall,—
  - (i) make a declaration that goods qualify as originating goods for preferential rate of duty under such agreement;
  - (ii) possess sufficient information as regards the manner in which country of origin criteria, including the regional value content and product specific criteria, specified in the rules of origin in the trade agreement, are satisfied;
  - (iii) furnish such information in such manner as may be provided by rules;
  - (iv) exercise reasonable care as to the accuracy and truthfulness of the information furnished.
- (2) The fact that the importer has submitted a certificate of origin issued by an Issuing Authority shall not absolve the importer of the responsibility to exercise reasonable care.
- (3) Where the proper officer has reasons to believe that country of origin criteria has not been met, he may require the importer to furnish further information, consistent with the trade agreement, in such manner as may be provided by rules.
- (4) Where importer fails to provide the requisite information for any reason, the proper officer may,—
  - (i) cause further verification consistent with the trade agreement in such manner as may be provided by rules;
  - (ii) pending verification, temporarily suspend the preferential tariff treatment to such goods:  
 Provided that on the basis of the information furnished by the importer or the information available with him or on the relinquishment of the claim for preferential rate of duty by the importer, the Principal Commissioner of Customs or the Commissioner of Customs may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, disallow the claim for preferential rate of duty, without further verification.
- (5) Where the preferential rate of duty is suspended under sub-section (4), the proper officer may, on the request of the importer, release the goods subject to furnishing by the importer a security amount equal to the difference between the duty provisionally assessed under section 18 and the preferential duty claimed: Provided that the Principal Commissioner of Customs or the Commissioner of Customs may, instead of security, require the importer to deposit the differential duty amount in the ledger maintained under section 51A.
- (6) Upon temporary suspension of preferential tariff treatment, the proper officer shall inform the Issuing Authority of reasons for suspension of preferential tariff treatment, and seek specific information as may be necessary to determine the origin of goods within such time and in such manner as may be provided by rules.



- (7) Where, subsequently, the Issuing Authority or exporter or producer, as the case may be, furnishes the specific information within the specified time, the proper officer may, on being satisfied with the information furnished, restore the preferential tariff treatment.
- (8) Where the Issuing Authority or exporter or producer, as the case may be, does not furnish information within the specified time or the information furnished by him is not found satisfactory, the proper officer shall disallow the preferential tariff treatment for reasons to be recorded in writing: Provided that in case of receipt of incomplete or non-specific information, the proper officer may send another request to the Issuing Authority stating specifically the shortcoming in the information furnished by such authority, in such circumstances and in such manner as may be provided by rules.
- (9) Unless otherwise specified in the trade agreement, any request for verification shall be sent within a period of five years from the date of claim of preferential rate of duty by an importer.
- (10) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the preferential tariff treatment may be refused without verification in the following circumstances, namely:—
  - (i) the tariff item is not eligible for preferential tariff treatment;
  - (ii) complete description of goods is not contained in the certificate of origin;
  - (iii) any alteration in the certificate of origin is not authenticated by the Issuing Authority;
  - (iv) the certificate of origin is produced after the period of its expiry, and in all such cases, the certificate of origin shall be marked as 'INAPPLICABLE'.
- (11) Where the verification under this section establishes non-compliance of the imported goods with the country of origin criteria, the proper officer may reject the preferential tariff treatment to the imports of identical goods from the same producer or exporter, unless sufficient information is furnished to show that identical goods meet the country of origin criteria.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this Chapter,—

- (a) "certificate of origin" means a certificate issued in accordance with a trade agreement certifying that the goods fulfil the country of origin criteria and other requirements specified in the said agreement;
- (b) "identical goods" means goods that are same in all respects with reference to the country of origin criteria under the trade agreement;
- (c) "Issuing Authority" means any authority designated for the purposes of issuing certificate of origin under a trade agreement;
- (d) "trade agreement" means an agreement for trade in goods between the Government of India and the Government of a foreign country or territory or economic union.'.

## 2.2 GENERAL RULES FOR INTERPRETATION OF IMPORT TARIFF

Classification of goods as per the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 shall be governed by the following principles: These rules come into play only if there is an ambiguity or confusion in classification.

### **Rule 1: No ambiguity in classifications:**

The titles of Sections and Chapters are provided for ease of reference only; for legal purposes, refer the heading and sub-heading. Read corresponding Section Notes and Chapter Notes. If there is no ambiguity or confusion in classification of the goods then the classification is final.

### **Rule 2(a): Incomplete or unfinished goods:**

Even if the goods are incomplete or unfinished, if they have essential character of finished goods, then classify them under same heading.

**Example 1:**

- Passenger Aircraft not fitted with seats will still be a passenger Aircraft.
- Motor Car not fitted with wheels or tyres will be classified under the heading of Motor Vehicle
- Parts of air conditioning machines removed in completely knocked down (CKD) or semi knocked down (SKD) packs will be classified as complete machine, if it contains essential elements of air conditioning machines. Because CKD or SKD is only for convenience of transport. [note that assembly at site does not amount to manufacture, these goods have already been manufactured in the factory]

**Rule 2(b): Mixture or Combinations of goods falls under different classifications:**

Any reference in a heading to a material or substance shall be taken to include a reference to mixtures or combinations of that material or substance with other materials or substances. Any reference to goods of a given material or substance shall be taken to include a reference to goods consisting wholly or partly of such material or substance. The classification of goods consisting of more than one material or substance shall be according to the principles of rule 3.

**Example 2:**

The Motor Car contains the stereo (music system), here two different products namely Motor Vehicle and Electronic System, hence we have to refer the Rule 3 for solution. It means to say that if Rule 2(b) is not applied for any reason then classification shall be under Rule 3.

**Rule 3(a): Specific Description:**

The heading which provides the most specific description shall be preferred to one of providing a general description. It means to say that a specific heading should be preferred over a general heading [CCE v Maharshi Ayurveda Corporation Ltd (SC) (2006)].

**Example 3:**

Electrical lighting used for motor vehicles is more specifically classified under the heading 8512 but not under the heading 8513.

Lamps or torch used with dry batteries is more specifically classified under the heading 8513 but not under the heading 8512.

**Rule 3(b): Essential Character:**

If the product consists of different materials or made up of different components, mixtures or composite goods and cannot be classified based on Rule 3(a), it should be classified as if they consisted of material or component which gives them their essential character.

**Example 4:**

Cell phone which also contains a calculator will be called as Cell phone and not a calculator. It means to say that the classification should be done according to its main function and additional function may be ignored.

**Example 5:**

Software loaded into a laptop can be classified as laptop and considered as one unit. The essential character here is the laptop.

**Example 6:**

ABC Info Tech. developed a software and the same was loaded into a hard disc drive. The value of software is ₹ 100 lakhs and the value of hard disc drive is ₹ 1 lakh. Hence, the computer software gives the essential character and the drive is only a packing material. Therefore, the entire value of goods will be classified as software. [Sprint RPG India Ltd v Commissioner of Customs (SC) (2000)].



**Rule 3(c): Latter the Better:**

When goods cannot be classified by reference to rule 3(a) or rule 3(b), they shall be classified under the heading which occurs last in the numerical order among those which equally merit consideration. It means to say that, where two or more headings seem equal, priority should be given to the essential character.

**Example 7:**

**If a product by virtue of its essential character comes under two headings namely 8512 and 8513 equally then the said product can be classified under the heading 8513 (i.e. Latter the better)**

**Rule 4: Most Akin Goods:**

Goods which cannot be classified in accordance with the above rules shall be classified under the heading appropriate to the goods to which they are **most akin**.

As per the Oxford dictionary 'Most Akin' can be understood as the majority of similar character or most related character. This means relationship between twins can be understood as most akin.

**Example 8:**

**Manufacturer manufacturing the following products can be understood as most akin products:**

- (a) Window mirror of the car**
- (b) Front mirror of the car**

**Rule 5: Packing Materials:**

In addition to the forgoing provisions namely Rule 1, 2, 3 and 4, the following sub rules shall apply in respect of the goods referred therein.

Rule 5(a): packing material used as cases for camera, musical instrument cases, gun cases, drawing instrument cases, necklace cases and similar containers special shaped or fitted to contain a specific article or set of articles, suitable for long term use, will be classified along with that article, if such articles are normally sold along with such cases.

Rule 5(b): subject to the provisions of Rule 5(a) above, packing materials and packing containers presented with the goods therein shall be classified with the goods if they are of a kind normally used for packing such goods. [Rule 5(a) or (b) does not apply in case the packing material is for repetitive use].

**Rule 6: Goods compared at the same level of sub-headings:**

The classification of goods in the sub-headings of a heading shall be determined according to the terms of those sub-headings and any related sub-heading Notes and, mutatis mutandis, to the above rules, on the understanding that only sub-headings at the same level are comparable. For the purposes of this rule the relative Section and Chapter Notes also apply, unless the context otherwise requires.

This means to say that if one heading contains 4-5 sub-headings, these sub-headings can be compared with each other. However, sub-heading under one heading should not be compared with the sub-heading of another heading.

**Trade Parlance Theory:**

If a product is not defined in the Schedules and Section Notes and Chapter Notes of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, then it should be classified according to its popular meaning or meaning attached to it by those dealing with it i.e., in its commercial sense.

**Example 9:**

**Glass mirror cannot be classified as Glass and Glassware because glass loses its basic character after it is converted into mirror. It means that mirror has the reflective function [Atul Glass Industries Ltd v CCE (SC) (1986)]**

**Example 10:**

**Where the Tariff headings itself uses highly scientific or technical terms, goods should be classified in scientific or technical sense. It means that if the tariff entry is used in a scientific or technical manner then the Trade Paralance Theory does not apply [Akbar Badruddin Jiwani v CC (SC) (1990)].**

**Case law 5:**

**Where a classification (under a Customs Tariff head) is recognized by the**

**Government in a notification at any point of time, can the same be made applicable in a previous classification in the absence of any conscious modification in the Tariff?**

**Keihin Penalfa Ltd. v Commissioner of Customs 2012 (278) ELT 578 (SC)**

**Facts of the Case:** Department contended that 'Electronic Automatic Regulators' were classifiable under Chapter sub-heading 8543.89 whereas the assessee was of the view that the aforesaid goods were classifiable under Chapter sub-heading 9032.89. An exemption notification dated 1-3-2002 exempted the disputed goods by classifying them under chapter sub-heading 9032.89. The period of dispute, however, was prior to 01.03.2002.

**Point of Dispute:** The dispute was on classification of Electronic Automatic Regulators.

**Decision:** The Apex Court observed that the Central Government had issued an exemption notification dated 1-3-2002 and in the said notification it had classified the Electronic Automatic Regulators under Chapter sub-heading 9032.89. Since the Revenue itself had classified the goods in dispute under Chapter sub-heading 9032.89 from 1-3-2002, the said classification needs to be accepted for the period prior to it.

### Self-Examination Questions

**1. Theoretical Questions with Answers**

**Q1.** Answer the following with reference to the provisions of section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 and the rules made thereunder:

- (i) What shall be the value, if there is a price rise between the date of contract and the date of actual importation?
- (ii) Whether the payment for post-importation process is includible in the value if the same is related to imported goods and is a condition of sale of the imported goods?
- (iii) Bill of entry was filed on 27.10.2017. Will you apply the exchange rate notified by the Central Board of Excise and Customs on 25.9.2017 or notified on 25.10.2017?

**Answer:**

- (i) The valuation under section 14(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, namely transaction value is applicable.
- (ii) The payment for post importation process is includible in the value of the imported goods if the same is related to such imported goods and is a condition of the sale thereof.
- (iii) The relevant exchange rate for imported goods is the rate which is in force on the date of presentation of bill of entry. CBIC declares the exchange rate applicable for a month which is generally notified in the preceding month. Therefore, in the given case, the bill of entry was submitted by the importer on 27.10.2017. Hence, relevant exchange rate is the rate prevailing on 25.09.2017.





**Q2.** An importer filed a bill of entry after 60 days of filing Import General Manifest. The Deputy Commissioner of Customs imposed a penalty of ₹ 10,000 by endorsement on the bill of entry. Since, importer wants to clear the goods he paid the penalty. Can penalty be imposed for late filing of the bill of entry? Examine the issue in the light of relevant statutory provisions.

**Answer:**

**W.e.f. 31-3-2017 Finance Act, 2017 Section 46 amended: Submission of Bill of entry:**

The importer shall presented the bill of entry under section 46(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 before the end of the next day following the day (excluding holidays) on which the aircraft or vessel or vehicle carrying the goods arrives at a customs station at which such goods are to be cleared for home consumption or for warehousing.

Provided that a bill of entry may be presented within 30 days of the expected arrival of the aircraft or vessel or vehicle by which the goods have been shipped for importation into India.

Provided further that where the bill of entry is not presented within the time so specified and the proper officer is satisfied that there was no sufficient cause for such delay, the importer shall pay such charges for the late presentation of the bill of entry as may be prescribed.

In the given case penalty of ₹ 10,000 is valid. Hence, as per the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962, penalty can be imposed for late filing of the bill of entry.

**Q3.** What are the provisions relating to effective date of notifications issued under Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962?

**Answer:**

The Central Government of India has the power to issue Notification under Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 to exempt the excisable goods from the duty either by way of generally

- Subject to such conditions
- Whole or any part of duty

The exemption Notification issued U/S 25 of Customs Act, 1962, is not applicable if the EOU or SEZ unit cleared the goods for domestic tariff area, unless a specific provision is mentioned under the notification.

Provisions under Section 5A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 and provisions under Section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (i.e. power to grant exemption from customs duty) are one and the same. The notification becomes effective on the date it is issued for publication in Gazette or the date specified in the said notification as the case may be.

**Q4.** Explain the meaning of the term "Bill of export" and "Import report" under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Answer:**

Bill of Export	Import Report
As per Section 2(5) of the Customs Act, "Bill of export" means a bill of export referred to in section 50 of the Customs Act, 1962	As per Section 2(24) of the Customs Act, "Import manifest" or "import report" means the manifest or report required to be delivered under section 30 of the Custom Act, 1962
The exporter of any goods shall make entry thereof by presenting to the proper officer in the case of goods to be exported in a vessel or aircraft, a shipping bill, and in the case of goods to be exported by land, a bill of export in the prescribed form.	The person in charge of a vehicle carrying imported goods or any other person as may be notified by the Central Government shall, in the case of a vehicle, deliver to the proper officer an import report within 12 hours after its arrival in the customs station, in the prescribed form.



**Q5.** Distinguish between Tax planning and Tax Management.

**Answer:** Please refer point no. 1.5

## Case Studies

### Classification

**Q1.** M/s Hind IT Co. imported laptops with Hard Disc Drives (HDD) preloaded with operating software like Windows XP, XP home etc. The department has claimed that the said laptop along with the operating software was classifiable and assessable as a single unit. It is the claim of the assessee that the software loaded HDD should be classified and assessed separately as an exemption is available as per notification issued under section 25(1) of the Customs Act, 1962. Decide with a brief note whether the action proposed by the department is correct in law.

**Answer:**

The pre-loaded operating systems recorded in Hard Disc Drive in the laptop (item of import) forms an integral part of the laptop as the laptop cannot work without the operating system. A laptop without an operating system is like an empty building. Hence, laptop should be treated as one single unit classifiable under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

The Apex Court held that when a laptop is imported with in-built pre-loaded operating system recorded on HDD, the said item forms an integral part of laptop (computer system). Hence, laptop should be treated as one single unit classifiable under Heading 84.71.

However, if the operating system is imported as packaged software like an accessory, then it would be classifiable under Heading 85.24. There will be no question of adding the cost of the software. **[CCus. v Hewlett Packard India Sales (P) Ltd. (2007) 215 ELT 484 (SC)]**

The Department action is correct in the eyes of the law.

**Q2.** ABC Ltd., imported artemia cyst (i.e. brine shrimp eggs). The same has been classified as 'prawn feed' under the heading 2309 (i.e. Heading 2309 of the Customs Act, 1975, includes products of a kind used in animal feeding, not elsewhere specified or included, obtained by processing vegetable or animal materials to such an extent that they have lost the essential characteristics of the original material, other than vegetable waste, vegetable residues and by-products of such processing.) which includes products used as animal feed. However, the Department contended that this product was classifiable under the heading 0511.99 (i.e. which refers to other products in the category of non edible animal products). The contention of importer was that these imported cysts contained little organisms/embryos which later became larva that prawns feed on. Therefore, according to them, the nature and character of the product was not changed by nurturing or incubation. You are required to examine whether the contention of the Department is justified in law.

**Answer:**

If a product undergoes some change after importation till the time it is actually used, it is immaterial, provided it remains the same product and it is used for the purpose specified in the classification. Therefore, in the given case, it examined whether the nature and character of the product remained the same.

The Hon'ble High Court held that if the embryo within the egg was incubated in controlled temperature and under hydration, a larva was born. This larva did not assume the character of any different product. Its nature and characteristics were same as the product or organism which was within the egg.

Hence, the Court in the case of **Atherton Engineering Co. Pvt. Ltd. v UOI 2010-TIOL-271-HC-Kol-Cus.**, held that the said product should be classified as feeding materials for prawns under the heading 2309. These embryos might not be proper prawn feed at the time of importation but could become so, after incubation.

The contention of the Department is not justified in law.



**Q3.** X Ltd. is an Indian company manufacturing motor cars and had imported from A Ltd. of USA a shipment of 50 CKD packs (Completely Knocked down Condition) of motor car components. X Ltd. filed bill of entry for clearing the goods, by classifying these goods as components of motor cars. Thereby, X Ltd. also claimed benefit of a notification exempting components, including components of motor cars in semi-knocked down packs and completely knock down packs.

The Customs Officer held that the imported components being complete cars in Completely Knocked down Condition packs had the essential character of the finished goods and as such the entire consignment were to be treated as motor cars and not components. Hence, customs department contended that X Ltd. was not entitled to the benefit of the notification as the notification was only for components.

You are required to examine whether the contention of the Department is justified in law.

**Answer:**

As per Rule 2(a) of the Interpretative Rules, if the goods are incomplete or unfinished provided these goods have essential character of finished goods, then classify in same heading. Example:

- Passenger Aircraft not fitted with seats will still be a passenger Aircraft.
- Motor Car not fitted with wheels or tyres will be classified under the heading of Motor Vehicle
- Parts of air conditioning machines removed in completely knocked down (CKD) or semi knocked down (SKD) packs will be classified as complete machine, if it contains essential elements of air conditioning machines. Because CKD or SKD is only for convenience of transport. [note that assembly at site does not amount to manufacture, these goods have already been manufactured in the factory]

In the given case X Ltd. imported car components in CKD packs. The components imported had the essential character of complete car even though presented in unassembled form. Hence, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of **CC. v Maestro Motors Ltd. (2004) (SC)**, held that the components in CKD packs would be classified as motor car.

With regard to exemption notification, exemption is granted with reference to tariff items in the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, and then the Rules of Interpretation must apply.

In the given case the notification exempted components, including components of fuel efficient motor cars in semi-knocked down packs and completely knocked down packs. As per the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 interpretative rules Rule 2(a), for the purpose of levy of customs duty the components in a completely knocked down pack would be considered as cars. Therefore, exemption notification which is applicable to components also applicable to components in completely knocked down packs.

Form the above, it is concluded that the components in CKD packs imported by X Ltd. would get exemption under the said Notification, even though for the purpose of classification and clearance they may be considered to be motor cars.

Hence, the contention of the Department is not sustainable in the eyes of the law.

**Q4.** Assessee imported Compact Disk Read Only Memory (CD ROMs) containing images of drawings and designs of engineering goods. The Appellant (i.e. assessee), filed a Bill of Entry for the clearance of the CD ROM containing drawings, designs of engineering goods. The assessee claimed classification under Custom Tariff heading 4906, or, heading 4911, or, as Information Technology Software, or as CD ROM, where exemption is given from duty.

However, the Department classified the same under Customs Tariff heading 8524.39 thereby recorded CD ROMs, liable to duty.

Discuss in the light of decided case law, if any, whether the classification of the department is correct in law?

**Answer:**

The Hon'ble Supreme Court held that "What is made duty free is the Compact Disk Read Only Memory (CD-ROM) as it is and not a disc containing certain drawings and designs". It further said that the data in a compact disk does not fall within the meaning of the term 'software' to entail the benefit (i.e. nil rate of duty).

Software is a computer program, which enables the computer to function. The drawings and designs of engineering goods recorded on a CD ROM could not be regarded as a "computer program" or "instructions" meant for functioning of computer. In fact, they are "output" of computer software, which generate such drawings and designs. Therefore, they are not Information Technology Software.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the department can impose appropriate duty on the import of CD ROMs containing images of drawing and designs of engineering goods. The assessee cannot claim clearance of such goods at zero duty, said the apex court in the case of **M/s L.M.L. Ltd v Commissioner of Customs (2010)**.

Therefore, the classification of the department is correct in law.

**Q5.** National Instruments Systems imported various products from its Holding Company and supplies the same to its customers in India. The imported products are PXI Controllers, Input/output Modules, Signal Converters, chassis and its parts. Assessee claims that these products were computer based instrumentation products. Accordingly N.I. Systems filed 64 bills of entries, under Customs Tariff Headings 8471, 8473 and other headings falling under Chapter 84.

However, on verification of the technical data (including the catalogue and the webcast of the importer), Department observed that the subject goods were not structurally designed to function as a computer. PXI Controllers, I.O. Modules and Chassis are parts and accessories of a system/instrument which are suitable for use solely or mainly with a number of machines, instruments, apparatus of the same Heading, i.e., 9032 like sensors, thermostats etc.

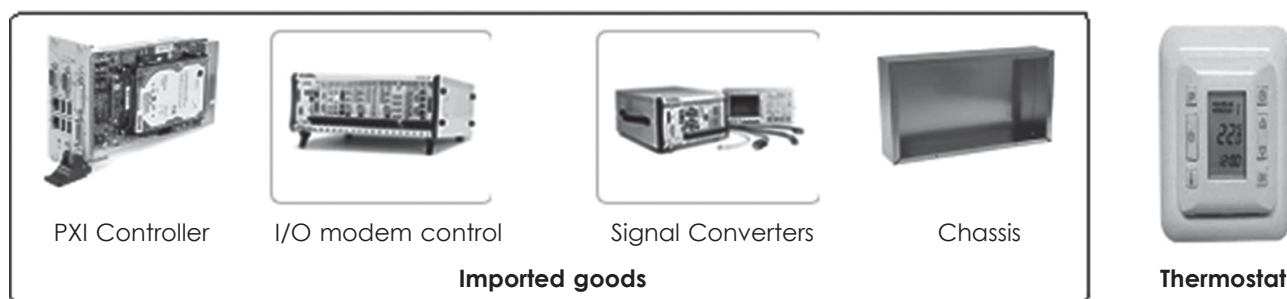
Discuss in the light of decided case law, if any, whether the view of the department is correct in law?

**Answer:**

The Apex Court in the case of **N.I. Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd. (2010) (SC)**, has held that imported goods were rightly classified by the Department under Chapter 90 (i.e. sensors, thermostats etc.).

Because, the imported goods were manufactured for a special purpose and that purpose was either measurement or control for industrial use and not as Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Machines. As per the test of common parlance the subject goods are measuring/controlling instruments.

Therefore, the view of the Department was right in classifying the Input/output Modules and Chassis as parts and accessories of Automatic Regulating or Controlling Instruments and Apparatus (i.e. the technical equipment or machinery needed for a particular activity or purpose) in terms of the Customs Tariff Heading 9032.90.00.





### Indian Customs Waters

**Q6.** Customs Officers located a vessel which is carrying smuggled goods in the sea when it was around 8 nautical miles away from the outer limit of territorial waters. The Customs Officers stopped the vessel and examine and search the goods in the vessel. Examine the case whether the customs officers are authorize to stop the vessel and examine the goods in the vessel?

**Answer:**

As per section 106 of the Customs Act, 1962, if any conveyance including animal in India or within Indian Customs Waters is believed to be engaged in smuggling, it may be stopped, for conducting search of its parts, examination and search of goods.

In the given case, since the vessel is within the Indian Customs Waters, the customs officers are authorized to stop the vessel and examine and search the goods in the vessel.

### Continental Shelf/Exclusive Economic Zones of India

**Q7.** Eva Offshore Ltd. is engaged in drilling operations for exploration of offshore oil, gas and other related activities under contracts. The drilling operations are carried out at oil rigs/vessels which are situated outside the territorial waters of India. Until around November, 1993, the company was permitted to transship stores to the oil rigs without levy of any customs duty regardless of the fact whether oil rigs were operating within a designated area or non-designated area. Whether oil rigs engaged in operations in the exclusive economic zone/continental shelf of India, falling outside the territorial waters of India, are 'foreign going vessels' as defined by section 2(21) of the Customs Act, 1962, and are entitled to consume imported stores thereon without payment of customs duty in terms of section 87 of the Customs Act, 1962?

**Answer:**

The Apex Court namely the Supreme Court of India in the case of **Aban Lloyd Chilies Offshore Ltd. v UOI (2008) 227 ELT 24 (SC)**, had held that the goods imported by the assessee for consumption on board on oil rigs 'were stores', as they were for use on oil rigs, which are vessels. However, the oil rigs proceeding to or carrying out operations in, continental shelf/ exclusive economic zones of India, which are deemed to be a part of Indian territory, would not be a foreign going vessels, as the oil rigs proceed from the territory of India to an area which also deemed to be a part of the territory of India.

Thereby, neither the 'oil rigs nor the ship employed for transshipment of the goods to the oil rigs were foreign going vessel'. Therefore, the stores transshipped to the oil rigs and consumed thereon were not entitled to exemption u/s. 87 of the Customs Act, 1962. Therefore, the supply of imported spares or goods or equipments to the rigs by a ship will attract import duty.

In the given case, Eva Offshore Ltd. is liable to pay duty on imported stores.

### Relevant Date for Customs Duty in case of Export

**Q8.** The shipping bill in respect of an export consignment was presented to the Customs Officer on 25th May 2013. The Customs Officer granted 'entry outwards' to the ship on 3rd June 2013, the loading of the goods in the ship had commenced only after 17th June 2013. A notification was issued by the Government of India under the Customs Act, 1962 exempting the export item from customs duty on 17th June 2013. The assessee contends that since the loading of the goods in the ship had commenced after 17th June 2013, the export consignment is eligible for the benefit of the exemption notification.

You are required to examine whether the contention of the exporter is justifiable in the law.

**Answer:**

As per Section 16 of the Customs Act, 1962, '**Relevant Date**' for customs duty in connection with export of goods

would be the rate which prevailed when “**entry outwards**” for the vessel which ultimately exported the goods was effected and subsequent change in the rate of duty would be irrelevant. In other words rate of duty as on the date of entry outwards was granted. The same view has been expressed by Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in case of **Esajee Tayabally Kapasi (1995)**.

Therefore, the assessee is not entitled to seek exemption under notification dated 17th June 2013 since the “entry outwards” had been made on 3rd June 2013.

### Rejection of Refund

**Q9.** M/s. HIL imports copper concentrate from different suppliers. At the time of import, the seller issues a provisional invoice and the goods are provisionally assessed under section 18 of the Customs Act, 1962 based on the invoice. When the final invoice is raised, based on the price prevalent in the London Metal Exchange on a predetermined date based on the covenant in the contract between the buyer and seller, the assessments are finalized on such invoices. M/s HIL had filed two refund claims arising out of the finalization of the bills of entry by the authorities on

01.03.2014 and on 15.03.2014. With effect from 13.07.2014 (Presidential assent on 13.07.2014) section 18 of the Customs Act, 1962 was amended with the insertion of certain provisions in terms of which it became necessary for the assessee to prove that they had not passed on the amount to their customers. Based on this amendment, the department has rejected the refund claims. Discuss in the light of decided case law, if any, whether the action of the department is correct in law?

### Answer:

As per the provisions of the Customs Law, any notification issued by the Government of India is effective with effect from the date mentioned in it unless such notification is effective with effect from a retrospective date.

In the given case notification is effective w.e.f. 13.7.2014. Section 18 of the Customs Act, 1962 was amended with the insertion of certain provisions in terms of which it became necessary for the assessee to prove that they had not passed on the amount to their customers. Prior to 13.07.2014, in order to claim refund arising out of finalization of provisional assessment, it was not necessary to prove that incidence of duty has not been passed on to the customers. The said requirement has been inserted in section 18 with effect from 13.07.2014. However, the amendment, by which the provisions of unjust enrichment are incorporated in section 18 has come into effect from 13.07.2014.

Therefore, M/s HIL will not be required to refer something as evidence or proof that in respect of the bills of entry finalized on 01.03.2014 and 15.03.2014 they have not passed on the incidence of such duty to their customers (**M/s Oriental Exports v Commissioner of Customs New Delhi (2006) 200 ELT A/138 (SC)**).

Hence, the action of department is not correct in law.

### Goods Lost while in custody of the Port-Trust

**Q10.** Rishi Alloys Ltd., imported during June, 2013, by sea, a consignment of metal scrap weighting 3,000 M.T. (metric tones) from U.K. They filed a bill of entry for home consumption and the Assistant Commissioner of Customs passed an order for clearance of goods, and applicable duty was also paid. The importer thereafter found on taking delivery from the port trust authorities, that only 2,500 M.T. of scrap were available at the docks although they had paid duty for the entire 3,000 M.T., since there was no short-landing of cargo. The short-delivery of 500 M.T. was also substantiated by the Port-Trust Authorities, who gave a “weighment certificate” to the importer.

On filing a representation to the Customs Department, the importer has been directed in writing to justify as to which provision of the Customs Act, 1962 governs their claim for restoration of duty on 500 M.T. scrap not delivered by Port-Trust. You are approached by the importer as “counsel” for an opinion or advice. Examine the issues and tender your opinion as per law, giving reasons..



### Answer:

In the given case it is clear that 500 M.T. scrap has been lost while in custody of the Port-Trust and the weighment certificate also substantiate the fact of loss.

Hence, the assessee or importer intimate the Department by a representation about the facts and legal position supra, justifying their claim for refund or restoration of duty under Section 23 of the Customs Act, 1962 (i.e. Section 23 deals with those cases where goods are lost after the proper officer has made an order for home consumption, but before the goods are cleared by the importer, such as in the instant case) read with Section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962, which deals with general refunds.

### Doctrine of Unjust Enrichment

**Q11.** Venus Udyog Ltd. imported copper scrap for using it as raw material in the manufacture of copper oxy-chloride. It cleared the imported goods by paying the applicable customs duties including additional customs duty. However, on coming to know that imported copper scrap was exempt from payment of additional customs duty under Notification No. 35/81 dated 1st March, 1981, it filed an application for refund of the same. The refund claim was rejected on the ground of unjust enrichment. The contention of the company is that the doctrine of 'unjust enrichment' is not applicable in case of captive consumption of imported material. Discuss the validity of the contention of the company in the light of the decided case law, if any.

### Answer:

As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of **Union of India (UOI) v Solar Pesticide Pvt. Ltd. (2000) (SC)**, the doctrine of unjust enrichment is attracted even if the incidence of duty is passed on to another person indirectly as in the case of captive consumption of imported materials. Refund of import duty is made to the importer provided he has not passed on the incidence of duty to any other directly or indirectly (Section 27(2) of the Customs Act, 1962).

In the given case Venus Udyog Ltd. imported copper scrap by paying customs duties, not allowed as refund under said notification even though imported goods are used for captive consumption. It means to say that the principle of unjust enrichment applies even in the case of captive consumption of goods.

Therefore, contention of Venus Udyog Ltd. is not valid in law.

### Remission of Duty

**Q12.** The assessee had imported resin and impregnated paper and had bonded the same in the warehouse. The assessee had also sought the extension of the said warehousing period by contending that the goods were in good condition but could not be used for manufacture due to recession in the market and the extension was granted. Thereafter another application was made at a later date by contending that the resin impregnated papers which were stored in the ware house had lost its shelf life and had become unfit for use on account of non-availability of orders for clearance and accordingly an application for remission of duty was made.

The department rejected the remission of duty claim on the grounds that section 23 is applicable only when the imported goods have been lost or destroyed at any time before clearance for home consumption.

Discuss in the light of decided case law, if any, whether the department is correct in law?

### Answer:

#### **CCE v Decorative Laminates (I) Pvt. Ltd. 2010 (257) ELT 61 (Kar)**

The High Court held that the circumstances made out under section 23 of the Customs Act, 1962, were not applicable to the present case since the destruction of the goods or loss of the goods had not occurred before the clearance for home consumption within the meaning of that section.



There will be no remission of duty if the goods had become unfit for use on account of non-availability of orders for clearance within the period or extended period as given by the authorities, their continuance in the warehouse will not attract section 23 of the Act.

Therefore, from the above it is evident that the department is correct.

### Refund of Duty

**Q13.** B Ltd. filed a Bill of Entry and paid the higher duty in ignorance of notification which allowed him the payment of duty at a concessional rate. No assessment order was passed because the assessee simply filed Bill of Entry and paid the duty. B Ltd. filed a refund claim under section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962 of the excess duty paid by it. The Revenue contended that a refund in appeal could be asked for under section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962 only if the payment of duty had been made pursuant to an assessment order which was not so in the instant case.

Do you think that Revenue's contention is valid in law?

#### Answer:

A refund claim can be made u/s 27 if the payment of higher duty and interest in ignorance of a notification which allowed payment of duty at a concessional rate even if there was no assessment order and the payment u/s 27(i) has not been made pursuant to an assessment order. Section 27(ii) covers those classes of cases where the duty is paid by a person without an order of assessment. It means a refund claim can be filed under section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962 even if the payment of duty has not been made pursuant to an assessment order [**Aman Medical Products Ltd. v CCus., Delhi 2010 (250) ELT 30 (Del)**].

Therefore, Revenue's contention is not valid in law.

**Note: this case is pending before Apex Court (S.C.) in the case of Commissioner v Aman Medicals Products Ltd.**

**Q14.** Importer imported "Kari Mayer High Speed Draw Warming Machine" claimed exemption notification.

Department contended that exemption notification is for "High Speed Warming Machine" but not for Drawing Unit.

Importer further stated that as per opinion of the expert (i.e. Textile Commissioner) the goods imported is covered under Exemption Notification.

#### Answer:

#### **Commissioner of Customs (Import) v Konkan Synthetic Fibres 2012(278) ELT 37 (SC):**

When no statutory definition was provided in respect of an item in the Customs or Central Excise the opinion of the expert cannot be ignored, rather it should be given due importance.

Decision is in favour of the importer and against the department

**Q15.** The importer entered into contract for supply of crude sunflower seed oil U.S. \$ 435 C.I.F./Metric ton. Under the contract, the consignment was to be shipped in the month of July, 2013. The period was extended by mutual agreement and goods were shipped on 5th August, 2013 at old agreed prices.

In the meanwhile, the international prices had gone up due to volatility in market, and other imports during August, 2013 were at higher prices.

Department sought to increase the assessable value on the basis of the higher prices as contemporaneous imports.

Decide whether the contention of the department is correct. You may refer to decided case law, if any, for your decision.





**Answer:**

**Commissioner of Cus., Vishakhapatnam v Aggarwal Industries Ltd. 2011 ELT 641 (SC):**

Decision: No. Department view is not correct.

It is true that the commodity involved had volatile fluctuations in its price in the international market, but having delayed the shipment; the supplier did not increase the price of the commodity even after the increase in its price in the international market. There was no allegation of the supplier and importer being in collusion.

Thus, the appeal was allowed in the favour of the respondent-assessee.

**Q16.** Case law:

**Parimal Ray v CCus. 2015 (318) ELT 379 (Cal)**

**Facts of the case:** The petitioners imported tunnel boring machines which were otherwise fully exempt from customs duty. However, owing to erroneous classification of such machines, they paid large amount of customs duty.

After expiry of more than 3 years, the petitioners filed a writ petition claiming the refund of the amount so paid. The said refund claim was rejected on the ground that the petitioners failed to make a proper application of refund under section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962 within the stipulated period of 1 year of payment of duty.

**Decision:** The High Court held that law of limitation under section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962 is applicable to duty or interest paid under the Act. However, any sum paid into the exchequer by the assessee is not duty or excess duty but is simply money paid into the account of Government. Therefore, the assessee is entitled to refund of the sum paid by it to the customs authorities.

# Study Note - 3



## TYPES OF DUTIES

### This Study Note includes

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### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

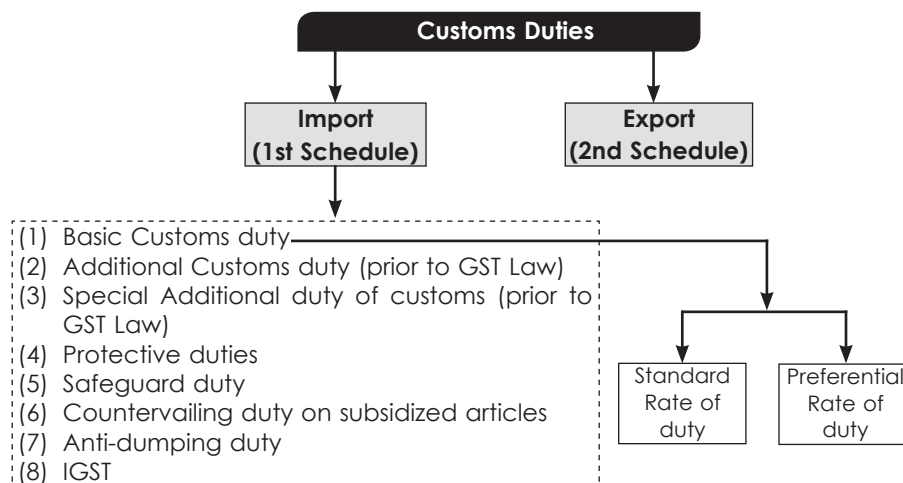
Under the Customs Act, 1962 import duty can be levied on almost all imports, whereas only few goods export duty levied. However, it is important to understand various types of duties under Customs Law, for the purpose of import and export of goods.

As per section 12 of Customs Act, 1962, Basic Customs Duty [BCD] can be levied on the value of goods. Section 2 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 provides the rate of duty to be applied on the value of goods. Basically section 2 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 provides following:

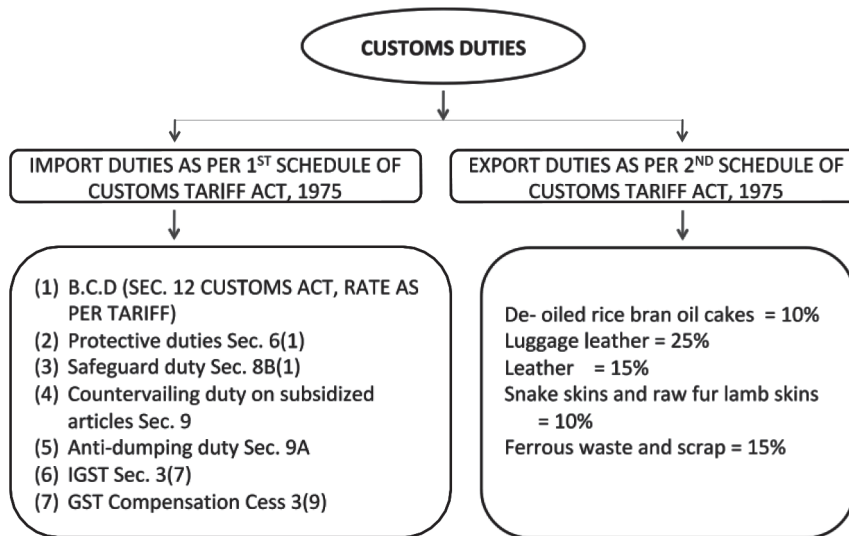
- First Schedule - Goods liable for import duty
- Second Schedule - Goods liable for export duty

### 3.2 TYPES OF DUTIES

The following duties are leviable by the customs department as per the Customs Tariff Act, 1975



**After GST Law:**



**NOTE :**

1. Social Welfare Surcharge (SWS) ON Imports [w.e.f 02-02-2018] 1. Social Welfare Surcharge - A social welfare surcharge has been imposed on imported goods @ 10% of total customs duties (excluding certain duties) w.e.f 02-02-2018. Hence, effective rate of BCD = 10% general rate of basic custom duty (BCD) + SWS @ 10% of BCD = 11%.
2. No EC & SHEC W.E.F 02-02-2018 -Education cess @ 2% & Secondary & Higher Education Cess @ 1% was levied at total 3% on total import duties (excluding certain duties). Now, no EC & SHEC is leviable on imports from 02-02-2018 & Section 94 of Finance Act, 2007 providing for levy of EC/SHEC have been omitted.
3. Road & Infrastructure Cess on Imported goods (Section 111 of Finance Act, 2018 w.e.f 02-02-2018)- Road and Infrastructure cess is levied as duty of Customs @ ₹ 8 per litre on motor spirit (petrol) and high speed diesel imported into India for the purpose of financing infrastructure projects.
4. No Social Welfare Surcharge (SWS) is levied on Export Goods.

**(1) Basic customs duty**

The Basic Customs Duty is levied under section 12 of the Customs Act, 1962. As per section 12 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 preferential rate of duty is always lesser than standard rate of duty. The importer has to satisfy certain conditions to avail the preferential rate of duty on imported goods.

<p><b>Example 1:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. X imported Cashewnuts shelled then the import duty will be as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Standard rate of duty @30%</b></li> <li>• <b>Preferential rate of duty @20%</b></li> </ul> <p><b>If Mr. X wants to avail the preferential rate of duty he has to satisfy the following conditions as otherwise the generally standard rate of duty is applicable.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Specific claim for the preferential rate must made by the importer</b></li> <li>• <b>The import must be from the preferential area.</b></li> <li>• <b>The area must be notified by the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 to be a preferential area.</b></li> <li>• <b>The goods are produced or manufactured in such preferential area.</b></li> </ul>	<p>“Preferential area” means any country or territory which the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare to be such area.</p>
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**Example 2:**

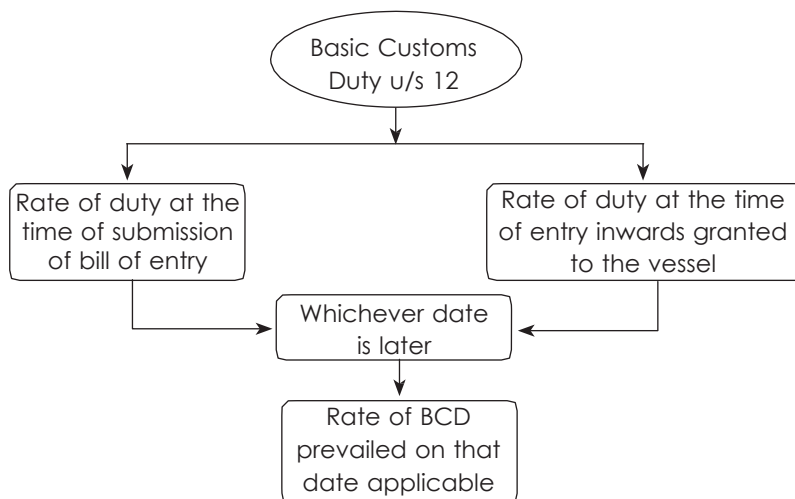
**Mr. X imported the goods from China worth USD 10,000. The Basic Customs Duty @10%, Social Welfare Surcharge @ 10%. The exchange rate was 1 US \$ = ₹ 44 on date of presentation of Bill of Entry. Find the total Customs Duty.**

**Answer:**

<b>The assessable value of Imported Goods</b>	<b>= ₹ 4,40,000</b>	<b>[US \$ 10,000 x ₹ 44]</b>
<b>Basic Customs Duty [₹ 4,40,000 x 10%]</b>	<b>= ₹ 44,000</b>	
<b>SWS</b>	<b>= ₹ 4,400</b>	
<b>Total value of imported goods</b>	<b>= ₹ 4,88,400</b>	
<b>Therefore the total value of customs duty</b>	<b>= ₹ 48,400</b>	

**Note:**

- (1) Importer imports machinery as well as accessories which are classifiable under two different headings of Customs Tariff Act with different rate of duties. If so, the accessories are essential for machinery then the rate of duty applicable for machinery is also applicable for accessories.
- (2) If the accessories are not essential for operation of machinery then rate of duties as applicable for machinery as well as accessories will apply separately. Hence, the common expenditure of packing charges, freight charges, insurance charges etc., will be apportioned in the ratio of the value of accessories and machinery.



**Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC):**

A new cess called Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) was introduced vide Finance Act, 2021 for the purpose of financing the agriculture infrastructure and other development expenditure. Such cess is applicable on certain specified goods such as apple, kabuki Chanda, chickpeas, lentils, various types coals, urea, silver (including imports by eligible passengers), Silver Dore, Gold (including imports by eligible passengers), Gold Dore etc.

Where the duty is leviable on the goods at any percentage of its value, then for the purpose of calculating the Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess, the value of such goods is calculated in the same manner as the value of goods is calculated for the purpose of customs duty under section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962

**For Example:**

Cost of imported goods □ 1,00,000



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Add: Basic Customs Duty 10%	₹ 10,000
(1,00,000 x 10%)	
Add: Agriculture Infrastructure And Development Cess 7.5%	₹ 7,500
(1,00,000 x 7.5%)	
Add: Social Welfare Surcharge 10%	
(10,000 + 7,500) x 10%	₹ 1,750
Sub-total	₹ 1,19,250
Add: IGST 18%	
((1,19,250 x 18%)	₹ 21,465
Add: GST Compensation Cess	
(1,19,250 x 15%)	₹ 17,888
Total cost of imported goods	₹ 1,58,603

**Note:** Please note that IGST and GST compensation cess would be available as input tax credit under GST Laws subject to fulfilment of prescribed conditions

### (2) Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST)

IGST (Integrated Goods and Services Tax) is a component under GST law, which is levied on goods being imported into India from other country. It has subsumed various customs duties including Countervailing Duty (CVD) and Special Additional Duty of Customs (SAD).

In the GST regime, IGST will be levied on imports by virtue of sub - section (7) of Section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. IGST wherever applicable, would be levied on cargo that would arrive on or after 1 st July, 2017. It may also be noted that IGST would also be levied on cargo, which has arrived prior to 1st July, but a bill of entry is filed on or after 1 st July 2017.

Similarly ex - bond bill of entry filed on or after 1 st July 2017 would attract IGST, as applicable. In the case where cargo arrival is after 1 st July and an advance bill of entry was filed before 1 st July along with the payment of duty, the bill of entry may be recalled and reassessed by the proper officer for levy of IGST as applicable.

#### Example 3:

Suppose Assessable Value (A.V.) including landing charges = ₹ 100/ -

(1) BCD - 10%

(2) IGST - 12%

(3) SWS @ 10%

In view of the above parameters, the calculation of duty would be as below:

(a) BCD = ₹ 10 [10% of A.V.]

(b) SWS - ₹ 1 [10% of (a)]

(c) IGST - ₹ 13.32 [A.V. + (a) + (b)] × 12%

**Note:** The inclusion of anti - dumping duties and safeguard duty in the value for levy of IGST and Compensation Cess is an important change. These were not hitherto included in the value for the levy of additional duty of customs (CVD) or Special Additional Duty (SAD). The IGST paid shall not be added to the value for the purpose of calculating Compensation Cess.

**Case Law 1:**

**CVD (now called as IGST) on an imported product be exempted if the excise duty (now GST) on a like article produced or manufactured (now called as supply) in India is exempt?**

**Aidek Tourism Services Pvt. Ltd. v. CCus. 2015 (318) ELT 3 (SC)**

**Decision:** Supreme Court held that rate of additional duty leviable under section 3(1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 would be only that which is payable under the Central Excise Act, 1944 on a like article. Therefore, the importer would be entitled to payment of concessional/ reduced or nil rate of countervailing duty if any notification is issued providing exemption/ remission of excise duty with respect to a like article if produced/ manufactured in India.

**w.e.f. 1-10-2019 Clarification regarding taxability of goods imported under lease (vide Notification No. 34/2019 Customs, dated 30-09-2019)**

In respect of goods imported on temporary basis, aircrafts, aircraft engines and other aircraft parts imported into India under a transaction covered by item 1(b) or 5(f) of Schedule II of the CGST Act, 2019 are exempted from IGST under Customs Act, 1962.

Similarly, rigs and ancillary items imported for oil or gas exploration and production taken on lease by the importer for use after import have also been exempted from IGST. Subsequently, all goods vessels, ships (other than motor vehicles) imported under lease, by the importer for use after importation, were also exempted from IGST.

This exemption is available only if the importer, by the execution of bond, in such form and for such sum as may be specified by the Commissioner of Customs, binds himself:

- (a) to pay IGST under section 5(1) of the IGST Act, 2017 on supply of service covered by item 1(b) or 5(f) of Schedule II of the CGST Act, 2017;
- (b) not to sell or part with the goods, without the prior permission of the Commissioner of Customs of the port of importation;
- (c) to re-export the goods within 3 months of the expiry of the period for which they were supplied under a transaction covered by item 1(b) or 5(f) of Schedule II of CGST Act, 2017
- (d) to pay on demand an amount equal to the IGST payable on the said goods but for the exemption under this Notification in the event of violation of any of the above conditions.

**Example 4:**

**Compute the duty payable under the Customs Act, 1962 for an imported equipment based on the following information:**

- (i) **Assessable value of the imported equipment US \$10,100.**
- (ii) **Date of Bill of Entry 25.4.20XX basic customs duty on this date 12% and exchange rate notified by the Central Board of Excise and Customs US \$ 1 = ₹ 65.**
- (iii) **Date of Entry inwards 21.4.20XX Basic customs duty on this date 16% and exchange rate notified by the Central Board of Excise and Customs US \$ 1 = ₹ 60.**
- (iv) **IGST u/s 3(7) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975: 12%.**

**Social Welfare Surcharge = 10%**

**Make suitable assumptions where required and show the relevant workings and round off your answer to the nearest Rupee.**



**Answer:**

	₹	
A.V	6,56,500.00	(10,100 × 65)
Add: BCD 12% on 6,56,500	78,780.00	
Add: SWS @10%	7,878.00	
Balance	7,43,158.00	
Add: IGST 12% on 7,43,158.00	89,178.96	
Value of Imported goods	8,32,336.96	
Customs Duty	1,75,836.96	

**Example 5:**

Compute the assessable value and Customs duty payable from the following information:

- (i) F.O.B value of machine 8,000 UK Pounds
- (ii) Freight paid (air) 2,500 UK Pounds
- (iii) Design and development charges paid in UK 500 UK Pounds
- (iv) Commission payable to local agents @ 2% of F.O.B in Indian Rupees
- (v) Date of bill of entry 24.10.20XX  
(Rate BCD 12%; Exchange rate as notified by CBIC ₹ 68 per UK Pound)
- (vi) Date of entry inward 20.10.20XX  
(Rate of BCD 18%; Exchange rate as notified by CBIC ₹ 70 per UK Pound).
- (vii) IGST payable 18%.
- (viii) Insurance charges actually paid but details not available.

**Answer:**

		UK Pounds
FOB value	=	8,000
Add: Design and Development (paid in UK)	=	500
Add: Commission to local agent (2% on 8,000 UKP)	=	160
FOB value as per customs	=	8,660
Add: Air freight (8,660 × 20%)	=	1,732
Add: Insurance (8,660 × 1.125%)		97.425
CIF value/Assessable value	=	10,489.425
Assessable value (10,489.425 × 68)	=	7,13,281

Statement showing customs duties

Particulars	Value ₹	Working note
Assessable value	7,13,281	
Add: BCD	85,593.72	(7,13,281 × 12%)

Add: SWS	8,559.37	
Balance	8,07,434.09	
Add: IGST	1,45,338.13	
Landed value	9,52,772.22	
Total Customs duties	2,39,491.22	

**Example 6:**

Liberty International Group has imported a machine by air from United States. Bill of entry is presented on 18.07.20XX. However, entry inwards is granted on 7.08.20XX.

The relevant details of the transaction are provided as follows:

CIF value of the machine imported                   \$ 13,000

Airfreight paid   \$ 2,800

Insurance charges paid   \$200

Rate of exchange as

Announced by                                   As on 18.07.20XX                                   As on 7.08.20XX

CBIC   1 US \$ = ₹ 66   1 US \$ = ₹ 65.80

RBI   1 US \$ = ₹ 66.10   1 US \$ = ₹ 66.10

Calculate the assessable value (in rupees) for the purposes of levy of customs duty as well as total customs duty. BCD = Nil

IGST = 18%

Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.

**Answer:**

Particulars	Amount in US\$	Remarks	Workings
CIF value	13,000		
Less: Air freight	2,800	Air freight should not be more than 20% on FOB	
Less: insurance	200		
F O B value	10,000		
Add: Air freight	2,000	Air freight restricted to 20% on the FOB value	10,000 x 20% = 2,000
Add: Insurance	200		
C I F value/ Assessable value	12,200		US\$ (10,000 + 2,000 + 200)
	<b>Amount in ₹</b>		
Assessable value	8,05,200	CBIC exchange rate as on the date of submission of bill of entry is relevant.	US\$12,200 x 66 = ₹ 8,05,200
Add: BCD	Nil		
Add: SWS @10%	Nil		





Balance	8,05,200		
Add: IGST	1,44,936		(8,05,200 x 18%)
Landed value	9,50,136		

**Example 7:**

Compute the assessable value and total customs duty payable under the Customs Act, 1962 for an imported machine, based on the following information:

	US \$
(i) Cost of the machine at the factory of the exporter	20,000
(ii) Transport charges from the factory of exporter to the port for shipment	800
(iii) Handling charges paid for loading the machine in the ship	50
(iv) Buying commission paid by the importer	100
(v) Lighterage charges paid by the importer	200
(vi) Freight incurred from port of entry to Inland Container depot	1,000
(vii) Ship demurrage charges	400
(viii) Freight charges from exporting country to India	5,000

Date of bill of entry 20.02.20XX (Rate BCD 20%;  
Exchange rate as notified by CBIC  
₹ 60 per US \$)

Date of entry inward 25.01.20XX (Rate of BCD 12%;  
Exchange rate as notified by CBIC  
₹ 65 per US \$)

IGST payable under section 3(7) of  
the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 12%

Also find the eligible input tax credit to the importer.

**Answer:**

Statement showing Assessable and customs duty:

Particulars	US \$	Remarks
Cost of the machine	20,000	
Add: transport charges from factory of exporter to the port for shipment	800	
Add: handling charges	50	
FOB	20,850	
Add: buying commission	Nil	Not addable
FOB of the Customs	20,850	
Add: Insurance	234.5625	20,850 x 1.125%
Add: Freight	5,000	
Add: Lighterage charges	200	
Add: Ship demurrage	400	

<b>CIF Value/Assessable Value</b>	<b>26,684.5625</b>	
	₹	
<b>Assessable Value</b>	<b>16,01,074</b>	<b>26,684.5625 USD x ₹ 60</b>
<b>Add: BCD 20%</b>	<b>3,20,215</b>	<b>₹ 16,01,074 x 20%</b>
<b>Add: SWS @ 10%</b>	<b>32,021.5</b>	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>19,53,310.5</b>	
<b>Add: IGST</b>	<b>2,34,397.26</b>	
<b>Landed value of imported goods</b>	<b>21,87,707.76</b>	
<b>Total customs duty</b>	<b>5,86,633.76</b>	

**Note:** Importer is eligible to avail input tax credit of IGST portion (i.e. ₹ 2,34,397.26) under GST Law provided he is using these goods for his business.

**Applicability of IGST/GST on goods transferred/sold while being deposited in a warehouse:**

**Example :** X Ltd imported a machine from Germany at FOB US\$1,00,000. This machine subsequently cleared from docks for warehousing on 1st January 20XX.

X Ltd sold this machine to Y Ltd on 15th June 20XX by transferring documents of title on the goods.

Y Ltd cleared goods from warehouse on 15th July 20XX after payment of duty and interest.

	<b>1st January 20XX</b>	<b>15th June 20XX</b>	<b>15th July 20XX</b>
BCD	10%	8%	12%
IGST	12%	12%	18%
Exchange rate of CBIC	₹ 68/USD	₹ 68.25/USD	₹ 68.50/USD

You are required to answer the following:

- Who is liable to pay duties to the Customs department?
- Total customs duty.
- IGST payable under GST Law.

**Note:** warehousing charges is ₹ 15,000/-.

**Answer:**

<b>Statement showing value for Customs Duty:</b>			₹
FOB	INR	=	68,00,000
Add: Insurance 1.125%			76500
Add: Freight 20%		=	1360000
CIF (i.e. AV)		=	82,36,500
BCD with SWS:			
82,36,500 x 13.2%		=	10,87,218
sub-total		=	93,23,718
IGST	18%	=	16,78,269
<b>Total Customs Duty</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>27,65,487</b>	

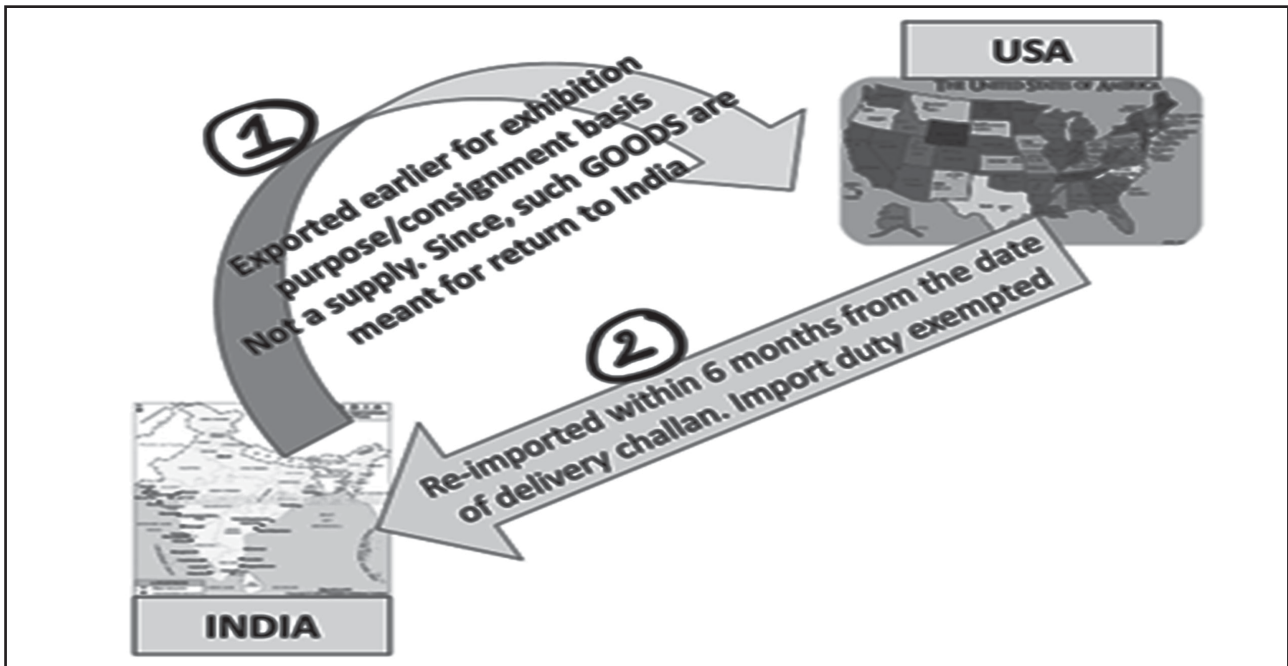


w.e.f. 1-2-2019, Schedule III of CGST Act, 2017:

supply excludes Supply of warehoused goods to any person before clearance for home consumption.

Therefore, there is no IGST under GST Law.

**Goods which were exported earlier for exhibition purpose/consignment basis [Circular No. 21/2019-Cus., dated 24.07.2019]**



**(3) GST Compensation cess:**

Under GST regime, Compensation Cess will be charged on luxury products like high-end cars and demerit commodities like pan masala, tobacco and aerated drinks for the period of 5 years in order to compensate states for loss of revenue.

In the GST regime, IGST will be levied on imports by virtue of sub - section (9) of Section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

GST Compensation cess, wherever applicable, would be levied on cargo that would arrive on or after 1st July 2017. Similarly ex-bond bill of entry filed on or after 1st July 2017 would attract GST Compensation cess, as applicable. In the case where cargo arrival is after 1st July and an advance bill of entry was filed before 1st July along with the payment of duty, the bill of entry may be recalled and reassessed by the proper officer for levy of GST compensation Cess, as applicable.

The value of the imported article for the purpose of levying GST Compensation cess shall be, assessable value plus Basic Customs Duty levied under the Act, and any sum chargeable on the goods under any law for the time being in force, as an addition to, and in the same manner as, a duty of customs. These would include education cess or higher education cess as well as anti - dumping and safeguard duties.

**GST Compensation Cess applicable goods:**

GST Cess will be levied on supply of certain notified goods – mostly belonging to the luxury and demerit category. Sample of items on which GST Cess will be applicable are as follows:

Items	GST Rate Applicable	GST Cess Range	GST Cess Ceiling
Coal	5%	INR 400 / tonne	INR 400 / tonne
Pan Masala	28%	60%	135%
Tobacco	28%	61% – 204%	INR 4170 / thousand
Aerated Drinks	28%	12%	15%
Motor Vehicles	28%	1% – 22%	22%

**Input tax credit be availed on GST Compensation Cess paid on inward supplies:**

Yes, input tax credit can be availed on GST Compensation Cess paid on inward supplies of the above-mentioned notified goods. However, the credit of GST Compensation Cess paid can be utilized only towards payment of the GST Compensation Cess liability.

**Example 8:**

Suppose Assessable Value (A.V.) including landing charges = ₹ 100/ -

(1) BCD - 10%

(2) IGST - 12%

(3) SWS @ 10%

(4) Compensation cess - 10%

In view of the above parameters, the calculation of duty would be as below:

(a) BCD = ₹ 10 [10% of A.V.]

(b) SWS - ₹ 1 [10% of (a)]

(c) IGST - ₹ 13.32 [A.V. + (a)+(b)] x 12%

(d) Compensation cess - ₹ 11.01 [A.V. + (a)+(b)] x 10%

**Where product attract CVD, IGST & Compensation cess:**
**Example 9:**

Suppose Assessable Value (A.V.) including landing charges = ₹ 100/ -

(1) BCD - 10%

(2) CVD - 12%

(3) IGST - 28%

(4) SWS @ 10%

(5) Compensation cess - 10%

(a) BCD = ₹ 10 [10% of A.V.]

(b) CVD = ₹ 13.2 [12% of (A.V.+ BCD)]

(c) SWS - ₹ 2.32 (10% of BCD+CVD)

(d) IGST - ₹ 35.1456 [A.V. + (a) + (b)+ (c)] x 28%

(e) Compensation cess - ₹ 12.552 [A.V. + (a) + (b)+ (c)] x 10%

**Note:**

- (1) In cases where imported goods are liable to Anti - Dumping Duty or Safeguard Duty, calculation of Anti - Dumping Duty or Safeguard duty would be as per the respective notification issued for levy of such duty.



It is also clarified that value for calculation of IGST as well as Compensation Cess shall also include Anti - Dumping Duty amount and Safeguard duty amount.

- (2) The inclusion of anti - dumping duties and safeguard duty in the value for levy of IGST and Compensation Cess is an important change. These were not hitherto included in the value for the levy of additional duty of customs (CVD) or Special Additional Duty (SAD). The IGST paid shall not be added to the value for the purpose of calculating Compensation Cess.

**Example 10:**

X Transport company imported Rolls Royce car for the purpose of providing output services by way of transportation of passengers ₹ Following are the cost & other details-

Particulars	Amount (INR)
Cost of vehicle (Assessable value)	300,00,000
Custom duty	10%
IGST	28%
Compensation cess	20%

X Transport company is eligible to take Input tax credit and have output IGST liability of INR 120 Lakh. Calculate tax liability towards Custom duty & GST liability?

Answer:

Particulars	Calculation	Amount (INR)
Cost of Vehicle-(A)		300,00,000
Custom duty-(B)	10%	30,00,000
SWS-(C)	10% on (B)	300,000
Total custom duty payable- (D)	(B+C)	33,00,000
Total Cost after Custom duty-(E)	(A+D)	3,33,00,000
IGST-(F)	28% on (E)	93,24,000
Compensation cess-(G)	20% on (E)	66,60,000
Total cost-(H)	(E+F+G)	4,92,84,000

- Input tax credit available to set off against output IGST is INR 93,24,000
- Compensation cess paid cannot be set off against output tax liability of IGST

**Prior to GST Law**

**Additional Duty of Customs or Countervailing Duty (CVD)**

As per sec 3(1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, any article which is imported into India is subject to liable to duty (in addition to BCD) equal to the excise duty for the time being leviable on a like article if produced or manufactured in India.

CVD cannot be levied, if exemption from central excise duty is based on goods manufactured by SSI unit or goods manufactured without aid of power CC v Malwa Industries (2009) 235 ELT 214 (SC)

This duty can be levied only if the article is such that, it could be manufactured or produced in India.

As held by the Honorable Supreme Court of India in the case of **Hyderabad Industries Ltd. v Union of India**

**(1999) (SC)**, in order to attract additional duty of customs it is not necessary that the like goods should have been manufactured in India and so long as the imported goods are the one capable of manufactured or produced, it attracts additional duty of customs even it is not actually manufactured in India.

However, if goods manufactured in India are exempt from excise duty, then there is no Additional Duty of Customs [CCE v J K Synthetics (2000) (SC)].

w.e.f. 17-3-2012, cvd is equal to basic excise duty (excluding cess).

If imported goods attract excise duty in India as per Section 4A of the Central Excise Act, then the CVD will be calculated as per the MRP basis only.

The following points are important to note:

(A) CVD will be calculated on the value of goods is as follows:

	=	₹
Value of goods Imported (Assessable Value)	=	xxxx
Add: Basic Customs Duty	=	xxxx
Add: National Calamity Contingent Duty [NCCD]	=	xxxx
Balance	=	xxxx
Add: Additional Customs Duty (CVD)		
On the above Balance	=	xxxx
Balance	=	xxxx
Add: SWS @ 10% on BCD + NCCD + CVD	=	xxxx
Value of Imported Goods	=	xxxx

**Note:**

NCCD of Customs is levied on imports of Pan Masala, chewing tobacco and cigarettes.

- (i) The payment for post importation process is includible in the value of the imported goods if the same is related to such imported goods and is a condition of the sale thereof.
- (ii) The excise exemption notification provided that exemption will be available if the goods are used in 'same factory'. Hence, the imported goods are used by the importer in the same factory or factory belonging to the importer, then no CVD attracted on such imported goods. CC v Malwa Industries (2009) 235 ELT 214 (SC).

**Case Law 2:**

**M/s Bharti Telemedia Ltd. v Commissioner of Customs (Import), Nhava Sheva 2016 (331) ELT 138 (Tri.-Mumbai):**

Issue: Set top boxes (STBs) are imported by a Direct to Home (DTH) broadcasting service provider and provided free of cost to the consumers of DTH service.

The issue is whether, in such conditions, the value for the purposes of calculation of CVD be determined on the basis of retail sale price (RSP) in terms of proviso to section 3(2) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975?

**Note:** Set top boxes abatement 22%.



**Decision:** Hon'ble Tribunal has been held that one of the conditions to be met for CVD to be levied on retail sale price is that under the Legal Metrology Act, there should be requirement to declare on the package, the retail sale price (RSP) of the goods.

There appears to be no sale in the use of the set top box by the ultimate consumer. After detailed analysis, the Tribunal held that in the given circumstances CVD would not be leviable on the basis of retail sale price.

Therefore, Imported set top boxes to be valued under section 4 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 for the purpose of computing CVD.

### **Prior to GST Law:**

#### **Special additional customs duty (Under section 3(5) Customs Tariff Act)**

The imported goods shall in addition to basic customs duty and additional duty shall also be liable to special additional duty, which shall be levied at a rate to be specified by the Central Government Such rate shall be notified by the central govt. having regard to the maximum sales tax, local tax or any other charge. At present the special CVD rate is 4%.

For a trader Spl. CVD is allowed as refund provided he suffered VAT in the state on these goods.

In respect of the following imported goods, Spl. CVD under Section 3(5) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 is fully exempted:

- (i) Goods packed for retail sales covered under Standards of Weights and Measurement Act.
- (ii) Wrist watches and pocket watches
- (iii) Telephones for cellular networks
- (iv) Articles of apparel excluding parts of made-up clothing accessories.

#### **(4) Protective duties (Section 6(1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975)**

Protective duties are levied by the central govt. upon the recommendation made by the Tariff Committee and upon it being satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action to provide protection to any INDUSTRY established in India. While calculating protective duties we should not calculate the education cess and secondary and higher education cess. As per WTO, protective duty is not supposed to be levied, hence, at present this duty is not in force.

#### **(5) Safeguard duty (Section 8B(1) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975)**

Safeguard duty is imposed for the purpose of protecting the interests of any domestic industry in India. It is product specific. While calculating Safeguard duty we should not calculate the education cess and secondary and higher education cess. The Central Government of India can impose provisional safeguard duty, pending final determination upto 200 days.

The duty imposed under this section shall be in force for a period of 4 years from the date of its imposition and can be extended with the total period of levy not exceeding 10 years.

**w.e.f. 6-8-2014 if imported goods are cleared in DTA, then safeguard duty will be payable.**

#### **Provisional Safeguard Duty:**

The Central Government may, pending the determination under sub-section (1) of Section 8B, impose a

provisional safeguard duty under this sub-section on the basis of a preliminary determination that increased imports have caused or threatened to cause serious injury to a domestic industry;

Provided that where, on final determination, the Central Government is of the opinion that increased imports have not caused or threatened to cause serious injury to a domestic industry, it shall refund the duty so collected;

Provided further that the provisional safeguard duty shall not remain in force for more than two hundred days from the date on which it was imposed.

**Example 11:**

**When shall the safeguard duty under section 8B of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 be not imposed? Discuss briefly.**

**Answer:**

The safeguard duty under section 8B of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 is not imposed on the import of the following types of articles:

- (i) Articles originating from a developing country, so long as the share of imports of that article from that country does not exceed 3% of the total imports of that article into India;
- (ii) Articles originating from more than one developing country, so long as the aggregate of imports from developing countries each with less than 3% import share taken together does not exceed 9% of the total imports of that article into India;
- (iii) Articles imported by a 100% EOU or units in a Free Trade Zone or Special Economic Zone unless the duty is specifically made applicable on them.

**Note:** "developing country" means a country notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette for the purposes of this section.

**Example 12:**

**Determine the safeguard duty payable by X Ltd., under section 8B of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 from the following:**

X Ltd imported Sodium Nitrite from a developing country from 26TH February, 2015 to 25th February, 2016 (both days inclusive) ₹ 50 crores.

Total imports of Sodium Nitrite (including developing country) is ₹ 2,500 crores.

**Note:** Safeguard duty is @ 30%.

**Whether your answer is different in case of import of Sodium Nitrite from a developing country ₹ 80 crores?**

**Answer:**

Since, import from a developing country does not exceeds 3% (i.e. 2% only) of total import of that article in to India, Safeguard duty is Nil.

In the given case safeguard duty will be payable by X Ltd.

Safeguard duty = ₹ 24 crores (i.e. ₹ 80 crores x 30%)

Since, import from a developing country exceeds 3% (i.e. 3.2%)

**Example 13:**

**Determine the safeguard duty payable by X Ltd., Y Ltd., Z Ltd. and A Ltd. under section 8B of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 from the following:**

Import of Sodium Nitrite from developing and developed countries from 26th February, 2015 to 25th February, 2016 (both days inclusive) are as follows:





Importers	Country of Import	₹ Scores
X Ltd.	Developing country	70
Y Ltd.	Developing country	72
Z Ltd.	Developing country	52
A Ltd.	Developing country	50
Others	Developed country	2,256
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,500</b>

Note: Safeguard duty 30%

Answer:

Importer	Country of import	₹ in crores	% of imports
X Ltd.	Developing country	70	2.8%
Y Ltd.	Developing country	72	2.88%
Z Ltd.	Developing country	52	2.08%
A Ltd.	Developing country	50	2%
Others	Developed country	2,256	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>9.76%</b>

Safeguard duty is as follows:

XLtd		21	70 x 30%
YLtd		21.60	72 x 30%
ZLtd		15.60	52 x 30%
A Ltd		15	50 x 30%

Articles originating from more than one developing countries and imports from each developing country is less than 3%, safeguard duty can be imposed if imports from all all such developing countries taken together exceeds 9% of total imports of that article in India.

Example 14:

Determine the safeguard duty payable by X Ltd., Y Ltd., and Z Ltd., and A Ltd. under section 8B of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 from the following:

Import of Sodium Nitrite from developing and developed countries from 26th February, 2015 to 25th February, 2016 (both days inclusive) are as follows:

Importers	Country of Import	₹ Scores
X Ltd.	Developing country	70
Y Ltd.	Developing country	82
Z Ltd.	Developing country	52
A Ltd.	Developing country	50

Others	Developed country	2,246
	Total	2,500

Note: Safeguard duty 30%

Answer:

Importer	Country of import	₹ in crores	% of imports	
X Ltd.	Developing country	70	2.8%	
Y Ltd.	Developing country	82		3.28%
Z Ltd.	Developing country	52	2.08%	
A Ltd.	Developing country	50	2%	
Others	Developed country	2,246		
	Total	2,500	6.88%	3.28%

Safeguard duty is as follows:

XLtd		Nil	70 x 30%
YLtd		24.60	82 x 30%
ZLtd		Nil	52 x 30%
A Ltd		Nil	50 x 30%

Articles originating from more than one developing countries (each with less than 3% import share), then the aggregate of imports from all such countries taken together does not exceed 9% (i.e. in the given case 6.88%) of the total imports of that article into India. Therefore, Safeguard duty is not applicable to X Ltd., Z Ltd., and A Ltd.

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Safeguard duties are rebatable as duty drawback (section 75 of the Customs Act).

Since safeguard duties are not taken into consideration while fixing All Industry Rates of drawback, the drawback of the same can be claimed under an application for Brand Rate under rule 6 or rule 7 of the Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995.

This implies that drawback shall be admissible only where the inputs which suffered safeguard duties were actually used in the goods exported as confirmed by the verification conducted for fixation of Brand Rate.

Further, where imported goods subject to safeguard duties are exported out of the country as such, then the drawback payable under section 74 of the Customs Act would also include the incidence of safeguard duties as part of total duties paid, subject to fulfillment of other conditions.

**As per Finance Act, 2020, w.e.f 27.3.2020, Power of Central Government to apply safeguard measures under Section 8B of the Customs Tariff Act, 1985:**

- (1) If the Central Government, after conducting such enquiry as it deems fit, is satisfied that any article is imported into India in such increased quantity and under such conditions so as to cause or threaten to



cause serious injury to domestic industry, it may, by notification in the Official Gazette, apply such safeguard measures on that article, as it deems appropriate.

- (2) The safeguard measures referred to in sub-section (1) shall include imposition of safeguard duty, application of tariff-rate quota or such other measure, as the Central Government may consider appropriate, to curb the increased quantity of imports of an article to prevent serious injury to domestic industry:

Provided that no such measure shall be applied on an article originating from a developing country so long as the share of imports of that article from that country does not exceed three per cent. or where the article is originating from more than one developing country, then, so long as the aggregate of the imports from each of such developing countries with less than three per cent. import share taken together, does not exceed nine per cent. of the total imports of that article into India:

Provided further that the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, exempt such quantity of any article as it may specify in the notification, when imported from any country or territory into India, from payment of the whole or part of the safeguard duty leviable thereon.

- (3) Where tariff-rate quota is used as a safeguard measure, the Central Government shall not fix such quota lower than the average level of imports in the last three representative years for which statistics are available, unless a different level is deemed necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury.
- (4) The Central Government may allocate such tariff-rate quota to supplying countries having a substantial interest in supplying the article concerned, in such manner as may be provided by rules.
- (5) The Central Government may, pending the determination under sub-section (1), apply provisional safeguard measures under this sub-section on the basis of a preliminary determination that increased imports have caused or threatened to cause serious injury to a domestic industry:

Provided that where, on final determination, the Central Government is of the opinion that increased imports have not caused or threatened to cause serious injury to a domestic industry, it shall refund the safeguard duty so collected:

Provided further that any provisional safeguard measure shall not remain in force for more than two hundred days from the date on which it was applied.

- (6) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-sections, a notification issued under sub-section (1) or any safeguard measures applied under sub-sections (2), (3), (4) and (5), shall not apply to articles imported by a hundred per cent. export-oriented undertaking or a unit in a special economic zone, unless—
- (i) it is specifically made applicable in such notification or to such undertaking or unit;
  - (ii) such article is either cleared as such into the domestic tariff area or used in the manufacture of any goods that are cleared into the domestic tariff area, in which case, safeguard measures shall be applied on the portion of the article so cleared or used, as was applicable when it was imported into India.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this section, the expressions “hundred per cent. export-oriented undertaking”, and “special economic zone” shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in Explanation 2 to sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Central Excise Act, 1944.

- (7) The safeguard duty imposed under this section shall be in addition to any other duty imposed under this Act or under any other law for the time being in force.
- (8) The safeguard measures applied under this section shall, unless revoked earlier, cease to have effect on the expiry of four years from the date of such application:

Provided that if the Central Government is of the opinion that the domestic industry has taken measures to

adjust to such injury or threat thereof and it is necessary that the safeguard measures should continue to be applied, it may extend the period of such application:

Provided further that in no case the safeguard measures shall continue to be applied beyond a period of ten years from the date on which such measures were first applied.

- (9) The provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 and the rules and regulations made thereunder, including those relating to the date for determination of rate of duty, assessment, non-levy, short-levy, refunds, interest, appeals, offences and penalties shall, as far as may be, apply to the duty chargeable under this section as they apply in relation to duties leviable under that Act.
- (10) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for the purposes of this section, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for —
- (i) the manner in which articles liable for safeguard measures may be identified;
  - (ii) the manner in which the causes of serious injury or causes of threat of serious injury in relation to identified article may be determined;
  - (iii) the manner of assessment and collection of safeguard duty;
  - (iv) the manner in which tariff-rate quota on identified article may be allocated among supplying countries;
  - (v) the manner of implementing tariff-rate quota as a safeguard measure;
  - (vi) any other safeguard measure and the manner of its application.
- (11) For the purposes of this section,—
- (a) “developing country” means a country notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette;
  - (b) “domestic industry” means the producers—
    - (i) as a whole of the like article or a directly competitive article in India; or
    - (ii) whose collective output of the like article or a directly competitive article in India constitutes a major share of the total production of the said article in India;
  - (c) “serious injury” means an injury causing significant overall impairment in the position of a domestic industry;
  - (d) “threat of serious injury” means a clear and imminent danger of serious injury.
- (12) Every notification issued under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is issued, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the notification or both Houses agree that the notification should not be issued, the notification shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that notification’.

#### **(6) Countervailing Duty on Subsidized articles (Section 9 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975)**

Duty levied if the articles are imported into India by getting the subsidies from other country. While calculating Countervailing Duty on Subsidized articles we should not calculate the education cess and secondary and higher education cess.

It shall be in force for a period of 5 years from the date of its imposition and can be extended for a further period of 5 years.



**(7) Anti-dumping duty (Section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975)**

This duty is country specific. It is imposed on imports of a particular country. Dumping exists when a product is exported from one country to another country at an export price which is less than its normal value prevailing in the exporting country. The difference between the normal value and the export price is the dumping margin based on which the Anti Dumping Duty is imposed. While calculating Anti-dumping duty we should not calculate the education cess and secondary and higher education cess.

<b>Example 15:</b>	
<b>A commodity is imported into India from a country covered by a notification issued by the Central Government under section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. Following particulars are made available:</b>	
<b>CIF value of the consignment: US\$25,000</b>	
<b>Quantity imported: 500 kgs.</b>	
<b>Exchange rate applicable: ₹ 60 = US\$1</b>	
<b>Basic customs duty: 12%</b>	
<b>Social Welfare Surcharge @ 10%</b>	
<b>As per the notification, the anti-dumping duty will be equal to the difference between the cost of commodity calculated @ US\$70 per kg. and the landed value of the commodity as imported.</b>	
<b>Appraise the liability on account of normal duties, cess and the anti-dumping duty.</b>	
<b>Particulars</b>	<b>US \$</b>
<b>CIF value</b>	<b>25,000</b>
	<b>Value in ₹</b>
<b>Assessable value (i.e. 25,000 × ₹ 60)</b>	<b>15,00,000</b>
<b>Add: Customs duty 13.2% on Assessable value</b>	<b>1,98,000</b>
<b>Landed value (or value of imported goods)</b>	<b>16,98,000</b>
<b>Anti-dumping duty (21,00,000 – 16,98,000)</b>	<b>4,02,000</b>
<b>Market value of imported goods (500 kgs x ₹ 60 x US \$70) = 21,00,000</b>	
<b>Open Market Value</b>	<b>21,00,000</b>
<b>Add: IGST @12% on ₹ 21,00,000</b>	<b>2,52,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,52,000</b>

**Total customs duty payable is ₹ 8,52,000 (i.e.1,98,000+ 4,02,000+ 2,52,000)**

**Note:** In cases where imported goods are liable to Anti - Dumping Duty or Safeguard Duty, calculation of Anti - Dumping Duty or Safeguard duty would be as per the respective notification issued for levy of such duty. It is also clarified that value for calculation of IGST as well as Compensation Cess shall also include Anti - Dumping Duty amount and Safeguard duty amount

**3.3 WHEN CAN PROVISIONAL MEASURES IMPOSED**

Provisional Anti Dumping Measures can be imposed only after 60 days from the date of the intimation of anti dumping investigation namely The Directorate General of Anti Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD).

The Central Government has power to levy anti-dumping duty on dumped articles in accordance with the provisions of section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and the rules framed thereunder. In a case where provisional duty is imposed under section 9A(2), the date of commencement of anti-dumping duty will be the date of publication of notification, imposing provisional duty under section 9A(2), in the Official Gazette. In a case where no provisional duty is imposed, the date of commencement of antidumping duty will be the date of publication of notification, imposing anti-dumping duty under section 9A(1), in the Official Gazette.

Where anti-dumping duty is imposed retrospectively under section 9A(3) from a date prior to the date of imposition of provisional duty, the date of commencement of anti-dumping duty will be such prior date as may be notified in the notification imposing anti-dumping duty retrospectively, but not beyond 90 days from the date of such notification of provisional duty.

### 3.4 REFUND OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTY

According to the provisions of section 9AA of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, where an importer proves to the satisfaction of the Central Government that he has paid any antidumping duty imposed on any article, in excess of the actual margin of dumping in relation to such article, he shall be entitled to refund of such excess duty.

However, the importer will not be entitled for refund of provisional anti-dumping duty under section 9AA as it is refundable under section 9A(2) of the said Act.

#### Example 16:

Mr. X an importer imported certain goods CIF value was US \$ 20,000 and quantity 1,000 Kgs. Exchange rate was 1 US \$ = ₹ 50 on date of presentation of Bill of Entry. Customs Duty rates are — (i) Basic Customs Duty 12% (ii) SWS @ 10% There is no excise duty payable on these goods if manufactured in India. As per Notification issued by the Government of India, anti-dumping duty has been imposed on these goods. The anti-dumping duty will be equal to difference between amount calculated @ US \$ 30 per kg and 'landed value' of goods. Compute Customs Duty liability and anti-dumping liability.

Answer

Part I		₹
Total CIF Price/Assessable Value US \$ 20,000 x ₹ 50	=	10,00,000
Basic duty @ 12%	=	1,20,000
Sub total	=	12,000
Add: SWS 10% on 1,20,000	=	2,400
Value of imported goods	=	11,32,000
Total Customs Duty payable is ₹ 1,32,000.		
Part II		
Rate as per Anti Dumping Notification is ₹ 15,00,000	[US \$ 30 per kg x 1,000 Kgs x ₹ 50]	
Part III		
Computation of anti-dumping duty		
Rate as per Anti Dumping Notification	=	₹ 15,00,000
Less: Value of imported goods as computed above	=	₹ (11,32,000)
Anti Dumping Duty payable	=	₹ 3,68,000



### 3.5 DEFERRED PAYMENT OF IMPORT DUTY RULES, 2016

#### **Deferred Payment of Import Duty Rules, 2016 (w.e.f. 16.11.2016)**

#### **Notification No. 134/2016 Customs (NT) dt. 02.11.2016**

It is based on the principle 'Clear first-Pay later'. As a part of the ease of doing business focus of the Government of India, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has rolled out the AEO (AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATOR) programme. This scheme is in force w.e.f. 16 Nov 2016. AEO means Authorised Economic Operator certified by the Directorate General of Performance Management under CBIC.

#### **Eligible importers:**

This benefit is currently being extended to importers holding AEO T-2 or T-3 status.

**AEO-T2 CERTIFICATE:** This certificate may be granted only to an importer or to an exporter. For the purpose of this certificate, the economic operator should fulfill the criteria set out by the Board.

**AEO-T3 CERTIFICATE:** This certificate may be granted only to an importer or to an exporter. For the purpose of this certificate, the economic operator must have continuously enjoyed the status of AEO-T2 for at-least a period of two years preceding the date of application for grant of AEO-T3 status or the economic operator must be an AEO-T2 certificate holder, and its other business partners namely importers or exporters, Logistics service providers, Custodians / Terminal operators, Customs Brokers and Warehouse operators are holders of AEO-T2 or AEO-LO certificate or any other equivalent AEO certificate granted by a foreign Customs.

**Note:** For the economic operators other than importers and the exporters, the new programme offers only one tier of certification (i.e. AEO-LO) whereas for the importers and the exporters, there will be three tiers of certification (i.e. AEO-T1, AEO-T2 and AEO-T3).

#### **Intimation about intent to avail benefit of notification:**

An eligible importer who intends to avail the benefit of deferred payment shall intimate to the Principal Commissioner of Customs or the Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the port of clearance, his intention to avail the said benefit.

Once, Customs Authority satisfied with the eligiblility of the importer allow him to pay the duty by due dates.

#### **Registration to pay duty under deferred payment scheme:**

Every importer certified as AEO-T2/AEO-T3 shall obtain ICEGATE (Indian Customs Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data interchange (EC/EDI) Gateway) Login which is essential to avail benefits envisaged in the Duty Deferment Scheme.

#### **Electronic payment of duty:**

The eligible importer shall pay the duty electronically: However, the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs may for reasons to be recorded in writing, allow payment of duty by any mode other than electronic payment.

#### **Deferred payment not to apply in certain cases:**

If there in default in payment of duty by due date more than once in three consecutive months, this facility of deferred payment will not be allowed unless the duty with interest has been paid in full.

The benefit of deferred payment of duty will not be available in respect of the goods which have not been assessed or not declared by the importer in the bill of entry.

### Due dates for payment of duty:

The eligible importer has to pay the duty by the dates mentioned below inclusive of the period (excluding holidays) as mentioned in section 47(1):-

For the period From 16.11.2016 to 30.03.2017	
For goods corresponding to bill of entry returned for payment from	Duty to be paid by
1st to 15th day of any month	17th day of that month
16th day till the last day of any month other than March	2nd day of the following month
16th day till the 29th day of March	31st March
30th March to 31st March	2nd April
For the period From 31.03.2017	
1st to 15th day of any month	16th day of that month
16th day till the last day of any month other than March	1st day of the following month
16th day till the 31st day of March	31st March

### 3.6 IMPORTS AND INPUT TAX CREDIT (ITC)

In GST regime, input tax credit of the integrated tax (IGST) and GST Compensation Cess shall be available to the importer and later to the recipients in the supply chain, however the credit of basic customs duty (BCD) would not be available. In order to avail ITC of IGST and GST Compensation Cess, an importer has to mandatorily declare GST Registration number (GSTIN) in the Bill of Entry. Provisional IDs issued by GSTN can be declared during the transition period.

However, importers are advised to complete their registration process for GSTIN as ITC of IGST would be available based on GSTIN declared in the Bill of Entry. Input tax credit shall be availed by a registered person only if all the applicable particulars as prescribed in the Invoice Rules are contained in the said document, and the relevant information, as contained in the said document, is furnished in FORM GSTR - 2 by such person.

Customs EDI system would be interconnected with GSTN for validation of ITC. Further, Bill of Entry data in non - EDI locations would be digitized and used for validation of input tax credit provided by GSTN.

### 3.7 PROJECT IMPORTS AND ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

This concept has been introduced by the Government under the heading 9801 of the Customs Tariff to cover all machinery, instruments apparatus and appliances, components or raw materials for initial setting up or expansion of existing units for the purpose of following eligible projects:

- (i) Industrial plant,
- (ii) Irrigation project,
- (iii) Power project,
- (iv) Mining project,
- (v) Oil & other mineral exploration project
- (vi) Other projects as notified by the Central Government. The spare parts of machinery and raw material etc can be imported upto 10% of value of good can be imported.





**The duties on project imports are as follows:**

Basic Customs Duty (BCD) 5% (whereas normal rate of BCD @10%)

IGST as applicable has to pay.

BCD is 'NIL' for mega power projects, nuclear power projects and water supply projects for agricultural and industrial use.

There is no minimum investment requirement for project Imports with effect from 2.01.2007.

In case of project imports requirement of security deposit has been replaced by a bank guarantee of maximum One crore w.e.f. 8-4-2011.

Currently for items imported under project import scheme (i.e. CTH 9801), unique heading under the Central Excise Tariff, for the purposes of levy of CVD does not exist. Therefore, under the Central Excise Tariff, each item is getting classified in a heading as per its description and duty is paid on merit.

In the GST regime, for the purpose of levying IGST all the imports under the project import scheme will be classified under heading 9801 and duty shall be levied @ 18%.

# Study Note - 4

## VALUATION UNDER CUSTOMS



### This Study Note includes

- 4.1 Introduction
- 4.2 Transaction Value
- 4.3 Valuation for Export Goods
- 4.4 Valuation of Imported Goods

### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

Once the duty liability arises, such duty can be calculated only on the assessable value. As per section 2(41) of the Customs Act, 1962 the term value means in relation to any goods as the value thereof determined in accordance with the provisions of sections 14(1) and sections 14(2) of the Customs Act, 1962. There are basically specific duties based on the quantity of the goods like ₹ 5,000 per Kg of Steel or Ad valorem rate of duty expressed as percentage of the value of the goods say 20% ad valorem. However, Government of India will lose its revenue if it follows specific rate of duty due to continuous upward trend in the price of goods.

As per the World Trade Organization (WTO), Transaction Value (i.e. ad valorem) is the base and our Customs Valuation Rules were prepared based on these lines. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) empowers to fix tariff values of imported goods or export goods by issuing notifications under section 14(2).

### 4.2 TRANSACTION VALUE

As per section 14(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 valuation based on transaction value is applicable for export as well as imported goods

Transaction Value means:

- Price at which such or like goods are ordinarily sold or offered for sale
- for delivery at the time and place of importation
- in the course of international Trade
- When Seller and buyer have no interest in the business of each other and
- Price is the sole consideration for sale
- At rate of exchange as on the date of presentation of Bill of Entry as fixed by the CBIC.

The conditions laid down above are common to imports as well as exports. Export goods are to be valued as per section 14(1) of the Customs Act, 1962. If any one of the above conditions are not satisfied valuation for export goods should be done based on the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Export Goods) Rules, 2007.

However, in case of imported goods, assessable value is to be determined in accordance with the Customs (Determination of Price of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007. Basically there is no conflict between section and rules because main focus is on transaction value which is arrived at based on the valuation rules either in case of export or import.



### 4.3 VALUATION OF EXPORT GOODS

Valuation is essential for export goods even though many products are exempted from export duty under the Customs Law.

Importance of valuation of export goods:

- Duty Drawback
- Export incentives like DEPB License
- Refund of CENVAT credit, if any.
- Payment of duty on export, if any.

**The Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Export Goods) Rules, 2007** is applicable only if the aforesaid conditions are not satisfied:

#### Rule 1:

- (i) These rules may be called the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Export Goods) Rules, 2007.
- (ii) They shall come into force on the 10th day of October, 2007. (iii) They shall apply to export goods.

#### Rule 2: Definitions

Some important definitions are:

- (a) **“goods of like kind and quality”** means export goods which are identical or similar in physical characteristics, quality and reputation as the goods being valued, and perform the same functions or are commercially interchangeable with the goods being valued, produced by the same person or a different person; and
- (b) **“transaction value”** means the value of export goods within the meaning of sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962.

#### Rule 3: Determination of the method of valuation

1. Subject to rule 8, the value of export goods shall be the transaction value.
2. The transaction value shall be accepted even where the buyer and seller are related, provided that the relationship has not influenced the price.
3. If the value cannot be determined under the provisions of sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (2), the value shall be determined by proceeding sequentially through rules 4 to 6.

#### Rule 4: Determination of export value by comparison

- (1) The value of the export goods shall be based on the transaction value of goods of like kind and quality exported at or about the same time to other buyers in the same destination country of importation or in its absence another destination country of importation adjusted in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (2).
- (2) In determining the value of export goods under sub-rule (1), the proper officer shall make such adjustments as appear to him reasonable, taking into consideration the relevant factors, including—
  - difference in the dates of exportation,
  - difference in commercial levels and quantity levels,
  - difference in composition, quality and design between the goods to be assessed and the goods with which they are being compared,
  - difference in domestic freight and insurance charges depending on the place of exportation

### Rule 5: Computed value method

If the value cannot be determined under rule 4, it shall be based on a computed value, which shall include the following:—

- cost of production, manufacture or processing of export goods;
- charges, if any, for the design or brand;
- An amount towards profit.

### Rule 6: Residual method

Subject to the provisions of rule 3, where the value of the export goods cannot be determined under the provisions of rules 4 and 5, the value shall be determined using reasonable means consistent with the principles and general provisions of these rules provided that local market price of the export goods may not be the only basis for determining the value of export goods.

### Rule 7: Declaration by the exporter

The exporter shall furnish a declaration relating to the value of export goods in the manner specified in this behalf.

### Rule 8: Rejection of declared value

- (1) When the proper officer has reason to doubt the truth or accuracy of the value declared in relation to any export goods, he may ask the exporter of such goods to furnish further information including documents or other evidence and if, after receiving such further information, or in the absence of a response from such exporter, the proper officer still has reasonable doubt about the truth or accuracy of the value so declared, the transaction value shall be deemed to have not been determined in accordance with sub-rule (1) of rule 3.
- (2) At the request of an exporter, the proper officer shall intimate the exporter in writing the ground for doubting the truth or accuracy of the value declared in relation to the export goods by such exporter and provide a reasonable opportunity of being heard, before taking a final decision under sub-rule (1).

**Presently the following goods are subject to export duty:**

Commodity	Rate of Duty
Luggage leather	25%
Hides, Skins and leather	15%
Snake skins and lamb skins	10%
Steel product [w.e.f. 10-5-2008]	15%
Iron ores	₹ 300 per metric tonne
Chromium ores	₹ 2,000 per metric tonne

### Refund of Export duty:

Refund of export duty is permissible in the following circumstances subject to satisfaction of certain conditions

- Goods are reimported within one year from the date of export
- These goods are not for resale
- Refund claim is lodged within six months from the date of clearance by Customs Officer for re-importation



#### 4.4 VALUATION OF IMPORTED GOODS

##### Rule 1: Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007

##### Rule 2: Various terms defined like Relative, Transaction Value, Computed Value, Deductive Value, Similar Goods, and Identical Goods etc., Some important definitions are ,

- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -
- (c) "goods of the same class or kind", means imported goods that are within a group or range of imported goods produced by a particular industry or industrial sector and includes identical goods or similar goods;
- (d) "identical goods" means imported goods -
- which are same in all respects, including physical characteristics, quality and reputation as the goods being valued except for minor differences in appearance that do not affect the value of the goods;
  - produced in the country in which the goods being valued were produced; and
  - produced by the same person who produced the goods, or where no such goods are available, goods produced by a different person,

but shall not include imported goods where engineering, development work, art work, design work, plan or sketch undertaken in India were completed directly or indirectly by the buyer on these imported goods free of charge or at a reduced cost for use in connection with the production and sale for export of these imported goods;

- (f) "similar goods" means imported goods -
- which although not alike in all respects, have like characteristics and like component materials which enable them to perform the same functions and to be commercially interchangeable with the goods being valued having regard to the quality, reputation and the existence of trade mark;
  - produced in the country in which the goods being valued were produced; and
  - produced by the same person who produced the goods being valued, or where no such goods are available, goods produced by a different person,

but shall not include imported goods where engineering, development work, art work, design work, plan or sketch undertaken in India were completed directly or indirectly by the buyer on these imported goods free of charge or at a reduced cost for use in connection with the production and sale for export of these imported goods;

Rule 2(da): "**place of importation**" means the customs station, where the goods are brought for being cleared for home consumption or for being removed for deposit in a warehouse;"

- (2) For the purpose of these rules, persons shall be deemed to be "related" only if -
- they are officers or directors of one another's businesses;
  - they are legally recognised partners in business;
  - they are employer and employee;
  - any person directly or indirectly owns, controls or holds five per cent or more of the outstanding voting stock or shares of both of them;
  - one of them directly or indirectly controls the other;
  - both of them are directly or indirectly controlled by a third person; (vii) together they directly or indirectly control a third person; or
  - they are members of the same family.

**Explanation I.** - The term "person" also includes legal persons.



**Explanation II.** - Persons who are associated in the business of one another in that one is the sole agent or sole distributor or sole concessionaire, howsoever described, of the other shall be deemed to be related for the purpose of these rules, if they fall within the criteria of this sub-rule.

**Example 1:**

**M/s. IES Ltd. (assessee) imported certain goods at US \$ 20 per unit from an exporter who was holding 30% equity in the share capital of the importer company. Subsequently, the assessee entered into an agreement with the same exporter to import the said goods in bulk at US \$ 14 per unit. When imports at the reduced price were effected pursuant to this agreement, the Department rejected the transaction value stating that the price was influenced by the relationship and completed the assessment on the basis of transaction value of the earlier imports i.e. at US \$20 per unit under rule 4 of the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007, viz transaction value of identical goods. State briefly, whether the Department's action is sustainable in law, with reference to decided cases, if any.**

**Answer:**

Persons shall be deemed to be "related" if one of them directly or indirectly controls the other. The word "control" has nowhere been defined under the said rules. As per the common parlance, the control is established when one enterprise holds at least 51% of the equity shareholding of the other company. However, in the instant case, the exporter company held only 30% of shareholding of the assessee. Thus, Exporter Company did not exercise a control over the assessee. So, the two parties cannot be said to be related.

The fact that assessee had made bulk imports could be a reason for reduction of import price. The burden to prove under-valuation lies on the Revenue and in absence of any evidence from the Department to prove under-valuation, the price declared by the assessee is acceptable. Therefore the Departmental action is not sustainable in law.

**Rule 3:** Subject to rule 12, the value of imported goods shall be the transaction value adjusted in accordance with provisions of rule 10.

**Transaction Value of import goods under section 14(1) of the Customs Act and Rule 3(1) of the Imported Goods Rules:**

This method is applicable only when importer satisfies the following conditions:

- There are no restrictions as to the disposition or use of the goods by the buyer,
- The sale or price is not subject to some conditions or considerations for which a value cannot be determined in respect of the goods being valued,
- No part of the proceeds of any subsequent resale, disposal or use of the goods by the buyer will accrue directly or indirectly to the seller, unless an appropriate adjustment can be made in accordance with the provisions of rule 10 of these rules, and
- The buyer and seller are not related, or where the buyer and seller are related, that transaction value is acceptable for customs purposes under the provisions of rule 3(3).

**Case Law 1:**

**Commissioner of Cus., Vishakhapatnam v Aggarwal Industries Ltd. 2011 ELT 641 (SC):**

Statement of Facts: The importer entered into contract for supply of crude sunflower seed oil U.S. \$ 435 C.I.F./ Metric ton. Under the contract, the consignment was to be shipped in the month of July, 2011. The period was extended by mutual agreement and goods were shipped on 5th August, 2011 at old agreed prices.

In the meanwhile, the international prices had gone up due to volatility in market, and other imports during August, 2011 were at higher prices.



Department sought to increase the assessable value on the basis of the higher prices as contemporaneous imports.

Decide whether the contention of the department is correct. You may refer to decided case law, if any, for your decision.

**Decision:** No. Department view is not correct. It is true that the commodity involved had volatile fluctuations in its price in the international market, but having delayed the shipment; the supplier did not increase the price of the commodity even after the increase in its price in the international market. There was no allegation of the supplier and importer being in collusion.

Thus, the appeal was allowed in the favour of the respondent- assessee.

**Statement Showing Computation of Assessable value for Imported Goods**

	₹
Value of Material (at ex-factory price)	= xxxx
Carriage/freight/insurance upto the port (sea/air) of shipment in the exporter's country	= xxxx
Charges for loading on to the ship at the shipping port in the exporter's country	= xxxx
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Free on Board (FOB)	= xxxx
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FOB	= xxxx
Add: If not included in the above [Rule 10(1)]	
Commission and brokerage (except buying commissions)	= xxxx
Packing cost (except cost of durable and returnable packing)	= xxxx
Cost of engineering, development and plan or sketches (Undertaken outside India)	= xxxx
Royalties and license fee	= xxxx
Value of subsequent re-sale if payable to foreign supplier	= xxxx
Value of material supplied by the buyer free of cost	= xxxx
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<b>FOB value as per the Customs</b>	= xxxx
Cost of freight if not specified @ 20% of FOB value as per Customs [Rule 10(2)]	= xxxx
Ship demurrage charges on chartered vessels, lighterage or barge charges [Rule 10(2)]	= xxxx
Insurance if not specified @ 1.125% of FOB value as per Customs [Rule 10(2)]	= xxxx
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Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF)/Assessable Value	= xxxx
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**Note:**

- (1) The term "buying commissions" means fees paid by an importer to his agent for the service of representing him abroad in the purchase of the goods being valued.
- (2) Any expenditure like right to reproduce the imported goods in India shall not be added. However, if importer imports software and pays license fee with permission to use its copies at various branches, making additional copies for its own use at various branches does not amount to reproduction. Right to use countrywide is not right to reproduce. Therefore, the whole license fee is includible in assessable value [State Bank of India v Commissioner of Customs (2000) (SC)].



- (3) Cost of actual air freight exceeds @ 20% of FOB, only @ 20% of FOB price will be added for Customs Valuation. However, cost of transport within India is not to be included in the Assessable Value of imported goods.
- (4) Apportioning cost of tools are not consumed immediately by the importer, in such a case he may request Customs Officer to apportion full cost of tooling on first consignment itself.

**Example 2:**

**Cost of tooling is ₹ 2,00,000 and the tool expected to produce 20,000 pieces. If the importer imports 2,000 pieces in the first lot, 10% of cost of such tooling i.e. ₹ 20,000 may be apportioned to the 2,000 pieces and ₹ 20,000 may be added to transaction value for ascertaining assessable value.**

- (5) The cost of transport of the imported goods includes the ship demurrage charges on chartered vessels, lighterage or barge charges. Some times the ship is not brought upto jetty because deep draught at port or ports are very busy or Odd dimensional or heavy lifts or hazardous cargo discharged at anchorage. Hence, charges for bringing goods from outer anchorage to the jetty are called as barging/lighterage charges.
- (6) However, demurrage charges payable to port trust authorities for delay in clearing goods are not to be added in the transaction value.
- (7) Free on Board (FOB): FOB means 'Term of sale' under which the price invoiced or quoted by a seller includes all charges up to placing the goods on board a ship at the port of departure specified by the buyer.
- (8) Exchange Rate: we should consider the exchange rate of CBIC for finding assessable value in Indian Rupees.

**Amendment in Customs Valuation**

As per Notification No. 91/2017-CUSTOMS (N.T.), dt. 26.09.2017, the following changes are made to the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules 2007 (or CVR, 2007), namely:-

- (1) "place of importation" means the customs station, where the goods are brought for being cleared for home consumption or for being removed for deposit in a warehouse;"
- (2) the value of the imported goods shall include –
  - (a) the cost of transport, loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation;
  - (b) the cost of insurance to the place of importation

Provided that where the cost referred to in (a) is not ascertainable, such cost shall be twenty per cent of the free on board value of the goods:

Provided further that where the free on board value of the goods is not ascertainable but the sum of free on board value of the goods and the cost referred to in (b) is ascertainable, the cost referred to in (a) shall be twenty percent of such sum:

Provided also that where the cost referred to in (b) is not ascertainable, such cost shall be 1.125% of free on board value of the goods:

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Provided also that in the case of goods imported by air, where the cost referred to in (a) is ascertainable, such cost shall not exceed twenty per cent of free on board value of the goods:

Provided also that in the case of goods imported by sea or air and transhipped to another customs station in India, the cost of insurance, transport, loading, unloading, handling charges associated with such transshipment shall be excluded.



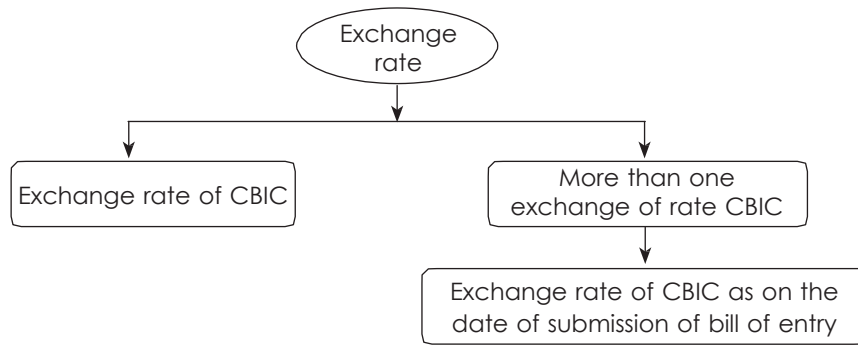


**Explanation:**

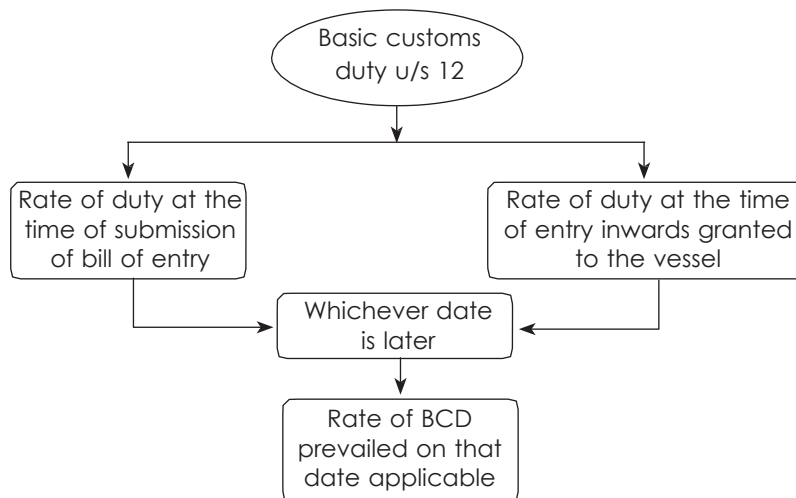
The cost of transport of the imported goods referred to in (a) includes the ship demurrage charges on chartered vessels, lighterage or barge charges."

As per Circular No. 39 / 2017-Customs, dt. 26.09.2017, the treatment of the loading, unloading and handling charges will be:

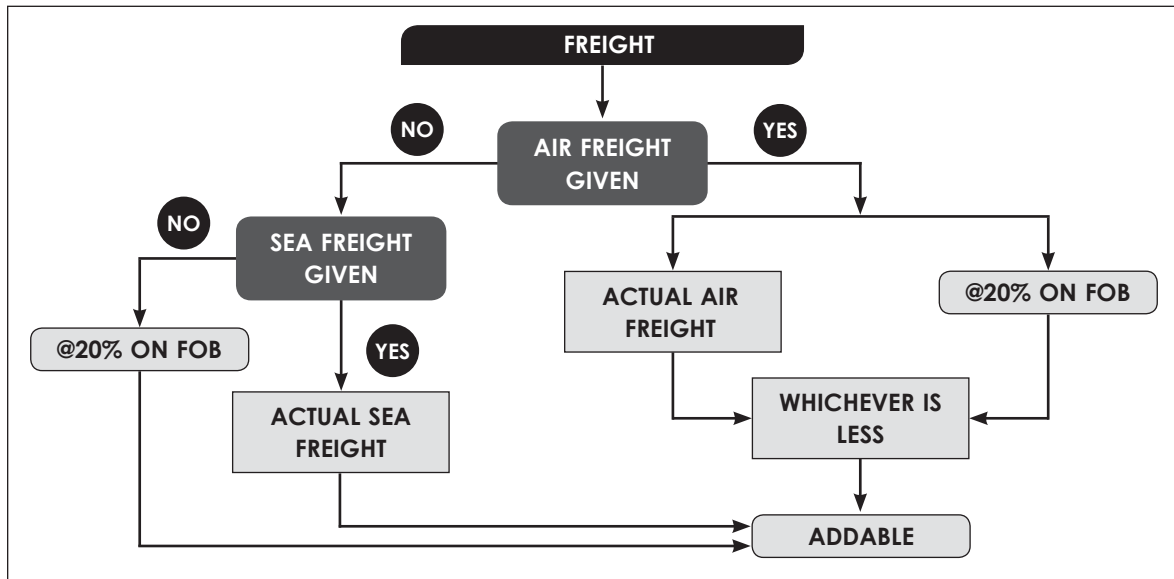
- (1) The Hon'ble Supreme Court had ruled in the case of M/s Wipro Ltd. Vs Assistant Collector of Customs-2015 (319) ELT 177 (S.C.) dated 16/04/2015 that the landing charges to be added to the value of goods, should be based on actual charges incurred, and not a notional charge of 1% as has been provided in the Rules.
- (2) By virtue of the amendment now carried out to the CVR, 2007, the loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods at the place of importation, shall no longer be added to the CIF value of the goods.
- (3) The phrase "loading, unloading and handling charges" is to be understood as "the cost of transport of the imported goods to the port or place of importation". Thus, only charges incurred for delivery of goods "to" the place of importation (such as the loading and handling charges incurred at the load port) shall now be includible in the transaction value.



(9) Rate of determination of Basic Customs Duty:



(10) Freight from the exporter country to importer port or airport addable into assessable value.



(11) Service charges paid to analyzing agent: It is includible in the assessable value of imported goods.

Canalizing agent: Since the canalizing agent is not the agent of the importer nor does he represent the importer abroad, purchases by canalizing agency from foreign seller and subsequent sale by it to Indian importer are independent of each other.

The importer may either place the order directly or through the agent. In case of canalized items, he obtains the imports through the canalizing agency. Canalisation means channelization of goods through a government agency like Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC). The importer cannot directly import such canalized items. They have to place an order with the canalizing agency who shall import and supply the same.

(12) **Inspection Charges:**



**Case Law 2:**

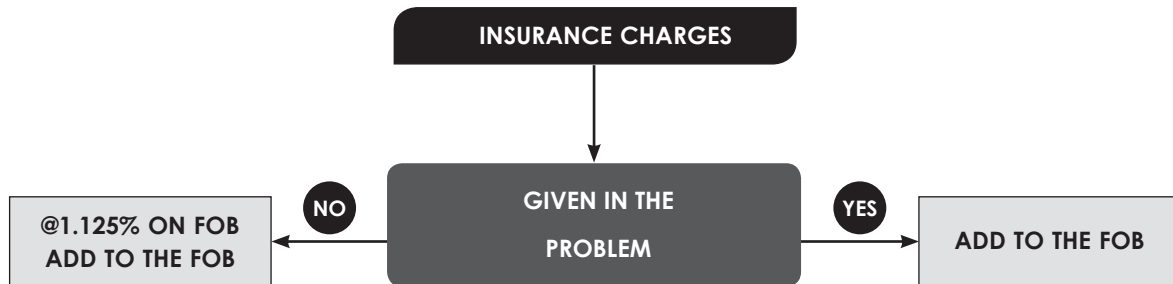
**Commissioner of Central Excise, Mangalore v Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. {(2016) 66 taxmann.com 108 (SC)}**

Revenue contended that demurrage charges paid by the assessee are includible in the assessable value for the levy of custom duty.

**Decision:** Demurrage charges are incurred after the goods reached at Indian Ports, thus it is a post-importation event; relying on the case of Commissioner of Customs v Essar Steel Ltd. (2015) 51 GST 181/58 taxmann.com 191, the Apex Court has held that Demurrage charges are not includible in assessable value of imported goods.



(13) Insurance charges:



Demurrage charges:

**Case Law 3:**

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**Example 3:**  
From the particulars given below, find out the assessable value of the imported goods under the Customs Act, 1962.

	US \$
(i) Cost of the machine at the factory of the exporting country	10,000
(ii) Transport charges incurred by the exporter from his factory to the port for shipment.	500
(iii) Handling charges paid for loading the machine in the ship	50
(iv) Buying commission paid by the importer	50
(v) Freight charges from exporting country to India	1,000
(vi) Exchange Rate to be considered 1\$ = ₹ 65	

**Answer:**  
Statement showing assessable value for imported goods:

S.No.	Particulars	Value US \$	Workings
(i)	Cost of the machine at the factory of the exporting country	10,000	
(ii)	Transport charges incurred by the exporter from his factory to the port for shipment	500	
(iii)	Handling charges paid for loading the machine in the ship	50	
	<b>FOB Value of Exporter</b>	<b>10,550</b>	
(iv)	Buying commission paid by the importer	-	<b>Not addable into the assessable value</b>

(v)	Cost of insurance	118.6875	@1.125% on FOB value
(vi)	Freight charges from exporting country to India	1,000	
(vi)	CIF Value/Assessable Value	11,668.6875	
(vii)	Assessable value (in INR)	₹ 7,58,465	₹ 65 x US \$ 11,668.6875

**Example 4:**

XYZ Industries Ltd., has imported certain equipment from Japan at an FOB cost of 2,00,000 Yen (Japanese). The other expenses incurred by M/s. XYZ Industries in this connection are as follows:

- (i) Freight from Japan to India Port 20,000 Yen
- (ii) Insurance paid to Insurer in India ₹ 10,000
- (iii) Designing charges paid to Consultancy firm in Japan 30,000 Yen
- (iv) M/s. XYZ Industries had expended ₹ 1,00,000 in India for certain development activities with respect to the imported equipment
- (v) XYZ Industries had incurred road transport cost from Mumbai port to their factory in Karnataka ₹ 30,000
- (vi) The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs had notified for purpose of section 14(3)\* of the Customs Act, 1962 exchange rate of 1 Yen = ₹ 0.3948. The inter bank rate was 1 Yen = ₹ 0.40
- (vii) M/s XYZ Industries had effected payment to the Bank based on exchange rate 1 Yen = ₹ 0.4150
- (viii) The commission payable to the agent in India was 5% of FOB cost of the equipment in Indian Rupees Arrive at the assessable value for purposes of customs duty under the Customs Act, 1962 providing brief notes wherever required with appropriate assumptions.

Answer:

Statement showing computation of Assessable Value for the imported goods

Particulars	Amount in Yen	Remarks	Working note
Free on Board (FOB)	2,00,000		
Designing charges	30,000	Addable into the assessable value	
Development charges	—	Not addable into the assessable value, because these are post shipment expenses	
Road transport charges	—	Not addable into the assessable value, because these are post shipment expenses	
Commission	10,000	Addable into the assessable value	2,00,000 x 5% = 10,000
FOB value of the Customs	2,40,000		
	Amount in Rupees		
Total	94,752	Exchange rate of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBIC) is relevant	2,40,000 Yen x 0.3948
Insurance	10,000	Addable into the assessable value	
Freight	7,896	Addable into the assessable value	20,000 x .3948
Total CIF value/ Assessable Value	1,12,648		



**Example 5:**

BSA & Company Ltd. have imported a machine from U.K. From the following particulars furnished by them, arrive at the assessable value for the purpose of customs duty payable:

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|---|-------------------|
| (i) F.O.B. cost of the machine  | 10,000 U.K. ounds |
| (ii) Freight (air) 3,000 U.K. Pounds  |                   |
| (iii) Engineering and design charges paid to a firm in U.K.                             | 500 U.K. Pounds   |
| (iv) License fee relating to imported goods payable by the buyer as a condition of sale | 20% of F.O.B.Cost |
| (v) Materials and components supplied by the buyer free of cost valued                  | ₹ 20,000          |
| (vi) Insurance paid to the insurer in India   | ₹ 6,000           |
| (vii) Buying commission paid by the buyer to his agent in U.K. 100 U.K. Pounds          |                   |

**Other Particulars:**

- (i) Inter-bank exchange rate as arrived by the authorized dealer: ₹ 72.50 per U.K. Pound.
- (ii) CBIC had notified for purpose of Section 14 of the Customs Act, 1944, exchange rate of ₹ 70.25 per U.K. Pound.
- (iii) Importer paid ₹ 5,000 towards demurrage charges for delay in clearing the machine from the Airport. (Make suitable assumptions wherever required and show workings with explanations)

**Answer:**

	UK Pounds
FOB value	= 10,000
Add : Engineering and Design charges (paid in UK)	= 500
Add : License fee (20% on 10,000 UKP)	= 2,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>= 12,500</b>
	<b>Value in ₹</b>
Sub-total (12,500 UKP × ₹ 70.25)	= 8,78,125
Add : Material supplied by the buyer freely	= 20,000
FOB value as per customs	= 8,98,125
Add : Air freight (8,98,125 × 20%)	= 1,79,625
Add : Insurance	= 6,000
<b>CIF value/Assessable Value</b>	<b>= 10,83,750</b>

**Rule 4: Transaction value of Identical Goods**

Identical goods means the goods must be same in all respects, including physical quantity

This method is applicable only when following conditions are satisfied:

- Identical goods can be compared with the other goods of the same country from which import takes place.
- These goods must be valued at a price which is produced by the same manufacturer.
- If price is not available then the price of other manufacturers of the same country is to be taken into account.
- If more than one value of identical goods is available, lowest of such value should be taken.

A condition for adjustment because of different commercial levels or different quantities is that such adjustment, whether it leads to an increase or a decrease in the value, be made only on the basis of demonstrated evidence that clearly establishes the reasonableness and accuracy of the adjustment, e.g. valid price lists containing prices referring to different levels or different quantities.

**Example 6:**

A consignment of 800 metric tonnes of edible oil of Malaysian origin was imported by a charitable organization in India for free distribution to below poverty line citizens in a backward area under the scheme designed by the Food and Agricultural Organization. This being a special transaction, a nominal price of US\$ 10 per metric tonne was charged for the consignment to cover the freight and insurance charges. The Customs House found out that at or about the time of import of this gift consignment, there were following imports of edible oil of Malaysian origin:

S. No.	Quantity imported in metric tonnes	Unit price in US \$ (CIF)
1.	20	260
2.	100	220
3.	500	200
4.	900	175
5.	400	180
6.	780	160

The rate of exchange on the relevant date was 1 US \$ = ₹ 63.00 and the rate of basic customs duty was 15% ad valorem. There is no IGST. Calculate the amount of duty leviable on the consignment under the Customs Act, 1962 with appropriate assumptions and explanations where required.

**Answer:**

Calculation of amount of duty payable:—

exchange rate of \$ 1 = ₹ 63

CIF Value (800 metric tonnes x 160 USD × ₹ 63)/Assessable Value = ₹ 80,64,000

15% Basic Customs duty on ₹ 80,64,000 = ₹ 12,04,600

Add: SWS @ 10% on 12,04,600 = ₹ 1,20,460

Total custom duty payable = ₹ 13,25,060

**Notes:** more than one transaction value for identical goods are given, we are supposed to take the lowest price of the quantity which is nearest to the quantity of import.

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**Example 7:**

If the imported goods being valued consist of a shipment of 10 units and the only identical imported goods for which a transaction value exists involved a sale of 500 units, and it is recognised that the seller grants quantity discounts, the required adjustment may be accomplished by resorting to the seller's price list and using that price applicable to a sale of 10 units. This does not require that a sale had to be made in quantities of 10 as long as the price list has been established as being bona fide through sales at other quantities. In the absence of such an objective measure, however, the determination of a value under the provisions of rule 4 is not appropriate.



**Case Law 4:**

**Gira Enterprises v CCus. 2014 (307) ELT 209 (SC)**

**Can the value of imported goods be increased if Department fails to provide to the importer, evidence of import of identical goods at higher prices?**

**Facts of the Case:** The appellant imported some goods from China. On the basis of certain information obtained through a computer printout from the Customs House, Department alleged that during the period in question, large number of such goods were imported at a much higher price than the price declared by the appellant. Therefore, Department valued such goods on the basis of transaction value of identical goods as per rule 4 of the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007 and demanded the differential duty along with penalty and interest from the appellant. However, Department did not provide these printouts to the appellant.

**Decision:** The Supreme Court held that mere existence of alleged computer printout was not proof of existence of comparable imports. Even if assumed that such printout did exist and content thereof were true, such printout must have been supplied to the appellant and it should have been given reasonable opportunity to establish that the import transactions were not comparable.

Thus, in the given case, the value of imported goods could not be enhanced on the basis of value of identical goods as Department was not able to provide evidence of import of identical goods at higher prices.

**Rule 5: Transaction value of Similar Goods**

“Similar goods” includes—

- Which although not alike in all respects, have like characteristics and like component materials which enable them to perform the same functions and to be commercially interchangeable with the goods being valued having regard to the quality, reputation and the existence of trade mark;
- Produced in the country in which the goods being valued were produced; and
- Produced by the same person who produced the goods being valued, or where no such goods are available, goods produced by a different person, but shall not include imported goods where engineering, development work, art work, design work, plan or sketch undertaken in India were completed directly or indirectly by the buyer on these imported goods free of charge or at a reduced cost for use in connection with the production and sale for export of these imported goods;

**Difference between Identical and Similar Goods**

Identical goods	Similar goods
Goods must be same in all respects, except for minor differences in appearance	Goods have like characteristics and components and perform same functions
<b>For an example:</b> Hero Honda two Wheeler Products namely Splendor and Passion	<b>For an example:</b> Hero Honda Splendor and Bajaj scooter.

**Rule 6: Determination of value**

If the value of imported goods cannot be determined under the provisions of rules 3, 4 and 5, the value shall be determined under the provisions of rule 7 or, when the value cannot be determined under that rule, under rule 8.

**Rule 7: Deductive Value**

Based on the request of the importer if the Customs Officer approves, either deductive method or computed value method as the case may be can be adopted.

In case of deductive method the valuation is as follows:

- Assessable is calculated by reducing the post-importation costs and expenses from this selling price.

**Example 8:**

**Selling price minus selling commission, transportation, insurance associated costs within India and duties and taxes paid in India.**

- This method may be used when goods are extracted on High Seas (e.g. minerals, crude oil etc.) and brought into India for sale. It will be import and dutiable.

**Example 9:**

**Valuation where various quantities are sold at various prices.**

**(a) Sales**

Sale quantity	Unit price
40 units	100
30 units	90
15 units	100
50 units	95
Sale quantity	Unit price
25 units	105
35 units	90
5 units	100

**(b) Totals**

Total quantity Sold	Unit price
65	90
50	95
60	100
25	105

In this example, the greatest number of units sold at a particular price is 65; therefore, the unit price in the greatest aggregate quantity is ₹ 90.

**Example 10:**

X Ltd., imported 500 units of minerals from High Seas for sale in India. Selling price exclusive of duties and taxes. Freight from port to depot in India is ₹ 10,150 and Insurance ₹ 1,250.

Sale quantity	Unit price ₹
400 units	100
300 units	90
150 units	100
500 units	95





250 units	105
350 units	90
50 units	100

Basic Customs Duty 12% and education cess as applicable. Calculate total customs duty as per Rule 7 of Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007. Assume there is no IGST applicable for the product.

Answer:

Total quantity Sold	Unit price
650	90
500	95
600	100
250	105

The greatest number of units sold at a particular price is 650 units;  
Therefore, the unit price in the greatest aggregate quantity is ₹ 90.

	₹
Selling Price	= 45,000 (i.e. 500 units x ₹ 90)
Less: Freight (post shipment)	= (10,150)
Less: Insurance (post shipment)	= (1,250)
Assessable Value	= 33,600
Total Customs Duty = ₹ 4,435.2	(i.e. 33,600 X 13.2%)

**Example 11:**

A Ltd., sell in India from a price list which grants favourable unit prices for purchases made in larger quantities.

Sale quantity	Unit price in ₹ (Exclusive of duties and taxes)	Number of sales
1-10 units	100	10 sales of 5 units 5 sales of 3 units
11-25 units	95	5 sales of 11 units
Over 25 units	90	1 sale of 30 units 1 sale of 50 units

The selling price includes the following post shipment expenses:

Freight from port to factory in India for ₹ 24,000

Insurance to cover transit damage from port to factory in India for ₹ 6,000

Number of units imported from high seas 5,000 units. Find the assessable value and total customs duty.

Note: BCD @12%.

Sale quantity	Unit price in ₹ (exclusive of duties and taxes)	Total quantity sold at each price
1-10 units	100	65
11-25 units	95	55
Over 25 units	90	80

The greatest number of units sold 80, therefore, the unit price in the greatest aggregate quantity is ₹ 90.

	₹	
<b>Sale value</b>	=	<b>4,50,000 (i.e. ₹ 90 x 5,000 units)</b>
<b>Less: Freight &amp; insurance</b>	=	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Assessable value</b>	=	<b>4,20,000</b>
<b>Total customs duty</b>	=	<b>₹ 55,440 (₹ 4,20,000 x 13.2%)</b>

### Rule 8: Computed Value

The value of imported goods shall be based on a computed value, which shall consist of the sum of:—

- The cost or value of materials and fabrication or other processing employed in producing the imported goods;
- an amount for profit and general expenses equal to that usually reflected in sales of goods of the same class or kind as the goods being valued which are made by producers in the country of exportation for export to India;
- The cost or value of all other expenses under sub-rule (2) of rule 10.

This method is normally possible when the importer in India and foreign exporter are closely associated and the foreign exporter is willing to give necessary costing.	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Cost of Materials and General Expenses for producing the imported good</td> <td style="text-align: right;">₹</td> <td style="text-align: right;">= xxx</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Add: profit of the exporter</td> <td style="text-align: right;">=</td> <td style="text-align: right;">xxx</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Add: all expenditure as per Rule 10</td> <td style="text-align: right;">=</td> <td style="text-align: right;">xxx</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assessable Value</td> <td style="text-align: right;">=</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>XXX</u></td> </tr> </table>	Cost of Materials and General Expenses for producing the imported good	₹	= xxx	Add: profit of the exporter	=	xxx	Add: all expenditure as per Rule 10	=	xxx	Assessable Value	=	<u>XXX</u>
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### Rule 9: Residual method

Residual method is also called as Best Judgment Method. This method is applicable when all aforesaid methods are not applicable. The value determined under this method cannot exceed normal price at which such or like goods are ordinarily sold or offered for sale for delivery at the time and place of importation in course of International Trade, when seller or the buyer are non-relatives and the price is sole consideration for such sale.

While determining Assessable Value, we should not consider the following

- The selling price in India of the goods produced in India;
- A system which provides for the acceptance for customs purposes of the highest of the two alternative values;
- The price of the goods on the domestic market of the country of exportation;
- The cost of production other than computed values which have been determined for identical or similar goods in accordance with the provisions of rule 8;
- The price of the goods for the export to a country other than India;
- Minimum customs values; or
- Arbitrary or fictitious values.



**Rule 10: Cost of Services:**

The following shall be added to the invoice price (i.e. FOB value) to determine the transaction value for imported goods:

		Value in Rupees
Commission and brokerage (except buying commissions)	=	xxxx
Packing cost (except cost of durable and returnable packing)	=	xxxx
Cost of engineering, development and plan or sketches (Undertaken outside India)	=	xxxx
Royalties and license fee	=	xxxx
Value of subsequent re-sale if payable to foreign supplier	=	xxxx
Cost of freight and insurance up to place of importation	=	xxxx
Cost of freight if not specified @ 20% of FOB	=	xxxx
Insurance if not specified @1.125% of FOB	=	xxxx
Ship demurrage charges on chartered vessels, lighterage or barge charges	=	xxxx
	=	<u>xxxx</u>

The following shall not be added to the invoice price (i.e. FOB value) to determine the transaction value for imported goods:

Value in Rupees		
Duties and taxes in India	=	xxx
Cost of erection charges in India	=	xxx
Cost of transport and insurance from port to factory of importer in India	=	xxx
Cost of development charges in connection with imported machinery	=	xxx
Port demurrage charges and unloading charges in India	=	xxx
Any other charges incurred after importation (i.e. Post shipment charges, unless such post shipment charges are pre-condition for importation)	=	xxx

**Important points for imported goods:**

**The Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Amendment Rules, 2017 [Notification No. 91/2017-Customs (NT), dated 26th September, 2017]**

Rule 10(2): For the purposes of sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) and these rules, the value of the imported goods shall be the value of such goods, and shall include—

Clause (a) the cost of transport, loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation;

Clause (b) the cost of insurance to the place of importation:

Provided that where the cost referred to in clause (a) is not ascertainable, such cost shall be 20% of the free on-board value of the goods:

Provided further that where the free on-board value of the goods is not ascertainable but the sum of free on-board value of the goods and the cost referred to in clause (b) is ascertainable, the cost referred to in clause (a) shall be 20% of such sum:

Provided also that where the cost referred to in clause (b) is not ascertainable, such cost shall be 1.125% of free on-board value of the goods:

Provided also that where the free on-board value of the goods is not ascertainable but the sum of free on-board value of the goods and the cost referred to in clause (a) is ascertainable, the cost referred to in clause (b) shall be 1.125% of such sum:

Provided also that in the case of goods imported by air, where the cost referred to in clause (a) is ascertainable, such cost shall not exceed 20% of free on-board value of the goods:

Provided also that in the case of goods imported by sea or air and transhipped to another customs station in India, the cost of insurance, transport, loading, unloading, handling charges associated with such transshipment shall be excluded.

**Explanation** — The cost of transport of the imported goods referred to in clause (a) includes the ship demurrage charges on chartered vessels, lighterage or barge charges."

**Example1:** Determine the assessable value of imported goods in the following cases:

**Case I:**

Particulars	US \$
FOB value	1,000
Freight, loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation	Not known
Insurance charges	10

**Answer:**

Particulars	US \$	Working note
FOB value	1,000	
Add: Freight, loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation	200	1,000 x 20% (As per 1st Proviso to Rule 10(2) of the Customs Valuation Rules for imported goods.
Add: Insurance charges	10	
Assessable value (i.e. CIF value)	1,210	

**Case II:**

Particulars	US \$
FOB Value plus insurance charges	1,010
Freight, loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation	Not known



**Answer:**

Particulars	US \$	Working note
FOB value plus insurance charges	1,010	
Add: Freight, loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation	202	1,010 × 20% (As per 2nd Proviso to Rule 10(2) of the Customs Valuation Rules for imported goods.
Assessable value (i.e. CIF value)	1,212	
Assessable value (i.e. CIF value)	1,210	

**Case III:**

Particulars	US \$
FOB value	1,000
Sea freight, loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation	60
Insurance charges	Not known

**Answer:**

Particulars	US \$	Working note
FOB value	1,000	
Add: Sea freight, loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation	60	
Add: Insurance charges	11.25	1,000 × 1.125% (As per 3rd Proviso to Rule 10(2) of the Customs Valuation Rules for imported goods.
Assessable value (i.e. CIF value)	1,071.25	

**Case IV:**

Particulars	US \$
FOB value plus sea freight and loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation	1,060
Insurance charges	Not known

**Answer:**

Particulars	US \$	Working note
FOB value plus sea freight and loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation	1,060	
Add: Insurance charges	11.925	1,060 × 1.125% (As per 4th Proviso to Rule 10(2) of the Customs Valuation Rules for imported goods.
Assessable value (i.e. CIF value)	1,071.925	

**Case V:**

Particulars	US \$
FOB value	1,000
Air freight, loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation	250
Insurance charges	10

**Answer:**

Particulars	US \$	Working note
FOB value	1,000	
Add: Air freight, loading, unloading and handling charges associated with the delivery of the imported goods to the place of importation Note: Restricted to 20% of the FOB value.	200	1,000 x 20% % (As per 5th Proviso to Rule 10(2) of the Customs Valuation Rules for imported goods.
Insurance charges	10	
Assessable value (i.e. CIF value)	1,210	

**Point 3: Cost of freight in case of goods imported by air:**

In the case of goods imported by air, where the cost of freight is ascertainable, such cost shall not exceed 20% of free on board value of the goods:

**Point 4: Cost of freight in case of goods imported by sea:**

In case of goods imported by sea, stuffed in a container for clearance in an Inland Container Depot (ICD) or Container Freight Station (CFS), cost of freight from the port of entry to ICD or CFS shall not be included in the cost of transport referred to in rule 10(2)(a).

**Rule 11: Declaration by the Importer:**

As per this rule, the importer shall declare value and furnish all documents or information called for by the proper officer for the purposes of valuation. Wrong declaration of value under Rule 10 may call for penal provisions in Customs Act, 1962

**Rule 12: Rejection of Declared Value:**

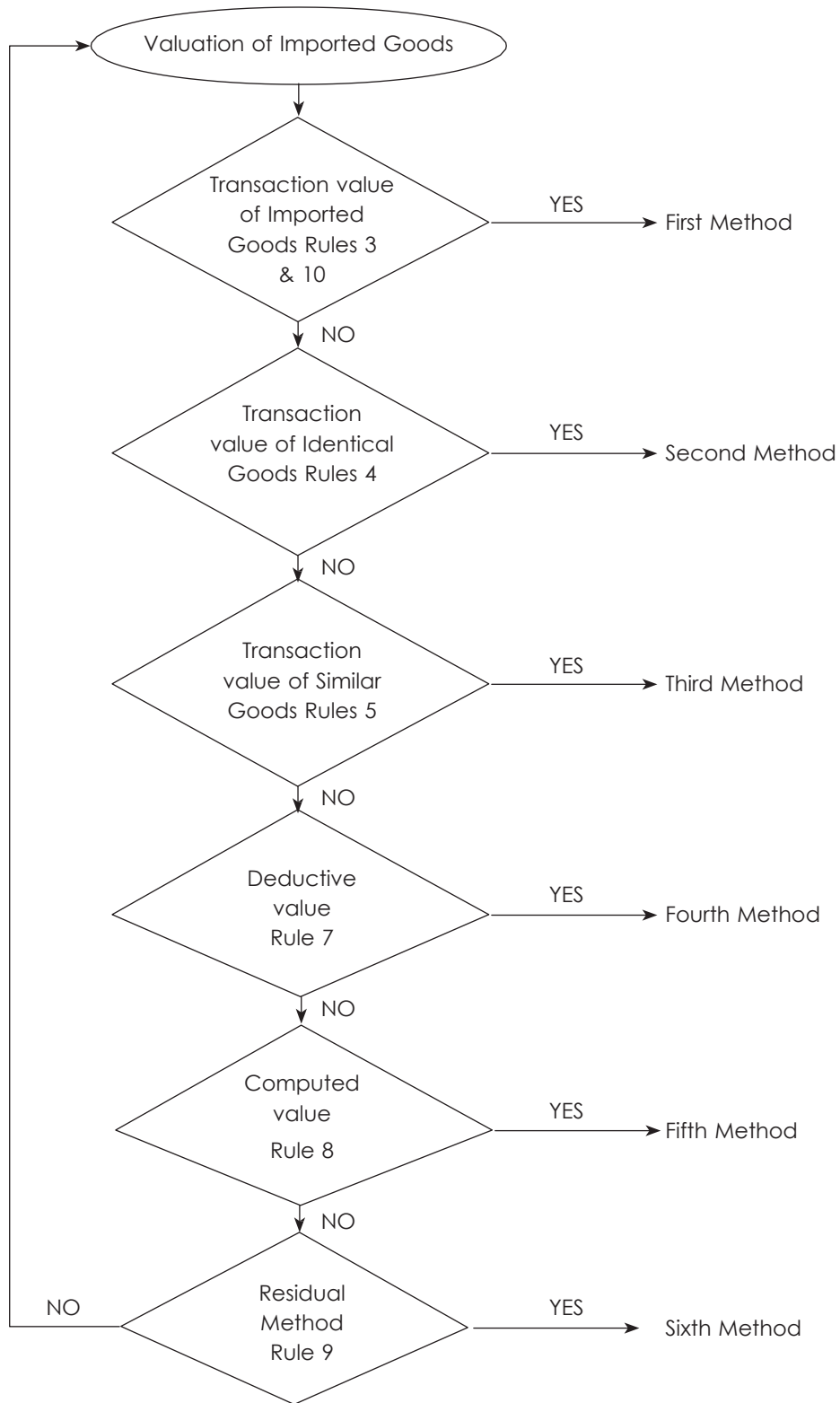
If the proper officer feels that the declaration made under Rule 11 are not fair values he may reject it as not suitable in the determination of Transaction value under Rule 3, after procuring further information or documents. However, final decision under Rule 12 shall be taken after proper hearing only.

**Rule 13: Interpretative Notes:**

These notes specified in the schedule to these rules are meant to render help in the interpretation of these rules. These interpretative notes are explained already in the aforesaid rules.



The following methods can be applied in sequential order for imported goods





### Self-Examination Questions

#### 1. Theory Questions

**Q1.** Explain the procedure to be followed for finding the transaction value with reference to Assessable Value?

**Answer 1:** please refer point no. 4.2

**Q2.** When is the residual method applicable?

**Answer 2:** please refer point no. 4.4, Rule 9

**Q3.** State the points of difference between valuation of imported goods under Customs Act, 1962 and imported services under Finance Act, 1994 and valuation of imported goods and services, as per relevant Accounting Standard.

**Answer 3:** Difference between valuation of imported goods and imported services:

S.No.	Imported goods	Imported Services
(i)	Valuation for imported goods as per Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007	Valuation for imported services should be as per Service Tax (Determination of Value) Rules, 2006
(ii)	Related person concept plays vital role under customs	Related person concept has no importance
(iii)	CBIC exchange rate as on the date of submission of bill of entry is relevant	There is no such concept
(iv)	Imported goods should be valued for the balance sheet purpose as per Accounting Standard -2.	Imported services no Accounting Standards so far.
(v)	Closing stock should be valued inclusive of all taxes and duties unless credit allowed.	Service should be valued inclusive of all taxes and duties unless credit allowed.

#### 2. Practical Problems with Answers

##### FOB, CIF and Assessable Value (Rule 3 read with Rule 10)

##### Illustration 1:

Following particulars are available in respect of consignment of goods imported:

- (i) Cost at the factory of the exporter : US\$ 20,000
- (ii) Carriage/freight/insurance upto the port of shipment in the exporter's country : US\$ 400
- (iii) Charges for loading on to the ship at the shipping port : US\$ 100
- (iv) Freight charges of the ship for transport upto the Indian port : US\$ 1,200
- (v) Bill of entry submitted by the importer as on 18.7.2010

Compute the assessable value for the purpose of levy/payment of customs duty.





Rate of exchange as announced by	As on 18.07.2010	As on 7.08.2010
CBIC	1 US \$ = ₹ 46	1 US \$ = ₹ 45.80
RBI	1 US \$ = ₹ 46.10	1 US \$ = ₹ 46.10

**Solution:**

**Statement showing assessable of imported goods**

Particulars	Value in US\$	Workings
Cost at the factory (ex-factory price)	20,000	
Carriage/freight/insurance upto the port of shipment	400	
Charges for loading on the ship at the shipping port	100	
Free On Board (FOB)	20,500	
Insurance charges @1.125% on FOB	230.625	US\$ 20,500 x 1.125% = US \$ 230.625
Freight charges	1,200	Actual taken into account
CIF Value/Assessable Value	21,930.625	
	Value in ₹	
<b>Assessable Value</b>	<b>10,08,809</b>	<b>US\$ 21,930.625 x ₹ 46</b>

**Transaction value of Imported Goods (Rule 3 read with Rule 10)**

**Illustration 2:**

An importer imported some goods by air for subsequent sale in India at \$12,000 on FOB basis. Insurance is \$135 and freight for \$3,000. Relevant exchange rate as notified by the Central Government and RBI was ₹ 45 and ₹ 45.50 respectively.

Arrive at the Assessable value

**Solution:**

Particulars	Amount in \$	Remarks	Workings
F O B value	12,000		
Add: Insurance	135	Addable into the assessable value	
Add: Air Freight	2,400	Air freight restricted to 20% on FOB	\$12,000 x 20% = \$2,400
CIF value/Assessable Value	14,535		
	Value in ₹		
<b>Assessable value</b>	<b>6,54,075</b>	Exchange rate of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs is relevant. If this rate is not given then we have to take the Government of India exchange rate	\$14,535 x ₹ 45

**Illustration 3:**

Following particulars are available in respect of certain goods imported into India:

FOB price: US\$30,000

Exchange rate:

Notified by RBI ₹ 50 = US\$1

Notified by CBIC ₹ 48 = US\$1

Compute the assessable value as per the Customs Act, 1962 and the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007.

**Solution:** Statement showing assessable value:

Particulars	US \$
FOB	30,000.00
Add: Insurance @1.125% on FOB	337.50
Add: Freight 20% on FOB	6,000.00
CIF value/Assessable Value	36,337.50
	Value in ₹
Assessable value (i.e. US \$ 36,337.50 x ₹ 48)	17,44,200

**Post Shipment Expenses**
**Illustration 4:**

Care Energy Ltd. imported a lift from England at an invoice price of ₹ 20,00,000. The assessee had supplied raw material worth ₹ 5,00,000 to the supplier for the manufacture of said lift. Due to safety reasons, the lift was not taken to the jetty in the port but was unloaded at the outer anchorage. The charges incurred for such unloading amounted to ₹ 25,000 and the cost incurred on transport of the lift from outer anchorage to the jetty was ₹ 50,000. The importer was also required to pay ship demurrage charges ₹ 10,000. The lift was imported at an actual cost of transport ₹ 45,000 and insurance charges ₹ 20,000. Compute its assessable value.

**Solution:**

Value goods	= ₹ 20,00,000
<b>Add:</b> Raw material supplied	= ₹ 5,00,000
FOB	= ₹ 25,00,000
Charges for bringing the goods from Outer anchorage to jetty is known as Barging/lighterage or barge charges	= ₹ 50,000
Ship demurrage on chartered vessels (i.e. Demurrage is payable when ship was not unloaded within specified time)	= ₹ 10,000
Freight charges (Transport charges)	= ₹ 45,000
Insurance charges	= ₹ 20,000
Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF)/ Assessable Value	= ₹ 26,25,000

**Note:** actual amount of unloading charges or stevedoring charges are not addable into the assessable value.



**Revised CIF Value:**

**Illustration 5:** Liberty International Group has imported a machine by air from United States. Bill of entry is presented on 18.07.2016. However, entry inwards is granted on 7.08.2016.

The relevant details of the transaction are provided as follows:—

CIF value of the machine imported	\$ 13,000
Air freight paid	\$ 2,800
Insurance charges paid	\$ 200

Rate of exchange as announced by	As on 18.07.2016	As on 7.08.2016
CBIC	1 US \$ = ₹ 46	1 US \$ = ₹ 45.80
RBI	1 US \$ = ₹ 46.10	1 US \$ = ₹ 46.10

Calculate the assessable value (in rupees) for the purposes of levy of customs duty.

Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.

**Solution:**

Particulars	Amount in US\$	Remarks	Workings
CIF value	13,000		
Less: Air freight	2,800	Air freight should not be more than 20% on FOB	
Less: insurance	200		
F O B value	10,000		
Add: Air freight	2,000	Air freight restricted to 20% on the FOB value	10,000 x 20% = 2,000
Add: Insurance	200		
CIF value/Assessable Value	12,200		US\$ (10,000 + 2,000 + 200)
	Amount in ₹		
<b>Assessable value</b>	<b>5,61,200</b>	CBIC exchange rate as on the date of submission of bill of entry is relevant.	US\$12,200 x 46 = ₹ 5,61,200

**Illustration 6:**

A Ltd. imported a machine at an invoice price of GBP (Great British Pound) £ 10,000.

This sum includes £ 2,000 attributable to post importation activities to be carried out by the seller. A Ltd. had supplied raw materials worth £500 to the seller for the manufacture of the said machine. The importer imported these goods by vessel and actual cost of transport is £1,500 and lighterage and barge charges in India are ₹ 50,000. Ship demurrage charges of ₹ 10,000. The importer also incurred in India ₹ 25,000 for transportation of goods from port of entry to Inland Container Depot (ICD). Insurance charges not known.

Exchange rate 1£ = ₹ 66.

**Note:** post shipment expenditure is not pre-condition for such import.

**Solution :**

Particulars	Value in GBP (£)	Remarks
Value of Machine	10,000	
Less: Cost of post shipment expenditure	2,000	It is not pre-condition for importation, hence deducted from the value of machine. Value of post shipment expenditure is addable to the assessable value if such expenditure is pre-condition for such import.
Add: cost of material supplied	500	Cost of material supplied is also addable into the assessable value.
Sub-total	8,500	
	<b>Value in ₹</b>	
Sub-total	5,61,000	8,500 x ₹ 66
Add: ship demurrages	10,000	
Add: lighterage and barge charges	50,000	
Add: transportation of goods from port of entry to ICD	Nil	transportation of goods from port of entry to Inland Container Depot (ICD), not addable in assessable.
FOB value of the Customs	6,21,000	
Add: Insurance charges	6,986.25	₹ 6,21,000 x 1.125% = 6,986.25
Add: Freight charges	99,000	1,500 x ₹ 66
Cost Insurance and Freight (CIF) value/ Assessable Value	7,26,986.25 or, 7,26,986	

**Illustration 7:**

An importer imported some goods for subsequent sale in India. The Customs Officer assessed value of goods for ₹ 10,19,090.

The above value includes the following:

Air Freight 25% on Free on Board (FOB)

Insurance @1.125%

Importer approached you to find correct assessable value for his import.

**Solution:**

Assessable value (AV) = (FOB + Insurance + Air freight)

Let assume FOB = X

Add: Air Freight = 0.25X

Add: Insurance = 0.01125X

CIF Value/Assessable value = 1.26125X



	₹	
FOB value	=	8,08,000 (₹ 10,19,090 ÷ 1.26125)
Add: Air freight 20% on FOB	=	1,61,600
Add: Insurance @1.125%	=	9,090
CIF Value/ Assessable value	=	<u>9,78,690</u>

**Illustration 8:**

Following particulars are available in respect of certain goods imported into India:

CIF value: US\$10,000

Exchange rate:

Notified by RBI ₹ 50 = US\$1

Notified by CBIC ₹ 48 = US\$1

Compute the following:

- (a) FOB value
- (b) Cost of insurance
- (c) Cost of freight and
- (d) Assessable value in rupees as per the Customs Act, 1962 and the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007.

**Solution:**

As per Rule 10(2) proviso 3 of the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007, where FOB value of goods and Cost of Insurance and Freight are not ascertainable, then the cost of insurance and transport shall be computed as follows:

Particulars	As per Rule 10(2) proviso 3	Working
Cost of transport (i.e. Freight not known)	20% x (FOB value + Cost of Insurance)	CIF value x 20/120
Insurance (i.e. not known)	1.125% x (FOB value + Cost of transport)	CIF value x 1.125/101.125
FOB value	CIF value – cost transport – cost of insurance	

CIF value in ₹ 4,80,000 (i.e. US \$ 10,000 x ₹ 48)

	₹	
(a) FOB value	=	3,94,660 (i.e. ₹ 4,80,000 – 80,000 – 5,340)
(b) Cost of insurance	=	5,340 (i.e. ₹ 4,80,000 x 1.125/101.125)
(c) Cost of transport (i.e. Freight)	=	80,000 (i.e. ₹ 4,80,000 x 20/120)
(d) Assessable value	=	4,80,000

**Illustration 9:**

Following particulars are available in respect of consignment of goods imported:

- (i) Cost at the factory of the exporter: US\$ 20,000
- (ii) Carriage/freight/insurance upto the port of shipment in the exporter's country: US\$ 400
- (iii) Charges for loading on to the ship at the shipping port: US\$ 100
- (iv) Freight charges of the ship for transport upto the Indian port: US\$ 1,200

Compute the assessable value for the purpose of levy/payment of customs duty.

**Solution :**
**Statement showing assessable of imported goods**

Particulars	Value in US\$	Workings
Cost at the factory (ex-factory price)	20,000	
Carriage/freight/insurance upto the port of shipment	400	
Charges for loading on the ship at the shipping port	100	
Free On Board (FOB)	20,500	
Insurance charges @1.125% on FOB	230.625	US\$ 20,500 x 1.125% = 230.625
Freight charges	1,200	Actual taken into account
CIF Value/ Assessable value	21,930.625	

**Note:** Since exchange rate is not given; therefore it is difficult to calculate the assessable value in Indian Rupees.

**Illustration 10:**

From the particulars given below, find out the assessable value of the imported goods under the Customs Act, 1962.

	US \$
(i) Cost of the machine at the factory of the exporting country	10,000
(ii) Transport charges incurred by the exporter from his factory to the port for shipment.	500
(iii) Handling charges paid for loading the machine in the ship	50
(iv) Buying commission paid by the importer	50
(v) Freight charges from exporting country to India	1,000
(vi) Exchange Rate to be considered 1\$ = ₹ 45	

**Solution:** Statement showing assessable value for imported goods:

S.No.	Particulars	Value US \$	Workings
(i)	Cost of the machine at the factory of the exporting country	10,000	
(ii)	Transport charges incurred by the exporter from his factory to the port for shipment	500	
(iii)	Handling charges paid for loading the machine in the ship	50	
	FOB Value	10,550	



S.No.	Particulars	Value US \$	Workings
(iv)	Buying commission paid by the importer	-	Not addable into the assessable value
(v)	Cost of insurance	118.6875	@1.125% on FOB value
(vi)	Freight charges from exporting country to India	1,000	
(vi)	CIF Value	11,668.6875	
(vii)	Assessable value	₹ 5,25,091	₹ 45 x US \$ 11,668.6875

**Illustration 11.** M/s Arman Ltd. a manufacturer has imported a machinery along with accessories required for the said machinery on 15th June, 2013. Details of information related to import of machinery are given below. Please

Particulars	Amount
Machinery imported from USA by air (FOB price)	US\$. 5000
Accessories compulsorily along with the machinery	US\$. 1000
Air freight	US\$. 1800
Insurance charges	Not available
Local agent's commission to be paid in India currency	₹ 9300
Transportation from India Airport to factory	₹ 4000
Exchange Rate notified by CBDT --- US\$1 = ₹ 62	
Exchange Rate as per RBI --- US\$1 = ₹ 59.50	

- (i) Compute the assessable value for purpose of determination of customs duty.
- (ii) Provide explanations where necessary.

**Solution:**

Particulars	Machinery ₹	Accessories ₹	Workings
FOB value	3,10,000	62,000	
Commission	7,750	1,550	Allocated in the ratio of FOB 5:1
FOB value of the customs	3,17,750	63,550	
Air freight	63,550	12,710	Should not exceeds 20% on FOB
Insurance	3,575	715	1.125% on FOB
CIF Value/ Assessable value	3,84,875	76,975	

**3. Case Studies with Answers**

**Q 1.** The assessee-respondent had been importing "Orange Shock Tube" from the exporter at a unit price of US\$0.0150 per ft till November, 2000 when the price was reduced to US\$0.0141 per ft. However, in June, 2001, the importer declared the value of the imported tubes at a unit price of US\$0.0100 per ft. Revenue contended that declared value was substantially lower than the actual value i.e. the assessee had under-valued the goods. Therefore, the value had to be determined as per erstwhile rule 5 of Customs Valuation Rules, 1988 [now rule 4 of Customs Valuation (Determination of value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007], viz., transactional value of



identical goods. In this regard, the assessee provided the explanation that the reduction in price was subject to mutual agreement that he would purchase 100% of its annual requirement from the same exporter.

**Answer:** There is no undervaluation and hence, transactional value should be accepted as assessable value.

**[CCus. v Initiating Explosives Systems (I) Ltd. 2008 (224) ELT 343 (SC)]**

**Q 2.** The assessee was a manufacturer of printers. The shuttle, an integral part of a printer, was imported by him. The question which arose for determination was whether the adjudicating authority was entitled to load the royalty/ license fee payment on the price of the imported goods, viz., shuttle by taking its peak price.

**Answer:** Any post shipment expenses is includible in the assessable value only when it is pre-requisite to the sale or purchase. Hence, in the given case the royalty was not a pre-requisite condition for sale of shuttle. Therefore, the Department's contention is not tenable in the eyes of law. **[Wep Peripherals Ltd. v CCus., Chennai 2008 (224) ELT 30 (SC)]**

**Q 3.** The goods initially exported by the assessee were re-imported back to India on being rejected by the foreign buyer as defective. The assessee initially claimed in the Bills of Entry the benefit of notification no. 158/95-Cus and also executed bonds for re-export, as required under the said notification. The assessee could not re-export the goods due to recessionary conditions in the textile industry. It claimed before the adjudicating authority that since it was not possible for it to re-export the goods, it should be allowed the benefits of another Notification No. 94/96-Cus. which was in force at the time of clearance from the factory originally. The main contention raised by the assessee was that if the benefits were available under the two notifications to the assessee, then the assessee could avail of the benefits under either of them.

Revenue's reply to the said contention was that it was not correct to say that if two notifications were applicable, assessee after having opted to take the benefit under one of the notifications could change its option and avail the benefit under the other scheme because of the nature and contents of the notification. Whether the assessee can change its option and avail the benefit under other notification?

**Answer:** Once the assessee had claimed the Notification No. 158/95 for import of goods without payment of duty, then he has to fulfil all conditions mentioned in the said notification. Therefore, it is not open to the assessee to opt for another notification because he had not fulfilled the conditions of the earlier notification. **[CCus., Calcutta v Indian Rayon & Industries Ltd. 2008 (229) ELT 3 (SC)]**

**Q 4.** Gujarat Dry Fruits Limited imported dry fruits and declared the value as under—

Date of imports	Quantity (MT)	Declared value ₹ per MT	Country of import
November 2019	250	25,000	Egypt
November 2019	150	25,000	Egypt

It was found that imports were also made by some other dealers as indicated below:

Date of Imports:	Quantity (MT)	Declared Value	Country of import
And importer		₹ per MT	
September 2019	50	35,000	Dubai
Mumbai Intil			
October 2019			
Chennai Fruits Ltd	20	40,000	Persia





The Customs Department has sought to assess the imports made by the Gujarat Dry Fruits Ltd. as Contemporaneous imports under section 14 read with Rule 4 of the Customs Valuation Rules, 2007. Briefly examine whether the action proposed by the Department is correct.

**Answer:** The goods are said to be identical only if the goods to be valued have been produced in the same country. In the given question, the goods in question have been imported from Egypt, while other importers have imported goods from other countries. Therefore, the department action is not correct.

**Q 5.** The assessee M Ltd. entered into a joint venture with a foreign collaborator N for promotion and selling of antennas, accessories and other communication equipment. The agreement between them indicates that N owned majority of equity shares in M Ltd. Technical Services were provided by N to M Ltd, for various functions that were carried out in respect of manufacture of antenna system in India, for which technical services fee was paid to N by M Ltd. Based on the above facts, the department opined that both M Ltd. and N were related persons in terms of rule 2(2)(1) and 2(2)(iv) of the Customs Valuation (Determination of Price of Imported Goods) Rules, 1988 and that the technical fee paid by M Ltd. was includible in the assessable value of the imported components in terms of Rule 9(1)(c) of the Rules. Decide referring to decided case law.

**Answer:** Technical fee cannot be added simply because the importer and exporter are 'Related Persons'. It can be added only if it is related to imported goods itself. Here, import was for components while technical fee was for manufacture of antenna systems. The fee is not connected to imported goods. Hence, not includible. [CCus. v Prodelin India (P) Ltd. (2006) 202 ELT 13 (SC)]

# Study Note - 5

## IMPORT AND EXPORT PROCEDURE



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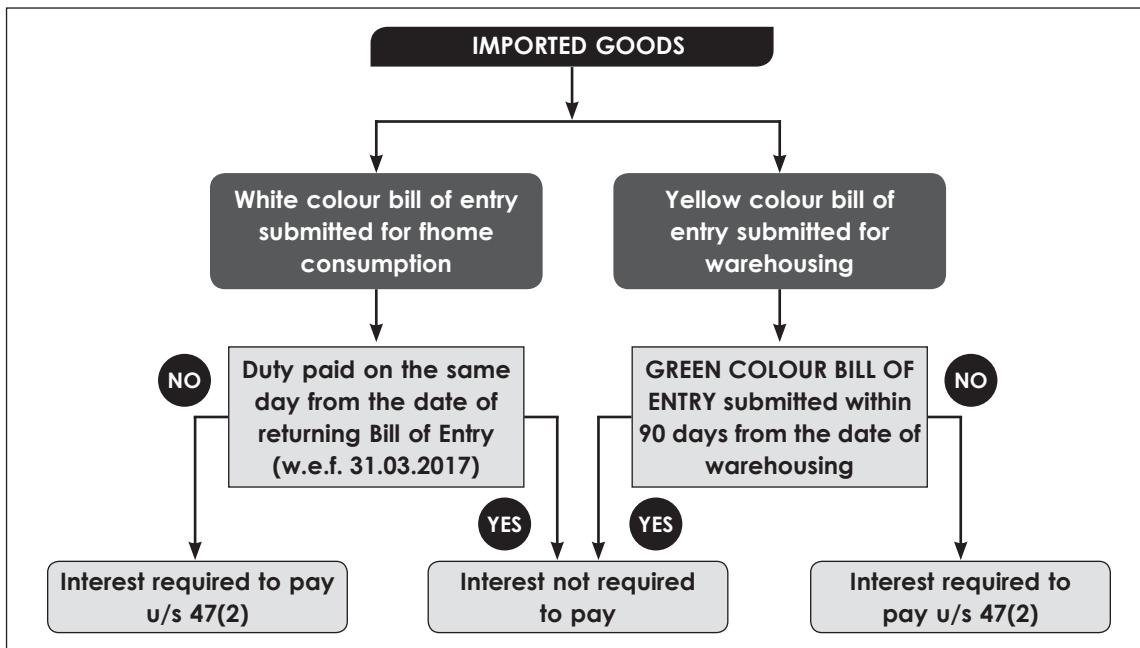
### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

Customs Duty is on import and on export. Hence, it is essential to have better understanding of the provisions of import and export. Import may take place in any of the following modes:

- By Sea
- By Air
- By Land
- By Post
- By Passengers as their Baggage
- By way of Ship stores considered as import

### 5.2 IMPORT PROCEDURE

Imported goods can be cleared by the importer either for home consumption by paying customs duty on the value of imported goods or he may request to the Customs department for warehousing. If the goods are warehoused, later they will be cleared for Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) or for export as the case may be.



“Domestic Tariff Area” means the whole of India (including the territorial waters and continental shelf) but does not include the areas of the Special Economic Zones (Section 2(i) of Special Economic Zones Act, 2005), 100% Export Oriented Units (EOUs)/Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP)/Software Technology Park (STP)/Bio Technology Park (BTP).

**Goods cleared for Home Consumption**

Importer has to pay the import duty on the value of goods imported by him before clearing from the Customs Authorities by submitting the Bill of Entry after the entry inwards granted to the Vessel or 30 days before the entry inwards granted to the vessel. The importer files Bill of Entry for all imported goods under section 46(1) of the Customs Act, 1962. No Bill of Entry for Transit Goods and Transhipment Goods.

**Time limit for filling Bill of Entry:**

As per Section 46(3) of the Customs Act, 1962 a bill of entry may be presented at anytime after the delivery of import manifest or import report. Therefore, no time limit has been fixed. Hence, no penalty can be imposed if there is delay in submission of Bill of Entry.

However, goods should be cleared for home consumption, or warehoused or transhipped within 30 days from the date of the unloading thereof at the Customs Station.

The importer is required to declare in the Bill of Entry amongst other things the following:

- The particulars of packages,
- The description of the goods,
- The description given in the Customs Tariff.

According to section 46(3) a bill of entry is to be normally filed after the delivery of the Import manifest (vessel/ aircraft)/import report (vehicle). However, the bill of entry can be presented even before the delivery of the import manifest if vessel is expected to arrive within 30 days from the date of such presentation.

Bill of Entry consists of the following copies:

- Original meant for the customs authorities for assessment and collection of duty;
- Duplicate, indented as an authority to the custodian of the cargo to release cargo;

- Triplicate, as a copy for record for the importer; and
- Quadruplicate, as a copy to be presented to the bank

Types of Bill of Entry:

- Form I (white) - for home consumption
- Form II (yellow) - for warehousing
- Form III (green) - for ex-bond clearance for home consumption (from the warehousing)

Bill of Entry must be submitted electronically, unless manual submission is specifically permitted by Commissioner of Customs (w.e.f. 8-4-2011).

#### **Time limit for submission of Bill of Entry (B.E.)**

As per Finance Act, 2021, Section 46(3), The importer shall have to present the bill of entry u/s 46(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 before the end of the day (including holidays) preceding the day on which the aircraft or vessel or vehicle carrying the goods arrives at a customs station at which such goods are to be cleared for home consumption or for warehousing.

It may be noted that, the existing provision that a BE may be presented upto 30 days prior to the expected arrival of the aircraft or vessel or vehicle carrying the imported goods continues. Thus, with certain exceptions, as notified, the BE can now be filed anytime from 30 days prior to the expected arrival of the aircraft or vessel or vehicle upto the end of day preceding the day of such arrival.

Provided further that where the bill of entry is not presented within the time so specified and the proper officer is satisfied that there was no sufficient cause for such delay, the importer shall pay such charges for the late presentation of the bill of entry as may be prescribed.

#### **Notification No. 24/2017 Customs dated 31-3-2017:**

As per the Handling Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009 it is mandatory for the Customs Cargo Service providers to provide the information about arrival of cargo to the Customs.

As per Notification No. 25/2017 Customs dated 31-3-2017, Additional / Joint Commissioner as the proper officer considering the request for waiver of late charge under second proviso to Section 46(3) of the Customs Act, 2017.

Furthermore, section 47(2) has been amended so as to provide the manner of payment of duty and interest thereon in the case of self-assessed Bill of Entry or as the case may be assessed, reassessed, provisionally assessed Bill of Entry. Now, the importer shall have to make payment of duty on the same day in case of self-assessed Bill of Entry and in case of re-assessment or provisional assessment, within one year after the return of Bill of Entry (vide Circular No. 12/2017 dated 31-3-2017).

#### **Clearance of Goods for Home Consumption [Sec. 47 (1) of the Customs Act, 1962]**

w.e.f. 14-5-2016, Sec. 47 (1) Where the proper officer is satisfied that any goods entered for home consumption are not prohibited goods and the importer has paid the import duty, if any, assessed thereon and any charges payable under this Act in respect of the same, the proper officer may make an order permitting clearance of the goods for home consumption:

**Provided that the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, permit certain class of importers to make deferred payment of said duty [ie. duty payable under sec. 47(1)] or any charges in such manner as may be provided by rules (w.e.f. 14-5-2016).**

#### **Interest for Late Payment of Duty @15% [Section 47(2) of the Customs Act, 1962]**

The duty should be paid within five working days after the 'Bill of Entry' is returned to the importer for payment of duty. **w.e.f. 10-5-2013 the time reduced to two working days.**



**Now, w.e.f. 31-3-2017 Finance Act, 2017 section 47(2) further amended:**

Importer shall have to make payment of duty on the same day in case of self-assessed Bill of Entry and in case of re-assessment or provisional assessment, within one day after the return of Bill of Entry.

As per section 47(2) of Customs Act, the importer is liable to pay interest where –

- the importer fails to pay the import duty under this section on the same day in case of self-assessed Bill of Entry and in case of re-assessment or provisional assessment, within one day after the return of Bill of Entry from the date on which the bill of entry is returned to him for payment of duty, he shall pay interest @ 15% p.a. on such duty till the date of payment of the said duty.
- w.e.f. 14-5-2016: in the case of deferred payment under the proviso to sub-section (1), from such due date as may be specified by rules made in this behalf, he shall pay interest @15% p.a. on the duty not paid or short- paid till the date of its payment.

**Note:** if the CBIC satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, it may, by order for reasons to be recorded, waive the whole or part of any interest payable under this section.

**Example 1:**

X Pvt. Ltd. imported goods in the month of April, 20XX and submitted 'Bill of Entry' on 9th April 20XX for home clearances. After verification bill of entry has been returned by the department on 10th April 20XX for payment of customs duty of ₹ 1,03,000. However, duty has been paid on 30th April, 20XX. There are five holidays from 11th April 20XX to 30th April 20XX. Find the interest under Sec. 47(2) of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Answer:**

Interest is ₹ 677

No. of days from 10th April, 20XX to 30th April, 20XX = 21 days

No. of days delay = 21-5 = 16 days

Interest =  $1,03,000 \times 15/100 \times 16/365 = ₹ 677$

**Example 2:**

A bill of entry was presented on 4th August, 20XX. The vessel carrying goods arrived on 11th August, 20XX. Entry inwards was granted on 13th August, 20XX, and the bill of entry was assessed on that date and was also returned to the importer for payment of duty on that date. The duty amounting to ₹ 5,00,000 was paid by the importer on 22nd August, 20XX.

Calculate the amount of interest payable under section 47(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, given that there were four holidays during the period from 14th August to 22nd August, 20XX.

**Answer:**

Interest Rate = 15% p.a.

No. of days delay = from 13th Aug 20XX to 22nd Aug 20XX = 10 days

Less: No. of holidays = - 4 days

Net No. of days delay for interest = 6 days

Interest = ₹ 1,233

₹ 5,00,000  $\times$  15/100  $\times$  6/365 = ₹ 1,232.88

### Import General Manifest

Import General Manifest is a very important document for the in charge of the conveyance, without which the Customs Authorities generally not allowed entry inwards to the vessel. IGM to be submit to the Customs authorities for getting entry inwards to the vessel. It contains details regarding goods description, origin and destination place, name and address of the exporter and importer and so on. This a primary document, which can be compared with Bill of Entry, submitted by the importer. On satisfaction the Customs authorities will grant the entry inwards to the vessel.

The IGM also gives the following particulars

- Name of the Vessel
- Nationality
- Tonnage
- Name of the shipping line
- Last port of call
- Port arrival and date and time of arrival,
- Name of the master,
- Nationality of the master,
- Name and address of the local steamer or shipping agent
- Port called during the present voyage,
- Number of crew
- Number of passengers, etc.

The importer also required to submit the following documents the Customs Authorities, to assess the import duty on the value of imported goods.

- Invoice copy
- Contract copy
- Product literature
- Packing lists
- Import license
- Any other documents which may be required by the Customs Authorities.

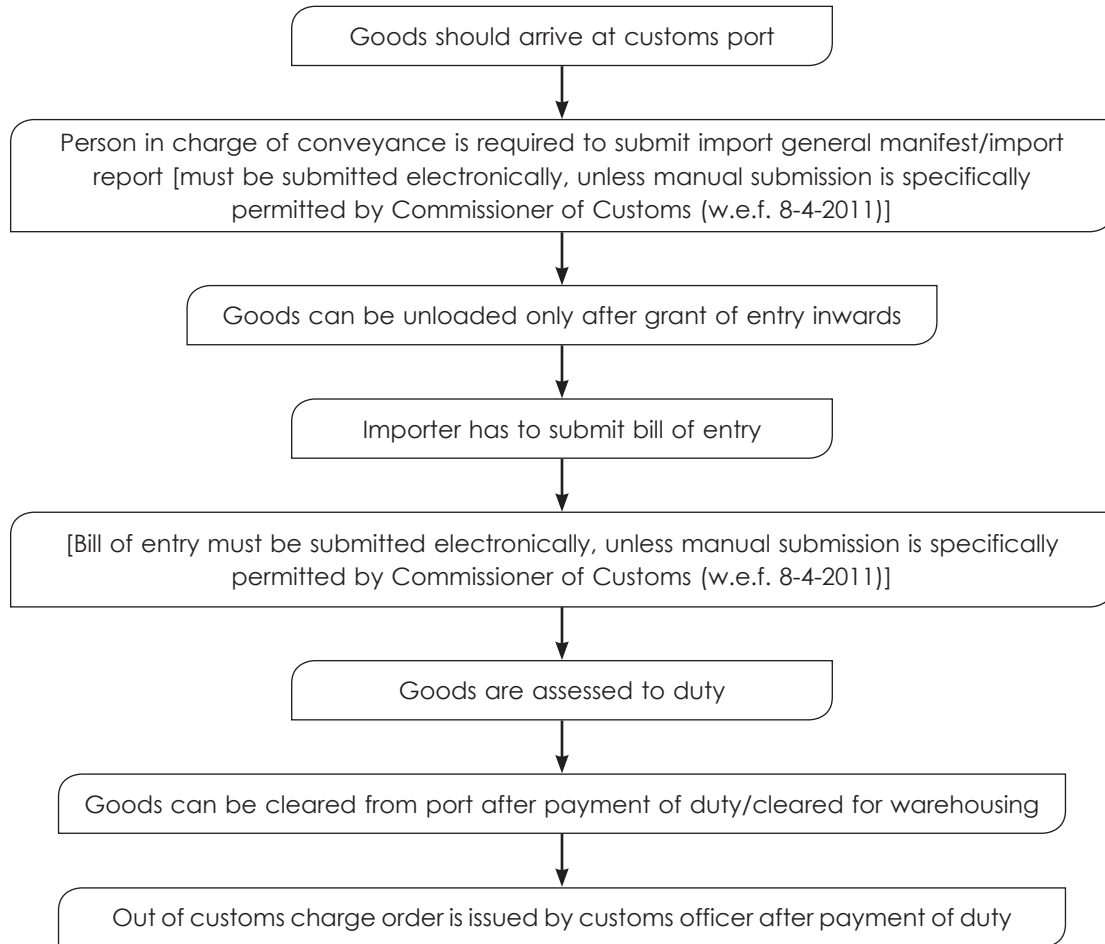
### Time Limit for submission of Import General Manifest or Import Report:

As per Section 30(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, the person-in-charge of the conveyance shall deliver import general manifest or import report to the proper officer as stated below:

Mode of Transport	Document	Time Limit	Penalty for non-submission within the prescribed time-limit
Vessel (Sea port)	Import General Manifest	Before arrival of the Vessel	≤ ₹ 50,000
Aircraft (Air port)	Import General Manifest	Before arrival of the Aircraft	≤ ₹ 50,000
Vehicle (Land Customs Station)	Import Report	Within 12 hours after arrival	≤ ₹ 50,000



The entire import procedure has been explained in the following lines



### 5.3 EXPORT PROCEDURE

The master of a vessel shall not permit the loading of any export goods, other than baggage and mail bags, until an order has been given by the proper officer granting entry-outwards to such vessel [Section 29 of the Customs Act, 1962]. The steamer agent is required to file an application for entry outwards 14 days in advance from the date of original export.

The person-in-charge of a conveyance shall not permit the loading at a customs station of export goods, other than baggage and mail bags, unless a shipping bill or bill of export or a bill of transshipment, as the case may be, duly passed by the proper officer, has been handed over to him by the exporter. The person-in-charge of a conveyance shall not permit the loading at a customs station of baggage and mail bags, unless their export has been duly permitted by the proper officer [Section 40 of the Customs Act, 1962].

### Export General Manifest

The person-in-charge of a conveyance carrying export goods shall, before departure of the conveyance from a customs station, deliver to the proper officer in the case of a vessel or aircraft, an export manifest, and in the case of a vehicle, an export report, in the prescribed form [Section 41 of the Customs Act, 1962].

The person-in-charge of a conveyance who has loaded any export goods at a customs station shall not permit the conveyance to depart from that customs station until a written order to that effect has been given by the proper officer.

Let export order shall not be given until:

- The person-in-charge of the conveyance has answered the questions put to him
- The provisions of section 41 have been complied with;
- The shipping bills or bills of export, the bills of transshipment, if any, and such other documents as the proper officer may require have been delivered to him;
- All duties leviable on any stores consumed in such conveyance, and all charges and penalties due in respect of such conveyance or from the person-in-charge thereof have been paid;
- The person-in-charge of the conveyance has satisfied the proper officer that no penalty is leviable on him under section 116 of the Customs Act, 1962.
- In any case where any export goods have been loaded without payment of export duty or in contravention of any provision of this Act or any other law for the time being in force relating to export of goods, such goods have been unloaded, or
- The Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs is satisfied that it is not practicable to unload such goods, the person-in-charge of the conveyance has given an undertaking, secured by such guarantee or deposit of such amount as the proper officer may direct, for bringing back the goods to India

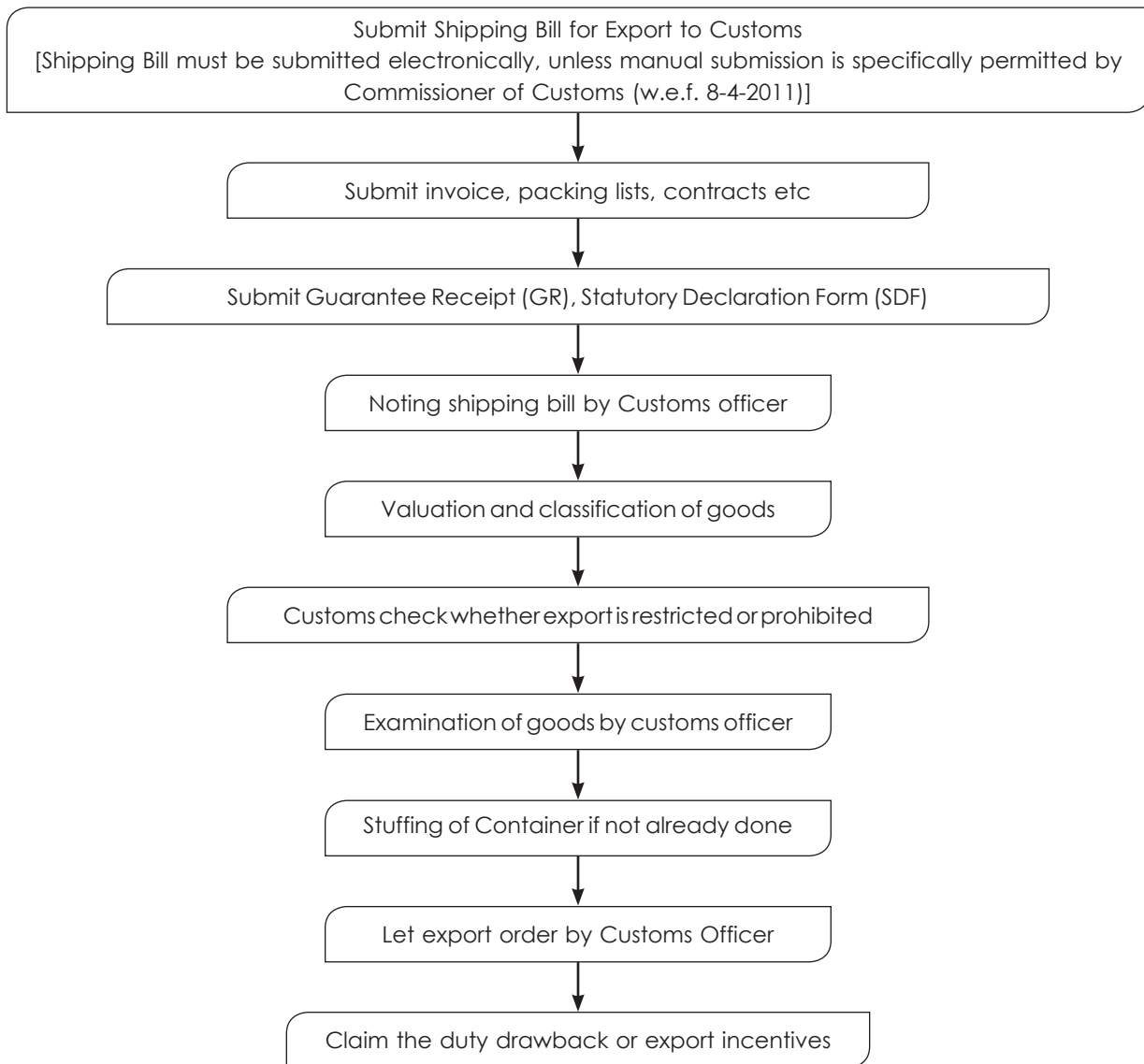
Either the Guarantee Receipt (GR) or Statutory Declaration Form (SDF) requires filing by the exporter to meet the requirements of the Reserve Bank of India. The purpose of these forms is to ensure that export proceeds are received in India through the authorized banking channels.

**w.e.f. 1-8-2019**, "The person-in-charge of a conveyance carrying export goods or imported goods or any other person as may be specified by the Central Government, by notification, shall, before departure of the conveyance from a customs station, deliver to the proper officer in the case of a vessel or aircraft, a departure manifest or an export manifest by presenting electronically, and in the case of a vehicle, an export report, in such form and manner as may be prescribed and in case, such person-in-charge or other person fails to deliver the departure manifest or export manifest or the export report or any part thereof within such time, and the proper officer is satisfied that there is no sufficient cause for such delay, such person-incharge or other person shall be liable to pay penalty not exceeding fifty thousand rupees".





The entire concept of export procedure has been explained in the following lines:



**Note: Electronic filing of import/export manifest mandatory except in cases allowed by Commissioner of Customs [Section 30(1) & Section 41(1)] w.e.f. 10-5-2013:**

Section 30(1) and section 41(1) have been amended vide the Finance Act, 2013 to provide for the mandatory electronic filing of the import manifest and export manifest respectively. However, in cases where it is not feasible to deliver import/export manifest by presenting them electronically, the Commissioner of Customs may, allow the same to be delivered in any other manner.

**w.e.f. 1-8-2019 VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY AND COMPLIANCE**

The proper officer, authorised in this behalf by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or the Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may, for the purposes of ascertaining compliance of the provisions of this Act or any other law for the time being in force, require a person, whose verification he considers necessary for protecting the interest of revenue or for preventing smuggling etc.



## 5.4 DEEMED EXPORTS

The term Deemed Exports an export without actual export, it means goods and services are sold and provide respectively within India and payment also received in the Indian Rupees. As per the Foreign Trade Policy the following few transactions can be considered as deemed exports.

- Sale of goods to units situated in Export Oriented Units, Software Technology Park, and Electronic Hardware Technology Park etc.
- Sale of capital goods to fertilizer plants
- Sale of goods to United Nations Agencies
- Sale of goods to projects financed by bilateral Agencies, etc

### Imports by 100% Export Oriented Units (EOU):

EOUs/EHTPs/STPs will be allowed to import goods without payment of basic customs duty (BCD) as well additional duties leviable under Section 3 (1) and 3(5) of the Customs Tariff Act.

GST would be leviable on the import of input goods or services or both used in the manufacture by EOUs which can be taken as input tax credit (ITC). This ITC can be utilized for payment of GST taxes payable on the goods cleared in the DTA or refund of unutilized ITC can be claimed under Section 54(3) of CGST Act.

In the GST regime, clearance of goods in DTA will attract GST besides payment of amount equal to BCD exemption availed on inputs used in such finished goods.

**Note:** DTA clearances of goods, which are not under GST, would attract Central Excise duties as before.

#### Example 3:

M/s X Ltd. (a unit of 100% EOU located in Chennai) sold goods to M/s A Ltd. (Located in Mumbai) for ₹ 20 lac. If M/s X Ltd. being EOU imported these goods exempted from BCD @10%. IGST 12% is applicable.

Find the total GST is liable to pay by X Ltd.

How much input tax credit M/s A Ltd. can avail?

Answer:

Particulars (w.e.f. 1-7-2017)	Value in ₹	Workings
Assessable value	20,00,000	
ADD: Basic Customs Duty 10%	2,00,000	20,00,000 × 10%
Add: SWS @ 10% on BCD	20,000	2,00,000 × 10%
Sub-total	22,20,000	
ADD: IGST @12%	2,66,400	22,20,000 × 12%
Sub-total	24,86,400	
Total Duty payable	4,86,400	
ITC allowed to M/s A Ltd. (Buyer):		
Particulars	Value in ₹	
BCD	Nil	
IGST	2,66,400	
Total	2,66,400	



**5.5 CUSTOMS BROKERS**

The term Custom House Agents are known by different names namely Customs Clearing Agent, Freight Forwarding Agent, Customs Broker and Shipping and Forwarding Agent.

A Customs House Agent (CHA) is a person who carries on business as an agent relating to the entry or departure of a conveyance or the import or export of goods at any customs-station unless such person holds a licence granted in this behalf in accordance with the regulations of the Central Board of Excise and Customs [Section 146 of the Customs Act, 1962].

Custom House Agent's (CHA) main job responsibility is to study the laws governing the export and import and interpreting the levies payable and incentives receivable by clients. They also assist their clients in preparation of document according to expectation of customs authorities.

**Change of nomenclature of "customs house agents" to "customs brokers" [Section 146 and section 146A(2)(b)] [Effective from 10.05.2013]**

Considering the global practice and internationally accepted nomenclature, nomenclature of "customs house agents", wherever used in the Customs Act, 1962, has been replaced with "customs brokers". Consequently, reference to "customs house agents", in section 146 and 146A(2)(b) in the Customs Act, 1962, has been substituted with "customs brokers".

**Activities of CHA**

- Processing of documents, shipping bills etc. for export.
- Carting of goods/cargo to Container Freight Station.
- Arranging of physical examination of goods
- Collection of measurement certificate
- Handover goods/cargo to carrier i.e., shipping line
- Personally attending stuffing of cargo in container
- Collection of Bill of Lading from shipping line
- Collection of documents from Customs such as duplicate copy of shipping bill, attested copy of Invoice & Packing List etc.

**5.6 INLAND CONTAINER DEPOT (ICD) AND CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION (CFS)**

Generally, an exporter or import placed far way from the gateway port for clearance of import or export of goods. However, irrespective of distance from the servicing gateway port, prefers to move cargo by road to CFS (a transit facility where he stuffs cargo in containers and containers are transported to port for loading on board the ship). Both ICD and CFS is an infrastructure facility, owned and operated by public or private authority, especially designed for offering services of handling, storage and movement of containerized cargo and cargo under Customs supervision.

**Distinction between ICD and CFS**

Inland Container Station (ICD)	Container Freight Station (CFS)
It is a place where containers are aggregated for onwards movement to or from the ports.	It is a place where containers are stuffed, unstuffed and aggregation/segregation of cargo takes place.
ICD's are located outside the port towns.	No site restrictions apply for CFS.
An ICD may have a CFS attached to it.	CFS is treated as an extension of a port/ICD/air-cargo complex.
Movement of shipment by road and rail.	Movement of shipment by road.

**Activities of ICD and CFS:**

- Transfer of cargo into truck, Storage of cargo in truck, Road (truck) journey
- Breaking out of cargo from truck
- Transfer of cargo from truck to storage point/shed/yard in CFS
- Unpacking for customs examination
- Repacking for customs examination
- Consolidation of cargo according to destination
- Stuffing of cargo in the container
- Locking and sealing of container
- Loading of container on truck
- Transportation of loaded container to container yard in port
- Unloading of container in container yard in port
- Stacking of container in container yard in port
- Loading of container on truck to move container alongside ship, etc.,
- Truck journey from Container Yard to alongside ship i.e., Quay.
- Loading of container from truck to cellular hold of ship etc.

**Services offered By ICD and CFS:**

ICD and CFS handle only containerized shipment, thus special kind of facilities are provided like:

- Sheds for temporary storage of cargo and container yard for temporary storage of container,
- Customs clearance facility
- Cargo handling equipment and container handling equipment
- Arranging manpower for stuffing the cargo into container and destuffing the cargo from container
- Road/rail connectivity to and from serving gateway port.
- Bonded warehousing facility
- Maintenance and repair of container unit
- Packaging, palletisation (i.e. a portable platform on which goods can be moved, stocked, and stored) fumigation (i.e. disinfect with chemical fumes).

**Person who has committed offence under the Finance Act, 1994 also disqualified to act as authorized representative [Section 146A(4)(b)] [Effective from 10.05.2013]**

**Erstwhile position**

Hitherto, any person who was convicted of an offence connected with any proceeding under the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944, or the Gold (Control) Act, 1968 was disqualified from acting as an authorized representative in customs matters.

**New position**

Clause (b) to section 146A(4) has been substituted with new clause (b) to provide that any person who was convicted of an offence connected with any proceeding under the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Excise Act, 1944, or the Gold (Control) Act, 1968 or the Finance Act, 1994 is disqualified from acting as an authorized representative



in customs matters. Hence, a person convicted under the Finance Act, 1994 has also been disqualified from acting as an authorized representative in customs matters.

### 5.7 STORES

As per Section 2(38) of the Customs Act, 1962 stores means goods for use in a vessel or aircraft and includes fuel and spare parts and other articles of equipment, whether or not for immediate fitting. However, goods as per Section 2(22) of the Customs Act, 1962 includes stores. When the vessel enters into Indian territorial waters, stores get imported as goods. Hence, statutory provisions relating to stores are contained in Section 85 to 90 of the Customs Act, 1962 which are as follows:

#### **Stores may be allowed to be warehoused without payment of import duty (Section 85 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

Goods are imported for use as stores can be kept in the warehouse temporarily without following warehousing procedure. Therefore, this is also called as 'warehousing without warehousing'. Importer of these goods (i.e. stores) has no intention of clearing them for home consumption or for export as cargo. Hence, the proper officer takes physical stock of the goods and orders warehousing without warehousing. Thereby, these goods are not assessed to duty under section 17 of the Customs Act, 1962. Subsequently importer can clear these imported goods as stores to foreign going vessels/aircraft without payment of duty. Moreover, consumable stores can be stored in a warehouse for a maximum period of 30 days and non-consumable stores upto one year.

#### **Transit and Transshipment of Stores without payment of import duty (Section 86 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

Transit of goods means any goods imported in any conveyance will be allowed to remain on the conveyance and to be transited without payment of duty, to any place out of India or any customs station.

Transshipment of goods means transfer from one conveyance to another with or without payment of duty.

As per section 86(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 any goods (i.e. stores) imported in any vessel/aircraft will be allowed to remain on the vessel/aircraft without payment of duty while foreign going vessel/aircraft is in India.

As per section 86(2) of the Customs Act, 1962 any goods (i.e. stores) imported in a vessel/aircraft can be transferred, with the permission of the proper officer, to any foreign going vessel or aircraft for consumption without payment of duty under section 87 of the Customs Act, 1962 or to an Indian naval vessel for consumption without duty under section 90 of the Customs Act, 1962.

#### **Imported stores may be consumed on board a foreign going vessel/aircraft without payment of import duty (Section 87 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

Imported stores on board a foreign going vessel/aircraft may also be consumed on board without payment of import duty, during the period such vessel/aircraft is a foreign going vessel or aircraft. As long as such vessel or aircraft is foreign going vessel or aircraft, stores consumed on board within the Indian Territory are exempted from duty.

#### **Example 4:**

**A Big Ship carrying merchandize and stores enters the territorial waters of India but it cannot enter the port. In order to unload the merchandize lighter ships are employed. Stores are consumed on board the ship as well as by the small ships. Examine whether such consumption of stores attracts customs duty. Quote relevant section and case law if any. Stores are supplied to the above ships. Will such supplies be treated as exports and be entitled to draw back?**

**Answer:**

**'Stores' means goods for use in a vessel and includes diesel and spare parts and other articles and equipments. Bringing of 'stores' is treated as import. However, there is special provision for stores under section 87. Imported stores consumed on board an ocean going vessel (i.e. foreign going vessel) are exempt from import duty under Section 87. Since the ship is ocean going, stores consumed on board will not attract customs duty.**

Regarding the smaller ships which are employed to unload the cargo from the mother ship, they are termed as "Transhippers". These are also treated as ocean going vessels as was decided in UOI v V M Salgaoncar AIR 1998 SC1367:99 ELT 3 (SC). Hence stores consumed by small vessels would also be exempt from customs duty. Stores supplied to the vessel will be treated as export as per Section 89 of Customs Act and hence will be eligible for duty drawback.

However, the oil rigs proceeding to or carrying out operations in, continental shelf/exclusive economic zones of India, which are deemed to be a part of Indian territory, would not be foreign going vessels, as the oil rigs proceed from the territory of India to an area which also is deemed to be a part of the territory of India. Therefore, the supply of imported spares or goods or equipments to the rigs by a ship will attract import duty. [Aban Lloyd Chilies Offshore Ltd. v UOI (2008) 227 ELT 24 (SC)]

Thereby, the stores transhipped to the oil rigs and consumed thereon were not entitled to exemption under section 87 of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Warehoused goods cleared without payment of import duty (Section 88(a) of the Customs Act, 1962)**

Warehoused goods may be cleared for issue as stores on board to foreign going vessels and aircraft without payment of import duty. Section 69 of the Customs Act, 1962 will be applicable if warehoused goods are exported; no duty is leviable on their import. Section 69 is also extended to the stores taken on board foreign going vessel or aircraft.

w.e.f. 10-5-2013, as per section 69(1)(a) of the Customs Act, 1962, permits export of warehoused goods under postal export documents [as referred to in section 82] also.

**Note:** In the case of goods exported by post, any label or declaration accompanying the goods, which contains the description, quantity and value thereof, is deemed to be an entry for export.

**Imported goods issued as stores to foreign going vessel/aircraft considered as export (Section 88(b) of the Customs Act, 1962)**

The benefit of drawback under section 74 of the Customs Act, 1962 is extended to imported goods issued as stores to foreign going vessel/aircraft, provided stores had suffered import duty.

**Stores to be free of export duty (Section 89 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

Goods required as stores on any foreign going vessel or aircraft are permitted to be exported free of export duty, provided the following conditions to be satisfied:

- Goods should have been produced or manufactured in India,
- The quantity shall be determined by the proper officer and
- The basis for such determination will be the size of conveyance, men on board (passengers and crew) and length of voyage.

**Concessions in respect of imported stores for the Navy (Section 90 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

Imported stores may be consumed on board a ship of the Indian Navy without payment of import duty. The imported stores supplied from customs bonded warehouse to the ships of Indian Navy are not subject to import duty. The imported stores taken on board any ship of Indian Navy are allowed 100% drawback, if import duty levied on these stores.



## 5.8 COASTAL GOODS

As per section 2(7) of the Customs Act, the term coastal goods means goods, other than imported goods, transported in a vessel from one port in India to another.

### **Bill of Coastal Goods [Section 92(1) of the Customs Act, 1962]**

The consignor of any coastal goods shall make an entry thereof by presenting to the proper officer a bill of coastal goods in the prescribed form.

This bill contains the following details:

- Port of landing,
- Port at which the goods are to be delivered and
- Other relevant details

Every such consignor while presenting a bill of coastal goods shall, at the foot thereof, make and subscribe to a declaration as to the truth of the contents of such bill.

### **Coastal Goods not to be allowed until bill relating thereto is passed by the proper officer (Section 93 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

The master of a vessel shall not permit the loading of any coastal goods on the vessel until a bill relating to such goods presented under section 92 has been passed by the proper officer and has been delivered to the master by the consignor.

### **Clearance of coastal goods at destination (Section 94 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

The master of a vessel carrying any coastal goods shall carry on board the vessel all bills relating to such goods delivered to him under section 93 and shall, immediately on arrival of the vessel at any customs or coastal port, deliver to the proper officer of that port all bills relating to the goods which are to be unloaded at that port.

Where any coastal goods are unloaded at any port, the proper officer shall permit clearance thereof if he is satisfied that they are entered in a bill of coastal goods delivered to him.

### **Master of a coasting vessel to carry an "advice book" (Section 95 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

The master of every vessel carrying coastal goods shall be supplied by the Customs authorities with a book to be called the "advice book" as per section 95(1).

The proper officer at each port of call by such vessel shall make such entries in the advice book as he deems fit, relating to the goods loaded on the vessel at that port as per section 95(2).

The master of every such vessel shall carry the advice book on board the vessel and shall on arrival at each port of call deliver it to the proper officer at that port for his inspection as per section 95(3).

### **Loading and unloading of coastal goods at customs port or coastal port only (Section 96 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

No coastal goods shall be loaded or unloaded at any port other than a customs port or a coastal port appointed under section 7 of the Customs Act, 1962 for the loading or unloading of such goods.

### **No coasting vessel to leave without written order (Section 97 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

The master of a vessel which has brought or loaded any coastal goods at a customs or coastal port shall not cause or permit the vessel to depart from such port until a written order to that effect has been given by the proper officer.

The master of a vessel should fulfil following conditions for getting 'departure permission':

- (a) the master of the vessel has to answer all the questions put to him.
- (b) all charges and penalties due in respect of that vessel has been paid
- (c) no penalty is leviable on master of the vessel under section 116 (i.e. if the goods on a vessel are not landed or short landed, penalty is leviable which is not more than twice the export duty leviable had they been exported).
- (d) the provisions of this Chapter and any rules and regulations relating to coastal goods and vessels carrying coastal goods have been complied with.

### 5.9 IMPORTS/PROCUREMENT BY SEZs

Authorised operations in connection with SEZs shall be exempted from payment of IGST. Hence, there is no change in operation of the SEZ scheme.

Supplies made to an SEZ unit or a SEZ developer is zero rated. The supplies made to an SEZ unit or a SEZ developer can be made in the same manner as supplies made for export:

Either on payment of IGST under claim of refund;

Or

under bond or LUT without payment of any IGST.

### 5.10 HIGH SEAS SALES

High Sea Sale Transaction means Sale Transaction done when goods are actually at High Sea i.e. during sea transit between Port of Loading and Port of Discharge. The date of transaction (agreement) should be between Bill of lading date and Vessel arrival date at Port of discharge. High Sea Sale is done mostly by Traders, sole Indenting Agent (of the Foreign Supplier) who buys in large quantity and then look out for buyers at Destination Country.

Benefits of High Sea Sale Transaction are like

- (1) Goods are available at short time to final buyers,
- (2) Also instead of buying entire shipment small quantities also can be bought for final buyers and
- (3) First buyer can buy large quantity of goods at cheap / reasonable price and sale at best price to final buyers.

Drawbacks of High Sea Sale Transaction are like

- (1) Cumbersome documentation / procedures and
- (2) Loading of pricing for Customs assessment.

High Sea sales contract/agreement should be signed after dispatch of goods from origin & prior to their arrival at destination. The agreement should be on stamp paper. On concluding the High Sea Sales agreement the bill of lading (B/L) should be endorsed in favor of the new buyer. In respect of air shipment, High Sea seller should write to the airline/consol agent informing that an High Sea Sales agreement has been established with the High Sea Sales buyer and that the carrier document should be considered as endorsed in favour of High Sea sales buyer and further the import General Manifest (IGM) should be filed by the carrier in name of High Sea buyer.





**FORMAT OF A HIGH SEA SALE AGREEMENT**

<b>1. Name &amp; address of the Buyer</b>	
<b>2. Other details of Buyer</b>	Import code No. I.T. Regn. No. VAT Regn. No. CST Regn. No.
<b>3. Name and address of the seller</b>	
<b>4. Goods</b>	
<b>5. Quantity / Invoice No</b>	
<b>6. Name of Vessel</b>	
<b>7. Bill of Lading No.</b>	
<b>8. Price</b>	
<b>9. Delivery</b>	All right , title and interest of the seller in the Goods will be transferred by the seller to the buyer by endorsing the Bill Of Lading in favour of the Buyer.
<b>10. Name of the Foreign Supplier</b>	
<b>11. Duty</b>	Custom Duty, Import Duty or any other levy or duty shall be borne and paid by the Buyer.
<b>12. Tax</b>	Sales Tax, Central or State, Customs Duty, Countervailing Duty, Octroi and the like or any other charge if payable or imposed or levied or leviable by any authority whomsoever, either on the goods or on the prices thereof, shall be borne and paid by the Buyer.  If for any reason, any of the aforesaid is paid by the seller, the same shall be forthwith reimbursed by the Buyer to the Seller.
<b>13. Clearance</b>	The Buyer shall make its own arrangement for obtaining delivery and clearance of the goods from the Customs and Port Authorities and shall bear and pay Port Charges, Wharfage, Handling charges, Transport charges, demurrage, Octroi and any other charges whatsoever in this regard.
<b>14. Other charges</b>	All other charges including but not limited to Letter of Credit, Letter of Credit amendment charges, Bank interest, commission and other charges for the retirement of documents shall be paid by the .....  If for any reason, any of the aforesaid is paid by the seller, the same shall be forthwith reimbursed by the Buyer to the Seller.
<b>15. Payment</b>	The Buyer shall make payment to the Seller forthwith on receipt of the Bill of Lading duly endorsed in the Buyers' favour. In case of delay in payment by the Buyer, the Buyer shall pay to the Seller interest at the rate of ...% per annum on the outstanding amount.
<b>16. Insurance</b>	The Seller shall nominate and subrogate its rights to the Buyer to enable the Buyer to directly deal with the Insurance company, Steamer Agent and /or Customs Authorities.



<p><b>17. General Conditions</b></p>	<p>The Buyer shall on clearing the consignment through the Customs Authorities, make available to the Seller, copies of the exchange control, copy of the Supplier's Invoice, Bill of Lading and the Seller's Clearing Agent's bill.</p> <p>The seller shall not be responsible for non-fulfillment of any of its obligations resulting from a force majeure event which shall mean any and all circumstances which the Seller cannot prevent despite using reasonable care, including, but not limited to Act of God, war or warlike events, explosion, fire, strike, boycott and act or omission to act by authorities.</p> <p>Defects, if any, should be notified and specified in writing within 10 (ten) days of receipt of goods. If defects are notified within the time specified, the Seller warrants that it shall replace the defective goods with goods of the same type conforming to specification, thereby freeing the Seller from any further claim by the Buyer. If the Seller does not provide such replacement, the Buyer has the right to raise rescission or price reduction claims, but no claims for damages. The Seller does not warrant for products which are at an experimental stage.</p>
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# Study Note - 6

## WAREHOUSING



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Under the Customs Act, 1962, there are two types of warehousing namely Public warehouse and Private warehouse (Section 2(43) of the Customs Act). Warehouse means a place where goods after landing are permitted to be removed without payment of duty. However, the duty is collected at the time of clearance from the warehouse. A public warehouse is owned and managed by a Government body like Central Warehousing Corporation. A private warehouse is a warehouse licensed to store dutiable imported goods of the licensee or on behalf of licensee, in case of public warehouses is not available.

#### Warehousing bond [Section 59]

An importer can be cleared for warehousing without payment of import duty. It means the duty liability is postponed to the date of actual clearance from the warehouse to home consumption. Hence, such an importer shall execute a bond binding himself in a sum equal to **twice** the amount of the duty assessed on such goods to cover all duties and interest if any payable. The Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs may insist on a part of the bond amount secured by way of bank guarantee.

w.e.f. 14-5-2016, As per Section 2(43) of the Customs Act, 1962, "warehouse" means a public warehouse licensed under section 57 or a private warehouse licensed under section 58 OR Special Warehouse license u/s 58A.

#### Licensing of public warehousing:

Section 57: The Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, license a public warehouse wherein dutiable goods may be deposited.

#### Licensing of private warehouses:

Section 58: The Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, license a private warehouse wherein dutiable goods imported by or on behalf of the licensee may be deposited.

#### Licensing of Special Warehousing:

Section 58A (1): The Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, license a special warehouse wherein dutiable goods may be deposited and such warehouse shall be caused to be locked by the proper officer and no person shall enter the warehouse or remove any goods therefrom without the permission of the proper officer.

Section 58A (2): The Board may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify the class of goods which shall be deposited in the special warehouse licensed under sub-section (1).



Consequently, CBEC, vide Notification No. 66/2016 Cus (NT) dated 14.05.2016 has notified the following class of goods which shall be deposited in a special warehouse:

- (i) gold, silver, other precious metals and semi-precious metals and articles thereof;
- (ii) goods warehoused for the purpose of:
  - supply to DFS (Duty Free Shops) in a customs area;
  - supply as stores to vessels/aircrafts under Chapter XI of the Customs Act, 1962;
  - supply to foreign privileged persons in terms of the Foreign Privileged Persons (Regulation of Customs Privileges) Rules, 1957.

**Note:**

- (1) Privileged person means a person entitled to import/purchase locally from bond goods free of duty for his personal use/for the use of any member of his family/for official use in his Mission, Consular Post or Office or in Deputy High Commission/Assistant High Commission.
- (2) A Duty-Free Shop (DFS) in the airport need not be a licensed as warehouse under section 58A.
  - a. DFS located in customs area should not be treated as a warehouse.
  - b. In fact, it is a point of sale for the goods which are to be ex-bonded and removed from a warehouse for being brought to a DFS in the customs area for sale to eligible persons, namely international passengers arriving or departing from India.

**Cancellation of Licence [Section 58B, w.e.f. 14-5-2016]:**

- (1) Where a licensee contravenes any of the provisions of this Act or the rules or regulations made thereunder or breaches any of the conditions of the licence, the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may cancel the licence granted under section 57 or section 58 or section 58A.  
Provided that before any licence is cancelled, the licensee shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.
- (2) The Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against the licensee and the goods under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, suspend operation of the warehouse during the pendency of an enquiry under sub-section (1).
- (3) Where the operation of a warehouse is suspended under sub-section (2), no goods shall be deposited in such warehouse during the period of suspension:  
Provided that the provisions of this Chapter shall continue to apply to the goods already deposited in the warehouse.
- (4) Where the licence issued under section 57 or section 58 or section 58A is cancelled, the goods warehoused shall, within seven days from the date on which order of such cancellation is served on the licensee or within such extended period as the proper officer may allow, be removed from such warehouse to another warehouse or be cleared for home consumption or export:  
Provided that the provisions of this Chapter shall continue to apply to the goods already deposited in the warehouse till they are removed to another warehouse or cleared for home consumption or for export, during such period."

**Features of warehousing:**

- Importer can defer payment of import duties
- Importer can store the goods in a safe place
- Importer allowed to do manufacture in bonded warehouse and then re-export from it.
- The importer can be allowed to keep the goods up to one year without payment of duty from the date he deposited the goods into warehouse

- The importer minimises the charges by keeping in a warehouse, otherwise the demurrage charges at port is heavy.
- As per Section 9 of the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Board of Excise and Customs, may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare places to be warehousing stations at which alone public warehouses may be appointed and private warehouses may be licensed.
- Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs are competent to appoint a warehouse as public bonded warehouse
- The Commissioner of Customs or Principal Commissioner of Customs may license private warehouse. As per section 58(2)(b) of the Customs Act, 1962, Commissioner or Principal Commissioner of Customs is not required to give a notice to the licensee while cancelling the license of a private warehouse if he has contravened any provision of the said Act. Otherwise, the license to private warehouse can be cancelled by giving ONE month notice.
- Only dutiable goods can be deposited in the warehouse
- Green Bill of Entry has to be submitted by the importer to clear goods from warehouse for home consumption.
- Rate of duty is applicable as on the date of presentation of Bill of Entry (i.e. sub-bill of entry or ex-bond bill of entry) for home consumption.
- Reassessment is not allowed after the imported goods originally assessed and warehoused.
- The exchange rate is the rate at which the Bill of Entry (i.e. 'into bond') is presented for warehousing. That is the date on which the Bill of Entry is submitted for warehousing not the Ex- Bill of Entry which is required to be submitted at the time of clearing the goods from warehouse.
- If the goods which are not removed from warehouse within the permissible period, would be deemed to have been improperly removed on the day it should have been removed. Hence, duty applicable on such date (i.e. last date on which the goods should have been removed) is applicable, and not the actual date on which goods are removed. **[Kesoram Rayon v Commissioner of Customs (1996)]**
- Relevant date when goods are warehoused can be summarized hereunder.

S. No.	Goods warehoused under Bond	Relevant date	Remarks
(i)	Rate of exchange	At the time of submission of 'into bond' bill of entry	When goods are removed for home consumption
(ii)	Rate of duty	As on the date of submission of sub-bill of entry	When goods are removed for home consumption
(iii)	Rate of duty	The rate of duty prevails on the date on which the goods should have been removed is to be considered	When the goods are not removed from warehouse within the permissible period and permission is also not obtained for the extended period – Improper removal.

### Warehousing period

As per section 61 of the Customs Act, 1962 period of warehousing has been suggested in the following lines:

Importer	Normal warehousing period	Remarks
Other than EOU	One year	From the date of issuing the order by Customs Officer permitting deposit of goods in a warehouse.
EOU	Three years – for inputs, spares and consumables Five years – for capital goods	In the case of EOU units, the whole factory is treated as a bonded warehouse.



The power to extend the warehousing period beyond 5 years/3 years has been delegated to the Commissioner of Customs for such further period as he may deem fit. The period of 1 year can be extended by the Commissioner of Customs for further 6 months. However, for extending it further, authorization of Chief Commissioner of Customs is required.

In the case of goods warehoused by other than EOU, if they are likely to deteriorate, the normal warehousing period of one year may be reduced by the Commissioner of Customs to such shorter period as he may deem fit.

### **w.e.f. 14-5-2016:**

- (1) Section 59 of the Customs Act, 1962, Bond amount has been increased from twice of the duty amount to thrice of the duty amount and security also will have to be given.
- (2) Now, rent charges claimable will not be pre-requisite for non-compliances of any of the provisions, since it is the issue of custodian i.e. owner of the warehouse.

### **Period for which goods may remain warehoused w.e.f. 14-5-2016**

As per Sec. 61 of the Customs Act, 1962

- (1) Any warehoused goods may remain in the warehouse in which they are deposited or in any warehouse to which they may be removed:
  - (a) in the case of capital goods intended for use in any hundred per cent. export oriented undertaking or electronic hardware technology park unit or software technology park unit or any warehouse wherein manufacture or other operations have been permitted under section 65, till their clearance from the warehouse;
  - (b) in the case of goods other than capital goods intended for use in any hundred per cent. export oriented undertaking or electronic hardware technology park unit or software technology park unit or any warehouse wherein manufacture or other operations have been permitted under section 65, till their consumption or clearance from the warehouse; and
  - (c) in the case of any other goods, till the expiry of one year from the date on which the proper officer has made an order under sub-section (1) of section 60:

Provided that in the case of any goods referred to in this clause, the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may, on sufficient cause being shown, extend the period for which the goods may remain in the warehouse, by not more than one year at a time:

**Provided further** that where such goods are likely to deteriorate, the period referred to in the first proviso may be reduced by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs to such shorter period as he may deem fit.

- (2) Where any warehoused goods specified in clause (c) of sub-section (1) remain in a warehouse beyond a period of **ninety days** from the date on which the proper officer has made an order under sub-section (1) of section 60, interest shall be payable at such rate as may be fixed by the Central Government under section 47, on the amount of duty payable at the time of clearance of the goods, for the period from the expiry of the said ninety days till the date of payment of duty on the warehoused goods:

Provided that if the Board considers it necessary so to do, in the public interest, it may,—

- (a) by order, and under the circumstances of an exceptional nature, to be specified in such order, waive the whole or any part of the interest payable under this section in respect of any warehoused goods;
- (b) by notification in the Official Gazette, specify the class of goods in respect of which no interest shall be charged under this section;
- (c) by notification in the Official Gazette, specify the class of goods in respect of which the interest shall be chargeable from the date on which the proper officer has made an order under sub-section (1) of section 60.

**w.e.f. 14-5-2016 Control over warehoused goods has been omitted:**

Now there will be a record based control on such warehouses except for warehouses setup under section 58A and hence there is no need of payment of MOT charges by EOU except for class of goods which is notified under section 58A.

**Section 63 of the Customs Act, 1962, Payment of rent and warehouse charges.**

Prior to 14-5-2016	W.e.f. 14-5-2016	Remarks
<p>The owner of any warehoused goods shall pay to the warehouse-keeper rent and warehouse charges at the rates fixed under any law for the time being in force or where no rates are so fixed, at such rates as may be fixed by the Commissioner of Customs.</p> <p>(2) If any rent or warehouse charges are not paid within ten days from the date when they became due, the warehouse- keeper may, after notice to the owner of the warehoused goods and with the permission of the proper officer cause to be sold (any transfer of the warehoused goods notwithstanding) such sufficient portion of the goods as the warehouse-keeper may select.</p>	Omitted	This was the issue of the custodian i.e. owner of warehouse and not the custom officers.

**Section 64 of the Customs Act, 1962, Owner's right to deal with warehoused goods:**

w.e.f. 14-5-2016 The owner of any warehoused goods may, after warehousing the same:

- inspect the goods;
- deal with their containers in such manner as may be necessary to prevent loss or deterioration or damage to the goods;
- sort the goods; or
- show the goods for sale.

**Note:** Since physical control has been abolished, there is no need of obtaining sanction on payment of MOT charges.

**Section 65 of the Customs Act, 1962 Manufacture and other operations in relation to goods in a warehouse.**

Prior to 14-5-2016	w.e.f. 14-5-2016	Remarks
With the sanction of the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs and subject to such conditions and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed, the owner of any warehoused goods may carry on any manufacturing process or other operations in the warehouse in relation to such goods.	<b>With the permission of the Principal Commissioner of Customs</b> or <b>Commissioner of Customs</b> and subject to such conditions and subject to such conditions and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed, the owner of any warehoused goods may carry on any manufacturing process or other operations in the warehouse in relation to such goods.	It is upward delegation. Now EOU, EHTP Units will have to be obtained license u/s 58/65 from Principal Commissioner/ Commissioner

**Custody and removal of warehoused goods (New Section 73A w.e.f. 14-5-2016)**

- All warehoused goods shall remain in the custody of the person who has been granted a licence under section 57 or section 58 or section 58A until they are cleared for home consumption or are transferred to another warehouse or are exported or removed as otherwise provided under this Act.





- (2) The responsibilities of the person referred to in sub-section (1) who has custody of the warehoused goods shall be such as may be prescribed.
- (3) Where any warehoused goods are removed in contravention of section 71, the licensee shall be liable to pay duty, interest, fine and penalties without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him under this Act or any other law for the time being in force.

**Note:** The provision has been inserted so as to recover the duty either from custodian or importer as may be prescribed to protect the revenue.

Liability of duty interest fine will be on importer and or custodian, as the case may be.

This will cause more responsibility on custodian.

### Interest on warehoused goods

If the importer after warehousing the goods does not clear within 90 days from the date of deposit of the goods, the interest @15% p.a. is to be paid on the value of total duty payable. However in case of Anti Dumping Duty interest has to be paid at the time of importation. If the Anti Dumping Duty is not levied at the time of import however, subsequently imposed on warehoused goods then no such duty is required to be paid by the importer at the time of clearance from the warehouse. Therefore no interest on the part of Anti Dumping duty will be imposed.

No interest, if no customs duty is payable on warehoused goods.

While calculating the interest for number of days delay, we should take into account by including the date of payment of duty. [MF(DR) Circular No. 48/2002-Customs]

#### Example 1:

An importer imported some goods in February, 2022 and the goods were cleared from Mumbai port for warehousing on 8th February, 2022 after assessment. Assessable value was ₹ 4,86,000 (US \$ 10,000 at the rate of exchange ₹ 78.60 per US \$). The rate of duty on that date was 20% (assume that no additional duty is payable). The goods were warehoused at Pune and were cleared from Pune warehouse on 4th March, 2022, when rate of duty was 12% and exchange rate was ₹ 48.75 = 1US \$. What is the duty payable while removing the goods from Pune on 4th March, 20XX? (Applicable Social Welfare Surcharge @ 10%)

**Answer:**

The rate of exchange will be ₹ 78.60 per USD

Assessable value (i.e. US \$ 10,000 at ₹78.60 per US \$)	= ₹ 7, 86,000
Rate of duty	= @ 12%.
Basic customs duty payable	= ₹ 94,320
Social Welfare Surcharge @ 10%	= ₹ 9,432
<b>Total Duty payable</b>	<b>= ₹ 1,03,752</b>

#### Example 2:

Certain goods were imported in February 2022. "Into bond" bill of entry was presented on 14th February, 2022 and goods were cleared from the port for warehousing. Assessable value was \$5,00,000. Customs officer issued the order under section 60 permitting the deposit of the goods in warehouse on 21st February, 2022 for 3 months. Goods were not cleared even after warehousing period was over, i.e., 21st May, 2022 and extension of time was also not obtained. Customs officer issued notice under section 72 demanding duty and other charges. Goods were cleared by importer on 28th June, 2022. What is the amount of duty payable while removing the goods? Compute on the basis of following information (assume that no additional duty or special additional duty payable). (Applicable Social Welfare Surcharge @ 10%)



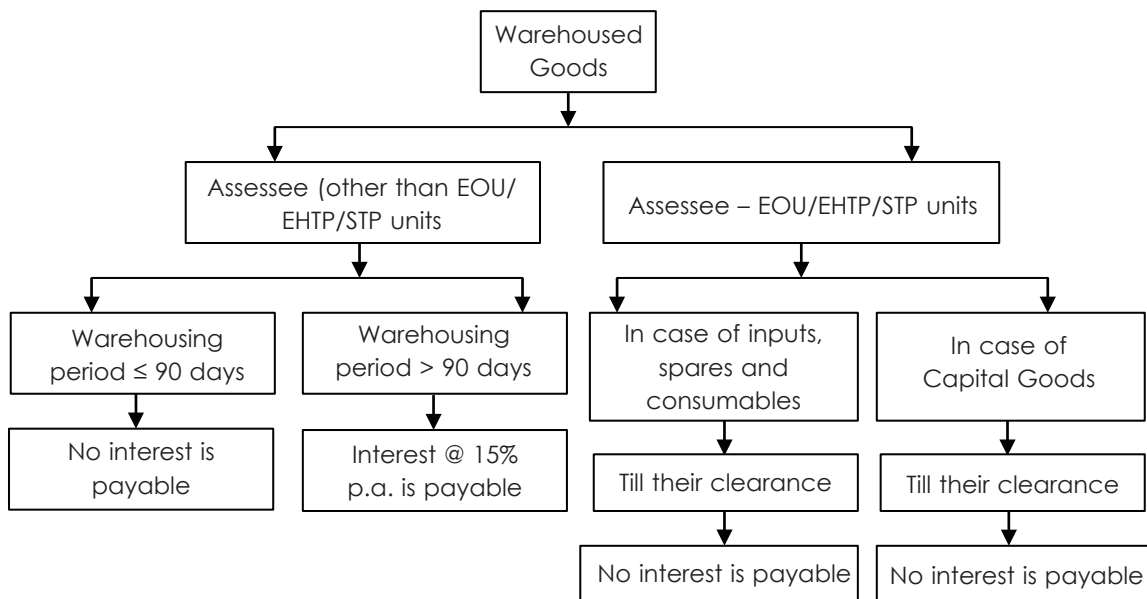
	14.02.2022	21.05.2022	28.06.2022
Rate of Exchange per USD	₹ 78.30	₹ 78.40	₹ 78.50
Basic customs duty	35%	12%	25%

**Answer:**

Rate of duty applicable	= @	12%
Exchange rate	= ₹	78.30
Assessable value 5,00,000USD @ 78.30	= ₹	3,91,50,000
Customs Duty @12% x 3,91,50,000	= ₹	46,98,000
Social Welfare Surcharge 10%	= ₹	4,69,800
<b>Total Customs duty payable</b>	<b>= ₹</b>	<b>51,67,800</b>

**Note:** Goods not removed from the warehouse within the permissible period, is considered as deemed to be removed improperly on the due date, even though, the goods actually removed at a later date. The rate of duty prevailing on the date on which the goods should have been removed is to be considered i.e. 12%. [Kesoram Rayon v Commissioner of Customs (1996)]

**Applicability of Interest on Warehoused Goods 14-5-2016:**



**Waiver of interest**

Waiver of interest can be granted by the Chief Commissioner of Central Excise upto ₹ 2 crores, and the C.B.E. & C. can waive part or full interest under exceptional circumstances without any upper limit beyond ₹ 2 crores.

**Custodian under section 45 of the Customs Act, 1962**

All imported goods unloaded in a customs area shall remain in the custody of such person as may be approved by the Commissioner of Customs until they are cleared for home consumption or are warehoused or are transhipped. This person is called the custodian. The Post Trust Authority and the Notional Airport Authority can be considered as custodian.



**Custodian has the following responsibilities under section 45(2):**

- Keep proper record of goods received from the carriers
- Sending a copy of the same to the customs authorities
- Removal of goods from the customs area with specific permission of the Customs Authorities

**Liability of the custodian under section 45(3):**

If any imported goods are pilfered after unloading in any customs area, while in the custody of the custodian, such custodian shall be liable to pay duty on such goods. **International Airport Authority of India v Ashok Dhawan 1999(106) ELT 16 (SC).**

**Port Trust authorities are not liable for payment of duty in respect of pilfered goods:**

The Bombay High Court differently interpreted the liability of the Custodian. As per section 45 of the Customs Act, the person referred to in sub-section (1) thereof can only be the person approved by the Commissioner of Customs. It excludes a body of persons, who by virtue of a law for the time being in force, is entrusted with the custody of goods by incorporation of law under another enactment, (for example, the Port Trust Act in the given case). The recovery of duty in respect of pilfered goods could only from the approved person and the Port Trust is not liable to pay duty on goods pilfered while in their possession **[Board of Trustees of the Port of Bombay v UOI 2009 (241) ELT 513 (Bom)]**

**A 100% EOU has to be treated as a Customs Bonded Warehouse**

The entire premises of a 100% EOU has to be treated as a Customs bonded warehouse if the licence granted u/s 58 is in respect of the entire premises. Imported goods warehoused in the premises of a 100% EOU (which is licensed as a Customs bonded warehouse) and used for the purpose of manufacturing/processing by the 100% EOU in bond as authorized u/s 65 cannot be treated to have been removed for home consumption accordingly, filing or non-filing of ex-bond bill of entry before using the goods by the 100% EOU is not relevant. The Tribunal expressed the same view in the case of **Paras Fab International v CCE 2010 (256) ELT 556 (Tri.-LB).**

**Example 3:**

**A 100% EOU in Alwar, filed 'into Bond Bill of Entry' for warehousing the imported goods. The impugned goods were warehoused in their 100% EOU in Alwar and subsequently used in the factory within the premises of the 100% EOU for manufacture of the finished goods. The Department demanded customs duty on the impugned goods.**

**Answer:**

**Imported goods warehoused in the premises of a 100% EOU (which is licensed as a Customs bonded warehouse) and used for the purpose of manufacturing/processing by the 100% EOU in bond as authorized u/s 65 cannot be treated to have been removed for home consumption accordingly customs duty not required to pay.**

**Goods improperly removed from warehouse**

In any of the following cases, we can say the goods were improperly removed as per section 72 of the Customs Act, 1962:

- Warehoused goods taken out of a warehouse (except on clearance for home consumption or re-exportation, or for removal to another warehouse etc.)
- Warehoused goods have not been removed from a warehouse at the expiry of the period during which such goods are permitted
- Warehoused goods taken as samples without payment of duty but not returned

- Warehoused goods for which a bond has been executed and have not been cleared goods for home consumption or export.

### Clearance of warehoused goods for exportation

Warehoused goods may be exported without payment of import duty by satisfying the following:

- A shipping bill or a bill of export has been presented in respect of such goods in the prescribed form
- The export duty, penalties, rent, interest and other charges payable in respect of such goods have been paid; and
- An order for clearance of such goods for exportation has been made by the proper officer.

Powers of proper officer to take samples for the purpose of examination or testing (Section 144):

### The proper officer may -

- on the entry or clearance of any goods or at any time while such goods are being passed through the customs area,
- take samples of such goods in the presence of the owner thereof,
- for examination or testing, or for ascertaining the value thereof, or for any other purposes of this Act.

### Return/Disposal of samples:

- After the purpose for which a sample was taken is carried out, such sample shall, if practicable, be restored to the owner.
- But if the owner fails to take delivery of the sample within three months from the date the sample was taken, it may be disposed of in such manner as the Commissioner of Customs may direct.

### No duty on samples destroyed:

Prior to 10th May, 2013	W.e.f. 10th May, 2013
No duty shall be chargeable on any sample of goods taken under this section which is consumed or destroyed during the course of any test or examination thereof, if such duty amounts to five rupees or more.	No duty shall be chargeable on any sample of goods taken under this section which is consumed or destroyed during the course of any test or examination thereof.

### Imported goods not cleared within 30 days (Section 48 of the Customs Act, 1962)

As per Section 48 of the Customs Act, 1962 the imported goods brought into India are allowed to stay not more than 30 days on the wharf. Therefore, these imported goods should be cleared for home consumption, or warehoused or transhipped within 30 days from the date of the unloading thereof at the Customs Station or within such further time as the proper officer may allow.

If the goods are not cleared within 30 days from the date of unloading or if the title to any imported goods is relinquished by the importer, such goods can be sold by the Custodian with customs permission and after notice to the importer.

However, in case of animals, perishable goods, hazardous goods, they can be sold any time with the permission of proper officer.

Arms and ammunition fall under Arms Act, 1959 they can be sold at the time/place/manner prescribed by the Central Government of India.

However, Section 46 of the Customs Act, 1962 prescribes no time limit for filing a bill of entry by an importer upon arrival of goods.



**Warehousing without warehousing (Section 49 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

Imported goods are kept in customs bonded warehouse after being assessed to duty. However, occasionally, it may happen that assessment of duty may take time for want of some clarification/reports etc. In such cases, goods lying in docks may incur heavy demurrage. There is a provision that customs department can issue detention certificate and on the basis of such certificate, port trust authorities may remit demurrage.

If the assessment is delayed, then those goods can be stored in public warehouse without executing the bond.

**W.e.f. 10th May, 2013.**

Prior to 10th May, 2013	W.e.f 10th May, 2013
There is no time limit to remove the goods from warehouse where the goods has been stored under section 49 of the Customs Act, 1962 i.e. warehousing without warehousing	There is a time limit of 30 days to remove the goods from warehouse where the goods has been stored under section 49 of the Customs Act, 1962 i.e. warehousing without warehousing.  However, the Commissioner of Customs may extend the period of storage for a further period not exceeding 30 days at a time.

Extension of warehousing and acceptance of Letter of Undertaking in place of Bank Guarantee for export warehousing [Circular No. 976/10/2013-CX, dated 12.12.2013]:

- Warehousing of goods shall initially be allowed for a period upto 6 months, which may be further extended by Assistant/Deputy Commissioner, each extension being for a period not exceeding 6 months, subject to verification that the goods have not deteriorated in quality.
- The maximum period, for which goods may be left in the warehouse in which they are deposited, or in any warehouse to which such goods have been removed, shall be **three years** from the date on which such goods were first warehoused.
- Excisable goods shall be deemed to be cleared for home consumption on expiry of warehousing period including extensions granted, if any.
- Duty and interest @**15% p.a. (w.e.f. 1-4-2106)** shall be charged on such deemed removal. Prior to 1-4-2016 interest @ 24% per annum.
- W.e.f. 12.12.2013, where exporter is a manufacturer and a Status Holder with a clean track record, requirement to furnish security equal to 25% of bond amount shall be replaced by the requirement of furnishing an LUT initially for a period up to 6 months which may be extended by a further period not exceeding 6 months.

Further, extensions in the warehousing period shall be allowed to such exporter only on furnishing security of 25% of the bond amount.

**Warehoused Goods (Removal) Regulations, 2016 (NT 67/2016 Cus Dt 14.5.2016):**

**1. Owner of warehoused goods make a request:**

Where the warehoused goods are to be removed from one warehouse to another warehouse or from a warehouse to a customs station for export, the owner is required to make a request in prescribed Form for transfer of goods.

**2. Conditions for transport of goods:** Where the goods are removed:

- from the customs station of import to a warehouse or
- from one warehouse to another warehouse or
- from the warehouse to a customs station for export



the transport of the goods shall be under one-time lock (OTL), affixed by the proper officer or licensee or bond officer [i.e. an officer of customs in charge of a warehouse], as the case may be. However, the Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs may dispense with the condition of one-time lock and allow transport of the goods without affixing the one-time-lock, having regard to the nature of goods or manner of transport.

### 3. Acknowledgement of receipt of goods at the destination, to be produced by the owner of goods:

The owner of the goods shall produce to the proper officer at customs station of import or the bond officer, within one month [or extended period allowed], an acknowledgement issued by the licensee or the bond officer of the warehouse to which the goods have been removed or the proper officer at the customs station of export, as the case may be, stating that the goods have arrived at that place. In case the owner fails to provide the acknowledgment, he shall pay the full amount of duty chargeable on account of such goods together with interest, fine and penalties payable under section 72(1).

#### One Time Lock (OTL):

When the goods are removed from the customs station of import for warehousing, the proper officer affixes a one-time lock (OTL) on the container or means of transport (closed trucks). The serial number of OTL alongwith date and time of its affixation needs to be endorsed upon Bill of Entry for warehousing and transport document.

All customs stations are required to maintain records incorporating the number of the OTL, bill of entry, truck number, container number (if applicable), date & time of affixing the OTL and the name, designation & telephone number of the officer affixing the OTL.

A similar procedure has been provided under Warehoused Goods (Removal) Regulations, 2016 for removal of goods from one warehouse to another and from a warehouse to customs station for export.

However, the Principal Commissioner of Customs /Commissioner of Customs may permit movement of goods without affixation of such OTLs, where the nature of goods or their manner of transport so warrant (e.g. Liquid Bulk Cargo transported through Pipe Line & Over Dimensional Cargo)

#### Transfer of goods to another warehouse:

Warehouse – Private or Public	Special warehouse
(1) Licensee (namely incharge of warehouse) shall transfer warehoused goods to another warehouse only when the owner of the goods produce the form for transfer of goods bearing the orders of the bond officer permitting such transfer.	(1) Licensee (namely incharge of warehouse) shall transfer warehoused goods to another warehouse only with the permission of the Bond Officer on the form for transfer of goods.
(2) After the goods are removed and loaded on means of transport, licensee would: (a) affix a one-time-lock to the means of transport, (b) endorse the number of one-time lock on prescribed form for transfer of goods and on transportation documents, (c) cause one copy of each of these documents to be delivered to bond officer and (d) record the removal of goods	(2) Once bond officer permits removal of goods from warehouse, licensee shall, in the presence of Bond Officer,: (a) cause the goods to be loaded onto the means of transport, and (b) affix a one-time-lock to the means of transport.

**Monthly return:** A licensee shall file with the Bond Officer a monthly return in prescribed form, of the receipt, storage, operations and removal of the goods in the warehouse, within 10 days after the close of the month to which such return relates. However, such return shall be furnished on/before the 10th day of the month immediately preceding the month in which the warehousing period would expire.



Online filing of Ex-bond bill of entry and EDI based monitoring of warehouses at customs station of import (w.e.f. 31.05.2015)

The filing of ex-bond bills of entry on ICES will provide the benefits of automation to importers availing the warehousing facility and lend efficiency to the process of clearance of the warehoused goods.

On receipt of copy of the ex-bond bill of entry, jurisdictional bond officer shall verify its details from ICEGATE (Indian Customs Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data interchange (EC/EDI) Gateway) to check that, the order of clearance for home consumption has been made by the proper officer. In case of any discrepancy, he shall not permit the removal of goods from the warehouse and immediately inform his Deputy or Assistant Commissioner for resolution of the same.

**Example 4:**

Explain the validity of the following statements with reference to Chapter IX of the Customs Act, 1962 containing the provisions relating to the warehousing:

- (a) The proper officer is not authorized to lock any warehouse with the lock of the Customs Department.
- (b) The Commissioner of Customs (Appeals) may appoint public warehouses wherein dutiable goods may be deposited.
- (c) The Commissioner of Customs or Principal Commissioner of Customs is not required to give a notice to the licensee while canceling the license of a private warehouse if he has contravened any provision of the said Act.

Answer:

- (a) The given statement is invalid: Sec. 58A (1) The Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, license a special warehouse wherein dutiable goods may be deposited and such warehouse shall be caused to be locked by the proper officer and no person shall enter the warehouse or remove any goods therefrom without the permission of the proper officer.
- (b) The given statement is invalid: The Commissioner of Customs or the Principal Commissioner of Customs can appoint public warehouse, wherein dutiable goods can be deposited under Section 57 of the Customs Act, 1962.
- (c) The given statement is valid: the Commissioner of Customs or Principal Commissioner of Customs is not required to give a notice to the licensee while canceling the license of a private warehouse if he has contravened any provision of the said Act, as per section 58(2)(b) of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Example 5:**

An importer imported some goods on 1st January, 2019 and the goods were cleared from Mumbai port for warehousing on 8th January, 2019 by submitting Bill of Entry, exchange rate was ₹ 50 per US \$. FOB value US \$ 10,000. The rate of duty on 8th January, 2019 was 20%. The goods were warehoused at Pune and were cleared from Pune warehouse on 31st May, 2019, when rate of basic customs duty was 12% and exchange rate was ₹ 68.75 per 1US \$. IGST @12% is applicable. (Applicable Social Welfare Surcharge @ 10%)

You are required to find:

- (a) The total Customs duty payable?
- (b) The interest if any payable?

Answer:	USD
FOB	10,000
ADD: 20% Freight on FOB	2,000
ADD: 1.125% Insurance on FOB	112.5
CIF / Assessable Value	12,112.50

Assessable Value	₹ 6,05,625 (i.e. 12,112.50 x ₹ 50)
Add: BCD 12%	₹ 72,675 (i.e. 6,05,625 x 12%)
Add: Social Welfare Surcharge @ 10%	₹ 7,268 (i.e. 72,675 @ 10%)
Transaction value subject to GST	₹ 6,85,568
Add: IGST	₹ 82,268 (i.e. 6,85,568 @ 12%)
Value of import	₹ 7,67,836
Value of Customs duties	₹ 1,62,211
Interest: (i.e. 1,62,211 x 15% x 54/365)	₹ 3,600
<b>Working Note:</b>	
From 8th January 2019 to 31st May 2019 = 144 – 90 = 54 days.	

**Example 6:**

Vipul imported certain goods in December, 2021. An 'Thrice the duty bond' bill of entry was presented on 14th December, 2021 and goods were cleared from the port for warehousing. Assessable value on that date was US \$1,00,000. The order permitting the deposit of goods in warehouse for four months was issued on 21st December, 2021. Vipul deposited the goods in warehouse on the same day but did not clear the imported goods even after the warehousing period got over on 20th April, 2022.

A notice was issued under section 72 of the Customs Act, 1962, demanding duty, interest and other charges. Vipul cleared the goods on 14th May 2022. Compute the amount of duty and interest payable by Vipul while removing the goods on the basis of following information:

Particulars	14-12-2021	20-4-2022	14-5-2022
Rate of exchange per US\$ (as notified by Central Board of Excise & Customs)	₹ 65.20	₹ 65.40	₹ 65.50
Basic Customs Duty	15%	10%	12%

No other customs duty is payable except basic customs duty.

Answer:

Assessable value ₹ 65,20,000/-

Customs duty is ₹ 7,17,200/- (USD 1,00,000 x ₹ 65.20) x 11% = ₹ 7,17,200

Interest payable is ₹ 16,211/- (7,17,200 x 15/100) x 55 days/365 = ₹ 16,211/-

No. of days delay:

Month	No. of days delay
From 21st Dec 2021 to 31st Dec 2021	11
Jan 2022	31
Feb 2022	28
Mar 2022	31
April 2022	30
May 2022	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>
Less: No. of days for which no interest	-90
<b>No. of delay for interest</b>	<b>55</b>





# Study Note - 7

## DUTY DRAWBACK



### This Study Note includes

- 7.1 Duty Drawback
- 7.2 Special Brand Rate of Duty Drawback
- 7.3 Duty Drawback on Re-export
- 7.4 Negative List of Duty Drawback
- 7.5 Duty Deferment
- 7.6 Export Incentives in Lieu of Duty Drawback

### 7.1 DUTY DRAWBACK

The term 'duty drawback' means drawing back of the duties paid. Drawback is given as an amount to the exporter which represents:

- The duty paid on imported inputs which are used in the manufacture of export goods.
- The excise duty paid on the indigenously produced inputs used in the manufacture of export goods and the service tax paid on input services. However, the excise duty and the service tax have been subsumed into GST.

No drawback is allowed on VAT, CST

However, the amount of drawback paid would not exactly relate to the actual import duty and excise duty components. It is determined by the government on the basis of an average amount of duty having regard to all the circumstances and facts of the manufacturing industry. Such a rate is called 'all industry rates' which may vary from time to time depending upon the duty prevalent on the inputs.

Brand rate of duty drawback is applicable in either of the following circumstances.

- When individual rate fixed in respect of goods on which all industry rate is not applicable
- Or
- All industry rate does not cover 80% of the drawback amount due

The Brand Rate of Duty Drawback fixed by the Central Government after necessary verification of the manufacturing processes and the documents provided giving details of input output ratio, duty paid on inputs, etc.

### 7.2 SPECIAL BRAND RATE OF DUTY DRAWBACK

As per Rule 7 of Drawback Rules the special brand rate of duty drawback can be applied based on the satisfaction of following conditions:

- Exporter has to apply for fixation of special brand rate within 30 days from the date of export.
- All industry rates do not cover 80% of the duties paid by the exporter.



- Rate of Duty Drawback should not be less than 1% of Free on Board.
- Amount of Drawback should not be less than ₹ 500 per shipment, in case rate of Duty Drawback is less than 1% of FOB.
- Exported goods value is more than the value of imported goods.

### Example 1:

**An exporter exported 2,000 pairs of leather shoes @ ₹ 750 per pair. All industry rate of drawback is fixed on average basis i.e. @ 11% of FOB subject to maximum of ₹ 80 per pair. The exporter found that the actual duty paid on inputs was ₹ 1,95,000. He has approached you, as a consultant, to apply under Rule 7 of the drawback rules for fixation of 'special brand rate'. Advise him suitably.**

### Answer:

- Drawback Amount ₹ 1,65,000 (i.e.  $2,000 \times 750 \times 11\%$ ) or ₹ 1,60,000 (i.e.  $₹ 80 \times 2,000$ ) whichever is less.
- Therefore duty drawback allowed is ₹ 1,60,000.
- All Industry duty drawback rate = @ 82.05% [ $(1,60,000/1,95,000) \times 100\%$ ]
- Exporter is not eligible to apply for Special Brand rate.
- Therefore, exporter is eligible for claiming All Industry Duty Drawback.

**Note: special brand rate of duty is applicable only when all industry rates do not cover 80% of the duties paid by the exporter.**

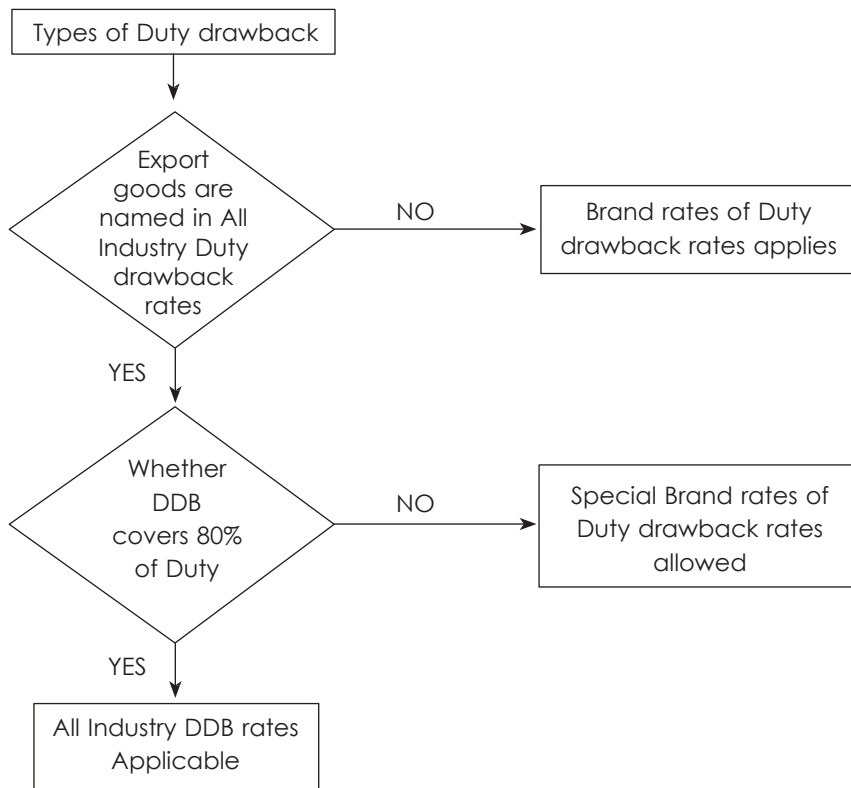
### All Industry Rates

Generally these rates are fixed by the Drawback Directorate once in every year on 1st June. The Brand rate is fixed for those products in respect of which All Industry Rate is not announced. In that case, the manufacturer or exporter has to get the brand rate fixed by furnishing the prescribed data within 3 months from the relevant date for determination of rate of duty and tariff valuation to the Commissioner of Central Excise and Customs.

As per Rule 3(2) of Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995, all industry rate of duty drawback will be determined by the Drawback Directorate shall have regard to

- The average quantity or value of each class or description of the materials from which a particular class of goods is ordinarily produced or manufactured in India.
- The average quantity or value of the imported materials or excisable materials used for production or manufacture in India of a particular class of goods;
- The average amount of duties paid on imported materials or excisable materials used in the manufacture of semis, components and intermediate products which are used in the manufacture of goods.
- The average amount of duties paid on materials wasted in the process of manufacture.
- The average amount of duties paid on imported materials or excisable materials used for containing or, packing the export goods;
- The average amount of tax paid on taxable services which are used as input services for the manufacturing or processing or for containing or packing the export goods.
- Any other information, which the Central Government considers relevant or useful.

**Types of duty drawbacks concept and its applicability explained here in a simplified manner:**



Where the exporter has already filed a duty drawback claim under All Industry Rates (AIR) Schedule, he cannot request for fixation of Special Brand Rate of drawback. Thus, the exporter should determine prior to export of goods, whether to claim drawback under AIR or Special Brand Rate. [w.e.f. 22.11.2014]

### 7.3 DUTY DRAWBACK ON RE-EXPORT

Section 74 of the Customs Act, 1962, provides facility of claiming duty drawback on the re-export of duty paid goods.

- Originally the goods should have been imported into India;
- Customs duty on import should have been paid.
- The imported goods should be capable of being easily identifiable as the same goods which were originally imported.
- The goods have been exported after proper examination of the goods and after ensuring that there is no prohibition or restriction on their export by the proper officer.
- The goods should have been identified to the satisfaction of the Assistant or Deputy Commissioner of Customs as the goods, which were imported, and

Drawback of import duty paid is not allowed if these goods are exported: Wearing apparel, (after being used), Tea chests, Exposed cinematograph film passed by the Board of Film Censors in India, Unexposed photographic films, paper and plates and X-Ray films.



- The goods should have been entered for export within **two years** from the date of payment of duty on the importation thereof.

The Central Board of Excise and Customs has the power to extend the period of two years. Once these conditions are satisfied, then 98% of the import duty paid on such goods at the time of importation shall be repaid as drawback. 98% duty drawback is allowed only when these goods are re-exported without being used in the industry. If the goods are taken into use after importation then the duty drawback is allowed based on the period of usage as per section 74(2) of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Example 2:**

**ABC Ltd., who is an exporter, finds that the amount of drawback refunded to it is less than what it is entitled to, on the basis of the rates of drawback announced by the Central Government. Briefly discuss whether ABC Ltd. can claim the difference of drawback short refunded and procedure to be followed in this regard.**

**Answer:**

**Yes, ABC Ltd. is eligible for claiming the difference of the drawback on the basis of the amount of rate of drawback determined by the Central Government of India for claiming the difference by filing a supplementary claim in the prescribed form under rule 15 of the Customs Act and Central Excise Duties Drawback Rules, 1995 within a period of 3 months.**

**The said 3 months period further extended for a period of nine months for filing a supplementary claim under rule 15, by making an application accompanied with a fees of 1% of the FOB value of exports or ₹ 1000/- whichever is less. Further, the said period may be extended by six months by Commissioner of Customs/ Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise on an application accompanied with a fees of 2% of the FOB value or ₹ 2000/- whichever is less.**

**Drawback rates on re-export if the goods are taken into use after importation (NT No. 23/2008-Cus., dated 1-3-2008)**

The following duty drawback rates has been notified by the Central Government under section 74(2) of the Customs Act, 1962. These rates are applicable if the goods are re-exported only after being used in the business.

<b>Length of period between the date of clearance for home consumption and the date when goods are placed under Customs control for export.</b>	<b>% of import duty to be paid as Drawback</b>
Not more than 3 months	95%
More than 3 months but not more than 6 months	85%
More than 6 months but not more than 9 months	75%
More than 9 months but not more than 12 months	70%
More than 12 months but not more than 15 months	65%
More than 15 months but not more than 18 months	60%
More than 18 months	NIL

**Duty drawback rates on personnel goods under section 74(2) of the Customs Act**

The following duty drawback rates are allowable on goods imported for personal use (like Motor cars or other

goods) after payment of duty and subsequently re-exported: These rates are applicable if the goods are re-exported after being used.

Year	Quarter or part thereof	Rate of drawback to be reduced	Cumulative reduction	Allowable drawback
<b>1</b>	1st Quarter	4%	4%	96%
	2nd Quarter	4%	8%	92%
	3rd Quarter	4%	12%	88%
	4th Quarter	4%	16%	84%
<b>2</b>	1st Quarter	3%	19%	81%
	2nd Quarter	3%	22%	78%
	3rd Quarter	3%	25%	75%
	4th Quarter	3%	28%	72%
<b>3</b>	1st Quarter	2.50%	30.5%	69.5%
	2nd Quarter	2.50%	33%	67%
	3rd Quarter	2.50%	35.5%	64.5%
	4th Quarter	2.50%	38%	62%
<b>4</b>	1st Quarter	2%	40%	60%
	2nd Quarter	2%	42%	58%
	3rd Quarter	2%	44%	56%
	4th Quarter	2%	46%	54%

Part of the quarter is also considered as full quarter for allowing duty draw back rate.

#### Motor car or goods used more than 2 years:

where the period of usage is more than 2 years, drawback shall be allowed only if the CBIC, on sufficient cause being shown, has in that particular case extended the period beyond 2 years and also that no drawback shall be allowed if such motor car has been used for more than 4 years.

#### Example 3:

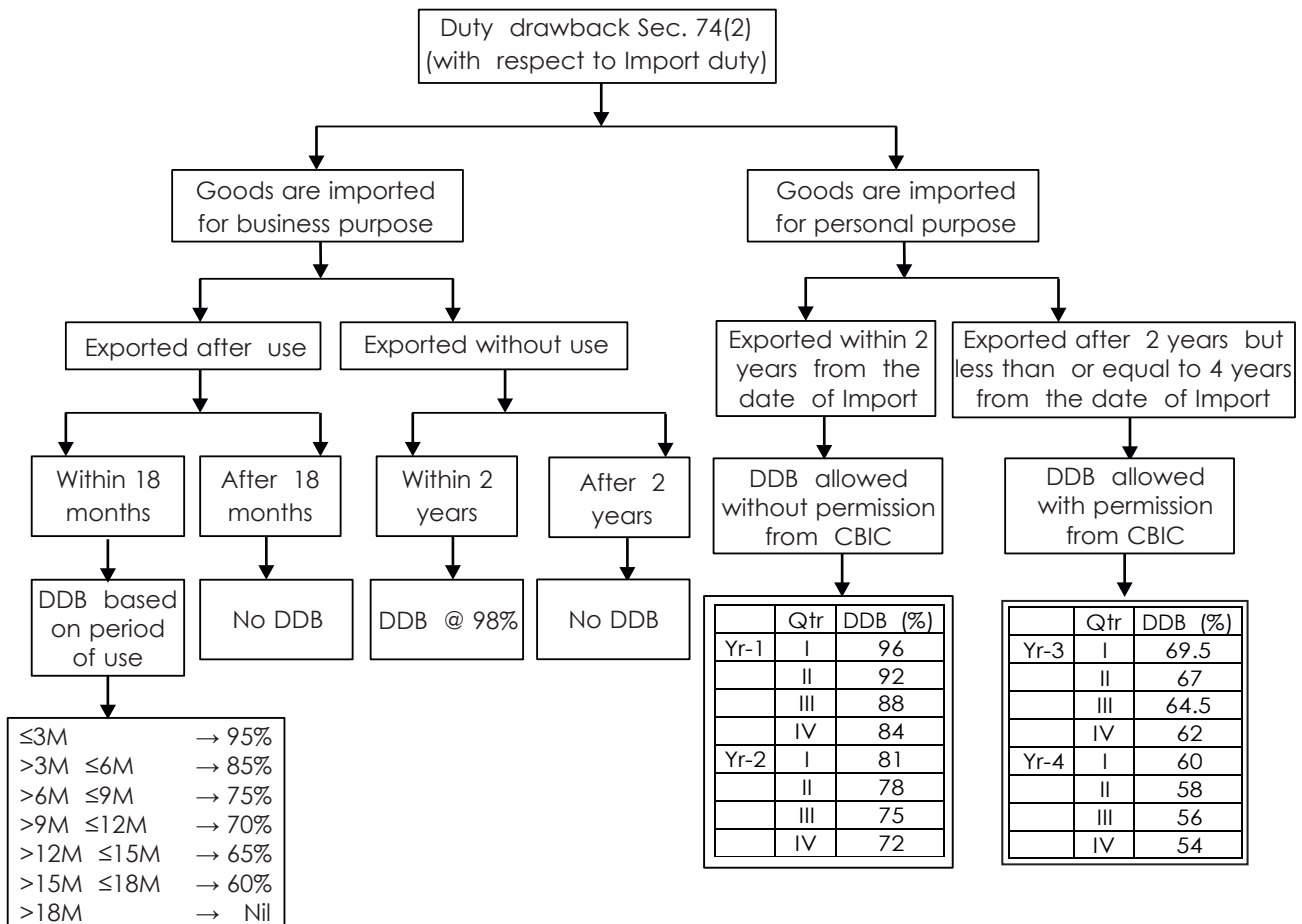
**Mr. Ram wants to take back with him (i.e. re-export) a car that he was imported on duty payment, when came to India. Can he get any duty drawback from the government? He has imported motor car for his personal use and paid ₹ 2,50,000 as import duty. Car used in India for 3months and 2 days.**

#### Answer:

**Yes, he can claim the duty drawback @92% on the value of import duty i.e. ₹ 2,30,000.**



The entire concept with regard to duty drawback on re-export has been explained hereunder:



**Example 4:**

Calculate the amount of duty drawback allowable under section 74 of the Customs Act, 1962 in following cases:

- (a) Salman imported a motor car for his personal use and paid ₹ 5,00,000 as import duty. The car is re-exported after 6 months and 20 days.
- (b) Nisha imported wearing apparel and paid ₹ 50,000 as import duty. As she did not like the apparel, these are re-exported after 20 days.
- (c) Super Tech Ltd. imported 10 computer systems paying customs duty of ₹ 50 lakh. Due to some technical problems, the computer systems were returned to foreign supplier after 2 months without using them at all.

Answer:

- (a) The amount of duty drawback is ₹ 4,40,000 (i.e. ₹ 5,00,000 @ 88%), since these goods are used in India.
- (b) Duty drawback is ₹ nil, assumed that wearing apparels are re-exported after being used.
- (c) Duty drawback is ₹ 49,00,000 (i.e. 50,00,000 x 98%), since these good are re-exported without being used.

**Example 5:**

**With reference to drawback on re-export of duty paid imported goods under section 74 of the Customs Act, 1962, answer in brief the following questions:**

- (i) What is the time limit for re-exportation of goods as such?**
- (ii) What is the rate of duty drawback if the goods are exported without use?**
- (iii) Is duty drawback allowed on re-export of wearing apparel without use?**

**Answer:**

- (i) As per section 74 of the Customs Act, 1962, the duty paid imported goods are required to be entered for export within two years from the date of payment of duty on the importation.  
This period can be extended by CBIC if the importer shows sufficient reason for not exporting the goods within two years.**
- (ii) If duty paid imported goods are exported without use, then 98% of such duty is re-paid as drawback.**
- (iii) Yes, duty drawback is allowed when wearing apparels are re-exported without being used.**

**Statements/Declaration to be made on export other than by post**

As per Rule 4 of the Re-export of Imported Goods (Drawback of Customs Duties) Rules, the exporter shall at the time of export of the goods

- State on shipping bill or bill of export, the description, quantity and such other particulars as are necessary for deciding whether the goods are entitled to drawback under section 74 and make a declaration on the relevant shipping bill or bill of export the following:
  - the export is being made under a claim for drawback under section 74 of the Customs Act;
  - that the duties of customs were paid on the goods imported;
  - that the imported goods were, or were not, taken into use after importation;
- furnish to the proper officer of customs, copy of bill of entry, import invoice, Documentary evidence of payment of duty, export invoice and packing list and permission from Reserve Bank of India to re-export the goods, wherever necessary

**Time limit for claiming the duty drawback**

As per Rule 5(1) of the Re-export of Imported Goods (Drawback of Customs Duties) Rules, 1995 a claim for drawback, in case of goods exported other than by post, shall be filed in the specified form at Annexure II within three months from the date on which an order permitting clearance and loading of goods for exportation under section 51 is made by proper officer of customs.

In case of delay in filing the claim, the proper officer namely the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs may, if he satisfied that the exporter was prevented by sufficient cause to file his claim within the aforesaid period of three months, allow the exporter to file his claim within a further period of three months.

**Extension of time period for filing drawback claim under rule 5 of the Re-export of Imported Goods (Drawback of Customs Duties) Rules, 1995**

Proviso to rule 5(1) of the Re-export of Imported Goods (Drawback of Customs Duties) Rules, 1995 has been substituted with a new proviso. Rule 5(1) provides that a claim for drawback shall be filed within three months from the date on which an order permitting clearance and loading of goods for exportation is made by proper officer of customs.

The new proviso lays down that the said period of three months may be extended by a period of three





months by Assistant/Deputy Commissioner on an application accompanied with a fees of 1% of the FOB value of exports or ₹ 1000/- whichever is less and a further period of six months by Commissioner of Customs/ Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise on an application accompanied with a fees of 2% of the FOB value or ₹ 2000/- whichever is less. **[Notification No. 48/2010-Cus. (NT), dated 17.06.2010]**

**Change in time periods available under rules 6, 7, 15 and 16A of the Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995**

Following amendments have been made in the Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995: [Notification No. 49/2010 Cus.(NT), dated 17.06.2010]

- (i) The time period for the following has been extended from sixty days to three months:
- (a) making an application to the Commissioner of Central Excise/Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise for determination of the amount or rate of drawback if no All Industry Rate is specified [Rule 6].
  - (b) making an application to the Commissioner of Central Excise/Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise for determination of the amount or rate of drawback where the amount or rate of drawback is low (i.e. All Industry Rate is lower than 80% of the duty or tax paid) [Rule 7].

Further, the aforesaid periods of three months may be extended by a period of three months by Assistant/ Deputy Commissioner on an application accompanied with a fees of 1% of the FOB value of exports or ₹ 1000/- whichever is less and a further period of six months by Commissioner of Central Excise/ Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise on an application accompanied with a fees of 2% of the FOB value or ₹ 2000/- whichever is less.

**Supplementary Claim [Rule 15]:**

Where an exporter finds that the amount of duty drawback paid to him is less than what he is entitled to on the basis of amount or rate of duty drawback as determined by the Commissioner of Central Excise/ Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise, he may prefer supplementary claim in prescribed form:

The claim shall be made within 3 months of the following dates:

- Where rate of duty drawback is determined or revised under Rule 3 or 4, date of publication of such date
- Where the rate is determined under Rule 6 or 7, the date of communication of rate to person

The said 3 months period further extended for a period of nine months for filing a supplementary claim under rule 15, by making an application accompanied with a fees of 1% of the FOB value of exports or ₹ 1000/- whichever is less. Further, the said period may be extended by six months by Commissioner of Customs/ Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise on an application accompanied with a fees of 2% of the FOB value or ₹ 2000/- whichever is less.

**Recovery of duty drawback where export proceeds are not realized [Rule 16A]:**

Where the duty drawback has been paid to the exporter but the sale proceeds in respect of such goods have not been realized by the exporter within the period permissible by the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA), such duty drawback shall be recovered by the Government except under circumstances or conditions specified in rule 16A(5).

Where the sale proceeds are realized by the exporter after the amount of drawback has been recovered from him and the exporter produces evidence about such realization within a period of 3 months from the date of realization of sale proceeds provided the sale proceeds have been realized within the period permitted by the Reserve Bank of India. The amount of drawback so recovered shall be repaid the Assistant Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Customs to the exporter.

Further, the aforesaid period of three months may be extended by a period of nine months by Commissioner

of Customs/Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise on an application accompanied with a fees of 1% of the FOB value of exports or ₹ 1000/- whichever is less.

Drawback shall not be recovered (Notification No. 30/2011-Cus., dated 11-4-2011):

As per Rule 16A (5) the Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995 where sale proceeds are not realized by an exporter within the period allowed under the FEMA, the amount of drawback paid to the exporter or the claimant shall not be recovered if

- such non-realisation of sale proceeds is compensated by the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd. (ECGC), under an insurance cover and
- the Reserve Bank of India writes off the requirement of realization of sale proceeds on merits and
- the exporter produces a certificate from the concerned Foreign Mission of India about the fact of non-recovery of sale proceeds from the buyer.

#### **Documents to be filed for claiming of duty drawback on re-export:**

As per Rule 5(2) of the Re-export of Imported Goods (Drawback of Customs Duties) Rules, 1995, the claim shall be filed along with the following documents, namely

- Triplicate copy of the Shipping Bill bearing examination report recorded by the proper officer of the customs at the time of export.
- Copy of Bill of Entry or any other prescribed document against which goods were cleared on importation;
- Import invoice;
- Evidence of payment of duty paid at the time of importation of the goods;
- Permission from Reserve Bank of India for re-export of goods, wherever necessary;
- Export invoice and packing list;
- Copy of Bill of lading or Airway bill;
- Any other documents as may be specified in the deficiency memo.

As per Rule 5(3) of the Re-export of Imported Goods (Drawback of Customs Duties) Rules, 1995 the date of filing of the claim for the purpose of section 75A shall be the date of affixing the Dated Receipt Stamp on the claims, which are complete in all respects, and for which are acknowledgement shall be issued in the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Customs.

As per Rule 5(4)(a) of the Any claim which is incomplete in any material particulars or is without the documents specified above shall not be accepted for the purpose of section 75A and such claim shall be returned to the claimant with the deficiency memo in the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Customs within fifteen days of submission and shall be deemed not to have been filed.

Incomplete claim if any shall not be accepted for the purpose of section 75A and the same shall be returned to the claimant with the deficiency memo in the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Customs within fifteen days of submission and shall be deemed not to have been filed.

Where the exporter complies with requirements specified in deficiency memo within thirty days from the date of receipt of deficiency memo, the same will be treated as a claim filed under Rule 5(1).

#### **Payment of erroneous or excess payment of duty drawback and interest**

Where an amount of drawback and interest, if any, has been paid erroneously or amount so paid in excess of what the claimant is entitled to, the claimant shall, on demand by an officer of customs repay the amount so paid erroneously or in excess, as the case may be, and where the claimant fails to repay the amount it shall be recovered in the manner laid down in Section 142(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 namely recovery of sums due to Government.



As per section 75A(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, the claimant (assessee) is liable to pay the excess amount of drawback, he is liable to pay interest as well. No notice need be issued separately as the payment of interest becomes automatic, once it is held that excess drawback has to be repaid. [CPS Textiles P Ltd. v Joint Secretary 2010 (255) ELT 228 (Mad)]

**Computation of duty drawback:**

**Example 6:**  
 'A' exported a consignment under drawback claim consisting of the following items—

Particulars	Chapter Heading	FOB value ₹	Drawback rate
200 pieces of pressure stores mainly made of beans @ ₹ 80/piece	74.04	16,000	4% of FOB
200 Kgs. Brass utensils @ ₹ 200 per Kg.	74.13	40,000	₹ 24/Kg.
200 Kg. Artware of brass @ ₹ 300 per Kg.	74.22	60,000	17.50% of FOB subject to a maximum of ₹ 38 per Kg.

On examination in docks, weight of brass Artware was found to be 190 Kgs. and was recorded on shipping bill. Compute the drawback on each item and total drawback admissible to the party.

**Answer:**  
 The drawback on each item and total drawback admissible to the party shall be-

Particulars	FOB value (₹)	Drawback rate	Drawback Amount (₹)
200 pcs, pressure stoves made of brass	16,000	4% of FOB	640
200 Kgs. Brass utensils	40,000	₹ 24 per Kg.	4,800
200 kgs. Artware of brass, whose actual weight was 190 Kgs. only. $(60,000 \times 190/200) \times 17.5\% = 9975$ $190 \text{ kgs} \times ₹ 38 = ₹ 7,220$		17.50% of FOB subject to maximum of ₹ 38 per Kg. (₹ 9,975 or ₹ 7,220 whichever is less)	7,220
<b>Total Drawback admissible (in ₹)</b>			<b>12,660</b>

**Example 7:**  
 X Ltd. has exported following goods to USA. Discuss whether any duty drawback is admissible under section 75 of the Customs Act, 1962.

Product	FOB Value of Exported goods	Market Price of goods	Duty drawback rate
A	2,50,000	1,80,000	30% of FOB
B	1,00,000	50,000	0.75% of FOB
C	8,00,000	8,50,000	3.50% of FOB
D	2,000	2,100	1.50% of FOB

**Note:** Imported value of product C is ₹ 9,50,000.

**Answer:**  
 Duty draw back amount for all the products are as follows

**Product A:**

**Note:** Imported value of product C is ₹ 9,50,000.

**Answer:**

Duty draw back amount for all the products are as follows

**Product A:**

Drawback amount =  $2,50,000 \times 30\% = ₹ 75,000$  or  $₹ 1,80,000 \times 1/3 = ₹ 60,000$

Allowable duty draw back does not exceed 1/3 of the market value.

Hence, the amount of duty drawback allowed is ₹ 60,000

**Product B:**

Drawback amount allowed is ₹ 750 (i.e.  $₹ 1,00,000 \times 0.75\%$ ). Since, the amount is more than ₹ 500 even though the rate is less than 1%.

**Product C:**

No duty drawback is allowed, since the value of export is less than the value of import (i.e. negative sale)

**Product D**

No duty drawback is allowed, since the duty drawback amount is ₹ 30 (which is less than ₹ 50). Though rate of duty drawback is more than 1%, no duty drawback is allowed.

**Example 8:**

Calculate the amount of duty drawback allowable under the Customs Act, 1962 in the following cases:

- Jaggi Mehta imported a car from U.K. for his personal use and paid ₹ 4,50,000 as import duty. However, the car is re-exported immediately without bringing it into use.
- Meenakshi imported a music player from Dubai and paid ₹ 12,000 as import duty. She used it for four months but re-exports the same after four months.
- XYZ Ltd. exported 1000 kgs of a metal of FOB value of ₹ 1,00,000. Rate of duty drawback on such export is ₹ 60 per kg. Market price of goods is ₹ 40,000 (in wholesale market).

**Answer:**

- Jaggi Mehta can claim duty drawback of ₹ 4,41,000 (98% of ₹ 4,50,000).
- Meenakshi can claim duty drawback of ₹ 10,200 (i.e. 85% of ₹ 12,000)
- XYZ Ltd. is not entitled to claim duty drawback in this case. Since, market value of exported goods is less than the value of Duty Drawback.

**Re-export of Imported Goods by POST**

Procedure to claim the duty drawback when import duty paid on imported goods which are taken for re-export:

- The parcel carrying the address of the consignee shall also carry in bold letters the words "DRAWBACK EXPORT";
- The exporter shall deliver to the competent Postal Authority, along with the parcel of package, a claim, in quadruplicate, duly filled in specified form.
- The relevant date for filing of drawback claim in such a case shall be the date of receipt of the aforesaid 'claim form' by the proper officer of customs from the postal authorities. This date is important for the purpose of calculation of interest on drawback under Section 75A of the Act.



- An intimation of the same shall be given by the proper officer of customs to the exporter in the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Customs.
- Deficiencies, if any, in the claim form shall be intimated to the exporter within 15 days of its receipt by postal authorities through a deficiency memo. In such circumstances such claim shall be deemed not to have been received.
- Where the exporter complies with the requirements specified in deficiency memo, within 30 days of receipt of the deficiency memo, he shall be issued an acknowledgement by the proper officer. The date of such acknowledgement shall be deemed to be the date of filing the claim for purposes of section 75A.

## 7.4 NEGATIVE LIST OF DUTY DRAWBACK

Section 76 of the Customs Act, 1962 contains the provisions in respect of prohibition and regulation of drawback and no drawback shall be allowed in the following circumstances:

- In respect of any goods, the market price of which is less than the amount of drawback due thereon,
- If the Central Government is of the opinion that goods of any specified description in respect of which drawback is claimed under this Chapter are likely to be smuggled back into India.
- CENVAT credit claim is on inputs and input services then no duty drawback is allowed. However, if the goods have already suffered the customs duty then duty drawback is allowed to the extent of customs duties.
- Duty drawback is not allowed if the exporter has already availed the Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) or other export incentives.
- If the sale proceeds not received within the time period allowed by Reserve Bank of India.
- Export to Nepal and Bhutan and the export proceeds are not received in hard currency (it means USD, GBP or Pounds).
- drawback in respect of iron and steel, cement and rice is not allowed. [w.e.f. 29-5-2008]
- duty drawback is more than 1/3rd of market value of exported goods, then amount of duty drawback is restricted to 1/3rd of market value.
- No amount or rate of drawback is to be determined except where the amount of drawback exceeds or equal to ₹ 500/- or it is 1% or more of the FOB value of export

Where the amount of drawback in respect of any goods is less than ₹ 50.

<b>Example 9:</b>				
<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Situation 1</b>	<b>Situation 2</b>	<b>Situation 3</b>	<b>Situation 4</b>
<b>Free On Board (FOB) in ₹</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>1,00,000</b>	<b>1,00,000</b>
<b>Duty Draw Back (DDB) in ₹</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>DDB (%)</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0.45%</b>	<b>0.75%</b>
<b>DDB</b>	<b>Not allowed</b>	<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Not allowed</b>	<b>Allowed</b>
<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Since, DDB is &lt; ₹ 50</b>	<b>Since, DDB ≥ 1% and amount also ≥ ₹ 50</b>	<b>Since, DDB &lt; 1% and DDB amount also &lt; ₹ 500</b>	<b>Since, DDB amount is ≥ ₹ 500 even though DDB &lt; 1%</b>
<b>The above list is only illustrative but not exhaustive.</b>				

**Example 10:**

XYZ Company Limited exported a consignment of manufactured goods. The company has paid import duty and central excise duty on the components used in the manufacture. A duty drawback rate has been fixed for these goods. The ship carrying the consignment runs into trouble and sinks in the Indian territorial waters. The customs department refused to grant drawback for the reason that the goods did not reach their destination. As a consultant for M/s XYZ Limited you are required to prepare a brief note with the reason whether the stand taken by the customs department is correct in law.

**Answer:**

The term "export" means "taking out of India to a place outside India". The term "taking out of a place outside India" would also mean a place in high seas, if that place is beyond territorial waters of India. If the goods cross the territorial waters of India then it is an export and duty drawback cannot be denied.

In the given case, the vessel sunk within territorial waters of India and therefore there is no export. Accordingly, no duty drawback shall be available in this case [Union of India v Rajindra Dyeing & Printing Mills Ltd. 2005 (180) ELT 433 (SC)].

**Example 11:**

Sun industries sent certain goods by a ship from Kolkatta to Colombo in Sri Lanka under claim for drawback on the said goods under section 75 of the Customs Act, 1962 against shipping bill. The ship had passed beyond the territorial waters of India and the engine developed trouble while the ship was on high seas falling within the ambit of the expression 'taking out a place outside India'. The ship returned back and ran aground in Indian territorial waters at the port of Paradeep. The fittings, stores and cargo were salvaged. Discuss the admissibility of claim for drawback by the company.

**Answer:**

In the given case it is apparent that the goods are exported. The fact that the ship was brought back to India because of the damages in the ship does not affect the position. The assessee was entitled to the benefit of section 75 of the Customs Act, 1962. Once the ship carrying goods crosses the territorial waters, export is complete and duty drawback is allowable and its running aground in India due to engine trouble makes no difference.

**Upper limit of drawback money or rate**

As per the Rule 8A of Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995 the drawback amount or rate determined under rule 3 (i.e. the all industry rate) shall not exceed 1/3rd of the market price of export product.

**Interest on draw back amount**

Any drawback payable to a claimant u/s 74 or 75 is not paid within specified time period (i.e. one month from the date of filing of draw back claim), the @6% per annum interest is payable to the claimant after the expiry of said one month till the date of payment of such drawback.

Drawback has been paid to the claimant erroneously or it becomes otherwise recoverable under this Act or rules made there under, within two months from the date of demand has to pay back. Otherwise, @13% per annum interest will be levied from the date of payment of such drawback to the claimant till the date of recovery of such drawback.

**CUSTOMS AND CENTRAL EXCISE DUTIES DRAWBACK RULES, 2017****Rule 1 Short title, extent and commencement.-**

(1) These rules may be called the Customs and Central Excise Duties Drawback Rules, 2017.



- (2) They extend to the whole of India.
- (3) They shall come into force on the 1st day of October, 2017

### Rule 2 Definitions

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

- (a) "drawback" in relation to any goods manufactured in India and exported, means the rebate of duty excluding integrated tax leviable under sub-section (7) and compensation cess leviable under sub-section (9) respectively of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) chargeable on any imported materials or excisable materials used in the manufacture of such goods;
- (b) "excisable material" means any material produced or manufactured in India subject to a duty of excise under the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944);
- (c) "export", with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means taking out of India to a place outside India or taking out from a place in Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) to a special economic zone and includes loading of provisions or store or equipment for use on board a vessel or aircraft proceeding to a foreign port;
- (d) "imported material" means any material imported into India and on which duty is chargeable under the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962);
- (e) "manufacture" includes processing of or any other operation carried out on goods, and the term manufacturer shall be construed accordingly;
- (f) "tax invoice" means the tax invoice referred to in section 31 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017).

### Rule 3 Drawback

- (1) Subject to the provisions of –
  - (a) the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) and the rules made there under;
  - (b) the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944) and the rules made thereunder; and
  - (c) these rules, a drawback may be allowed on the export of goods at such amount, or at such rates, as may be determined by the Central Government :

Provided that where any goods are produced or manufactured from imported materials or excisable materials, on some of which only the duty chargeable thereon has been paid and not on the rest, or only a part of the duty chargeable has been paid; or the duty paid has been rebated or refunded in whole or in part or given as credit, under any of the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) and the rules made thereunder, or of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944) and the rules made thereunder, the drawback admissible on the said goods shall be reduced taking into account the lesser duty paid or the rebate, refund or credit obtained :

Provided further that no drawback shall be allowed –

- (i) if the said goods, except tea chests used as packing material for export of blended tea, have been taken into use after manufacture;
- (ii) if the said goods are produced or manufactured, using imported materials or excisable materials in respect of which duties have not been paid;
- (iii) on jute batching oil used in the manufacture of export goods, namely, jute (including Bimlipatam jute or mesta fibre) yarn, twist, twine, thread, cords and ropes;
- (iv) if the said goods, being packing materials have been used in or in relation to the export of -

- (A) jute yarn (including Bimlipatam jute or mesta fibre), twist, twine, thread and ropes in which jute yarn predominates in weight;
  - (B) jute fabrics (including Bimlipatam jute or mesta fibre), in which jute predominates in weight;
  - (C) jute manufactures not elsewhere specified (including Bimlipatam jute or mesta fibre) in which jute predominates in weight.
- (2) In determining the amount or rate of drawback under this rule, the Central Government shall have regard to, -
- (a) the average quantity or value of each class or description of the materials from which a particular class of goods is ordinarily produced or manufactured in India;
  - (b) the average quantity or value of the imported materials or excisable materials used for production or manufacture in India of a particular class of goods;
  - (c) the average amount of duties paid on imported materials or excisable materials used in the manufacture of semis, components and intermediate products which are used in the manufacture of goods;
  - (d) the average amount of duties paid on materials wasted in the process of manufacture and catalytic agents:  
Provided that if any such waste or catalytic agent is re-used in any process of manufacture or is sold, the average amount of duties on the waste or catalytic agent re-used or sold shall also be deducted;
  - (e) the average amount of duties paid on imported materials or excisable materials used for containing or, packing the export goods;
  - (f) any other information which the Central Government may consider relevant or useful for the purpose.

**Rule 4 Revision of rates**

The Central Government may revise amount or rates determined under rule 3.

**Rule 5 Determination of date from which the amount or rate of drawback is to come into force and the effective date for application of amount or rate of drawback.-**

- (1) The Central Government may specify the period upto which any amount or rate of drawback determined under rule 3 or revised under rule 4, as the case may be, shall be in force.
- (2) Where the amount or rate of drawback is allowed with retrospective effect, such amount or rate shall be allowed from such date as may be specified by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette which shall not be earlier than the date of changes in the rates of duty on inputs used in the export goods.
- (3) The provisions of section 16, or sub-section (2) of section 83, of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) shall determine the amount or rate of drawback applicable to any goods exported under these rules.

**Rule 6 Cases where amount or rate of drawback has not been determined-**

- (1) (a) Where no amount or rate of drawback has been determined in respect of any goods, any exporter of such goods may, within three months from the date relevant for the applicability of the amount or rate of drawback in terms of sub-rule (3) of rule 5, apply to the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the place of export, for determination of the amount or rate of drawback thereof stating all the relevant facts including the proportion in which the materials or components are used in the production or manufacture of goods and the duties paid on such materials or components:  
Provided that-
  - (i) in case an exporter is exporting the aforesaid goods from more than one place of export, he shall





apply to the Principal Commissioner or Commissioner of Customs, having jurisdiction over any one of the said places of export;

- (ii) the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may extend the aforesaid period of three months by a period of three months and the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may further extend the period by a period of six months;
- (iii) the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may, on an application and after making such enquiry as he thinks fit, grant extension or refuse to grant extension after recording in writing the reasons for such refusal;
- (iv) an application fee equivalent to 1% of the FOB value of exports or one thousand rupees whichever is less, shall be payable for applying for grant of extension to the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be and an application fee of 2% of the FOB value or two thousand rupees whichever is less, shall be payable for applying for grant of extension to the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be.

(b) On receipt of an application under clause (a), the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, shall, after making or causing to be made such inquiry as it deems fit, determine the amount or rate of drawback in respect of such goods.

(2) (a) Where an exporter desires that he may be granted drawback provisionally, he may, while making an application under clause (a) of sub-rule (1) apply to the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, that a provisional amount be granted to him towards drawback on the export of such goods pending determination of the amount or rate of drawback under clause (b) of that sub-rule.

(b) The Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may, after considering the application, allow provisionally payment of an amount not exceeding the amount claimed by the exporter in respect of such export:

Provided that the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may, for the purpose of allowing provisional payment of drawback in respect of such export, require the exporter to enter into a general bond for such amount, and subject to such conditions, as he may direct; or to enter into a bond for an amount not exceeding the full amount claimed by such exporter as drawback in respect of a particular consignment and binding himself, -

- (i) to refund the amount so allowed provisionally, if for any reason, it is found that the duty drawback was not admissible; or
- (ii) to refund the excess, if any, paid to such exporter provisionally if it is found that a lower amount was payable as duty drawback:

Provided further that when the amount or rate of drawback payable on such goods is finally determined, the amount provisionally paid to such exporter shall be adjusted against the drawback finally payable and if the amount so adjusted is in excess or falls short of the drawback finally payable, such exporter shall repay to the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, the excess or be entitled to the deficiency, as the case may be.

(c) The bond referred to in clause (b) may be with such surety or security as the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may direct.

(3) Where the Central Government considers it necessary so to do, it may, -

- (a) revoke the rate of drawback or amount of drawback, determined under clause (b) of sub-rule (1) by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be; or
- (b) direct the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, to withdraw the rate of drawback or amount of drawback determined.

**Explanation.-** For the purpose of this rule, "place of export" means customs station or any other place appointed for loading of export goods under section 7 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) from where the exporter has exported the goods or intends to export the goods in respect of which determination of amount or rate of drawback is sought.

**Rule 7. Cases where amount or rate of drawback determined is low.-**

- (1) Where, in respect of any goods, the exporter finds that the amount or rate of drawback determined under rule 3 or, as the case may be, revised under rule 4, for the class of goods is less than eighty per cent. of the duties paid on the materials or components used in the production or manufacture of the said goods, he may, except where a claim for drawback under rule 3 or rule 4 has been made, within three months from the date relevant for the applicability of the amount or rate of drawback in terms of sub-rule (3) of rule 5, make an application to the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the place of export, for determination of the amount or rate of drawback thereof stating all relevant facts including the proportion in which the materials or components are used in the production or manufacture of goods and the duties paid on such materials or components:

Provided that -

- (i) in case an exporter is exporting the aforesaid goods from more than one place of export, he shall apply to the Principal Commissioner or Commissioner of Customs, having jurisdiction over any one of the said places of export;
  - (ii) the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may extend the aforesaid period of three months by a period of three months and that the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may further extend the period by a period of six months;
  - (iii) the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may, on an application and after making such enquiry as he thinks fit, grant extension or refuse to grant extension after recording in writing the reasons for such refusal;
  - (iv) an application fee equivalent to 1% of the FOB value of exports or one thousand rupees whichever is less, shall be payable for applying for grant of extension to the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be and an application fee of 2% of the FOB value or two thousand rupees whichever is less, shall be payable for applying for grant of extension by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be.
- (2) On receipt of the application referred to in sub-rule (1), the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may, after making or causing to be made such inquiry as it deems fit, allow payment of drawback to such exporter at such amount or at such rate as may be determined to be appropriate, if the amount or rate of drawback determined under rule 3 or, as the case may be, revised under rule 4, is in fact less than eighty per cent. of such amount or rate determined under this sub-rule.
- (3) Provisional drawback amount, as may be specified by the Central Government, shall be paid by the proper officer of Customs and where the exporter desires that he may be granted further drawback provisionally, he may, while making an application under sub-rule (1), apply to the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, in this behalf in the manner as has been provided in clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 6 for the application made under that rule along with details of provisional drawback already paid and the grant of further provisional drawback shall be considered in the manner and subject to the conditions specified in clauses (b) and (c) of sub-rule (2), and sub-rule (3) of rule 6, subject to the condition that bond required to be executed by the claimant shall only be for the difference between amount or rate of drawback determined under rule 3 or, as the case may be, revised under rule 4 by the Central Government and the provisional drawback authorised by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, under this rule.



- (4) Where the Central Government considers it necessary so to do, it may,—
- (a) revoke the rate of drawback or amount of drawback determined under sub-rule (2) by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be; or
  - (b) direct the Principal Commissioner of Customs or the Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, to withdraw the rate of drawback or amount of drawback determined.

**Explanation.-** For the purpose of this rule, "place of export" means customs station or any other place appointed for loading of export goods under section 7 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) from where the exporter has exported the goods or intends to export the goods in respect of which determination of amount or rate of drawback is sought.

### **Rule 8: Cases where no amount or rate of drawback is to be determined**

No amount or rate of drawback shall be determined in respect of any goods or class of goods under rule 6 or rule 7, as the case may be, if the export value of each of such goods or class of goods in the bill of export or shipping bill is less than the value of the imported materials used in the manufacture of such goods or class of goods, or is not more than such percentage of the value of the imported materials used in the manufacture of such goods or class of goods as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify in this behalf.

### **Rule 9: Upper Limit of Drawback amount or rate**

The drawback amount or rate determined under rule 3 shall not exceed one third of the market price of the export product.

### **Rule 10: Power to require submission of information and documents**

For the purpose of –

- (a) determining the class or description of materials or components used in the production or manufacture of goods or for determining the amount of duty paid on such materials or components; or
- (b) verifying the correctness or otherwise of any information furnished by any manufacturer or exporter or other persons in connection with the determination of the amount or rate of drawback; or
- (c) verifying the correctness or otherwise of any claim for drawback; or
- (d) obtaining any other information considered by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, to be relevant or useful, any officer of the Central Government specially authorised in this behalf by an Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may require any manufacturer or exporter of goods or any other person likely to be in possession of the same to furnish such information and to produce such books of account and other documents as are considered necessary by such officer.

### **Rule 11: Access to manufactory**

Whenever an officer of the Central Government specially authorised in this behalf by an Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, considers it necessary, the manufacturer shall give access at all reasonable times to the officer so authorised to every part of the premises in which the goods are manufactured, so as to enable the said officer to verify by inspection the process of, and the materials or components used for the manufacture of such goods, or otherwise the entitlement of the goods for drawback or for a particular amount or rate of drawback under these rules.

### **Rule 12: Procedure for claiming drawback on goods exported by post**

- (1) Where goods are to be exported by post under a claim for drawback under these rules,-



- (a) the outer packing carrying the address of the consignee shall also carry in bold letters the words "DRAWBACK EXPORT";
  - (b) the exporter shall deliver to the competent Postal Authority, along with the parcel or package, a claim in the Form at Annexure I, in quadruplicate, duly filled in.
- (2) The date of receipt of the aforesaid claim form by the proper officer of Customs from the postal authorities shall be deemed to be date of filing of drawback claim by the exporter for the purpose of section 75A and an intimation of the same shall be given by the proper officer of Customs to the exporter in such form as the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may prescribe.
  - (3) In case the aforesaid claim form is not complete in all respects, the exporter shall be informed of the deficiencies therein within fifteen days of its receipt from postal authorities by a deficiency memo in the form prescribed by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, and such claim shall be deemed not to have been received for the purpose of sub-rule (2).
  - (4) When the exporter complies with the requirements specified in the deficiency memo within thirty days of its return, he shall be issued an acknowledgement by the proper officer in the form prescribed by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, and the date of such acknowledgement shall be deemed to be date of filing the claim for the purpose of section 75A.

**Rule 13: Statement/Declaration to be made on exports other than by Post**

- (1) In the case of exports other than by post, the exporters shall at the time of export of the goods –
  - (a) state on the shipping bill or bill of export, the description, quantity and such other particulars as are necessary for deciding whether the goods are entitled to drawback, and if so, at what rate or rates and make a declaration on the relevant shipping bill or bill of export that-
    - (i) a claim for drawback under these rules is being made;
    - (ii) in respect of duties of Customs and Central Excise paid on containers, packing materials and materials used in the manufacture of the export goods on which drawback is claimed, no separate claim for rebate of duty under the Central Excise Rules, 2002 or any other law has been or will be made to the Central excise authorities:

Provided that if the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, is satisfied that the exporter or his authorised agent has, for reasons beyond his control, failed to comply with the provisions of this clause, he may, after considering the representation, if any, made by such exporter or his authorised agent, and for reasons to be recorded, exempt such exporter or his authorised agent from the provisions of this clause;

- (b) furnish to the proper officer of Customs, a copy of shipment invoice or any other document giving particulars of the description, quantity and value of the goods to be exported.
- (2) Where the amount or rate of drawback has been determined under rule 6 or rule 7, the exporter shall make an additional declaration on the relevant shipping bill or bill of export that –
    - (a) there is no change in the manufacturing formula and in the quantum per unit of the imported materials or components, if any, utilised in the manufacture of export goods; and
    - (b) the materials or components, which have been stated in the application under rule 6 or rule 7 to have been imported, continue to be so imported and are not being obtained from indigenous sources

**Rule 14: Manner and time for claiming drawback on goods exported other than by post**

- (1) Electronic shipping bill in Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) under the claim of drawback or triplicate copy of the shipping bill for export of goods under a claim of drawback shall be deemed to be a claim for drawback filed on the date on which the proper officer of Customs makes an order permitting clearance and loading of goods for exportation under section 51 and said claim for drawback shall be retained by the proper officer making such order.



- (2) The said claim for drawback should be accompanied by the following documents, namely:-
- (i) copy of export contract or letter of credit, as the case may be;
  - (ii) copy of ARE-1, wherever applicable;
  - (iii) insurance certificate, wherever necessary; and
  - (iv) copy of communication regarding rate of drawback where the drawback claim is for a rate determined by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, under rule 6 or rule 7 of these rules.
- (3) (a) If the said claim for drawback is incomplete in any material particulars or is without the documents specified in sub-rule (2), shall be returned to the claimant with a deficiency memo in the form prescribed by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, within 10 days and shall be deemed not to have been filed for the purpose of section 75A.
- (b) where the exporter resubmits the claim for drawback after complying with the requirements specified in the deficiency memo, the same will be treated as a claim filed under sub-rule (1) for the purpose of section 75A.
- (4) For computing the period of one month prescribed under section 75A for payment of drawback to the claimant, the time taken in testing of the export goods, not more than one month, shall be excluded.

### **Rule 15: Payment of drawback and interest**

- (1) The drawback under these rules and interest, if any, shall be paid by the proper officer of Customs to the exporter or to the agent specially authorised by the exporter to receive the said amount of drawback and interest.
- (2) The officer of Customs may combine one or more claims for the purpose of payment of drawback and interest, if any, as well as adjustment of any amount of drawback and interest already paid and may issue a consolidated order for payment.
- (3) The date of payment of drawback and interest, if any, shall be deemed to be, in the case of payment—
  - (a) by cheque, the date of issue of such cheque; or
  - (b) by credit in the exporter's account maintained with the Custom House, the date of such credit.

### **Rule 16: Supplementary claim. –**

- (1) Where any exporter finds that the amount of drawback paid to him is less than what he is entitled to on the basis of the amount or rate of drawback determined by the Central Government or Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, he may prefer a supplementary claim in the form at Annexure II:

Provided that the exporter shall prefer such supplementary claim within a period of three months, -

- (i) where the rate of drawback is determined or revised under rule 3 or rule 4, from the date of publication of such rate in the Official Gazette;
- (ii) where the rate of drawback is determined or revised upward under rule 6 or rule 7, from the date of communicating the said rate to the person concerned;
- (iii) in all other cases, from the date of payment or settlement of the original drawback claim by the proper officer:

Provided further that –

- (i) the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may extend the aforesaid period of three months by a period of nine months and that the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may further extend the period by a period of six months;

- (ii) the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may, on an application and after making such enquiry as he thinks fit, grant extension or refuse to grant extension after recording in writing the reasons for such refusal;
  - (iii) an application fee equivalent to 1% of the FOB value of exports or one thousand rupees whichever is less, shall be payable for applying for grant of extension by the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be and an application fee of 2% of the FOB value or two thousand rupees whichever is less, shall be payable for applying for grant of extension by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be.
- (2) Save as otherwise provided in this rule, no supplementary claim for drawback shall be entertained.
- (3) The date of filing of the supplementary claim for the purpose of section 75A shall be the date of affixing the Dated Receipt Stamp on such claims which are complete in all respects and for which an acknowledgement shall be issued in the form prescribed by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be.
- (4) (a) Claims which are not complete in all respects or are not accompanied by the required documents shall be returned to the claimant with a deficiency memo in the form prescribed by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be within fifteen days of submission and shall be deemed not to have been filed.
- (b) Where the exporter resubmits the supplementary claim after complying with the requirements specified in the deficiency memo, the same will be treated as a claim filed under sub-rule (1) for the purpose of section 75A.

**Rule 17: Repayment of erroneous or excess payment of drawback and interest**

Where an amount of drawback and interest, if any, has been paid erroneously or the amount so paid is in excess of what the claimant is entitled to, the claimant shall, on demand by a proper officer of Customs repay the amount so paid erroneously or in excess, as the case may be, and where the claimant fails to repay the amount it shall be recovered in the manner laid down in sub-section (1) of section 142 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962).

**Rule 18: Recovery of amount of Drawback where export proceeds not realised**

- (1) Where an amount of drawback has been paid to an exporter or a person authorised by him (hereinafter referred to as the claimant) but the sale proceeds in respect of such export goods have not been realised by or on behalf of the exporter in India within the period allowed under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), including any extension of such period, such drawback shall, except under circumstances or conditions specified in sub-rule (5), be recovered in the manner specified below:

Provided that the time-limit referred to in this sub-rule shall not be applicable to the goods exported from the Domestic Tariff Area to a special economic zone.

- (2) If the exporter fails to produce evidence in respect of realisation of export proceeds within the period allowed under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, or any extension of the said period by the Reserve Bank of India, the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or the Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, shall cause notice to be issued to the exporter for production of evidence of realisation of export proceeds within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of such notice and where the exporter does not produce such evidence within the said period of thirty days, the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, shall pass an order to recover the amount of drawback paid to the claimant and the exporter shall repay the amount so demanded within thirty days of the receipt of the said order:

Provided that where a part of the sale proceeds has been realised, the amount of drawback to be



recovered shall be the amount equal to that portion of the amount of drawback paid which bears the same proportion as the portion of the sale proceeds not realised bears to the total amount of sale proceeds.

- (3) Where the exporter fails to repay the amount under sub-rule (2) within said period of thirty days referred to in sub-rule (2), it shall be recovered in the manner laid down in rule 17.
- (4) Where the sale proceeds are realised by the exporter after the amount of drawback has been recovered from him under sub-rule (2) or sub-rule (3) and the exporter produces evidence about such realisation within a period of three months from the date of realisation of sale proceeds, the amount of drawback so recovered shall be repaid by the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, to the claimant provided the sale proceeds have been realised within the period permitted by the Reserve Bank of India:

Provided that-

- (i) the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may extend the aforesaid period of three months by a period of nine months provided the sale proceeds have been realised within the period permitted by the Reserve Bank of India;
  - (ii) an application fee equivalent to 1% of the FOB value of exports or one thousand rupees whichever is less, shall be payable for applying for grant of extension by the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be.
- (5) Where sale proceeds are not realised by an exporter within the period allowed under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), but such non-realisation of sale proceeds is compensated by the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd. under an insurance cover and the Reserve Bank of India writes off the requirement of realisation of sale proceeds on merits and the exporter produces a certificate from the concerned Foreign Mission of India about the fact of non-recovery of sale proceeds from the buyer, the amount of drawback paid to the exporter or the claimant shall not be recovered.

### **Rule 19: Power to relax**

If the Central Government is satisfied that in relation to the export of any goods, the exporter or his authorised agent has, for reasons beyond his control, failed to comply with any of the provisions of these rules, and has thus been entitled to drawback, it may, after considering the representation, if any, made by such exporter or agent, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, exempt such exporter or agent from the provisions of such rule and allow drawback in respect of such goods.

### **Rule 20: Repeal and saving**

- (1) From the commencement of these rules, the Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995 shall cease to operate.
- (2) Notwithstanding such cesser of operation –
  - (a) every application made by a manufacturer or an exporter for the determination or revision of the amount or rate of drawback in respect of goods exported before the commencement of these rules but not disposed of before such commencement shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995 as if these rules had not been made;
  - (b) any claim made by an exporter or his authorised agent for the payment of drawback in respect of goods exported before the commencement of these rules but not disposed of before such commencement shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995 as if these rules had not been made;
  - (c) every amount or rate of drawback determined under the Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995 and in force immediately before the commencement of these rules shall cease to operate in respect of goods exported on or after commencement of these rules.

## 7.5 DUTY DEFERMENT

### Duty deferment [provisions of this section have been omitted w.e.f. 10.05.2013]

The Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs may permit clearance of material under an import licence without payment of duty leviable thereon. This is permissible subject to satisfaction of the following conditions [Section 143A of the Customs Act, 1962].

- While permitting clearance, the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs may require the importer to execute a bond with such surety or security as he thinks fit.
- The duty payable on the material imported shall be adjusted against the drawback of duty payable under this Act
- If the imported goods are not exported within the period specified in Advance Authorisation or within such extended period not exceeding six months by the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, be liable to pay the amount of duty not so adjusted together with simple interest thereon at the rate of twelve per cent per annum from the date the said permission for clearance is given to the date of payment.

### Drawback on export of Milk, Rice & Wheat:

W.e.f. 13-2-2015 Duty drawback on rice allowed

w.e.f. 23-11-2015 Duty drawback allowed on Wheat.

Prior to 21-9-2013	W.e.f. 21-9-2013
No drawback was allowed on milk products.	Rule 3 of the Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995, drawback will be allowed in respect of milk products.
Duty Drawback Allowed on Wheat.	Duty Drawback not Allowed on Wheat.
Duty Drawback not Allowed on Rice, casein, caseinates and other casein derivatives; casein glues.	Duty Drawback not Allowed on Rice, casein, caseinates and other casein derivatives; casein glues.

### Drawback is allowed in respect of milk products.

Prior to 21-9-2013	W.e.f. 21-9-2013
No drawback was allowed on milk products.	Rule 3 of the Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995, drawback will be allowed in respect of milk products.

## 7.6 EXPORT INCENTIVES IN LIEU OF DUTY DRAWBACK

The following are the export promotion schemes available to the exporters

- Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate (DEEC) (Advance Licence),
- The Duty Free Replenishment Certificate (DFRC) Scheme,
- The Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG),
- Duty Exemption Pass Book Scheme (DEPB scheme).
- MEIS & SEIS, EPCG (please refer FTP)





### **Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate (DEEC) (Advance Licence)**

Under the DEEC (Advance Licence) scheme, exporters are permitted to import raw materials, required for export goods, without payment of duty on import (i.e. duty free imports). Such duty free imports can be effected in advance and exports made subsequently. The advance licences are issued by Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) with actual user condition and are not transferable.

All the exporters intending to file Shipping Bills under the DEEC scheme should first get their DEEC licence registered with the EDI system in the licensing section. The original DEEC licence has to be produced at the time of registration of licence. The export obligation shall be discharged by exporting the resultant products within the period specified in the Annual Advance Licence.

Advance Licence can be issued for the following:

- Physical exports;
- Intermediate supplies
- Deemed exports.

### **Duty Free Replenishment Certificate (DFRC) Scheme**

This scheme permits duty free import of raw materials/inputs against exports. The exporter while filing shipping bill has to declare that the export is under DFRC scheme. Based on proof of export, the DGFT issues DFRC licence for raw materials as per standard input output norms.

Duty Free Replenishment Certificate (DFRC) is issued to a merchant-exporter or manufacturer-exporter for the import of inputs, used in the manufacture of goods, without the payment of basic customs duty and special additional duty. However, such inputs shall be subject to the payment of additional customs duty, equal to the excise duty at the time of import.

The Duty Free Replenishment Certificate shall be issued only in respect of export products that are covered under the SIONs (Standard Input Output Norms) as notified by (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) DGFT.

### **Difference between DEEC and DFRC**

- Under advance licence scheme (DEEC), the duty free imports can be made before exports whereas DFRC is issued only after exports and imports can be made only after exports.
- The advance licence (DEEC) is not transferable whereas the DFRC is transferable.
- DFRC is permitted only for goods listed under SION while it is not so in case of DEEC

### **Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG)**

The Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme enables for exporters to procure capital goods at concessional rate of duty. The exporters have to fulfill the export obligation within the prescribed period.

The manufacturers, Exporters and Merchant Exporters are eligible to avail of this Scheme.

Both new and second hand capital good may be imported. Second hand capital goods at permitted subject to the condition that such goods have a minimum of residual life of 5 years and the importer furnishing to the customs at the time of clearance of goods a self declaration to the effect that the second hand capital goods being imported have a minimum residual life of five years in the prescribed form.

Licences are issued, under this scheme by the DGFT or his regional officers depending upon the value of the licence subject to execution of legal undertaking and bank guarantee by them undertaking among other things to fulfill their export obligation within the specified period.



### Duty Exemption Pass Book Scheme (DEPB scheme)

Under the DEPB scheme, the exporters are allowed a duty exemption pass book credit against exports. It is a post-export scheme. The exporter while filing the shipping bill has to declare that exports are under DEPB scheme. Based on the proof of export, the exporters are issued DEPB licence which can be used for payment of Customs duties on any imports.

**A format of the Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate (DEEC) is appended below -**

<p>The Schedule DUTY EXEMPTION ENTITLEMENT CERTIFICATE Part -1 (IMPORT) (This consists of ..... pages) Sl. No. ....(IMP)</p>	
Port of registration	Date of issue
Issued to	
(name and full address of the licensee)	
Materials imported against licence no..... dated ..... issued by ..... to the above licensee and covered by the list of materials specified in list (a) of Part "C" of this certificate would be eligible for exemption from customs duties subject to the conditions specified in the notification of the Government of India Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue No. Customs, dated the April, 2000.	
The importer shall discharge the export obligation in terms of the said notification within ..... months from the date of issue of licence	
A bond with security/surety in terms of the said notification shall be executed before clearance of the goods from the Customs	
Signature	
Seal of licensing authority	
Date	

### Self - Examination Questions

#### Say Yes or No, give reasons

**(1)** Under section 46(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, an importer of any goods, other than goods intended for transshipment, is required to file a bill of entry.

#### Answer:

**Yes.** Yes. The importer files Bill of Entry for all imported goods under section 46(1) of the Customs Act, 1962. No Bill of Entry for Transit Goods and Transshipment Goods.

#### Theory Questions

**Q1. Explain the term Deemed Export?**

**Answer:** please refer point no. 5.4



**Q2. Explain the importance of Customs House Agent in case of import and exports**

**Answer:** please refer point no. 5.5

**Q3. Under what circumstances disallowances of duty drawback take place?**

**Answer:** please refer point no. 7.4

**Q4. How to calculate Interest on warehoused goods?**

**Answer:** Please refer notes in Chapter 6.

**Q5. Write a note on Special Brand Rate of duty drawback?**

**Answer:** Please refer point no. 7.2

**Q6. AB Exim Ltd. exported a full container load of ready made shirts. The goods were inspected, samples were drawn and the container was sealed by Central Excise Officers and container was allowed to be loaded by customs after ensuring that seal on container was intact. However, while filling shipping bill, by mistake declaration that drawback is being claimed was not made. AB Exim Ltd. has approached for advice. What will be your advice.**

**Answer:** If the requisite documents are not furnished or there is any deficiency, the claim may be returned after shipment for complying with the requirements and furnishing requisite information/documents.

Therefore, it is advised that AB Exim Ltd. can file declaration for drawback claim after shipment.

**Q7. On the package, received as a post parcel from abroad, contents are indicated as calculators valued at ₹ 1,000. However, when the parcel was opened, it was found to contain ten mobile phones valued at ₹ 2,50,000. A show cause notice has been issued to the importer proposing to confiscate the goods and impose penalty on the importer. Examine the legality of action proposed in terms of statutory provisions under Customs Act, 1962.**

**Answer:** In the case of postal parcel the label affixed to the parcel constitutes 'entry'. Accordingly, section 111(m) of the Customs Act, 1962 "any goods which do not correspond in respect of value or in any other particulars with the entry made, then the parcel brought to India is liable for confiscation". For such cases penalty is imposable under section 112.

**Q8. State the conditions to be fulfilled for obtaining a written order from proper officer that will enable the person- in-charge of the conveyance which has loaded any exported goods to depart from a customs station.**

**Answer:** Please refer point no. 5.3

**Q9. Write short notes on Goods improperly removed from a warehouse under section 72 of the Customs Act, 1962?**

**Answer:** please refer notes in Chapter 6.

**Q10. Whether the assessable value of the warehoused goods which are sold before being cleared for home consumption should be taken as the price at which the original importer has sold the goods, before a Bill of Entry for home consumption is filed?**

**Answer:** Transaction value is defined to mean the price actually paid or payable for the goods when goods are sold for export to India for delivery at the time and place of importation.

In the given case the goods are sold after being warehoused, therefore, it cannot be said that export of goods is not complete. Therefore, the sale of warehoused goods cannot be considered as sale for export to India (vide CBEC Circular No. 11/2010, dated 3.6.2010). Hence, the price at which the imported goods are sold after warehousing them in India does not qualify to be the transaction value as per section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Practical problems with answers****Practical Theory****Illustration 1:**

- (a) Explain briefly, the significance of Indian customs waters under the Customs Act, 1962.
- (b) Section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962, with effect from 10.10.2007, and the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007 are now fully compatible. Explain with a brief note.
- (c) Can warehoused goods be transferred from one warehouse to another under the Customs Act, 1962?
- (d) What is the minimum and maximum rate or amount of duty drawback prescribed under the Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995 made under section 75 of the Customs Act, 1962? Explain with a brief note.
- (e) Briefly discuss, the procedure for confiscation of goods or imposition of penalty under section 124 of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Solution:**

- (a)
  - Any person within the Indian Customs Waters committing an offence is punishable
  - Customs Officer has the right to stop any vehicle or vessel entered into the Indian Customs Water without the permission.
- (b) To avoid the difference between rules and sections the transaction value concept brought under Section 14 of the Customs Act.
- (c) warehoused goods can be transferred from one warehouse to another with the permission of the proper officer under section 76 of the Customs Act, 1962.
- (d) Minimum rate or amount of duty drawback is 1% of the FOB value or the amount of drawback per shipment exceeds ₹ 500 respectively.  
Maximum rate of duty draw back is 33% of the market price of the exported goods.
- (e) As per section 124 of the Customs Act, 1962 a show cause notice is supposed to issue before confiscation or imposing any penalty. Such show cause notice can be issued with the prior approval of the appropriate authority of customs.

**Duty Drawback****Illustration 2.**

X Ltd. has imported 10 mainframe computer systems from USA in December 2006 paying customs duty of ₹ 60 lakhs. Due to some technical snags that developed in the system in March 2007 the supplier sent his technicians to India to resolve the same. No solution was found. In July 2007 X Ltd. decided to re-ship/return the goods to the foreign supplier.

You are the Finance Manager of X Ltd. and have been approached for advice whether import duty already paid can be got back from the Central Government, when the goods are reshipped/returned.

Briefly examine with reference to the provisions of Customs Act, 1962.

**Solution:**

**The amount of duty drawback depends upon whether the imported goods are used before re-export or not:**

- (A) If computer systems are exported without use, then the amount of duty drawback will be @98% of duty paid on imported goods provided these goods are re-exported within 2 years from the date of payment of duty.



- (B) If computer systems are re-exported after being used, then amount of duty drawback is allowed based on the period of usage under section 74(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, provided the company must re-export the same within 36 months from the date of payment of duty on imported goods.

**Illustration 3.**

X Ltd has exported following goods:

Product P, FOB value worth ₹ 1,00,000 and the rate of duty drawback on such export of goods is 0.75%. Product Q, FOB value worth ₹ 10,000 and the rate of duty drawback on such export of goods is 1%.

Will X Ltd be entitled to any duty drawback?

**Solution:**

Duty drawback on product P allowed is ₹ 750 (i.e. 1,00,000 x 0.75%), since amount is more than ₹ 500.

Duty drawback on product Q is allowed, because the amount of duty drawback is ₹ 100 (which is more than ₹ 50).

**4. Case studies with answers**

**Distribution of sale proceeds of warehoused goods**

**Q1.** M/s Gargi Polymers, India imports goods and warehouses them with PVC Containers Ltd. after the execution of necessary bond but does not clear them within the warehousing period nor seeks any extension. Meanwhile, PVC Containers Ltd. auctions the goods under section 63(2) of the Act and seeks the permission from the department for their clearance to the highest bidder and for the recovery of its warehousing charges. However, the custom authorities insist that under section 150 of the Customs Act, 1962, the entire auction proceeds have to be first adjusted towards the custom duty. You are required to examine the veracity of the custom authorities' claim with the help of a decided case law, if any.

**Answer :** As per Section 150 of the Customs Act, 1962, the proceeds of any such sale shall be applied

- firstly to the payment of the expenses of the sale,
- next to the payment of the freight and other charges, if any, payable in respect of the goods sold, to the carrier, if notice of such charges has been given to the person having custody of the goods,
- next to the payment of the duty, if any, on the goods sold,
- next to the payment of the charges in respect of the goods sold due to the person having custody of the goods (**omitted w.e.f. 14-5-2016**),
- next to the payment of any amount due from the owner of the goods to the Central Government under the provisions of this Act or any other law relating to customs, and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the owner of the goods.

Therefore, claim of the Customs authorities is not correct.

**Associated Container Terminals Ltd. v Union of India 2008 (226) ELT 169 (Del.).**

**Seizure**

**Q2.** The goods imported by Fidelity Industries were detained on 22-5-2011. However, Fidelity Industries did not produce the required documentary evidence. Consequently, the impugned goods were seized on 2-8-2011. The Department issued a show cause notice to Fidelity Industries on 15-1-2013. Fidelity Industries put forth the question of limitation alleging that the impugned show cause notice had been issued after a period of six months from the date of the seizure as one envisaged under section 110(2) of the Customs Act, 1962 and hence, it was time-barred. The goods were taken on 22-5-2011; but, the show cause notice was issued on

15-1-2013 which was after a lapse of six months. So, Fidelity Industries sought for quashing of the said show cause notice and also for the return of the goods. Do you think that the contention of the Fidelity Industries is tenable in law?

**Answer:** Where any goods are seized under section 110(1) and no show cause notice in respect thereof is given under clause (a) of section 124 within six months of the seizure of the goods, the goods shall be returned to the person from whose possession they were seized. **Pro Musicals v Joint Commissioner Customs (Prev.), Mumbai 2008 (227) ELT 182 (Mad)**

Hence, the Court ruled out the assessee's contention that detention and seizure were one and the same. It means detention is not the seizure but seizure includes the detention. The Court further held that the show cause notice issued by the Department was valid.

Therefore, the contention of the Fidelity Industries is not tenable in law.

### Warehousing

**Q3.** BL Ltd. imported Super Kerosene Oil (SKO) and stored it in a warehouse. An ex-bond bill of entry for home consumption was filed and duty was paid as per rate prevalent on the date of presentation of such bill of entry; and the order for clearance for home consumption was passed. On account of highly combustible nature of SKO, the importer made an application to permit the storage of such kerosene oil in the same warehouse until actual clearance for sale/use. The application was allowed. When the goods were actually removed from the warehouse, the rate of duty got increased. The department demanded the differential duty. The company challenged the demand. Whether it will succeed? Discuss briefly taking support of decided case law(s), if any.

**Answer:** Since the importer paid the duty on the warehoused goods an out of charge order for home consumption was passed. Therefore, the BL Ltd. is not liable to pay any differential duty. **[CCus v Biecco Lawrie Ltd. 2008 (223) ELT 3 (SC)]**

Warehoused goods are duty levied goods, once duty is paid on these goods then no longer considered as warehoused goods.

**Q4.** The assessee imported capital goods and deposited them in warehouse. The said goods were not removed from the warehouse within the period permitted under section 61(1)(a) i.e. five years. Subsequently, the assessee filed an application for relinquishment of title of such warehoused goods.

The Department contended that since the assessee did not file an application for extension of warehousing period before the expiration of five years under section 61(1)(a), after expiration of the said period, the goods could no longer be termed as 'warehoused goods'. Therefore the assessee lost its title to the same and consequently it lost its right to relinquish its title thereto. It was further claimed that the relinquishment of title to the said goods ought to have been made by the assessee before the expiration of the warehousing period and not thereafter and therefore the said goods were 'deemed to have been improperly removed from warehouse'. Consequently, the assessee became liable to pay duty, penalty and interest with respect to the said goods as provided under section 72(1)(b) of the Customs Act.

**Answer:** Hints: The High Court observed that the owner of the goods (importer) though loses control over the goods when he deposits them in the warehouse, but he does not lose his title or ownership to such goods so long as they remain in the warehouse either during the continuance of the warehousing period or even after its expiration.

The High Court pointed out that the provisions of section 23(2) and proviso to section 68 make it clear that upon relinquishment of his title to any imported goods, including the warehoused goods, the owner of such goods shall not be liable to pay duty thereon and when the owner is not liable to pay duty, the question of paying any interest on the duty and penalty would not arise. The Court however made it clear that interest and rent payable under section 68 would be recoverable from the date of deposit of the goods in the warehouse to the date of relinquishment of title to goods. Thus, the High Court dismissed the Department's appeal. **[CCus. v i2 Technologies Software (P) Ltd. 2007 (217) ELT 176 (Kar)]**



**Q5.** The assessee had imported certain goods and kept them in warehouse. However, the goods were not removed from the warehouse at the expiration of the statutory time period during which such goods were permitted under section 61 to remain in a warehouse.

The assessee sought to relinquish the title to such goods under the proviso to section 68.

However, the department contended that since the goods were deemed to be improperly removed from the warehouse (considering the over stay of such goods in the warehouse) under the section 72(1)(b), the case would not fall under section 68 and thus proviso to section 68 could not be invoked. It was submitted that before invoking the proviso to section 68, the conditions of section 68 must be fulfilled which was not done in the instant case.

**Answer:** Self study

**[J.K. Cement Works v CCE. & Cus. 2008 (223) ELT 138 (Raj)]**

### Advance License

**Q6.** The Assessee had imported capital goods under a license with the condition to fulfill the export obligation within the prescribed time limit. However, the assessee failed to discharge the export obligation. Consequently, the Department invoked the bank guarantee and realized the amount. However, subsequently, the assessee fulfilled the export obligation and as a result of which the Department cancelled the bank guarantee. Accordingly, the assessee filed a refund claim for the amount realized by invocation of the bank guarantee. However, the Department rejected the refund claim on the ground that it was time barred in terms of section 27(1)(b) of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Answer:** Department's view is not correct. The refund of duty is not time barred, because there is no duty required to be paid first of all. [CCus. (Exports) v Jraj Exports (P) Ltd. 2007 (217) ELT 504 (Mad)]

### Duty Drawback

**Q7.** The petitioner imported raw materials for manufacturing two machines. Material for both the machines were common. When he exported the first machine, the entire papers of import of raw material were submitted before the Authorities for claiming drawback. Subsequently, when the petitioner exported the second machine and again claimed drawback, those papers became necessary. However, those papers were lying with the Department and the same were returned to the petitioner only on 13-10-2004. Immediately, thereafter, on 26-11-2004, the petitioner submitted an application for the drawback.

However, the petitioner's claim for the drawback was denied on the ground that the application was submitted after the expiry of statutory period (90 days) allowed for filing the drawback claim under rule 6 of the Drawback Rules.

**Answer:** Self study.

### DEPB

**Q8.** The assessee warehoused the Acid Grade Flourspar falling in Customs Bonded. Subsequently, the warehoused goods are being cleared after 90 days on payment of duty by utilizing Export incentive (DEPB credit) allowed under export incentive scheme. The importers were called upon by department to show cause why interest shall not be demanded from them, since they had effected clearance beyond the interest free warehousing period of 90 days as per Section 61 of the Act. The assessee contended that payment by debit in DEPB is not cash payment but exemption and hence interest is not payable on non-existing duty.

Discuss briefly taking support of decided case law, if any.

**Answer:** The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India had held that goods cleared under DEPB (Duty Exemption Pass



Book) Scheme cannot be treated as exempted but are duty paid goods and hence interest is payable on them if the same are cleared from warehouse beyond the period of 90 days, as per section 61 of the Customs Act, 1962. [**Tanfac Industries Ltd. 2009 (SC)**]

### Delay from any department

**Q9.** Hitech Energy Ltd. is engaged in oil exploration and has imported software containing seismic data. The importer is entitled to exemption from customs duty subject to the production of an 'Essentiality Certificate' issued by the Director General of Hydrocarbons at the time of importation of the goods.

The Essential Certificate was not made available to the importer within a reasonable time by the concerned government authority. The Customs Department therefore rejected the claim for exemption. Examine whether the Customs Department's action is justified.

**Answer:** The importer is not responsible for the delay in granting certificate within a reasonable time. The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons is under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and such a public functioning is supposed to grant the essentiality certificate within a reasonable time so as to enable the importer to avail of the benefits under the notification.

The Apex Court has held in **CC v Tullow India Operations Ltd. (2005) (SC)**, that if a condition is not within the power and control of the importer such importer is not supposed to be penalized.

Therefore, the department's action is not justifiable in the eyes of law.

### Pilferages of goods were in the custody of port trust:

**Q10.** M/s. Pipli Imports Ltd. imported certain goods, which were unloaded in the customs area on 01.10.2013. When order for clearance was passed by proper officer on 5.10.2013, it was found that there was some pilferage of such goods. As the imported goods were in the custody of port trust, the Department demanded duty from the custodian under Section 45(3) of the Customs Act, 1962 on such pilferage. The port trust denied such demand contending that it was not an approved custodian falling under Section 45 but possession of goods by it was by virtue of powers conferred under the Major Port Trust Act, 1963. Hence, it is not liable for customs duty on pilfered goods.

The importer has also asked the custodian to make good the loss of goods. Examine, whether demands made by the Department and importer are justified in law, referring to decided case law.

**Answer:** The Bombay High Court differently interpreted the liability of the Custodian. As per section 45 of the Customs Act, the person referred to in sub-section (1) thereof can only be the person approved by the Commissioner of Customs. It excludes a body of persons, who by virtue of a law for the time being in force, is entrusted with the custody of goods by incorporation of law under another enactment, (for example, the Port Trust Act in the given case). The recovery of duty in respect of pilfered goods could only be from the approved person and the Port Trust is not liable to pay duty on goods pilfered while in their possession (**Board of Trustees of the Port of Bombay v UOI 2009 (241) ELT 513 (Bom)**).

Therefore, demands made by the Department and importer are not justifiable in law.

**Q11.** Mr. Suhaan imported a consignment of goods which was unloaded on 31.10.2013. He filed the bill of entry on 15.12.2013. The Deputy Commissioner of Customs imposed a penalty of ₹ 15,000 on Mr. Suhaan as there was a delay of 15 days in filing the bill of entry. The Deputy Commissioner contended that section 46 and 48 of the Customs Act, 1962 read together provide that bill of entry ought to be filed within 30 days from the date of unloading of the goods.

Examine the issue in the light of relevant statutory provisions and decided case laws, if any.

**Answer:** It has been held by the High Court in the case of **CCus. v Shreeji Overseas (India) Pvt. Ltd. 2013 (289) ELT**





**401 (Guj)** the time-limit prescribed under section 48 for clearance of the goods within 30 days cannot be read into section 46 and it cannot be inferred that section 46 prescribes any time-limit prescribed for filing of bill of entry.

Therefore, penalty cannot be imposed on Mr. Suhaan as he has not committed any offence by filing bill of entry after 45 days of unloading the goods.

**Author view:** However, the custodian after giving notice to Mr. Suhaan and with the approval of the proper officer can sell the goods imported by Mr. Suhaan.

### **W.e.f. 31-3-2017 Finance Act, 2017 Section 46 amended:**

#### **Submission of Bill of entry:**

The importer shall presented the bill of entry under section 46(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 before the end of the next day following the day (excluding holidays) on which the aircraft or vessel or vehicle carrying the goods arrives at a customs station at which such goods are to be cleared for home consumption or for warehousing.

Provided that a bill of entry may be presented within 30 days of the expected arrival of the aircraft or vessel or vehicle by which the goods have been shipped for importation into India.

Provided further that where the bill of entry is not presented within the time so specified and the proper officer is satisfied that there was no sufficient cause for such delay, the importer shall pay such charges for the late presentation of the bill of entry as may be prescribed.

Therefore, from the above amended provision CCus. v. Shreeji Overseas (India) Pvt. Ltd. 2013 (289) E.L.T. 401 (Guj.) case law became overruled.

**Q12.** Can penalty for short-landing of goods be imposed on the steamer agent of a vessel if he files the Import General Manifest, deals with the goods at different stages of shipment and conducts all affairs in compliance with the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962?

#### **Answer: Caravel Logistics Pvt. Ltd. v Joint Secretary (RA) 2013 (293) ELT 342 (Mad)**

**Decision:** The High Court held that conjoint reading of sections 2(31), 116 and 148 of Customs Act, 1962 makes it clear that in case of short-landing of goods, if penalty is to be imposed on person-in-charge of conveyance/ vessel, it can also be imposed on the agent appointed by him.

**Q13.** Whether any interest is payable on delayed refund of sale proceeds of auction of seized goods after adjustment of expenses and charges in terms of section 150 of the Customs Act, 1962?

#### **Answer: Vishnu M Harlalka v Union of India 2013 (294) ELT 5 (Bom)**

**Decision:** The High Court held that Department cannot plead that the Customs Act, 1962 provides for the payment of interest only in respect of refund of duty and interest and hence, the assessee would not be entitled to interest on the balance of the sale proceeds which were directed to be paid by the Settlement Commission.

The High Court clarified that acceptance of such a submission would mean that despite an order of the competent authority directing the Department to grant a refund, the Department can wait for an inordinately long period to grant the refund. The High Court directed the Department to pay interest from the date of approval of proposal for sanctioning the refund.

**Q14.** (i) Will the description of the goods as per the documents submitted along with the Shipping Bill be a relevant criterion for the purpose of classification, if not otherwise disputed on the basis of any technical opinion or test?

(ii) Whether a separate notice is required to be issued for payment of interest which is mandatory and automatically applies for recovery of excess drawback?

**Answer: M/s CPS Textiles P Ltd. v Joint Secretary 2010 (255) ELT 228 (Mad)**

**Decision:** The High Court held that the description of the goods as per the documents submitted along with the Shipping Bill would be a relevant criterion for the purpose of classification, if not otherwise disputed on the basis of any technical opinion or test. The petitioner could not plead that the exported goods should be classified under different headings contrary to the description given in the invoice and the Shipping Bill which had been assessed and cleared for export.

Further, the Court, while interpreting section 75A(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, noted that when the claimant is liable to pay the excess amount of drawback, he is liable to pay interest as well. The section provides for payment of interest automatically along with excess drawback. No notice for the payment of interest need be issued separately as the payment of interest becomes automatic, once it is held that excess drawback has to be repaid.

**Q15.** Point of dispute: Following questions arose before the Larger Bench of the Tribunal for consideration:

- (a) Whether the entire premises of 100% EOU should be treated as a warehouse?
- (b) Whether the imported goods warehoused in the premises of 100% EOU are to be held to have been removed from the warehouse if the same is issued for manufacture/production/processing by the 100% EOU?
- (c) Whether issue for use by 100% EOU would amount to clearance for home consumption?

**Facts of the case:** The appellants were 100% EOU in Alwar. They imported the impugned goods namely HSD oil through Kandla Port and filed 'into Bond Bill of Entry' for warehousing the imported goods. The impugned goods were warehoused in their 100% EOU in Alwar and subsequently used in the factory within the premises of the 100% EOU for manufacture of the finished goods. The Department demanded customs duty on the impugned goods.

The contention of the appellants was that since (i) the entire premises of the 100% EOU had been licensed as a warehouse under the Customs Act; (ii) the impugned goods had been warehoused therein and subsequently utilized for manufacture of finished goods in bond; and (iii) the impugned goods had not been removed from the warehouse, there could not be any question of demanding duty on the same.

Department contended that the entire premises of the 100% EOU could not be treated as a warehouse. The Appellants had executed a common bond B-17 for fulfilling the requirements under the Customs Act, 1962 and the Central Excise Act, 1944. Under the Central Excise Law, the removal of goods for captive consumption would be treated as removal of goods and the assessee were required to pay duty on such removal.

**Decision: Paras Fab International v CCE 2010 (256) ELT 556 (Tri.-LB)**

**Observations of the Court:** The Tribunal observed that as per Customs manual, the premises of EOU are approved as a Customs bonded warehouse under the Warehousing provisions of the Customs Act. It is also stated therein that the manufacturing and other operations are to be carried out under customs bond. The goods are required to be imported into the EOU premises directly and prior to undertaking import, the unit is required to get the premises customs bonded. The importer is required to maintain a proper record and proper account of the import, consumption and utilization of all imported materials and exports made and file periodical returns. The EOUs are licensed to manufacture goods within the bonded premises for the purpose of export. Tribunal held that neither the scheme of the Act nor the provisions contained in the Manual require filing of ex-bond bills of entry or payment of duty before taking the imported goods for manufacturing in bond nor there is any provision to treat such goods as deemed to have been removed for the purpose of the Customs Act, 1962.

The Tribunal answered the issues raised as follows:—

- (a) The entire premises of a 100% EOU has to be treated as a warehouse if the licence granted under to the unit is in respect of the entire premises.



**(b) and (c)** Imported goods warehoused in the premises of a 100% EOU (which is licensed as a Customs bonded warehouse) and used for the purpose of manufacturing in bond as authorized under section 65 of the Customs Act, 1962, cannot be treated to have been removed for home consumption.

**Q16.** Case law:

**Facts of the case:** An order for provisional release of the seized goods had been made under section 110A of the Act pursuant to an application filed by the petitioner in this regard. However, the petitioner claimed unconditional release of its seized goods in terms of sections 110(2) and 124 of the Act as no show cause notice had been issued within the extended period of six months (initial period of six months was extended by another six months by the Commissioner of Customs in this case).

**Answer: Akanksha Syntex (P) Ltd. v Union of India 2014 (300) ELT 49 (P&H)**

**Decision:** Where no action is initiated by way of issuance of show cause notice under section 124(a) of the Act within six months or extended period stipulated under section 110(2) of the Act, the person from whose possession the goods were seized becomes entitled to their return.

The remedy of provisional release is independent of remedy of claiming unconditional release in the absence of issuance of any valid show cause notice during the period of limitation or extended limitation prescribed under section 110(2) of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Q17.** Case law:

**Purushottam Jajodia v Director of Revenue Intelligence 2014 (307) ELT 837 (Del)**

**Facts of the Case:** As per section 110(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, a notice under section 124(a) is required to be “given” to the person from whose possession they were seized informing him the grounds on which goods are proposed to be confiscated, within 6 months (extendable upto one year) of seizure of the goods. Otherwise, goods need be returned to such person.

However, in the present case, the notice under section 124(a) was dispatched by registered post on the date of expiry of stipulated period under section 110(2) and received by the petitioner after the expiry of such period.

**Decision:** The High Court held that since the petitioners did not receive the notice under section 124(a) within the time stipulated in section 110(2) of the Act, such notice will not considered to be “given” by the Department within the stipulated time, i.e. before the terminal date. Consequently, the Department was directed to release the goods seized.

# Study Note - 8

## BAGGAGE AND POSTAL ARTICLES



### This Study Note includes

- 8.1 Introduction
- 8.2 Baggage
- 8.3 Postal Article
- 8.4 Import of Samples

### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

The term Baggage means luggage of the passenger if they travel by Air or Sea from one country to another country. Sometimes this baggage amounts to import thereby import duty may be levied. It is essential for us to know the provisions relating to levy, exemption and non-levy of duty on baggage.

Provisions relating to levy and non-levy of duty on baggage are contained in Chapter XI [Special Provisions Regarding Baggage, Goods Imported or Exported by Post and Stores] of Customs Act, and Baggage Rules, 1988.

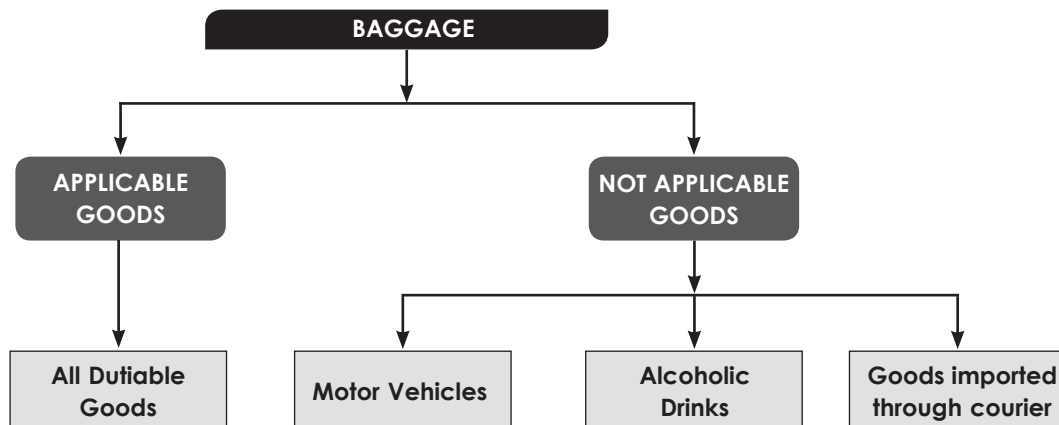
### 8.2 BAGGAGE

General Meaning: Baggage means all dutiable goods imported by a passenger or a member of a crew in his baggage.

Statutory Meaning u/s 2(3) of Customs Act: Baggage includes:

- (a) unaccompanied baggage (i.e., baggage not carried by passenger at the time of his arrival, but sent before or after arrival of passenger).
- (b) but does not include motor vehicles.

Baggage can be classified as follows:





Green Channel means if a person does not have any dutiable goods, he can go through green channel without undergoing any check along with baggage.

Red Channel means if carrying dutiable goods he should pass through red channel and should submit the declaration and his baggage can be inspected by the customs authorities.

**Section 77: Declaration by owner of baggage:** The owner of any baggage shall make a declaration of its contents to the proper officer for the purpose of clearing it.

**Section 78: Determination by rate of duty and tariff valuation in respect of baggage:** The rate of duty and tariff valuation, if any, applicable to baggage shall be the rate and valuation in force on the date on which a declaration is made in respect of such baggage under section 77.

Rate of Duty on Baggage is @ 35% plus social welfare surcharge 10% of Basic Customs Duty.

Therefore effective rate of Customs Duty on baggage is 38.50%

Exemption to 1 Laptop: The Central Government has exempted one laptop computer (note book computer) when imported into India by a passenger of the age of 18 years or above (other than member of crew) from whole of the BCD [Notification No. 11/2004-Cus]

**Section 80: Temporary Detention of Baggage:**

- The proper officer may detain the baggage of a passenger which contains any article which is dutiable or the import of which is prohibited and in respect which a true declaration has been made under section 77.
- The proper officer may do so, at the request of the passenger for the purpose of being returned to the passenger either:
  - o At the time of his leaving India or
  - o Through any other passenger authorized by him and leaving India or
  - o As a cargo consigned in his name.

**Section 79: Bona fide baggage exempted from duty:**

- The proper office may, subject to rules made under this section, pass free of duty—
  - (a) Any article in the baggage of a passenger or a member of the crew in respect of which the said officer is satisfied that it has been in his use for such minimum period as may be specified in the rules
  - (b) Any article in the baggage of a passenger in respect of which the said officer is satisfied that it is for the use of the passenger or his family or is a bona fide gift or souvenir; provided that the value of each such article and the total value of all such articles does not exceed such limits as may be specified in the rules.

**General Free Allowance (GFA) w.e.f. 1-4-2016:**

Passengers	GFA
Passengers (i.e. Indian resident or a foreigner residing in India or a tourist of Indian origin (but not infant) arriving from countries other than Nepal, Bhutan or Myanmar.	GFA will be allowed without payment of duty for bona fide baggage (i.e. used personal effects) upto ₹50,000/- per persons.
Indian resident coming from Nepal, Bhuttan or Myanmar, if the passenger come by air craft. <b>Note:</b> if the passenger come by road, there is no free allowance.	GFA will be allowed without payment of duty for bona fide baggage (i.e. used personal effects) upto ₹15,000/- per persons.

Passengers	GFA
A tourist of foreign origin (but not infant), arriving from any country other than Nepal, Bhutan or Myanmar	-do-
Passengers (i.e. Indian resident or a foreigner residing in India or a tourist of Indian origin (but not infant) arriving from Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar. <b>Note:</b> if the passenger come by road, there is no free allowance	-do-

**Important note:**

- (1) for infant, only used personal effects shall be allowed duty free.
- (2) the free allowance cannot be allowed to be pooled with the free allowance of any other passenger.
- (3) Bona fide baggage means used personal effects, travel souvenirs and articles other than those mentioned in Annexure I.
- (4) Annexure I includes:
  - (i) Fire arms.
  - (ii) Cartridges of firearms exceeding 50.
  - (iii) Cigarettes exceeding 100 sticks or cigars exceeding 25 or tobacco exceeding 125 gms.
  - (iv) Alcoholic liquor or wines in excess of two litres.
  - (v) Gold or silver in any form other than ornaments.
  - (vi) Flat Panel (Liquid Crystal Display/Light-Emitting Diode/ Plasma) television.

**Duty Free Allowance (w.e.f. 1-4-2016):**

Eligible Passenger	Origin Country	Duty Free Allowance
Passengers of Indian origin and foreigners residing in India, excluding infants	Other than Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar	₹ 50,000
Tourists of foreign origin, excluding infants	Other than Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar	₹ 15,000
Passengers of Indian origin and foreigners residing in India, excluding infants AND Tourists of foreign origin, excluding infants	Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar	₹ 15,000 (by Air) NIL (By Land)
Indian passenger who has been residing abroad for over one year	Anywhere	Gold Jewellery Gentleman-20 gms. with a value cap of ₹ 50,000 Lady - 40 gms with a value cap of ₹ 1,00,000
All passengers	Anywhere	Alcohol liquor or wine: 2 litres
All passengers	Anywhere	Cigaretters: 100 numbers or Cigars upto 25 or Tobacco 125 grams
Passenger of 18 years and above	Anywhere	One laptop computer (notebook computer)

Firearms, cartridges of firearms exceeding 50, cigarettes exceeding 100 sticks, cigars exceeding 25 numbers and tobacco exceeding 125 grams are not chargeable to rate applicable to baggage [Notification No. 26/2016-Cus., dated 31.03.2016]. These items are charged @ 100% applicable to baggage under Heading 9803 of the Customs Tariff.



## Indirect Tax Laws & Practice

Example: Mr. X brought along with him from Nepal (by air) the following:

120 sticks of cigarettes of ₹ 100 each	₹ 12,000
Fire arm with 100 cartridges (value includes the value of cartridges at ₹ 500 per cartridge)	₹ 100,000

Find the duty if any?

**Answer:**

Particulars		Taxable value in ₹	
Value for 100 cigarettes	= ₹ 10,000	Nil	Up to 100 cigarettes allowed under GFA.
Less: GFA.	= ₹ 10,000		
Taxable goods.	= ₹ nil		
Cartridges of firearms			Up to 50 cartridges of fire allowed under GFA.
Value for 50 cartridges	= ₹ 25,000		
Less: GFA.	= ₹ 5,000	20,000	
Sub-total		20,000	
Baggage Duty		7,700	20,000 x 38.5%
20 (cigarettes exceeds 100) at ₹ 100 each		2,000	100% Taxable
Firearm (₹ 1,00,000 – 50,000)		50,000	100% Taxable
Cartridges exceeds 50		25,000	100% Taxable
Total duty		84,700	

### Detained Baggage:

A passenger may request the Customs to detain his baggage either for re-export at the time of his departure from India or for clearance subsequently on payment of duty. The detained baggage would be examined and full details will be inventorised. Such baggages are kept in the custody of the Customs.

### No restriction on age and minimum period of stay (w.e.f. 1-4-2016):

Restrictions on age and minimum period of stay abroad have been withdrawn.

Free baggage allowances are same for all passengers irrespective of their age and period of stay.

### (2) Professionals returning to India

- An Indian passenger who was engaged in his profession abroad is allowed clearance free of duty upto the following limits:

### Transfer of residence w.e.f. 1-4-2016:

A person, who is engaged in a profession abroad, or is transferring his residence to India can bring, used household items as below:

Passengers who have stayed abroad	GFA for personal household items upto ₹
3-6 months	₹ 60,000
6-12 months	₹ 1,00,000
1-2 years	₹ 2,00,000
Above 2 years	₹ 5,00,000

- The above allowance is in addition to the general free allowances:
- For the purpose of these rules, "Family" includes all persons who are residing in the same house and form part of the same domestic establishment – Rule 2(iv)
- "Professional Equipment" means:
  - o such portable equipments, instruments, apparatus and appliances as are required in his profession
  - o by a carpenter, a plumber, a welder, a mason and the like and
  - o shall not include items of common use such cameras, cassette recorders, Dictaphones, personal computers, typewriters, and other similar articles
- List of Articles mentioned in Annexure I – Same as discussed in Rule 3 & Rule 4
- List of Articles mentioned in Annexure II:
  - o Color Television or Monochrome Television, Digital Video Disc Player, Video Home Theater System, Music System
  - o Dish washer, Airconditioner, Domestic refrigerators of capacity above 300 litres with one or more of the following goods, namely Television Receiver, Sound Recording or reproducing apparatus and Video reproducing apparatus
  - o Word Processing Machine, Fax machine, portable photocopying machine o Vessel, Aircraft
  - o Cinematographic films of 35mm and above
  - o Gold or Silver, in any form, other than ornaments
- List of Articles mentioned in Annexure III:
  - o Video Cassette Recorder or Video Cassette Player or Video Television Receiver or Video Cassette Disk Player
  - o Washing Machine
  - o Electrical or Liquefied Petroleum Gas Cooking Range
  - o Personal Computer (Desktop Computer), Laptop Computer (Note book Computer)
  - o Domestic Refrigerators of capacity upto 300 litres or its equivalent.

**Note: No restriction on age and minimum period of stay (w.e.f. 1-4-2016).**

### (3) Tourist – Duty Free Allowance

A tourist arriving in India shall be allowed clearance free of duty articles in his bona fide baggage to the extent of following:

Case	Duty Free Allowance
(a) Tourists of Indian origin coming to India other than tourists of Indian origin coming by land routes as specified in Annexure IV;	(i) Used personal effects and travel souvenirs, if- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) These goods are for personal use of the tourist, and</li> <li>(b) These goods, other than those consumed during the stay in India, are re-exported when the tourist leaves India for a foreign destination.</li> </ul> (ii) Articles as allowed to be cleared under rule 3 or rule 4.
(b) Tourists of foreign origin, other than those of Pakistani origin coming from Pakistan, coming to India by air.	(i) Used personal effects (ii) Articles other than those mentioned in Annexure I upto a value of ₹8,000 for personal use of the tourist or as gifts and travel souvenirs if these are carried on the person or in the accompanied baggage of the passenger.





Case	Duty Free Allowance
(c) Tourists – (i) of Pakistani coming from Pakistan other than by land routes; (ii) of Pakistani origin or foreign tourists coming by land routes as specified in Annexure IV; (iii) of Indian origin coming by land routes as specified in Annexure IV.	(i) Used personal effects (ii) Articles other than those mentioned in Annexure I upto value of ₹6,000 for personal use of the tourist or as gifts and travel souvenirs if these are carried on the person or in the accompanied baggage of the passenger.

**Meaning of tourist [Rule 2(iii)]: “Tourist” means**

- Not normally resident in India
- Who enters India for a stay of not more than 6 months in the course of any 12 months period
- For legitimate non-immigrant purposes, such as touring, recreation, sports, health, family reasons, study, religious pilgrimage or business

**Customs Declaration Form:**

International passengers, when coming to India, need not fill Customs Declaration Form if they are not carrying dutiable goods as part of their baggage w.e.f 1-4-2016.

**Duty Free Jewellery (w.e.f. 1-4-2016):**

Coming to India by an Indian Passenger after stay abroad more than one year

- (i) Jewellery upto a weight, of 20 grams with a value cap of ₹50,000 if brought by a gentleman passenger
- (ii) Jewellery upto a weight, of 40 grams with a value cap of ₹1,00,000 if brought by a lady passenger.

**Example 1.**

Mr. Krishna, an Indian entrepreneur, went to London to explore new business opportunities on 01.04.2019. His wife also joined him in London on 01.12.2019. The following details are submitted by them with the Customs authorities on their return to India on 30.04.2020.-

- (a) used personal effects worth ₹95,000
- (b) a music system worth ₹34,000
- (c) the jewellery brought by Mr. Gopal for ₹44,000 and the jewellery brought by his wife worth ₹25,000

Determine their eligibility with regard to duty free allowance.

Duty drawback under Customs

**Answer:**

As per the Baggage Rules, in case of passengers other than tourists there is no customs duty on used personal effects and general free allowance is ₹50,000 per passenger. Thus, their duty liability is nil for the personal effects and a music system.

However, the additional duty-free allowance, that is jewellery allowance is applicable to non-tourist passenger of Indian origin who had stayed abroad for period exceeding one year. The additional jewellery allowance is as follows:-

- Gentleman Passenger - ₹ 50,000/-
- Lady Passenger - ₹ 1,00,000/-

Thus, there is no duty liability on the jewellery brought by Mr. Gopal as he had stayed abroad for period exceeding one year.

However, his wife is not eligible for this additional jewellery allowance as she had stayed abroad for a period less than a year. Thus, she has to pay customs duty on the amount of jewellery brought by her. However, she is eligible to avail GFA of ₹50,000.

- To the extent of satisfaction of the Assistant commissioner of customs, Jewellery brought back which was taken out earlier by the passenger or by a member of his family from India shall be allowed clearance free of duty.

#### (4) Unaccompanied Baggage

1. **These rules apply to unaccompanied baggage as well:** Provisions of these rules are also extended to unaccompanied baggage except where they have been specifically excluded
2. **Time Limit – Baggage received after arrival of passenger: The unaccompanied baggage:**
  - (a) had been in the possession abroad of the passenger and
  - (b) is dispatched within one month of his arrival in India or within such further period as Assistant or Deputy Commissioner of Customs may allow.
3. **Time Limit – Baggage received before arrival of passenger:** The unaccompanied baggage may land in India
  - (a) Upto 2 months before the arrival of the passenger or
  - (b) Within such period, not exceeding one year, as the Assistant or Deputy Commissioner of customs may allow, for reasons to be recorded, if he is satisfied that:
    - (i) The passenger was prevented from arriving in India within the period of two months
    - (ii) Due to circumstances beyond his control such as sudden illness of the passenger or a member of his family, or natural calamities or disturbed conditions or disruption of the transport or travel arrangement in the country or countries concerned or any other reasons, which necessitate a change in the travel schedule of the passenger.

#### (5) Application of these rules to members of the crew [Rule 10]

1. Crew member of a foreign going vessel: The provisions of these rules shall apply in respect of members of the crew engaged in a foreign going vessel for importation of their baggage at the time of final pay off on termination of their engagement  
However, except as specified above, a crew member of a vessel shall be allowed to bring:
  - Items like chocolates, cheese, cosmetics and other petty gift items for their personal or family use
  - Which shall not exceed the value of ₹1,500 (before 01.03.2013, it was ₹600)
2. Crew Member of an aircraft: Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules a crew member of an aircraft shall be allowed to bring gift items like chocolates, cheese, cosmetics and other petty gift items at the time of the returning of the aircraft from foreign journey for their personal or family use which shall not exceed value of ₹1,500 (before 01.03.2013 – ₹600).

### 8.3 POSTAL ARTICLES

As per sections 82 to 84 of the Customs Act, 1962, goods can be cleared by post. Any label or declaration accompanying the goods showing the description, quantity and value thereof, shall be treated as "an entry for import" under the Customs Act.



The rate of duty and tariff value applicable to goods imported by post shall be the rate and valuation in force on the date on which the postal authorities present to the proper officer a list containing the particulars of such goods for the purpose of assessment of duty.

The procedure for clearance:

- (i) Post parcels are allowed to pass from port/airport to Foreign Parcel Department of Government Post Offices without payment of customs duty.
- (ii) The Postmaster hands over to Principal Appraiser of Customs the memo showing
  - Total number of parcels from each country of origin,
  - Parcel bills or senders' declaration,
  - Customs declaration and dispatch notes, and
  - Other information that may be required.
- (iii) The mail bags are opened and scrutinized by Postmaster under supervision of Principal Postal Appraiser of Customs.
- (iv) Packets suspected of containing dutiable goods are separated and presented to Customs Appraiser with letter mail bill and assessment memos.
- (v) The Customs Appraiser marks the parcels which are required to be detained if—
  - necessary particulars are not available, or
  - mis-declaration or undervaluation is suspected, or
  - goods are prohibited for import.

Appraiser has the power to examine any parcel. After inspection, the parcels are sealed with a distinctive seal. Any mis-declaration or undervaluation is noted or goods are prohibited goods for imports these be detained and the same intimated to Commissioner of Customs.

If everything is in order after verification, goods will be handed over to Post Master, who will hand over the same to the addressee on receipt of customs duty.

### 8.4 IMPORT OF SAMPLES

In the International trade it is considered often necessary that samples of the goods manufactured in one country be sent to another country for being shown or demonstrated for Customer appreciation. There are duty free imports of genuine commercial samples into the country for smooth flow of trade.

The commercial samples are basically specimens of goods that may be imported by the traders or representatives of manufacturers. However, goods which are prohibited under Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 are not allowed to be imported as samples (i.e. wild animals, wild birds and parts of wild animals, arms and ammunitions and so on).

Samples can be imported by the traders, industry, individuals, research institutes and so on. These samples can also be brought by the persons as part of their personal baggage or through port or in courier.

The current limit of ₹ 1 lakh per annum for duty free import of samples in terms of NT 154/94 Customs, dated 13.7.1994 is enhanced to ₹ 3 lakh per annum (w.e.f. 27.2.2010).

#### Baggage Rules, 2016

**[Notification No. 30/2016-Customs (N.T.) dated 1.3.2016 as amended by Notification No. 43/2016-Customs (N.T.) dated 31.3.2016 read with corrigendum dated. 1.4.2016]**



In exercise of the powers conferred by section 79 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), and in supersession of the Baggage Rules, 1998, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

**1. Short title and commencement. –**

- (1) These rules may be called the Baggage Rules, 2016.
- (2) They shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 2016.

**2. Definitions. –**

- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -
  - (i) "Annexure" means Annexure appended to these rules;
  - (ii) "family" includes all persons who are residing in the same house and form part of the same domestic establishment;
  - (iii) "infant" means a child not more than two years of age;
  - (iv) "resident" means a person holding a valid passport issued under the Passports Act, 1967 (15 of 1967) and normally residing in India;
  - (v) "tourist" means a person not normally resident in India, who enters India for a stay of not more than six months in the course of any twelve months period for legitimate non-immigrant purposes;
  - (vi) "personal effects" means things required for satisfying daily necessities but does not include jewellery.
- (2) Words and expression used and not defined in these rules but defined in the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) shall have the same meaning respectively assigned to them in the said Act.

**3. Passenger arriving from countries other than Nepal, Bhutan or Myanmar.-** An Indian resident or a foreigner residing in India or a tourist of Indian origin, not being an infant arriving from any country other than Nepal, Bhutan or Myanmar, shall be allowed clearance free of duty articles in his bona fide baggage, that is to say,-

- (a) used personal effects and travel souvenirs; and
- (b) articles other than those mentioned in Annexure-I, upto the value of fifty thousand rupees if these are carried on the person or in the accompanied baggage of the passenger:

Provided that a tourist of foreign origin, not being an infant, shall be allowed clearance free of duty articles in his bona fide baggage, that is to say,

- (a) used personal effects and travel souvenirs; and
- (b) articles other than those mentioned in Annexure- I, upto the value of fifteen thousand rupees if these are carried on the person or in the accompanied baggage of the passenger:

Provided further that where the passenger is an infant, only used personal effects shall be allowed duty free.

**Explanation -** The free allowance of a passenger under this rule shall not be allowed to pool with the free allowance of any other passenger.

**4. Passenger arriving from Nepal, Bhutan or Myanmar.-** An Indian resident or a foreigner residing in India or a tourist, not being an infant arriving from Nepal, Bhutan or Myanmar, shall be allowed clearance free of duty articles in his bona fide baggage, that is to say,

- (a) used personal effects and travel souvenirs; and
- (b) articles other than those mentioned in Annexure -I up to the value of fifteen thousand rupees if these are carried on the person or in the accompanied baggage of the passenger:

Provided that where the passenger is an infant, only used personal effects shall be allowed duty free:

Provided further that where the passenger is arriving by land, only used personal effects shall be allowed duty free.



**Explanation-** The free allowance of a passenger under this rule shall not be allowed to pool with the free allowance of any other passenger.

**5. Jewellery** - A passenger residing abroad for more than one year, on return to India, shall be allowed clearance free of duty in his bona fide baggage of jewellery upto a weight, of twenty grams with a value cap of fifty thousand rupees if brought by a gentleman passenger, or forty grams with a value cap of one lakh rupees if brought by a lady passenger.

**6. Transfer of residence –**

(1) A person, who is engaged in a profession abroad, or is transferring his residence to India, shall, on return, be allowed clearance free of duty in addition to what he is allowed under rule 3 or, as the case may be, under rule 4, articles in his bonafide baggage to the extent mentioned in column (2) of the Appendix below, subject to the conditions, if any, mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Appendix.

(2) The conditions mentioned in column (3) of the said Appendix may be relaxed to the extent mentioned in column (4) of the said Appendix.

**Appendix**

Duration of stay abroad	Articles allowed free of duty	Conditions	Relaxation
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
From three months upto six months	Personal and household articles, other than those mentioned in Annexure I or Annexure II but including articles mentioned in Annexure III upto an aggregate value of sixty thousand rupees.	Indian passenger	—
From six months upto one year	Personal and household articles, other than those mentioned in Annexure I or Annexure II but including articles mentioned in Annexure III, upto an aggregate value of one lakh rupees.	Indian passenger	—
Minimum stay of one year during the preceding two years	Personal and household articles, other than those mentioned in Annexure I or Annexure II but including articles mentioned in Annexure III upto an aggregate value of two lakh rupees.	The Indian passenger should not have availed this concession in the preceding three years.	—
Minimum stay of two years or more.	Personal and household articles, other than those listed at Annexure I or Annexure II but including articles mentioned in Annexure III upto an aggregate value of five lakh rupees.	(i) Minimum stay of two years abroad, immediately preceding the date of his arrival on transfer of residence; (ii) Total stay in India on short visit during the two preceding years should not exceed six months; and	(a) For condition (i), shortfall of upto two months in stay abroad can be condoned by Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs if the early return is on account of:-

Duration of stay abroad	Articles allowed free of duty	Conditions	Relaxation
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		(iii) Passenger has not availed this concession in the preceding three years.	(i) terminal leave or vacation being availed of by the passenger; or (ii) any other special circumstances for reasons to be recorded in writing. (b) For condition (ii), the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may condone short visits in excess of six months in special circumstances for reasons to be recorded in writing.  No relaxation.

**7. Currency** - The import and export of currency under these rules shall be governed in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Currency) Regulations, 2015, and the notifications issued thereunder.

**8. Provisions regarding unaccompanied baggage** - (1) These rules shall apply to unaccompanied baggage except where they have been specifically excluded:

Provided that the said unaccompanied baggage had been in the possession, abroad, of the passenger and is dispatched within one month of his arrival in India or within such further period as the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs may allow:

Provided further that the said unaccompanied baggage may land in India upto two months before the arrival of the passenger or within such period, not exceeding one year, as the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs may allow, for reasons to be recorded, if he is satisfied that the passenger was prevented from arriving in India within the period of two months due to circumstances beyond his control, such as sudden illness of the passenger or a member of his family, or natural calamities or disturbed conditions or disruption of the transport or travel arrangements in the country or countries concerned or any other reasons, which necessitated a change in the travel schedule of the passenger.

**9. Application of these rules to members of the crew** -

(1) These rules shall also apply to the members of the crew engaged in a foreign going conveyance for importation of their baggage at the time of final pay off on termination of their engagement.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), a member of crew of a vessel or an aircraft other than those referred to in sub-rule(1), shall be allowed to bring articles like chocolates, cheese, cosmetics and other petty gift items for their personal or family use which shall not exceed the value of one thousand and five hundred rupees.



**Annexure - I**

**(See rule 3, 4 and 6)**

1. Fire arms.
2. Cartridges of fire arms exceeding 50.
3. Cigarettes exceeding 100 sticks or cigars exceeding 25 or tobacco exceeding 125 gms.
4. Alcoholic liquor or wines in excess of two litres.
5. Gold or silver in any form other than ornaments.
6. Flat Panel (Liquid Crystal Display/Light-Emitting Diode/ Plasma) television.

**Annexure - II**

**(See rule 6)**

1. Colour Television.
2. Video Home Theatre System.
3. Dish Washer.
4. Domestic Refrigerators of capacity above 300 litres or its equivalent.
5. Deep Freezer.
6. Video camera or the combination of any such Video camera with one or more of the following goods, namely:-
  - (a) television receiver;
  - (b) sound recording or reproducing apparatus;
  - (c) video reproducing apparatus.
7. Cinematographic films of 35mm and above. 8. Gold or Silver, in any form, other than ornaments.

**Annexure - III**

**(See rule 6)**

1. Video Cassette Recorder or Video Cassette Player or Video Television Receiver or Video Cassette Disk Player.
2. Digital Video Disc player.
3. Music System.
4. Air-Conditioner.
5. Microwave Oven.
6. Word Processing Machine.
7. Fax Machine.
8. Portable Photocopying Machine.
9. Washing Machine.
10. Electrical or Liquefied Petroleum Gas Cooking Range
11. Personal Computer (Desktop Computer)

12. Laptop Computer (Note book Computer)
13. Domestic Refrigerators of capacity up to 300 litres or its equivalent.

### Self - Examination Questions

#### Theory Questions

**Q1.** Explain the term baggage? What do we mean by Green Channel and Red Channel?

**Answer:** Please refer point no. 8.2

**Q2.** Write short note on

- (i) Bona fide baggage
- (ii) General Free Allowance

**Answer:**

- (i) please refer point no. 8.2
- (ii) please refer point no. 8.2

**Q3.** What are the products not coming under baggage rules?

**Answer:** please refer point no. 8.2

**Q4.** Write a detailed note regarding clearance of postal articles?

**Answer:** please refer point no. 8.3

**Q5.** Explain the provision under the Customs Act, 1962 relating to baggage duty and concessions to Indian residents returning from abroad after a short visit.

**Answer:** please refer point no. 8.2

#### Practical Problems

**Illustration 1:** After visiting USA, Mrs. & Mr. X brought to India a laptop computer valued at ₹ 80,000 personal effects cloths valued at ₹ 90,000 and a personal computer for ₹ 52,000. What is the customs Duty payable?

**Solution:**

Duty payable on baggage is ₹ 770/-

[₹ (52,000 – 50,000) x 38.50%]

**Illustration 2:** Amarnath, an IT professional and a person of Indian origin, is residing in Denmark for the last 14 months. He wishes to bring a used microwave oven (costing approximately ₹ 1,24,200 and weighing 15 kg) with him during his visit to India. He purchased the oven in Denmark 6 months back and he has been using that oven for his personal use in his kitchen. He is not aware of Indian customs rules. Could you please provide him some advice in this regard?

**Solution:**

Transfer of residence w.e.f 1-4-2016:





A person, who is engaged in a profession abroad, or is transferring his residence to India can bring, used household items as below:

Passengers who have stayed abroad	GFA for personal household items upto ₹
3-6 months	₹ 60,000
6-12 months	₹ 1,00,000
1-2 years	₹ 2,00,000
Above 2 years	₹ 5,00,000

In the given example Amarnath brings the used household articles worth ₹ 1,24,200 which is free of duty. As per the rule 5 of the Baggage Rules, 1998 he is not liable to pay any duty.

**Illustration 3:** Mr. Ajay, an Indian entrepreneur, went to London to explore new business opportunities on 01.04.2019. His wife also joined him in London on 01.12.2019. The following details are submitted by them with the Customs authorities on their return to India on 30.04.2020.-

- (a) used personal effects worth ₹ 80,000
- (b) a music system worth ₹ 35,000
- (c) Jewellery (i.e. ornaments) brought by Mr. Ajay for ₹ 48,000 and the Gold bars brought by his wife worth ₹ 20,000

Determine their eligibility with regard to duty free allowance.

**Solution:**

**Statement showing customs duty in the hands of Mr. Ajay:**

Particulars	Amount ₹	Workings
Personal effects	Nil	Fully exempted from duty
Music system	35,000	Dutiable within the limit of GFA
Less: GFA	-35,000	GFA allowed upto ₹ 45,000 (w.e.f. 1-4-2016 GFA increased to ₹ 50,000)
Dutiable goods	Nil	
Jewellery	48,000	
Less: exemption	48,000	Upto ₹ 50,000 is free from duty, since, he stayed outside abroad for a period more than one year.
Dutiable goods	Nil	

**Statement showing customs duty in the hands of Mrs. Ajay:**

Particulars	Amount ₹	Workings
Gold bars (other than jewellery)	20,000	Fully taxable
Less: exemption	Nil	General free allowance not allowed.
Dutiable goods	20,000	
Customs duty	7,700	(₹ 20,000 x 38.50%)

**Illustration 4:** Mr. Devendra an Indian Entrepreneur, went to China to explore new business opportunities on 05-04-2019. The following details, regarding imports are submitted by him with the Customs authorities on return to India on 20-02-2020.

- (a) 2 Music systems each worth ₹. 23,000.  
 (b) Jewellery brought by Mr. Devendra worth ₹.49,000 (18 Grams).

Write a brief note on his eligibility with regard to duty free baggage allowances as per the Baggage Rules, 2016.

**Solution:**

- Music system 23000 x 2 = ₹ 46,000
- Add: Jewellery = ₹ 49,000
- Sub-total = ₹ 95,000
- Less: GFA = ₹ (50,000)
- Dutiable goods = ₹ 45,000

Total duty payable is ₹ 17,325 (i.e. 45,000 x 38.50%)

Note: Since, Mr. Devendra stay abroad does not exceeds one year, he will not be eligible for additional jewellery allowance under the Baggage Rules, 2016.

**Case Law**

**Q 1. Hemal K. Shah 2012 (275) ELT 266 (GOI)**

**Facts of the Case:** Shri Hemal K. Shah, a passenger, who arrived at SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad, had declared the total value of goods as ₹13,500 in the disembarkation slip. On detailed examination of his baggage, it was found to contain Saffron, Umicore Rhodium Black, Titan Wrist watches, Mobile Phones, assorted perfumes, Imitation stones and bags.



Since, the said goods were in commercial quantity and did not appear to be a bona fide baggage; the same were placed under seizure. The passenger in his statement admitted the offence and showed his readiness to pay duty on seized goods or re-shipment of the said goods.

The adjudicating authority determined total value of seized goods; ordered confiscation of seized goods under section 111(d) and 111(m) of the Customs Act, 1962; imposed penalty on Hemal K. Shah; confirmed and ordered for recovery of customs duty on the goods with interest and gave an option to redeem the goods on payment of a fine which should be exercised within a period of three months from date of receipt of the order.

On appeal by Hemal K. Shah, the appellate authority allowed re-export of the confiscated goods. Against this order, the Department filed a revision application before the Revisionary Authority under section 129DD of the Customs Act, 1962.



**Point of Dispute:** The Department questioned the re-export of confiscated goods. They contended that the goods which had been confiscated were being smuggled in by the passenger without declaring the same to the Customs and were in commercial quantity. In view of these facts, the appellate authority had erred in allowing the re-export of the goods on payment of redemption fine.

**Revisionary Authority's Decision:** The Government noted that the passenger had grossly mis-declared the goods with intention to evade duty and to smuggle the goods into India. As per the provisions of section 80 of the Customs Act, 1962 when the baggage of the passenger contains article which is dutiable or prohibited and in respect of which the declaration is made under section 77, the proper officer on request of passenger can detain such article for the purpose of being returned to him on his leaving India. Since passenger neither made true declaration nor requested for detention of goods for re-export, before customs authorities at the time of his arrival at airport, the re-export of said goods could not be allowed under section 80 of the Customs Act.

# Study Note - 9

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER ASPECTS



### This Study Note includes

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### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

It is essential to know the departmental set up of the Customs Department. The administration of the Customs Act, 1962 is carried out by the departmental adjudicating authority. Moreover, the Act specifies the class of officers who are responsible for the functioning of the law. As we know the Central Board of Excise and Customs is empowered to regulate the Customs Act as well as Central Excise Act.

### 9.2 CLASSES OF OFFICERS

There shall be the following classes of officers of customs under section 3 of the Customs Act, 1962, namely:—

- Chief Commissioners of Customs;
- Commissioners of Customs;
- Commissioners of Customs (Appeals);
- Joint Commissioners of Customs;
- Deputy Commissioners of Customs;
- Assistant Commissioners of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs;
- Such other class of officers of customs as may be appointed for the purposes of this Act.

### 9.3 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS OF CUSTOMS

As per section 4 of the Customs Act, the Central Board of Excise and Customs may appoint such persons as it thinks fit to be officers of customs.

The Central Board of Excise and Customs may authorize a Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs or a Principal Commissioner of Customs or a Joint Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs to appoint officers of customs below the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Customs.

### 9.4 POWERS OF OFFICERS OF CUSTOMS

As per section 5 of the Customs Act, subject to such conditions and limitations as the Central Board of Excise and Customs (Board) may impose, an officer of customs may exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred or imposed on him under this Act.

An officer of customs may exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred or imposed under this Act on any other officer of customs who is subordinate to him.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, a Commissioner (Appeals) shall not exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred or imposed on an officer of customs other than those specified in Chapter XV and section 108.

### 9.5 IMPORTANCE OF CENTRAL EXCISE DEPARTMENT

The other class of officers of the Central Excise is:

- The Superintendent of Central Excise
- The Inspector of Central Excise

These officers are not the officers of the Customs; it becomes necessary to empower them to be officers of

Customs for the purpose of doing Customs work under section 4(1) of the Customs Act.

In addition to the Excise and Customs officers to operate the Customs Law and regulations in all border areas, following Government officials are appointed:

- Border Security Police
- Indo Tibetan Border Police
- Coast Guard

### **Officers of other department**

As per section 151 of the Customs Act, 1962, the following officers of other department are empowered to assist officers of the Customs.

- Officers of the Central Excise Department
- Officers of the Navy
- Officers of Police

Officers of the Central or State Governments employed at any port or airport; such other officers of the Central or State Governments or a local authority as are specified by the Central Government in this behalf by notification in the Official Gazette.

### **Circulars of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBE&C) cannot prevail over law laid down by the Court**

In the case of **Commissioner of Central Excise, Bolpur v Ratan Melting and Wire Industries, Calcutta (2005)**, the Apex Court held that Circulars and instructions issued by the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) are no doubt binding in law on the authorities under the respective statutes (which grants power to CBEC), but when the Supreme Court or High Court declares the law on the question arising for consideration, it would not be appropriate for the Court to direct that the circular should be given effect to and not the view expressed in a decision of the Supreme Court or the High Court. **It means to say that court decisions are superior to that of circulars issued by the CBE & C.**

## **9.6 APPOINTMENT OF CUSTOMS PORTS, AIRPORTS ETC.**

As per section 7 of the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Board of Excise and Customs may by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint—

- The ports and airports which alone shall be customs ports or customs airports for the unloading of imported goods and the loading of export goods or any class of such goods;
- The places which alone shall be land customs stations for the clearance of goods imported or to be exported by land or inland water or any class of such goods;
- The routes by which alone goods or any class of goods specified in the notification may pass by land or inland water into or out of India, or to or from any land customs station from or to any land frontier;
- The ports which alone shall be coastal ports for the carrying on of trade in coastal goods or any class of such goods with all or any specified ports in India.

The Commissioner of Customs may approve proper places in any customs port or customs airport or coastal port for the unloading and loading of goods or for any class of goods and specify the limits of any customs area as per section 8 of the Customs Act, 1962.

The Central Board of Excise and Customs may by notification in the Official Gazette, declare places to be warehousing stations at which alone public warehouses may be appointed and private warehouses may be licensed.



### 9.7 CUSTOMS PORT

The term "customs port" means any port appointed under clause (a) of section 7 to be a customs port [and includes a place appointed under clause (aa) of that section to be an inland container depot]; the vessel entering in India from a place outside India into India must land only at Customs Port.

### 9.8 CUSTOMS AIRPORT

The term "customs airport" means any airport appointed under clause (a) of section 7 to be a customs airport; aircraft entering in India from a place outside India must land only at Customs Airport.

### 9.9 CUSTOMS AREA

The term "customs area" means the area of a customs station and includes any area in which imported goods or export goods are ordinarily kept before clearance by Customs Authorities.

### 9.10 CUSTOMS STATION

The term "customs station" means any customs port, customs airport, International courier terminal, foreign post office or land customs station.

### 9.11 LAND CUSTOMS STATION

The term "land customs station" means any place appointed under clause (b) of section 7 to be a land customs station; it means goods imported by land should follow the prescribed route only to come to Land Customs Station. Such route will be specified by CBE & C.

### 9.12 CONTAINER FREIGHT STATIONS

In short, we call as CFS or ICD (Inland Container Depot). After the imported goods are unloaded at the port, these containers are carried to Inland Container Depots for storage purpose. From these depots goods can be cleared for Domestic Tariff Area or cleared for export. Inland Container Depots are used for unloading of imported goods and loading of exported goods.

### 9.13 ENTRY

The term Entry means an entry made in a bill of entry, shipping bill or bill of export and includes in the case of goods imported or to be exported by post [As per section 2(16) of the Customs Act, 1962].

### 9.14 FIRST APPRAISEMENT SYSTEM

Section 17 of the Customs Act, 1962 stipulates that after submission of bill entry, goods will be examined and assessed. However, assessment can be made before examination of goods based on the submission of Bill of Entry and other documents produced before the Customs Authorities. The

Importer on request has to submit the following:

- Contract Agreement

The goods are examined first and then assessed. This is called First Appraisement System

The goods are assessed first and then examined. This is called Second Appraisement System

- Brokers note
- Insurance policy
- Other documents which help to ascertain the duty liability.

The goods are examined first and then assessed. This is called as First Appraisal System. The appraiser normally resorts to this method if he is not able to make an assessment on the basis of declaration made in the bill of entry or shipping bill and the documents submitted along with them and deems that inspection is necessary. The importer himself may also request 'first check procedure', if he cannot give all required details regarding description/value of goods. He has to make request for first check examination at the time of filing of bill of entry.

### 9.15 SECOND APPRAISEMENT SYSTEM

The information and documents furnished by the importer are adequate to determine the correct tariff nomenclature, tariff classification and valuation of the goods for purposes of assessment.

Physical examination of the goods or their weighing or testing is only a confirmatory check. Under this system, such an examination is carried out after assessment and collection of duty. Such a system is also called as Second check procedure.

#### Fast Track Clearance' Scheme

A pre-shipment inspection (PSI) is a set of import verification services, in the country of supply, developed to assist Customs in their mission or Destination Inspection (DI) is a set of verification and capacity building services, in the country of importation, developed to assist Customs their mission. Fast-track clearance is the process by which goods are cleared through Customs based on documentation inspection only.

Importers can benefit from fast-track clearance when all documentation is verified and cleared by Customs; the past history of the importer is usually verified.

### 9.16 REFUND OF CUSTOMS DUTY

Importer or Exporter who has actually paid the duty on import or export, which is not required to be paid alone, is eligible to claim refund.

#### (A) Refund of export duty

As per Section 26 of the Customs Act, 1962, duty paid on exported goods can be claim for refund in the case of combined reading of the following if:

- The goods are returned to such person otherwise than by way of re-sale;
- The goods are re-imported within **One year** from the date of exportation and
- An application for refund of such duty is made before the expiry of **six months** from the date on which the Customs officer makes an order for importation.

Suppose, X Ltd. exported product 'P' to Y Ltd of USA on 1.1.2014. The duty paid on export of product 'P' for ₹ 1,00,000. Y Ltd. returned product 'P' to X Ltd., on 1.8.2014. The return is otherwise than by way of sale (i.e. it may be sale return or rejected goods, goods sent on consignment returned by the overseas agent or goods sent for exhibition coming back etc.). It means to say that Y Ltd. should not be sold 'P' to X Ltd. Moreover, exported goods are returned within **One year** from the date of exportation. Hence, X Ltd. can claim for refund of ₹ 1,00,000 within **Six months** from Customs clearances order for imported goods (i.e. 1.8.2014).

#### (B) Refund of import duty

As per Section 26A of the Customs Act, 1962, duty paid on imported goods can be claimed for refund on account of satisfying the following conditions:





**(a) Goods are found defective**

The goods are found to be defective or otherwise not in conformity with the specifications agreed upon between the importer and the supplier of goods:

**Provided** that the goods have not been worked, repaired or used after importation except where such use was indispensable to discover the defects or non-conformity with the specifications;

**(b) Goods are easily identifiable as imported goods**

The goods are identified to the satisfaction of the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs as the goods which were imported;

**(c) No drawback claim is made**

The importer does not claim drawback under any other provisions of this Act; and

**(d) Activities carried out after importation**

- (i) The goods are exported; or
- (ii) The importer relinquishes his title to the goods and abandons them to customs; or
- (iii) Such goods are destroyed or rendered commercially valueless in the presence of the proper officer, in such manner as may be prescribed and within a period not exceeding 30 days from the date on which the proper officer makes an order for the clearance of imported goods for home consumption under section 47.

**Note:**

- (1) However, the period of 30 days may, on sufficient cause being shown, be extended by the Commissioner of Customs for a period not exceeding three months.
- (2) No refund under section 26 is allowed in respect of perishable goods and goods which have exceeded their shelf life.

**Relevant date:**

Relevant date in case of filing refund claim may be any one of the following:

- Let export order issued or
- Date of abandonment or
- Date of destruction of goods as the case may be.

**9.17 CLAIM FOR REFUND OF DUTY**

**Claim for refund of duty (section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962)**

Section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962 deals with refund of duty paid on imported or exported goods in excess of what was actually payable. Sometimes, such excess payment of duty may be due to shortage/short landing, pilferage of goods or even incorrect assessment of duty by Customs. In such cases, any excess interest has been paid by the importer or exporter can also be claimed for refund.

**No refund and recovery if the amount of customs duty involved is less than ₹ 100:**

Third proviso to section 27(1) of Customs Act, provides that where the amount of refund claimed is less than ₹ 100, the same shall not be refunded. In other words, there would be no refund if the amount of customs duty involved is less than ₹ 100. **(w.e.f.10.05.2013)**

A refund claim can be made u/s 27 if the payment of higher duty and interest in ignorance of a notification which allowed payment of duty at a concessional rate even if there was no assessment order and the payment u/s 27(i) has not been made pursuant to an assessment order. Section 27(ii) covers those classes of cases where

the duty is paid by a person without an order of assessment. It means a refund claim can be filed under section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962 even if the payment of duty has not been made pursuant to an assessment order **[Aman Medical Products Ltd. v CCus., Delhi 2010 (250) ELT 30 (Del.)]**.

**Attested Xerox copy of the GAR-7 Challan sufficient for claiming refund:**

Refund claim CAN NOT BE DENIED purely on a technical contention that the assessee had produced the attested copy of GAR-7 (earlier TR-6) challan and not the original of the GAR-7 challan. Also as per clarification issued vide F.No. 275/37/2K-CX. 8A dated 2-1-2002, **a simple letter from the person who** made the deposit, requesting for return of the amount, along with the appellate order and attested Xerox copy of the Challan in Form GAR-7 would suffice for processing the refund application. **[Narayan Nambiar Meloths v CCus. 2010 (251) ELT 57 (Ker)]**

**Time Limit for claiming refund:**

Person claiming refund	Time limit for claiming refund	Remarks
Individual – imported goods for his personnel use, Government or Any educational institutions or Any research institutions or Charitable institutions or hospitals	Application for refund can be made before the expiry of ONE year from the date of payment of duty and interest	The application for refund in duplicate has to be filed before the Assistant Commissioner or Dy. Commissioner of Customs.
Individual – for business use Companies or Firm etc.	Application for refund can be made before the expiry of ONE year (w.e.f. 8-4-2011) from the date of payment of duty and interest	The application for refund in duplicate has to file before the Assistant Commissioner or Dy. Commissioner of Customs.

**Interest on delayed refunds:** As per section 27A of the Customs Act, 1962, if the refund ordered is not paid within 3 months from the date of receipt of refund application by the Assistant Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, then the department is liable to pay interest at the rate of 6% p.a. (i.e. interest is liable to be paid after expiry of three months from the date of receipt of the application for refund).

**Few differences between section 26 and section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962:**

Section 26 deals with refund of export duty whereas Section 27 deals with refund of any export duty, import duty interest paid thereon.

Refund of duty under section 26 is allowed on account of satisfying certain conditions whereas refund under section 27 is allowed only when duty paid in excess of normal duty.

Refund is payable to the exporter who paid the duty under section 26 whereas refund is payable to the importer who paid the duty or to the buyer by whom the duty was borne.

**Chartered Accountant Certificate not sufficient to claim refund under section 27**

As per section 27 of the Customs Act, 1962 the importer to produce such documents or other evidence, while seeking refund, to establish that the amount of duty in relation to which such refund is claimed, has not been passed on by him to any other person.

However, if importer had not produced any document other than the certificate issued by the Chartered Accountant to substantiate its refund claim.

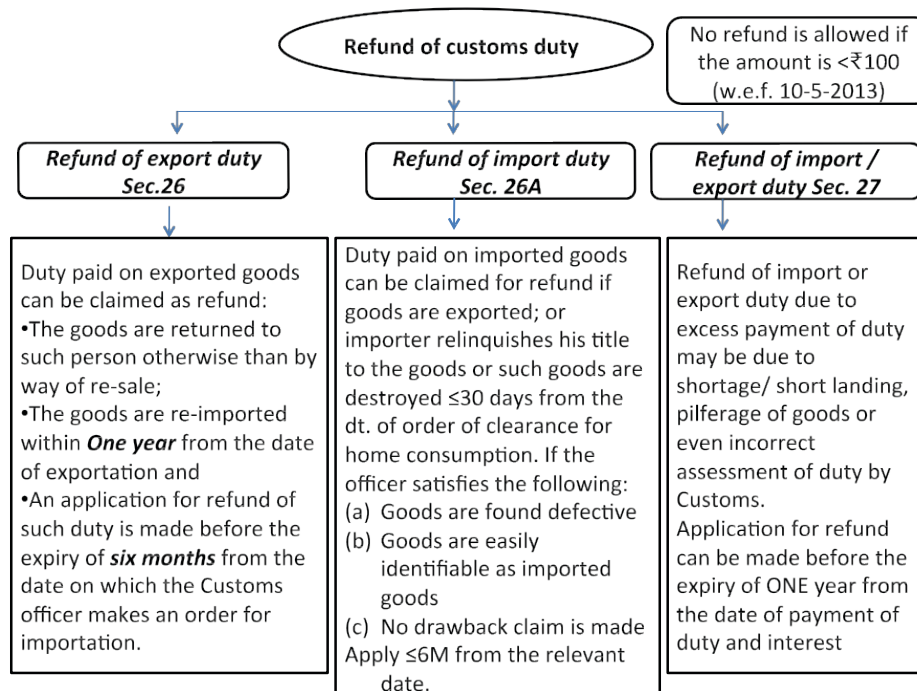
In the given case Madras High Court held that, the certificate issued by the Chartered Accountant was merely a piece of evidence acknowledging certain facts. It would not automatically entitle a person to refund in the absence of any other evidence. Hence, the importer could not be granted refund merely on the basis of the said certificate **[CCus., Chennai v BPL Ltd. 2010 (259) ELT 526 (Mad)]**



The period of limitation of one year for the purpose of refund of duty under section 27(1B) shall be computed in the following manner, namely:

- In the case of goods which are exempt from payment of duty by a special order issued under section 25(2) of the Custom Act, the limitation of one year shall be computed from the date of issue of such order;
- Where the duty becomes refundable as a consequence of any judgment, the limitation of one year shall be computed from the date of such judgment.
- Where any duty is paid provisionally under section 18, the limitation of one year shall be computed from the date of adjustment of duty after the final assessment thereof or incase of re-assessment, from the date of such re-assessment.

**Refund of customs duties can be recollected in the following table:**



### 9.18 AMENDMENTS TO DOCUMENTS

Generally the importer, exporter or 'person in-charge' of the conveyance (namely Master of the Vessel, Pilot of the Aircraft, Guard of the Train and Driver of the Vehicle) have to submit various documents to customs authorities like bill of entry, import general manifest (IGM), export general manifest (EGM), etc. These documents need to be amended due to various genuine reasons.

**Example 1:**

- Due to changes in classification,
- Due to clerical mistakes in document, and
- Due to change in unloading/loading plan of vessels etc.,

Under section 149 of the Customs Act, 1962, Customs Authorities can give permission to amend these documents. However, such permission cannot be given if there are fraudulent intentions.



### Section – 149 (Amendment of documents) as per Finance Act, 2021:

Save as otherwise provided in sections 30 and 41, the proper officer may, in his discretion, authorise any doc, as may be specified by the Board, may be done by the importer or exporter on the commonment, after it has been presented in the custom house to be amended in such form and manner, within such time, subject to such restrictions and conditions, as may be prescribed:

Provided that no amendment of a bill of entry or a shipping bill or bill of export shall be so authorised to be amended after the imported goods have been cleared for home consumption or deposited in a warehouse, or the export goods have been exported, except on the basis of documentary evidence which was in existence at the time the goods were cleared, deposited or exported, as the case may be.

Provided further that such authorisation or amendment may also be done electronically through the customs automated system on the basis of risk evaluation through appropriate selection criteria: Provided also that such amendments portal

#### 9.19 IMPORT GENERAL MANIFEST

It is basically a document necessarily carried by the Person in charge along with conveyance. It is a very important document without which customs authorities not allowed to grant inward entry to the vessel.

##### Features of Import General Manifest:

- Person-in-charge of Vessel, Aircraft or Vehicle has to submit Import General Manifest.
- The IGM in case of a vessel or aircraft is required to be submitted prior to arrival of a vessel or aircraft.
- In case import is through a vehicle, the IGM (so called Import Report) has to be submitted within 12 hours of arrival at the Customs Station.
- Penalty up to ₹ 50,000 can be imposed on the person-in-charge who is responsible for delay in submission of Report or Manifest.
- If the customs station equipped electronically then IGM can be submitted electronically through floppy.
- Amendment can be done to Import General Manifest if the changes do not amount to illegal import.

#### 9.20 PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT OF DUTY

An importer or exporter is unable to produce any document or furnish any information necessary for the assessment of duty on the imported goods or export goods as the case may be and he can request to the Customs authorities to assess the duty liability on provisional basis. Provisional Assessment will be allowed by the Customs Officer, if he, satisfied with the request of the importer or exporter [Section 18 of the Customs Act, 1962].

Provisional assessment can be granted in the following three situations:

- An importer or exporter is unable to produce any document or furnish any information necessary for the assessment of duty.
- Any imported goods or export goods need to conduct any chemical or other test for the purpose of assessment of duty thereon.
- Where the importer or the exporter has produced all the necessary documents and furnished full information for the assessment of duty but the proper officer deems it necessary to make further enquiry for assessing the duty.

Adjustment of duty at the time of final assessment order is permissible.



Provisional Assessment	Remarks
Short paid	<p>Pay the deficiency along with the interest from the first day of the month in which duty is provisionally assessed till date of payment.</p> <p><b>Interest in case of Provisional Assessment Section 18(3) of the Customs Act, 1962:</b>                      If differential amount is found to be payable after final assessment or reassessment, it will be paid with interest @15% p.a. w.e.f. 1-4-2016 (prior to 1-4-2016 interest rate was @18% p.a.) from the first day of the month in which duty is provisionally assessed till date of payment.</p>
Excess paid	<p>Refund will be granted. Interest will be payable if refund is not granted within three months from the date of assessment of duty finally ordered.</p> <p>Interest @6%p.a. is payable by the Government.</p>

Refund of duty is subject to unjust enrichment (i.e. should not be undue benefit).

**Customs (Provisional Assessment) Regulations, 2011: [vide circular no. 38/2016 Customs Dt. 22.08.2016]**

Prior to 22.08.2016	w.e.f. 22.08.2016
Deposit 20% of the duty provisionally assessed	Deposit 20% of the duty provisionally assessed is not required.
Execute a bond	Execute a bond
Provide surety or security or both, as deemed fit by the Proper Officer.	Provide security for the payment of the duty deficiency. The security to be obtained shall be in the form of a bank guarantee or a cash deposit as convenient to the importer. No sureties' shall be obtained.

**CBIC prescribes Customs (Finalization of Provisional Assessment) Regulations, 2018 to ease the process of Provisional Assessments u/s 18 of the Customs Act, 1962:**

The Finance Act, 2011 had introduced the self-assessment under the customs law. Resultantly, the circumstances when the provisional assessment could be resorted also underwent a change and revised Customs (Provisional Duty Assessment) Regulations, 2011 were issued. In 2016, CBIC reviewed the said regulations and rescinded Customs (Provisional Duty Assessment) Regulations, 2011 since section 18 itself lays down the procedure to be followed in the case of provisional assessment.

To further bring the uniformity in the process, CBIC vide Notification No. 73/2018-Cus (NT), dated 14.8.2018 has prescribed Customs (Finalisation of Provisional Assessment) Regulations, 2018.

The significant provisions contained in said regulations are discussed as under:

**Time-limit and manner for submission of documents or information by importer/exporter for the purpose of finalisation of provisional assessment:**

(a) Reasons for Provisional Assessment:

- (i) the necessary documents have not been produced or information has not been furnished
- (ii) the proper officer requires the importer or the exporter to produce any additional documents or information

Such information or documents shall be made available by the importer/exporter within 1 month from the date of such order of provisional assessment or the date of such requisition by the proper officer.

(b) The proper officer shall within 15 days from the date of such order of provisional assessment, inform the

importer or the exporter, in writing, the specific details of the information to be furnished or the documents to be produced. If the document/information is not made available within 15 days, this period may, for reasons recorded in writing, be further extended by proper officer for 3 months on his own or at the request of the importer or the exporter.

- (c) The Additional Commissioner or Joint Commissioner of Customs, may further extend the time period referred for another 3 months, in case the documents or the information required to be submitted by the importer or the exporter or requisitioned by the proper officer have not been made available within prescribed time limit.
- (d) If the aforesaid time limits don't suffice, the Commissioner of Customs, may extend the time period further as deemed fit.
- (e) All the requisite information/documents need to be submitted in one instance by importer/exporter and importer/exporter themselves or his authorised representative or Customs Broker shall inform the proper officer in writing that he has submitted all the documents or information to be furnished or requisitioned.
- (f) For the purpose of these regulations, each Bill of Entry or Shipping Bill, as the case may be, that has been assessed provisionally shall be treated as a separate case of provisional assessment.

#### **Time-limit for finalisation of provisional assessment:**

The proper officer shall finalise the provisional assessment within 2 months of receipt of:

- (a) an intimation from the importer or the exporter or his authorised representative or Customs Broker under sub-regulation (7) of regulation 4; or
- (b) a chemical or other test report, where the provisional assessment was ordered for that reason; or
- (c) an enquiry or investigation or verification report, where the provisional assessment was ordered for that reason.

However, where the documents or information required to be furnished by the importer or the exporter or requisitioned by the proper officer are made available intermittently, the time period of 2 months shall be reckoned from the date of last intimation referred to in clause (a) above.

Further, where the documents or information required to be furnished by the importer or exporter, as the case may be, or requisitioned by the proper officer are not made available or made partly available and no further extension of time has been allowed under sub-regulations (3), (4) or (5) of regulation 4, as the case may be, the proper officer shall proceed to finalise the provisional assessment within 2 months of the expiry of the time allowed for submission of the said documents or information.

- (d) The Commissioner of Customs concerned may allow, for reasons to be recorded in writing, a further time period of 3 months in case the proper officer is not able to finalise the provisional assessment within the period of 2 months as specified in sub-regulation (1) above.
- (e) This regulation shall not apply to such cases of provisional assessments, where Board has issued directions to keep that pending.

#### **Manner of finalisation of provisional assessment**

- (a) The provisional assessment shall be finalised as per the provisions of section 18 of the Act.

However, if the amount so paid at the time of provisional assessment or after adjustment under clause (a) to sub-section (2) of section 18 of the Act, falls short of the duty finally assessed or re-assessed, as the case may be, and the importer or the exporter has not paid the deficiency, the shortfall shall be adjusted from the security, if any, obtained at the time of provisional assessment, under intimation to the importer or the exporter,

However, if the amount so adjusted or paid falls short of the duty finally assessed or re-assessed, as the case may be, the importer or exporter of the goods shall pay the shortfall in terms of the provisions of section 18.



- (b) The Bond executed at the time of provisional assessment with security, if any, shall be cancelled after finalisation of provisional assessment and the security shall also be returned, if there are no pending dues.
- (c) Where the final assessment is contrary to the provisional assessment, the proper officer shall pass a speaking order following principles of natural justice.
- (d) Where the final assessment confirms the provisional assessment, the proper officer shall finalise the same after ascertaining the acceptance of such finalisation from the importer or the exporter on record and inform the importer or exporter in writing of the date of such finalisation.
- (e) Where a Bill of Entry or Shipping Bill is presented electronically on the Customs Automated system and is ordered to be provisionally assessed, the proper officer shall finalise the provisional assessment on the system also consequent to the procedure prescribed in these regulations.

### Penalty:

If any importer or exporter or his authorised representative or Customs Broker contravenes any provision of these regulations or abets such contravention, or fails to comply with any provision of these regulations, he shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to ₹ 50,000/-.

[Notification No. 73/2018 Cus (NT) dated 14.08.2018]

### Interest in case of Provisional Assessment (w.e.f. 8-4-2011):

Sec. 18(3) of the Customs Act, 1962 provides that if differential amount is found to be payable after final assessment or re-assessment, it will be paid with interest @15% p.a. w.e.f. 1-4-2016 (prior to 1-4-2016 interest rate was @18% p.a.) from the first day of the month in which duty is provisionally assessed till date of payment.

#### Example 1:

X Ltd. imported goods on 29th Mar, 2020, and approached to the department for grant of provisional assessment u/s 18 of the Customs Act, 1962. Provisional Assessment granted on 10th April 2020 by demanding duty of ₹1,00,000.

On 1st July 2020 provisional assessment has been finalized with ₹1,50,000 of customs duty. Differential duty has been paid on 2nd July 2020. Find the interest payable u/s 18(3) of the Customs Act, 1962.

Answer:

Interest = ₹ 1,911/-

(₹ 50,000 × 15/100 × 93/365 = ₹ 2,293.15)

## 9.21 INTEREST ON DELAYED REFUNDS

As per section 27A of the Customs Act, 1962, interest at such, not below five per cent and not exceeding thirty per cent per annum as is for the time being fixed by the Central Government by Notification in the Official Gazette, on such duty from the date immediately after the expiry of three months from the date of receipt of such order till the date of refund of such duty.

## 9.22 SELF-ASSESSMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTY

### Self-assessment of customs duty (section 17 of the Customs Act, 1962, w.e.f. 8-4-2011)

The importer or exporter shall self-assess the duty leviable on imported or exported goods respectively (except where goods are to be cleared as 'stores' for supply to vessels or aircrafts without payment of duty and without assessment under section 85 of Customs Act, 1962) as per section 17(1) of the Customs Act, 1962. The procedure of self assessment is same for imports and exports. Importer importing goods is required to submit Bill of Entry under section 46 of Customs Act, 1962. Exporter is required to submit shipping bill at the time of export under

section 50 of Customs Act, 1962. Bill of Entry and Shipping Bill must be submitted electronically, unless manual submission is specifically permitted by Commissioner of Customs.

### **Verification by proper officer**

The self assessment may be verified by 'proper officer' by examining or testing the goods [section 17(2) of Customs Act 1962, w.e.f. 8-4-2011]. For verification of self assessment, 'Proper Officer' may ask importer, exporter or any other person (i.e. Customs House Agent or person who has purchased goods on high seas sale basis) to produce any contract, broker's note, insurance policy, catalogue or other documents whereby duty payable can be ascertained and to furnish further information for ascertainment.

### **Re-assessment**

The proper officer can ask for only those documents which are within the powers of importer or exporter or other person to furnish [section 17(3) of Customs Act 1962, w.e.f. 8-4-2011]. On Such verification, 'proper officer' may re-assess the Bill of entry. Such re-assessment would be without prejudice to any other action which may be taken under Customs Act [section 17(4) of Customs Act, 1962, w.e.f. 8-4-2011].

If the importer or exporter accepts in writing the reassessment made by proper officer about classification or valuation or exemption or concession, then no question of issuing any formal order arises.

### **Speaking order**

Where the importer or exporter does not accept the re-assessment in writing, the proper officer shall pass a speaking order within 15 days from the date of re-assessment of 'Bill of Entry' [section 17(5) of Customs Act, 1962].

### **Audit [This provision has been omitted w.e.f 29-03-2018 vide Finance Bill ,2018]**

If the goods are not taken for verification of self assessment, the goods will be allowed to be cleared from customs. However, later, proper officer may audit the assessment of duty. Such audit can be done either in the office of proper officer or at the premises of importer, as may be expedient [section 17(6) of Customs Act, 1962]. Subsequent to such audit, demand for differential duty and interest can be made under section 28 of Custom Act, 1962. This section also makes provisions in respect of penalty for such short payment.

### **General provisions**

Assessment includes provisional assessment, self-assessment, re-assessment and any assessment in which the duty assessed is Nil [section 2(2) of Customs Act, 1962].

As per section 2(34) of Customs Act, 'proper officer' in relation to any function under Customs Act, means the officer of customs who is assigned those functions by Board (CBE & C) or Commissioner of Customs.

## **9.23 DUTY UNDER PROTEST**

The term duty under protest means the Customs Officer completed the assessment and very clearly levied the duty; however, importer is aggrieved with the assessment. In such a situation importer has to pay the duty under protest at the time of clearing the goods from the customs station.

### **Interest if duty paid late [Sec. 28AA of Customs Act 1962]:**

**w.e.f. 1-4-2016; Rate of interest is 15%p.a.**

**Period for which interest payable:** from the first day of the month succeeding the month in which the duty ought to have been paid or from the date of such erroneous refund, as the case may be, up to the date of payment of such duty.





**Example 2:**

**Mr. Lal, paid the customs duty in the month of June 2016 ₹ 10,300. It was found by the department officer, the actual amount of duty is ₹ 15,450 for the June 2016. Customs duty of ₹ 5,150 as demanded by the department has been paid on 31st July 2016. Find the interest under section 28AA of the Customs Act, 1962?**

**Answer: Interest = ₹ 66**

**(i.e. ₹ 5,150 × 15/100 × 31/365)**

**Case Law 1:**

**M/s CPS Textiles P Ltd. v. Joint Secretary 2010 (255) ELT 228 (Mad.)**

**Decision:** The High Court held that the description of the goods as per the documents submitted along with the Shipping Bill would be a relevant criterion for the purpose of classification, if not otherwise disputed on the basis of any technical opinion or test. The petitioner could not plead that the exported goods should be classified under different headings contrary to the description given in the invoice and the Shipping Bill, which had been assessed and cleared for export.

Further, the Court, while interpreting section 75A(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, noted that when the claimant is liable to pay the excess amount of drawback, he is liable to pay interest as well. The section provides for payment of interest automatically along with excess drawback. No notice for the payment of interest need be issued separately as the payment of interest becomes automatic, once it is held that excess drawback has to be repaid.

**9.24 IMPORTER EXPORTER CODE (IEC NUMBER)**

Facility to file application (i.e. ANF 2A) for Importer Exporter Code (IEC Number) is available through online. It is a unique 10 digits code. PAN is pre-requisite for grant of an IEC.

**9.25 RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

The Central Board of Excise and Customs has decided to introduce the 'Risk Management System' (RMS) in major Customs locations where the Indian Customs EDI System (ICES) is operational. The implementation of the RMS is one of the most significant steps in the ongoing Business Process Re-engineering initiatives of the Customs and Central Excise Department [Circular No. 43/2005-Customs].

Features of the Risk Management System:

- The Risk Management System replaces the existing system of concurrent audit and replaced by a Post-Clearance Compliance Verification (Audit) function.
- This system provides the special Customs clearance for Accredited Clients. (Accredited Client means importer whose value of imports during the previous financial year ₹ 10 crores or paid duty more than ₹ 1 crore).
- This system applies only to those importers whose track record is good for the last 3 financial years.
- The RMS is intended to improve the management of the resources of the department to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness in meeting stakeholder expectations and to bring the Customs processes at par with the best international practices.

**E-payment of Customs Duty (NT 83/2012-Cus, dated 17-9-2012): the following assesses are eligible for e-payment of Customs duty.**

- (i) Importer registered under Accredited Clients Programme
- (ii) Importers paying customs duty of ₹ 1 lakh or more per bill of entry



### Accredited Clients Programme (ACP):

The importers desirous of availing the facility as "Accredited Clients" are required to apply for registration under the scheme using the Application form attached at Annex-1. Importers meeting the following criteria shall be the eligible under the Accredited Clients Program:

- (i) Accredited Clients means they should have imported goods at ₹ 10 crores in the previous financial year; or Paid customs duty more than ₹ 1 crore in the previous financial year; or  
Importers, who are also Central Excise assessee, paid Central Excise Duties over Rs. One Crore from the Personal Ledger Account in the previous financial year.
- (ii) They should have filed at least 25 Bills of Entry in the previous financial year in one or more Indian Customs stations.
- (iii) They should have no cases of Customs, Central Excise or Service Tax booked against them in the previous three financial years. Cases booked would imply that there should be at least a show cause notice, invoking penal provisions, issued to an importer.
- (iv) They should also not have any cases booked under any of the Allied Acts being implemented by Customs.
- (v) The quality of the submissions made by the applicants to Customs should be good as measured by the number of amendments made in the bills of entry submitted by them in relation to classification of goods, valuation and claim for exemption benefits. The number of such amendments should not have exceeded 20% of the bills of entry during the previous financial year.
- (vi) They should have no duty demands pending on account of non-fulfillment of Export obligation.
- (vii) They should have reliable systems of record keeping and internal controls and their accounting systems should conform to recognized standards of accounting. They are required to provide the necessary certificate from their Chartered Accountants in this regard as per format given in the Application form.

### This program (ACP) gives the following benefits:

- (a) The clients will get assured facilitation;
- (b) In a small number of occasions their consignments will be randomly selected for checks by customs officers;
- (c) The Indian Customs EDI system will accept the declared classification and valuation and assess duty on the basis of importers' self-declaration;
- (d) They will also not be subjected to examination;
- (e) It will be ensured that their cargo is delivered quickly;
- (f) These benefits are applicable at all ICES locations

As per the Finance Act, 2020, In Chapter VIIA of the Customs Act, in the heading, after the word "LEDGER", the words "AND ELECTRONIC DUTY CREDIT LEDGER" shall be inserted.

As per the Finance Act, 2020, new section 51B inserted in Customs Act, 1962:

- (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify the manner in which it shall issue duty credit,—
  - (a) in lieu of remission of any duty or tax or levy, chargeable on any material used in the manufacture or processing of goods or for carrying out any operation on such goods in India that are exported; or
  - (b) in lieu of such other financial benefit subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein.
- (2) The duty credit issued under sub-section (1) shall be maintained in the customs automated system in the form of an electronic duty credit ledger of the person who is the recipient of such duty credit, in such manner as may be prescribed.



- (3) The duty credit available in the electronic duty credit ledger may be used by the person to whom it is issued or the person to whom it is transferred, towards making payment of duties payable under this Act or under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions and within such time as may be prescribed.”.

### 9.26 DETENTION CERTIFICATE

Once goods are imported from a country outside India into India, such goods need to be cleared from the port within 3 working days from the date of import. For delay beyond 3 working days the port authorities will charge demurrage. If the delay is from the Customs authorities, then such authorities will issue a certificate called as Detention Certification for bona fide import.

If the imported goods are not cleared from the Customs Authority within 30 days from the date of import then such goods can be stored in a warehouse pending clearance. Beyond the time limit these goods can be sold after giving show cause notice to such an importer.

### 9.27 BOAT NOTE

In India we have certain ports where the ships cannot come to the shore for unloading or loading goods due to depth of the Sea or vessel may not find the time in having berth in the port. In such cases goods are sent to shore in a small cargo (i.e. it may be loaded in a small boat and sent to shore). As per the Boat Note Regulations such a small boat must be accompanied by a Boat Note issued by the Customs Officer. The boat note must be in duplicate and machine numbered. Separate forms are prescribed for export cargo, import cargo and trans-shipment cargo.

### 9.28 PROHIBITION RELATING TO IMPORT OR EXPORT OF GOODS

Section 11 of the Customs Act, 1962 enables the Central Government to notify in the Official Gazette the prohibition relating to the import or export goods. Twenty two such purposes are specified therein, out of which some are given below:

- The maintenance of the security of India.
- The maintenance of public order, standards of decency or morality.
- Prevention of smuggling
- Prevention of shortage of goods of any description
- The establishment of any industry.
- Conservation of exhaustible natural resources
- Prevention of deceptive practices.
- Prevention of serious injury to domestic production of goods.
- Prevention of human/animal life or health.

### 9.29 PENALTIES UNDER CUSTOMS

Where the duty has not been levied or has been short-levied or the interest has not been charged or paid or has been part paid or the duty or interest has been erroneously refunded by reason of collusion or any willful mis-statement or suppression of facts, the person who is liable to pay the duty or interest, as the case may be, as determined under sub-section (2) of section 28 shall also be liable to pay a penalty equal to the duty or interest so determined [Section 114A of the Customs Act, 1962]



### 9.30 WHETHER CUSTOM AUTHORITIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO AUCTION THE CONFISCATED GOODS DURING THE PERIOD OF PENDENCY OF APPEAL

The customs authorities are not authorized to auction the confiscated goods during the period of pendency of appeal. It means to say that the petitioner informed the customs authorities that he was filing an appeal against order of confiscation, then customs authorities are not authorized to auction the confiscated goods. **[Shabir Ahmed Abdul Rehman v UOI 2009 (235) ELT 402 (Bom)].**

### 9.31 OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS UNDER CUSTOMS

Persons involved in smuggling and other modus operandi (i.e. Manner of operation) of imports and exports, in violation of prohibitions or restrictions with intent to evade duties or fraudulently claim export incentives are liable to serious penal action under the Customs Act, 1962.

The offending goods can be confiscated and heavy fines and penalties imposed. There are provisions for arrests and prosecutions.

#### Detention of goods

It means the goods are temporarily detained by officer to check whether there is any violation of law. In the case of **Pro Musicals v Joint Commissioner Customs (Prev.), Mumbai 2008 (227) ELT 182 (Mad)** the Court clarified that the detention of goods is actually taking the custody of the goods and keeping it under restraint from being taken by the parties; but, the party is entitled to produce sufficient documentary evidence, and if he shows proof, he can take it. At that juncture, no question of seizure would arise. If such person not shows proof, then said goods are seized.

#### Seizure of goods (Section 110 of the Customs Act, 1962)

The term seizure meant to take possession of the property contrary to the wishes of the owner of the goods in pursuance of a demand under legal right. Seizure involved not merely the custody of goods but also a deprivation (i.e. losing something) of possession of goods. It means to say that under seizure goods are taken in custody by the department. A stage before confiscation is called seizure. Generally goods liable to be confiscated may be seized.

Detention is without seizure and possession of goods whereas seizure of goods necessarily means detention plus taking possession of goods by officer.

#### Goods should be returned within six months if no Show Cause Notice has been issued

Show Cause Notice (SCN) shall be issued within six months from the date of seizure. This period can be further extended by SIX months on sufficient cause, by the Commissioner of Central Excise or Customs. If no show cause notice issued within SIX months, the goods shall be return to person from whose possession they were seized.

#### Release of seized goods and documents (w.e.f. 8-4-2011):

Seized goods and documents can be released by adjudicating authority on submission of bond and security under section 110A of the Customs Act, 1962. Therefore, permission of Commissioner of Customs is not required w.e.f. 8-4-2011.

Jewellery — Duty Free Allowance

#### As per the Finance Act, 2021, Section – 110(1D) inserted (i.e Seizure of goods, documents and things):

Where the goods seized under sub-section (1) is gold in any form as notified under sub-section (1A), then, the proper officer shall, instead of making an application under sub-section (1B) to the Magistrate, make



such application to the Commissioner (Appeals) having jurisdiction, who shall, as soon as may be, allow the application and thereafter, the proper officer shall dispose of such goods in such manner as the Central Government may determine."

**Duty Free Jewellery (w.e.f. 1-4-2016):**

Coming to India by an Indian Passenger after stay abroad more than one year

- (i) Jewellery upto a weight, of 20 grams with a value cap of ₹50,000 if brought by a gentleman passenger
- (ii) Jewellery upto a weight, of 40 grams with a value cap of ₹1,00,000 if brought by a lady passenger.

**Example:**

Mr. Gopal, an Indian entrepreneur, went to London to explore new business opportunities on 01.04.2017. His wife also joined him in London on 01.12.2019. The following details are submitted by them with the Customs authorities on their return to India on 30.04.2020-

- (a) used personal effects worth ₹95,000
- (b) a music system worth ₹34,000
- (c) the jewellery brought by Mr. Gopal for ₹44,000 and the jewellery brought by his wife worth ₹25,000

Determine their eligibility with regard to duty free allowance.

Duty drawback under Customs

**Answer:**

As per the Baggage Rules, in case of passengers other than tourists there is no customs duty on used personal effects and general free allowance is ₹50,000 per passenger. Thus, their duty liability is nil for the personal effects and a music system.

However, the additional duty-free allowance, that is jewellery allowance is applicable to non-tourist passenger of Indian origin who had stayed abroad for period exceeding one year. The additional jewellery allowance is as follows:-

- Gentleman Passenger - ₹ 50,000/-
- Lady Passenger - ₹ 1,00,000/-

Thus, there is no duty liability on the jewellery brought by Mr.Gopal as he had stayed abroad for period exceeding one year.

However, his wife is not eligible for this additional jewellery allowance as she had stayed abroad for a period less than a year. Thus, she has to pay customs duty on the amount of jewellery brought by her. However, she is eligible to avail GFA of ₹50,000.

**Case Law : 2**

**Manish Lalith Kumar Bavishi (2011).**

Point of dispute: If any documents seized during the course of any action by an officer and relating to the provisions of Customs Act, that officer was bound to make the documents available copies of those documents?

**Answer: Yes.** The Bombay High Court held the same view in the case of **Manish Lalith Kumar Bavishi (2011)**.

**Confiscation of goods**

The term confiscation of goods means the goods become property of Government and Government can deal with these goods as it desires. Once confiscated goods are become property of Central Government, no duty liability arises on assessee whose goods are confiscated.

Search, seizure and confiscation not applicable to service tax.

However, in some cases, the person from whom goods were seized can be get them back on payment of fine (i.e. Redemption fine in lieu of confiscation) under section 125(1) of the Customs Act, 1962.

### Provisions governing Confiscation under Customs Act, 1962

#### Goods are liable for confiscation in the following circumstances:

- Confiscation of improperly imported goods – Section 111
- Export goods liable for confiscation – Section 113
- Confiscation of Conveyances (i.e. Vehicles, Vessels, Air crafts, animals used as a means of transport in the smuggling) if used improperly for import or export of goods – Section 115
- Confiscation of packages and their contents – Section 118
- Confiscation of goods used for concealing smuggled goods – Section 119
- Confiscation of smuggled goods notwithstanding any change in form, etc. – Section 120

For example gold biscuits converted into jewellery. Hence, the entire value of jewellery is liable for confiscation.

- Confiscation of sale proceeds of smuggled goods – Section 121

As per section 124 of the Customs Act, 1962, before confiscating goods, Show Cause Notice must be issued to owner of goods giving grounds for confiscation. Time limit of SIX months as given in Section 110 of the Customs Act, 1962 is not applicable. It means there is no time limit is specified in case of issue of SCN for confiscation of goods. As per section 28 of the Customs Act, 1962, goods can be confiscated even after the goods are cleared from customs station.

Goods already exported cannot be confiscated under Section 113 of the Customs Act, 1962

#### Wrong confiscation of goods:

Once the action of the Customs department with regard to confiscation of goods, set aside by Tribunal or Court (i.e. set aside means make inoperative or stop) the person is eligible to get back the goods. If in the meanwhile, goods have been sold by the Customs authorities, market value of goods as on date of setting aside confiscation of the order of confiscation by the judgment is payable (**Northern Plastics Ltd. v CCE (2000) (SC)**).

#### Confiscation of improperly imported goods – Section 111:

The following goods brought from a place outside India shall be liable to confiscation:

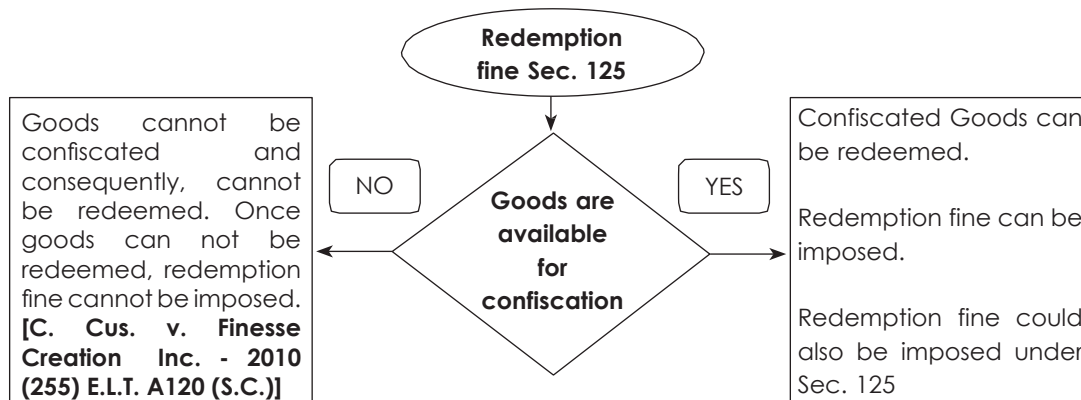
- (a) Any goods imported by sea or air which are unloaded or attempted to be unloaded at any place other than a customs port or customs airport.
- (b) Any goods imported by land or inland water through any route other than a route specified by the Govt.
- (c) Any dutiable or prohibited good brought into any bay, gulf, creek or tidal river for the purpose of being landed at a place other than a customs port.
- (d) Any goods which are imported or attempted to be imported or are brought within the Indian customs waters contrary to the provisions which are in force.
- (e) Any dutiable or prohibited goods found concealed (i.e. hid) in any manner in any conveyance
- (f) Goods not mentioned in the Import manifest or import report
- (g) Goods unloaded in contravention of the provisions of customs law
- (h) any dutiable or prohibited goods found concealed in any manner in any package either before or after the unloading thereof
- (i) any dutiable or prohibited goods removed or attempted to be removed from a customs area or warehouse without the permission of the proper officer.



- (j) Any dutiable or prohibited goods removed or attempted to be removed from a customs area or a warehouse without the permission of the proper or contrary to the terms of such permission;
- (k) Any dutiable or prohibited goods which are not included or are in excess of those included in the entry made under this Act, or in the case of baggage in the declaration made under section 77.
- (l) Any goods which do not correspond in respect of value or in any other particular with the entry made under this Act or in the case of baggage with the declaration made under section 77.
- (m) Any dutiable or prohibited goods transited with or without transshipment in contravention of the provisions of customs.
- (n) Any dutiable or prohibited goods transited with or without transshipment or attempted to be so transited in contravention of the provisions of Chapter VIII.
- (o) Any goods exempted, subject to any condition, from duty or any prohibition in respect of the import thereof under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, in respect of which the condition is not observed unless the non-observance of the condition was sanctioned by the proper officer;
- (p) Any notified goods in relation to which any provisions of Chapter IVA or of any rule made under this Act for carrying out the purposes of that Chapter have been contravened;
- (q) Any goods imported on a claim of preferential rate of duty which contravenes any provision of Chapter VAA or any rule made thereunder (as per Finance Act, 2020 w.e.f 27.3.2020)

**Confiscated goods can be redeemed:**

Under Customs Act, 1962 can redemption fine be imposed and penalty under section 112 be levied after release of imported goods on execution of a bond, if it is found subsequently that there has been an irregularity in the import? Discuss with the help of decided case law(s), if any.



It is important to note that for levying the penalty under section 112 (i.e. improper import) it is immaterial as to whether goods are available for confiscation or not because the said penalty is imposed when the goods are liable for confiscation.

**Penalties for improper import under section 112 of the Customs Act, 1962**

Penalty can be imposed for improper import as well as attempt to improperly export goods. 'Improper' means without the knowledge of the Customs officers.

**No question of penalizing the partners separately for the same contravention under section 112:**

Once penalty was levied on the firm for contravention of any provision of the Act or the Rules framed there under, it amounted to levy of penalty on the partners. Hence, there was no question of penalizing the partners

separately for the same contravention, unless the intention of the legislature to treat the firm and partners as distinct entities was borne out from the statute itself, i.e., expressly provided in the statute.

**For Example:** Explanation to section 140 of the Customs Act equated partnership firm with company (which stands as separate entity distinct from its shareholders) in respect of commission of offences.

However, there was no such corresponding provision in relation to imposition of penalty under section 112. The High Court held that separate penalty could not be imposed on the partners in addition to the penalty on the partnership firm [**CCE & C, Surat-II v Mohammed Farookh Mohammed Ghani 2010 (259) ELT 179 (Guj)**].

**Penalties for improper import [section 112 of the Customs Act, 1962]:**

Imported Goods (A)	Value in (₹) (B)	Minimum Penalty in (₹) (C)	Penalty in (₹) (B) or (C)
Prohibited Goods	Not exceeding the value of prohibited goods	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
Dutiable Goods (Other than Prohibited goods)	w.e.f 14-5-2015: Not exceeding 10% of the Duty sought to be evaded.	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
	w.e.f 14-5-2015: Penalty = 25% of the penalty imposed, if the duty, interest and reduced penalty is paid within 30 days from the date of receipt of adjudication order [Section 112(b)(ii) of the Customs Act, 1962].		
Misdeclaration of value	If actual value is higher than the value declared in Bill of Entry or declaration of contents of baggage: Actual value = xxx Less: Declared value = (xx) Difference = xxx =====	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
Prohibited Goods plus Misdeclaration value	(i) Not exceeding the value of prohibited goods OR (ii) Actual value = xxx Less: Declared value = (xx) Difference = xxx =====	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
Dutiable Goods plus Misdeclaration of Value	(i) Duty sought to be evaded OR (ii) Actual value = xxx Less: Declared value = (xx) Difference = xxx =====	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
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**Export goods liable for confiscation — Section 113**

These are goods attempted to be improperly exported under clauses of section 113:—

- Goods attempted to be exported by sea or air from place other than customs port or customs airport
- Goods attempted to be exported by land or inland water through unspecified route
- Goods brought near land frontier or coast of India or near any bay, gulf, creek or tidal river for exporting





from place other than customs port or customs station

- (d) Goods attempted to be exported contrary to prohibition under Customs Act or any other law
- (e) Goods concealed in any conveyance brought within limits of customs area for exportation
- (f) Goods loaded or attempted to be loaded for eventual export out of India, without permission of proper officer, in contravention of section 33 and 34 of the Customs Act, 1962
- (g) Goods stored at un-approved place or loaded without supervision of Customs Officer
- (h) Goods not mentioned or found excess of those mentioned in Shipping Bill or declaration in respect of baggage
- (i) Any goods entered for exportation not corresponding in respect of value or any other particular in Shipping Bill or declaration of contents of baggage.
- (ii) Goods entered for export under claim for duty drawback which do not correspond in any material particulars with any information provided for fixation of duty drawback.
- (i) Goods imported without duty but being re-exported under claim for duty drawback
- (j) Goods cleared for exportation which are not loaded on account of willful act, negligence or default, or goods unloaded after loading for exportation, without permission.

**Finance Act, 2021 inserted:** Export goods liable for confiscation — Section 113 of the Customs Act, 1962: (ja) any goods entered for exportation under claim of remission or refund of any duty or tax or levy to make a wrongful claim in contravention of the provisions of this Act or any other law for the time being

- (k) Provision in respect of 'Specified Goods' are contravened.

**Penalties for improper export under section 114 of the Customs Act, 1962**

Following monetary penalties prescribed under the Customs Act, with regard to improper export:

Attempt to improperly export (A)	Value in (₹) (B)	Minimum Penalty in (₹) (C)	Penalty in (₹) (B) or (C)
Prohibited Goods	Three times the value of the goods as declared by the exporter	The value as determined under the Customs Act.	Whichever is Higher
Dutiable Goods (other than Prohibited goods)	Duty sought to be evaded	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
Other goods	Value declared in short	The value as determined under the Customs Act.	Whichever is Higher

**Penalties for improper export U/S 114 of the Customs Act, 1962 (w.e.f.14-5-2015)**

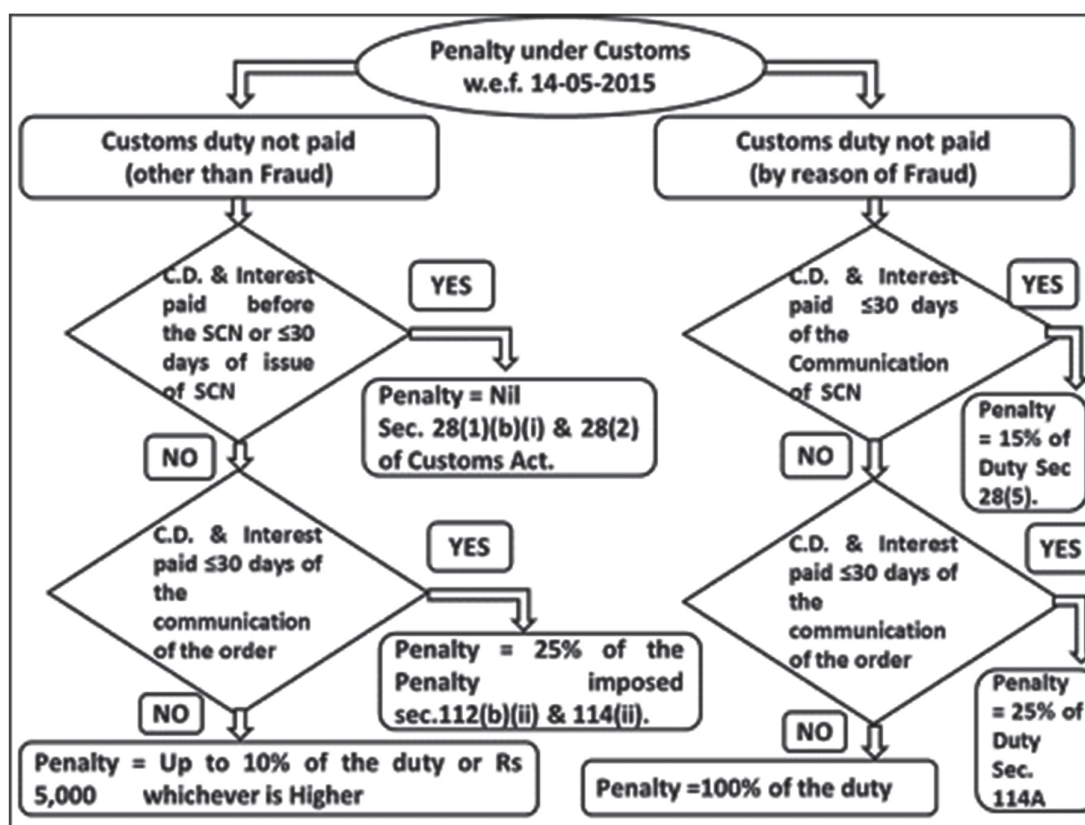
Attempt to improperly export (A)	Value in (₹) (B)	Minimum Penalty in (₹) (C)	Penalty in (₹) (B) or (C)
Prohibited Goods	The value as determined under the Customs Act.	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
Dutiable Goods (other than Prohibited goods)	w.e.f 14-5-2015: Not exceeding 10% of duty sought to be evaded.	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
	w.e.f 14-5-2015: Penalty = 25% of penalty imposed, if duty, interest and reduced penalty is paid within 30 days from date of receipt of adjudication order - Section 114(ii) of Customs Act, 1962.		
Other goods	Not exceeding the value of goods as declared by exporter	The value as determined under the Customs Act.	Whichever is Higher

**Section – 114AC (Penalty for Fraudulent utilisation of input tax credit for claiming refund):**

As per Finance Act, 2021, New Section inserted after Section 114AB: "114AC. Where any person has obtained any invoice by fraud, collusion, willful misstatement or suppression of facts to utilise input tax credit on the basis of such invoice for discharging any duty or tax on goods that are entered for exportation under claim of refund of such duty or tax, such person shall be liable for penalty not exceeding five times the refund claimed.

**Explanation—** For the purposes of this section, the expression "input tax credit" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (63) of section 2 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.

w.e.f. 14-5-2015 following amendments have been made in Section 28 of the Customs Act, 1962:



w.e.f 14-5-2015:

In pending cases (both fraud and non-fraud) where the order has not been passed before 14.05.2015, proceedings to conclude if duty, interest and penalty is paid in full within 30 days of 14.05.2015 [New Explanation 3 to section 28]

**Explanation 3** has been inserted in section 28 to provide that where a notice under section 28(1) [non-fraud cases] or section 28(4) [fraud cases], as the case may be, has been served but an order determining duty under section 28(8) has not been passed before 14.05.2015 then, without prejudice to the provisions of sections 135, 135A and 140, as may be applicable, the proceedings in respect of such person or other persons to whom the notice is served will be deemed to be concluded if the payment of duty, interest and penalty under the proviso to section 28(2) or under section 28(5), as the case may be, is made in full within 30 days from 14.05.2015.

**Confiscation of Conveyances [Section 115 of the Customs Act, 1962]:**

Vehicles, Vessels, Aircrafts, animals used as a means of transport in the smuggling or improperly for import or export of goods shall be liable to confiscation.



Any such conveyance is used for the carriage of goods or passengers for hire, the owner of any conveyance shall be given an option to pay in lieu of the confiscation of the conveyance a fine not exceeding the market price of the goods which are sought to be smuggled or the smuggled goods as the case may be.

**Penalty for not accounting for goods [section 116 of the Customs Act, 1962]:**

The person-in-charge of the conveyance shall be liable to pay penalty if any goods loaded in a conveyance for importation into India, or any goods transshipped under the provisions of this Act or coastal goods carried in a conveyance:

- If not unloaded at their place of destination in India, or
- If the quantity unloaded is short of the quantity to be unloaded at that destination, or
- If the failure to unload or the deficiency is not accounted

**Quantum of penalty under section 116:**

Imported goods:	Exported goods
Penalty not exceeding twice the amount of duty that would have been chargeable on the goods not unloaded or deficient goods, as the case may be, had such goods been imported.	Penalty not exceeding twice the amount of export duty that would have been chargeable on the goods not unloaded or deficient goods, as the case may be, had such goods been exported.

**Residual Penalty [Section 117]:**

As per section 117 of the Customs Act, 1962, if no penalty has been prescribed for contravenes, then the penalty would be ₹1,00,000 can be levied (w.e.f. 10.5.2008).

**Confiscation of packages and their contents – Section 118**

Where any goods imported in a package or brought within the limits of a customs area for the purpose of exportation in a package shall also be liable to confiscation if the importer or exporter violates the provisions of the customs provisions.

**Confiscation of goods used for concealing smuggled goods – Section 119**

Any goods used for concealing smuggled goods shall also be liable to confiscation. However, goods does not include a conveyance used as a means of transport.

**Confiscation of smuggled goods notwithstanding any change in form, etc. – Section 120:**

Smuggled goods may be confiscated notwithstanding (i.e. in spite of) any change in their form. Where smuggled goods are mixed with other goods in such manner that the smuggled goods cannot be separated from such other goods, the whole of the goods shall be liable to confiscation.

Owner of goods proves that he had no knowledge or reason to believe that smuggled goods included in the whole of the goods, then such part of smuggled goods shall be liable to confiscation.

**Confiscation of sale proceeds of smuggled goods – Section 121**

Where any smuggled goods are sold by a person having knowledge or reason to believe that the goods are smuggled goods, the sale-proceeds thereof shall be liable to confiscation.

**Case Law 3:**

**Smuggled goods cannot be treated par with imported goods for the purpose of granting the benefit of the exemption notification:**

The Honorable Supreme Court of India held that if the smuggled goods and imported goods were to be treated as the same, then there would have been no need for two different definitions under the Customs Act, 1962.



The Court observed that one of the principal functions of the Customs Act, 1962 was to curb the ills of smuggling on the economy. Hence, it held that it would be contrary to the purpose of exemption notifications to give the benefit meant for imported goods to smuggled goods. Therefore, the court held that the smuggled goods could not be considered as 'imported goods' for the purpose of benefit of the exemption notification **[CCus. (Prev.), Mumbai v M. Ambalal & Co. 2010 (260) E.L.T. 487 (SC)]**.

### Redemption Fine (Section 125)

The term redemption fine means Option to pay fine in lieu of confiscation. A person makes an unauthorized import of goods liable to confiscation. After adjudication, Assistant Commissioner of Customs provides an option to the importer to pay fine in lieu of confiscation [Section 125(1) of the Customs Act.]:

Provided that, without prejudice to the provisions of the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 115, such fine shall not exceed the market price of the goods confiscated, less in the case of imported goods the duty chargeable thereon.

Such an importer is liable to pay in addition to the customs duty and charges payable in respect of such imports, the penalty.

**Non Applicability** : Where the proceedings are deemed to be concluded under the proviso to Section 28(2) or under Section 28(6)(i) in respect of goods which are not prohibited or restricted, the provisions of this section shall not apply.

#### Example 3:

A person makes an unauthorized import of goods liable to confiscation. After adjudication, Assistant Commissioner provides an option to the importer to pay fine in lieu of confiscation. It is proposed to impose a fine (in lieu of confiscation) equal to 50% of margin of profit. From the following particulars calculate the amount of fine that can be imposed: Assessable value – ₹ 50,000, Total duty payable – ₹ 20,000, Market value – 1,00,000. Also calculate the amount of fine and the total payment to be made by the importer to clear the consignment.

Answer:

In the given case Assistant Commissioner intends to impose redemption fine equal to 50% of margin of profit.

Total cost to importer = ₹ 50,000 + ₹ 20,000 = ₹ 70,000.

Margin of profit:

Market value – Total cost to importer = ₹ 1,00,000 – ₹ 70,000 = ₹ 30,000.

Hence, redemption fine will be ₹ 15,000 (@ 50% of ₹ 30,000). In addition, duty of ₹ 20,000 is payable. Thus, importer will have to pay totally ₹ 35,000 to clear the goods from customs.

### Option to pay fine in lieu of confiscation also given to exporter of prohibited goods

An exporter who had been held guilty of exporting 'prohibited goods', has an option to pay fine in lieu of confiscation under section 125 of the Customs Act. **CCus. (Preventive), West Bengal v India Sales International 2009 (241) ELT 182 (Cal)**.

### Selling the confiscated goods during the period of pendency of appeal was not justified

The Customs Officer confiscated the gold carried by the petitioner from Muscat. The Customs Department received the letter from the petitioner about his willing to file an appeal against the order of confiscation. Revenue informed the petitioner that the confiscated goods had been handed over to the warehouse of the Custom House for disposal and consequently, auctioned the confiscated goods. The action of the custom authorities in selling the gold during the pendency of the appeal was not justified. **[Shabir Ahmed Abdul Rehman v UOI 2009 (235) ELT 402 (Bom)]**



### **Option to redeem the goods with Adjudicating Authority under section 125**

Adjudicating Authority is vested with the **discretion to give an option either to confiscate or redeem** the prohibited goods imported/exported even though the goods are liable to absolute confiscation but in case of other goods **[CCus v Alfred Menezes 2009 (242) ELT 334 (Bom)]**

#### **Goods are not redeemed by paying fine**

Option to be void if fine not paid within 120 days: Where the fine imposed is not paid within a period of 120 days from the date of option given thereunder, such option shall become void, unless an appeal against such order is pending.

**Transitional Provisions-** Option to be exercised within 120 days from 29-03-2018 [Explanation]: For removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that in cases where an order under Section 125(1) has been passed before the date on which the Finance bill 2018 receives the assent of the President i.e 29-03-2018 and no appeal is pending against such order as on that date, the option under said sub-section may be exercised within a period of 120 days from the date on which assent is received.

Where the imported goods are confiscated, u/s 125 and goods are not redeemed by paying fine, **the importer is bound to pay the customs duty [Poona Health Services v CCus. 2009 (242) ELT 335 (Bom)]**

#### **No redemption of fine, if goods not available for confiscation**

The concept of **redemption fine arises in the event when the goods are available and are to be redeemed**. If the goods are not available, there is no question of redemption of the goods under section 125. The question of confiscating the goods would not arise if there are no goods available for confiscation. **[CCus v Finesse Creation Inc. 2009 (248) ELT 122 (Bom)]**

#### **Offences under Customs**

The term Offence means a violation or breach of a law, like evasion of duty and breaking prohibitions under the Customs Act, 1962. However, offence not defined under Customs Act, 1962. Thereby, 'Offence' as any act or omission made punishable by any law for the time being in force.

There are basically two types of punishments namely civil penalty and criminal penalty. Civil penalty for violation of statutory provisions involving a penalty and confiscation of goods and can be exercised by the Department of Customs. Criminal punishment is of imprisonment and fine, which can be granted only in a criminal court after prosecution.

#### **Evasion of duty or prohibition under section 135(1) of the Customs Act, 1962**

If a person has nexus with misdeclaration of value or evasion of duty or handling in any manner goods liable for confiscation under section 111 (i.e. Confiscation of improperly imported goods) or section 113 (i.e. Export goods liable for confiscation), he shall be punishable in the following manner:

Imprisonment upto seven years and fine for the following four kinds of offences:

- Market value of offending goods exceeds ₹ one crore
- Value of evasion of duty exceeds ₹ 30 lakhs
- Offence pertains to prohibited goods notified by Central Government of India
- Value of fraudulent avilment of drawback/exemption exceeds ₹ 30 lakhs

For all other kind of offences imprisonment is upto three years or fine or both.

For repeat conviction, the imprisonment can be seven years and fine and in absences of special and adequate reasons, the punishment shall not be less than one year.

### **Cognizable and Non-cognizable Offence**

Cognizable offence means an offence for which a police officer may arrest without warrant (i.e. without the order of a Magistrate). Non-cognizable offence means offences under Customs where a police officer cannot investigate cases without the order of a Magistrate.

### **Cognizance of Offences**

As per Section 137(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, Court cannot take cognizance of offences under the Customs Act, 1962 in the following cases without previous sanction of the Commissioner of Customs:

False declaration or documents (Section 132)

- (i) Obstruction (i.e. stop the progress) of Officers of Customs (Section 133)
- (ii) Refusal to be X-rayed (Section 134)
- (iii) Evasion of duty or prohibitions (Section 135)
- (iv) Preparation to do clandestine export (i.e. improper export) (Section 135A)

As per Section 137(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, for taking cognizance of an offence committed by a Customs officer under section 136 the Court needs previous sanction of the Central Government in respect of officers of the rank of Assistant or Deputy Commissioner and above and previous sanction of the Commissioner of Customs in respect of officers lower in rank than Assistant or Deputy Commissioner.

Section 136 of the Customs Act deals with offences by Officers of Customs which are as follows:

- An officer of customs facilitated to do fraudulent export
- Search of persons without reason to believe in the secreting of goods on them
- Arrest of person without reason to believe that they are guilty

These are called **vexatious actions** of department officers.

## **9.32 COMPOUNDING OF OFFENCES**

Compounding means basically a compromise between assessee and department. It means to say that instead of going to court for imposition of fine and imprisonment, the offender (i.e. importer or exporter committed an offence) may agree to pay composition amount. If the case is pending, the accused and the complainant can make a joint application to the court that the parties have come to an agreement not to prosecute further.

**Applicant:** any importer or exporter but shall not include officers of Customs. Therefore, applicant (importer or exporter) can apply for compounding of offence either before or after launching of prosecution.

**Compounding Authority:** means the Chief Commissioner of Customs having jurisdiction over place of applicant. The application can be made for compounding of offence before the Chief Commissioner of Customs by the applicant.

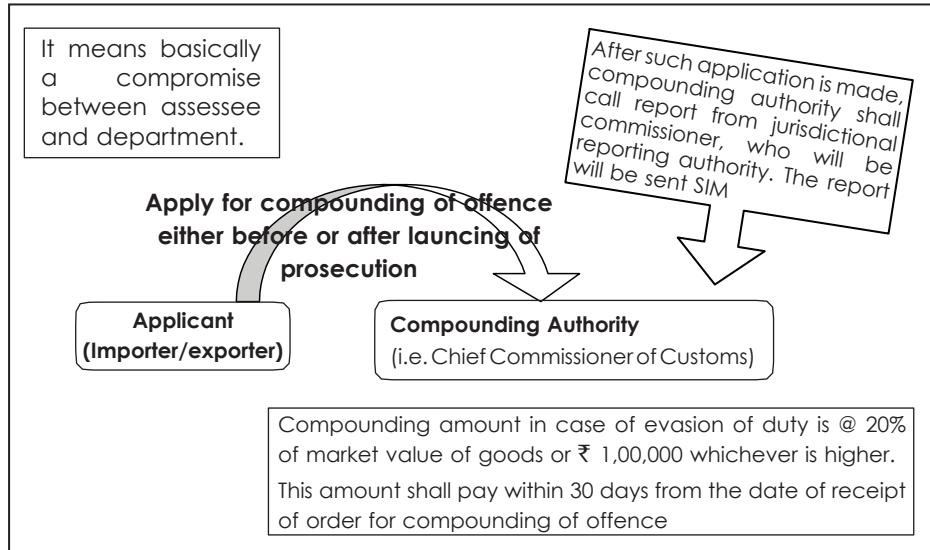
**Reporting Authority:** means the Commissioner of Customs, from whom report will get by compounding authority within one month from the date of request. After receiving the report the compounding authority may allow application indicating the compounding amount and grant immunity from prosecution or reject the application.

Compounding amount in case of evasion of duty is @20% of market value of goods or ₹ 1,00,000, w.e.f. 13-11-2008, whichever is higher. This amount shall pay within 30 days from the date of receipt of order for compounding of offence.



**Simplified approach:**

Compounding of offences (Sec. 9A(2) of C.Ex. Or Sec. 137(3) of Customs):



Finance (No. 2) Act, 2009 provides that the following mentioned persons shall not be eligible for compounding under section 137(3) of the Customs Act, 1962:

- (i) Offences under section 135 (i.e. Evasion of duty or prohibition) and section 135A (i.e. any person attempting to export goods illegally shall be punishable with imprisonment) of the Customs Act, 1962 already compounded. **(i.e. second time compounding not allowed)**
- (ii) Offences under the following Acts, namely:
  - the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985;
  - the Chemical Weapons Convention Act, 2000;
  - the Arms Act, 1959;
  - the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972;
- (iii) A person involved in smuggling of goods falling under any of the following, namely:—
  - goods specified in the list of Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technology
  - goods which are specified as prohibited items for import and export
  - any other goods or documents, which are likely to affect friendly relations with a foreign State
- (iv) Offences exceeding ₹ one crore already compounded.
- (v) Person who has been convicted under this Act on or after 30.12.2005

**Section – 139 (Presumption as to documents in certain cases):**

“Explanation. – For the purposes of this section, “document” includes inventories, photographs and lists certified by a Magistrate under sub-section (1C), or inserted the following words Commissioner (Appeals) under sub-section (1D), of section 110

**New Section inserted after Section 154B in the Finance Act, 2021:**

“154C. The Board may notify a common portal, to be called the Common Customs Electronic Portal, for

facilitating registration, filing of bills of entry, shipping bills, other documents and forms prescribed under this Act or under any other law for the time being in force or the rules or regulations made thereunder, payment of duty and for such other purposes, as the Board may, by notification, specify."

### 9.33 FIRST CHARGE ON PROPERTY OF ASSESSEE

#### First Charge on Property of Assessee (Section 142A of the Customs Act, 1962)

Customs duty, interest, penalty and other sum payable will have FIRST CHARGE ON PROPERTY of assessee.

### 9.34 INTEGRATED DECLARATION UNDER INDIAN CUSTOMS SINGLE WINDOW PROJECT

#### Integrated Declaration under Indian Customs Single Window Project [w.e.f. 1-4-2016]:

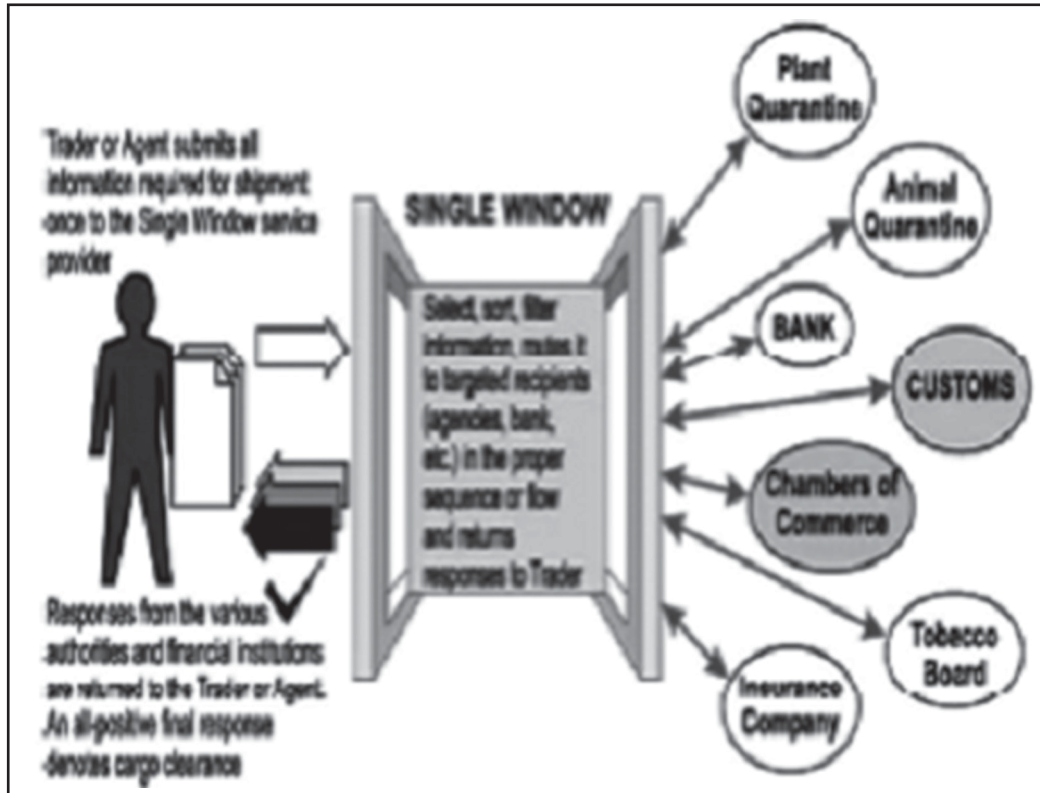
- (i) CBIC has taken-up the task of implementing 'Indian Customs Single Window Project' to facilitate trade. This project envisages that the importers and exporters would electronically lodge their Customs clearance documents at a single point only with the Customs.
- (ii) The required permission, if any, from Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) such as Animal Quarantine, Plant Quarantine, Drug Controller, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Textile Committee etc. would be obtained online without the importer/exporter having to separately approach these agencies.
- (iii) This would be possible through a common, seamlessly integrated IT systems utilized by all regulatory agencies, logistics service providers and the importers/exporters. The Single Window would thus provide the importers/ exporters a single point interface for clearance of import and export goods thereby reducing dwell time and cost of doing business.
- (iv) This online clearance under Single Window Project has been rolled out at main ports and airports in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai so far. It will be gradually extended across the country.
- (v) CBIC has since developed the 'Integrated Declaration', under which all information required for import clearance by the concerned government agencies has been incorporated into the electronic format of the Bill of Entry.
- (vi) The Customs Broker or Importer shall submit the "Integrated Declaration" electronically to a single entry point, i.e. the Customs Gateway (ICEGATE). Separate application forms required by different PGAs would be dispensed with.
- (vii) The Integrated Declaration will be applicable for consignments to be cleared under the Indian Customs EDI Systems. For the clearance of imported goods in the manual mode, separate documents prescribed by the respective agencies will continue to apply.
- (viii) Apart from incorporating such forms, the Integrated Declaration will also include different types of undertakings, declarations, and letters of guarantee that are presently required to be submitted on company letter heads.
- (ix) Upon filing of the Integrated Declaration, the bill of entry will automatically be referred to concerned agency, if required, based on risk. The system has been modified to enable simultaneous processing of bill of entry by PGA and Customs. The Integrated Declaration has become effective from 1st April, 2016  
**[Circular No. 10/2016 Cus dated 15.03.2016]**

Consequently, w.e.f. 01.04.2016, in the Bill of Entry (Electronic Declaration) Regulations, 2011, the term Electronic Declaration has been substituted with the term, Electronic Integrated Declaration vide **Notification No. 45/2016 Cus (NT) dated 01.04.2016**.



**Overall view:**

**Integrated Declaration under Indian Customs Single Window Project w.e.f. 1-4-2016**



**w.e.f. 14.07.2016 Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty for Manufacture of Excisable Goods) Rules, 2016**

- (i) Service providers also allowed to import goods at concessional rate of duty Rule 2 has been amended so as to apply these rules mutatis mutandis to a service provider also.
- (ii) Furnishing of security also permitted Rule 5, inter alia, requires a manufacturer who intends to avail the benefit of an exemption notification, to submit a continuity bond with such surety undertaking to pay the amount equal to the difference between the duty leviable on such inputs but for the exemption and that already paid, if any, at the time of importation, along with applicable interest. Said rule has been amended to allow the manufacturer to either submit a security or a surety for the amount specified herein.
- (iii) Time period for re-export of unutilized or defective imported goods extended from 3 months to 6 months Rule 7 allows the manufacturer who has availed the benefit of exemption notification to re-export the unutilized or defective imported goods, with the permission of the jurisdictional Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise within 3 months from the date of import, subject to specified conditions. The said time period allowed for re-export has been extended from 3 months to 6 months.



### Self - Examination Questions

#### Theory Questions with Answer

**Q1.** Explain the term Adjudicating Authority

**Answer:** Please refer point nos. 9.1 and 9.2

**Q2.** What do you mean by Risk Management System?

**Answer:** Please refer point no. 9.25

**Q3.** Write a short note

- (i) Detention Certificate
- (ii) Duty under protest
- (iii) Boat Note
- (iv) Provisional Assessment of Duty

**Answer:**

- (i) Please refer point no. 9.26
- (ii) Please refer point no. 9.23
- (iii) Please refer point no. 9.27
- (iv) Please refer point no. 9.20

**Q4.** Write a note on Import General Manifest?

**Answer:** Please refer point no. 9.19

**Q5.** Explain the powers of department with regard to appointment of customs ports, airports?

**Answer:** Please refer point no. 9.6

**Q6.** Distinguish between the 'Seizure' and 'confiscation' under the customs law.

**Answer:** Please refer point nos. 9.31

**Q7.** Enumerate 'Fast Track Clearance' Scheme under Customs Law.

**Answer:** Please refer point no. 9.15

**Q8.** Write a short note on Primacy of circulars issued by CBIC over the decisions of Court?

**Answer:** Please refer point no. 9.5

**Q9.** Discuss briefly the penalty leviable under section 114 of the Customs Act, 1962 for improper exportation of goods.

**Answer:** Please refer point no. 9.31

#### Practical Problems with Answers

**Illustration 1.** A person makes an unauthorized import of goods liable to confiscation. The value of those goods as computed by the customs officer is ₹ 20 lakhs (exclusive of basic customs duty @12%). You are required to compute penalty under Section 112 of the Customs Act, 1962 from the following independent cases:



- (a) if imported goods are prohibited goods (accepted his fraud after 30 days from the date of receipt of order). Whether your answer is different if accepted his fraud within 30 days from the date of show cause notice.
- (b) if imported goods are non-prohibited goods (duty and interest paid within 30 days of receipt of order under section 112(b)(ii) of Customs Act, 1962). Whether your answer is different if duty and interest has been paid within 30 days of receipt of show cause notice.
- (c) if declared value of imported goods (declared as some other goods) is ₹ 15 lakhs (i.e. non-prohibited goods) if declared value of imported goods (declared as some other goods) is ₹ 15 lakhs (i.e. prohibited goods).

**Solution:**

- (a) Penalty = ₹ 20 Lakhs

₹ 5,000 or ₹ 20 lakhs whichever is higher.

If duty and interest paid within 30 days of SCN:

Reduced penalty u/s 28(5) = ₹ 3 Lakhs (i.e. ₹ 20 L x 15%)

- (b) Penalty = ₹ 6,180 (i.e. 0.2472 lakhs x 25%)

Working note: ₹ 5,000 or ₹ 0.2472 lakhs whichever is higher (i.e. ₹ 20 lakhs x 12.36% x 10%)

If duty and interest paid within 30 days of RECEIPT OF ORDER, then reduced penalty is 25% of penalty.

If duty and interest has been paid within 30 days of receipt of show cause notice then penalty is nil.

- (c) Penalty = ₹ 5 Lakhs

- (i) ₹ 2.472 lakhs

- (i.e. ₹ 20 Lakhs x 12.36%)

- (ii) ₹ 5 lakhs (i.e. 20 – 15)

- whichever is higher

- (iii) ₹ 5,000

Therefore, penalty = ₹ 5 lakhs

- (d) Penalty = ₹ 20 lakhs

whichever is higher

- (i) ₹ 20 lakhs

- (ii) ₹ 20 lakhs – ₹ 15 lakhs = ₹ 5 lakhs.

- (iii) ₹ 5,000

**Illustration 2.** A person makes an unauthorized export of goods liable to confiscation. The value of those goods as computed by the customs officer is ₹ 10 lakhs. You are required to compute penalty under Section 114 of the Customs Act, 1962,

- (a) If export goods are prohibited goods (declared as some other goods) for ₹ 5 lakhs. What is the penalty if the accepted his fraud before issuance of show cause notice? Whether your answer is different if accepted his fraud within 30 days from the date of receipt of show cause notice.

Rework the penalty in case of (a) if accepted his fraud within 30 days from the date of receipt of order.

- (b) if export goods are non-prohibited goods (declared as some other goods) for ₹ 5 lakhs, applicable rate of duty @10%. What is the penalty if duty and interest paid within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice? Whether your answer is different if duty and interest paid within 30 days from the date of receipt of order?

- (c) if export goods are non-prohibited goods (declared as some other goods) for ₹ 5 lakhs, exempt from export duty.

**Solution:**

(a) Penalty = ₹ 10 lakhs

Whichever is higher

(i) ₹ 10 lakhs

(ii) ₹ 5,000

if the duty and interest has been paid before issuance of show cause notice, then reduced penalty @15% of penalty. Therefore, penalty is ₹ 1.50 Lakhs (i.e. ₹ 10 L x 15%).

if duty and interest is paid within 30 days from the date of receipt of show cause notice penalty is ₹ 1.50 Lakhs.

(b) Penalty = ₹ 10,000

Whichever is higher

(i) 10% of ₹ 1 lakh = ₹ 10,000

Duty = ₹ 1 lakh (i.e. ₹ 10 lakhs x 10%)

**Note:** no social welfare surcharge on exports.

(ii) ₹ 5,000.

if duty and interest paid within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice, then penalty is nil.

if duty and interest paid within 30 days from the date of receipt of order, then reduced penalty is 25% of such penalty. Therefore, penalty is 2,500 (i.e. ₹ 10,000 x 25%).

(c) Penalty = ₹ 10 lakhs

Whichever is higher

(i) ₹ 5 lakhs

(ii) ₹ 10 lakhs

**Redemption Fine**

**Illustration 3.** A person makes an unauthorized import of goods liable to confiscation. After adjudication, Assistant Commissioner provides an option to the importer to pay fine in lieu of confiscation. It is proposed to impose a fine (in lieu of confiscation) equal to 50% of margin of profit. From the following particulars calculate the amount of fine that can be imposed: Assessable value – ₹ 1,50,000, Total duty payable – ₹ 60,000, Market value – ₹ 2,50,000. Also calculate the amount of fine and the total payment to be made by the importer to clear the consignment.

**Solution:**

In the given case Assistant Commissioner intends to impose redemption fine equal to 50% of margin of profit.

Total cost to importer = ₹ 1,50,000 + ₹ 60,000 = ₹ 2,10,000.

Margin of profit =

Market value – Total cost to importer = ₹ 2,50,000 – ₹ 2,10,000 = ₹ 40,000.

Hence, redemption fine will be ₹ 20,000 (@ 50% of ₹ 40,000). In addition, duty of ₹ 60,000 is payable. Thus, importer will have to pay totally ₹ 80,000 to clear the goods from customs.

**Illustration 4.** Mr. D, an exporter was held guilty of exporting 'prohibited goods' due to which his goods were confiscated. He demanded the release of goods in lieu of redemption fine under section 125 of the Customs Act, 1962.

However, the customs officer denied to grant him the said option.



Examine whether, in the instant case, the customs officer is bound to release the goods in lieu of redemption fine.

### Solution:

In case of prohibited goods	In case of non-prohibited goods
the adjudicating officer may provide an option to the owner of the goods to pay redemption fine in lieu of confiscation if the importation or exportation of goods is prohibited.	if importation or exportation of goods is not prohibited, the option to pay redemption fine shall be given to the owner of goods.

Therefore, an exporter guilty of exporting prohibited goods is not entitled as such to an option to pay fine in lieu of confiscation under section 125 of the Customs Act, 1962.

It is at the discretion of the adjudicating officer to give or not to give such an option to the exporter guilty of exporting prohibited goods.

## Case Studies with Answers

### Classification

**Q.1** Rama Telecoms were engaged in the business of providing telecommunication services in various States in India. For their business Rama Telecoms imported Optic Fibre Cables (OFC) and classified them under Heading 85.44 of the Customs Tariff. However, the Department claimed that the goods should be classified under Heading 90.01. The Commissioner of Customs (Appeals), when the matter was brought before him, held that the impugned goods were classifiable under Heading 85.44 of the Customs Tariff. The Department has filed an appeal before CESTAT against the said order which has yet not been decided.

Meanwhile, the customs authorities (DRI officers) have seized the consignment of OFC imported and cleared by Rama Telecom on payment of duty assessed under Heading 85.44 and forced Rama Telecoms to pay the differential duty between Headings 85.44 and 90.01 by threat and coercion.

Examine the validity of the action of the customs authorities, with the help of a decided case law, if any.

### Answer:

The action of the Director of Revenue (D.R.I) officers of the Customs is not valid. Optic Fibre Cables correctly classified by the importer as per the order of the Commissioner of Customs (Appeals) and paid the duty accordingly. Therefore, the action of the Director of Revenue Intelligence (D.R.I. officers) in the Customs Department in seizing the goods and collecting money from the petitioners was wholly unjustified. Moreover, in the absence of any reassessment order passed determining the duty liability, there would be no question of recovering differential duty. **[Vodafone Essar South Ltd. v UOI 2009 (237) ELT 35 (Bom)]**

### Imported duty exempted based on conditions

**Q2.** Mr. C is a manufacturer importing the machine without payment of customs duty as an actual user in view of an exemption allowed on the condition that importer would use for its own use for a period of 5 years. The machine was insured by it with the National Insurance Company Limited. The machine met with an accident and assessee reported the accident to the insurance company and claimed insurance. The insurance company settled the claim of assessee on a total loss basis and paid the settled amount to the assessee after deducting its scrap/residual value of machine.

According to Department the machine was allowed to be imported without payment of duty on condition that the importer would use it for its own use for a period of 5 years. Since the machine, though met with an accident, was sold within a period of 5 years of the import, the condition for a duty free import was breached

and was liable for confiscation under section 111(o) (i.e. Section 111(o) reads as goods conditionally exempted or prohibited; but conditions are not fulfilled) of the Customs Act, 1962. The Department accordingly seized the machine from the premises of the assessee.

Assessee, contended that, no notice was issued to it prior to the seizure or even after the seizure till date under Section 110(2) read with of Section 124 of the Act within 6 months (which could be extended by a further period of 6 months). Discuss briefly taking support of decided case law, if any.

**Answer:**

Show Cause Notice (SCN) shall be issued within SIX months from the date of seizure. This period can be further extended by SIX months on sufficient cause, by the Commissioner of Central Excise or Customs. If no show cause notice issued within SIX months, the goods shall be returned to person from whose possession they were seized as per section 110 read with section 124 of the Customs Act, 1962.

In the given case, show cause notice under Section 110 read with section 124 of the Act has not been issued to the assessee within a period of 6 months. In fact the notice has not been issued till today. Consequently, the continued detention of the goods seized beyond the statutory period of 6 months under section 110(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 is not valid. **[Gawar Construction Ltd. 2009 (HC)]**

### Seizure of goods

**Q3.** The goods imported by Perfect Ltd., the assessee, were detained on 14th September, 2009. However, the assessee could not produce the documentary evidence. Consequently, the impugned goods were seized on 8th February, 2010. The department issued a show cause notice to the assessee on 15th May, 2010. The assessee put forth a question of limitation alleging that the impugned show cause notice had been issued after a period of six months. The goods were detained on 14th September, 2009, but the show cause notice was issued on 15th May, 2010. Perfect Ltd. has sought for quashing of the show cause notice and also for the return of the goods. Examine.

**Answer:**

Where any goods are seized under section 110(1) and no show cause notice in respect thereof is given under clause (a) of section 124 within six months of the seizure of the goods, the goods shall be returned to the person from whose possession they were seized. **[Pro Musicals v Joint Commissioner Customs (Prev.), Mumbai 2008 (227) ELT 182 (Mad)]**

Hence, the Court ruled out the assessee's contention that detention and seizure were one and the same. It means detention is not the seizure but seizure includes the detention. Goods were seized on 8th February 2010 and show cause notice to the assessee has been issued on 15th May 2010, which is well within the limit of Six months from the date of seizure. The Court further held that the show cause notice issued by the Department was valid.

Therefore, the contention of Perfect Ltd. is not sustainable in law.

### Confiscation of goods

**Q4.** The customs authority confiscated the gold carried by Rafi (assessee) from Dubai. Rafi informed the custom authorities that he was filing an appeal against the order of confiscation. The customs authorities informed Rafi that the confiscated goods had been handed over to the warehouse of the Customs House for disposal and consequently, auctioned the confiscated goods.

Examine the validity of the action of the customs authorities, with the help of a decided case law, if any?

**Answer:**

Handing over the confiscated gold immediately after serving the order of confiscation itself was improper.



Hence, the action of the customs authorities is not valid in law. **[Shabir Ahmed Abdul Rehman v UOI 2009 (235) ELT 402 (Bom)]**

**Q5.** Importer BOPP Ltd. imported two consignments of ethyl alcohol which were allowed to be cleared for home consumption on execution of a bond undertaking to produce licence within a month. Since, appellant failed to fulfill the obligation, proceedings were initiated which culminated in confiscation of the goods under Section 111(d) of the Customs Act, 1962 and imposition of penalty on the importer under section 112(a) of the Customs Act, 1962. Examine the correctness of the decision in terms of statutory provisions.

**Answer:**

The given case is similar to the case of **Hira Lal Hari Bhagwati v CBI (2003) 155 ELT 433 (SC)**. The Supreme Court of India had held that no penalty can be imposed if the goods are imported with bona fide belief that they are entitled to exemption, later on they could not fulfill conditions of exemption but paid the duty. Further it was held that for establishing offence of cheating, complainant (i.e. importer) is required to show dishonest intention at the time of making promise or presentation. Thereby there is no penalty under section 112(a) of the Customs Act, 1962.

With regard to confiscation of the goods under Section 111(d) of the Customs Act, 1962, the Apex Court namely the Supreme Court of India in the case of **Sachinanda Banerji v Sitaram Agarwala 110 ELT 292 (SC)**, held that goods imported against restrictions under section 11 of the Customs Act, 1962 (Section 11 deals with power to prohibit importation or exportation of goods) are liable to confiscation whenever they are found even if this is long after import is over and even if they are in possession of third persons who had nothing to do with actual import.

Thereby, Department action to confiscate the goods under section 111(d) of the Customs Act, 1962 is valid.

#### **Offences and criminal proceedings:**

**Q6.** Pranav and Parul, the petitioners, were engaged in the business of import in trading of textiles and some other consumable goods. During search, the statements of both the petitioners were recorded and the petitioners were arrested for the offence under sections 132 and 135 of the Customs Act, 1962 on account of alleged false declaration, false documents and evasion of customs duty. Simultaneously, adjudication proceedings were also initiated under the Act. The accused persons were exonerated by the competent authority/tribunal in the adjudication proceedings. Criminal proceedings were carried on simultaneously and petitioners were alleged to have committed offences punishable under sections 132 and 135(1)(b). Whether the criminal prosecution can be permitted to continue against both when the adjudication proceedings are in favour of them? Discuss.

**Answer:**

In case of **Kapil Rai and Jatini Kapoor v Union of India (2008) (HC)** New Delhi, court held that where the accused persons are exonerated by the competent authorities/Tribunal in adjudication proceedings, one will have to see that reasons for such exoneration to determine whether these criminal proceedings could still continue.

If the exoneration in departmental adjudication is on technical ground or by giving benefit of doubt and not on merits or the adjudication proceedings were on different facts, it would have no bearing on criminal proceedings.

If, on the other hand, the exoneration in the adjudication proceedings is on merits and it is found that allegations are not substantiated at all and the concerned persons(s) is/are innocent, and the criminal prosecution is also on the same set of facts and circumstances, the criminal prosecution cannot be allowed to continue.

If the departmental authorities themselves, in adjudication proceedings, record a categorical and unambiguous finding that there is no such contravention of the provisions of the Act, it would be unjust for such departmental authorities to continue with the criminal complaint.

From the above discussion it is evident that the criminal prosecution can not be permitted to continue against both when the adjudication proceedings are in favour of them. Because, charges in the departmental proceedings as well as criminal complaint are identical and the exoneration of the concerned person in the departmental proceedings is on merits holding that there is no contravention of the provisions of any Act.

**Q7.** The customs authority confiscated the gold from Mr. Rafi, at the time of import from Dubai. Mr. Rafi informed the custom authorities that he was filing an appeal against the order of confiscation.

Answer:

Handing over the confiscated gold immediately after serving the order of confiscation itself was improper. Hence, the action of the customs authorities is not valid in law. **[Shabir Ahmed Abdul Rehman v UOI 2009 (235) ELT 402 (Bom)]**

**Q8.** Case law:

Can customs duty be demanded under section 28 and/or section 125(2) of the Customs Act, 1962 from a person dealing in smuggled goods when no such goods are seized from him?

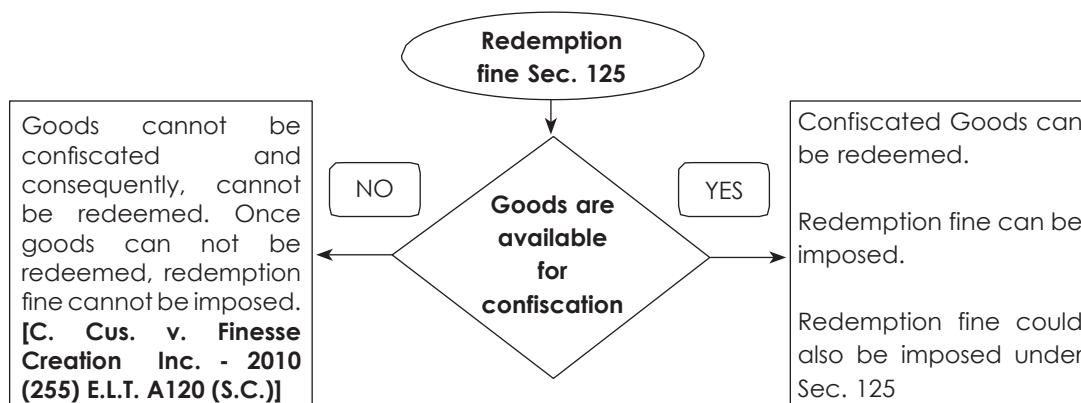
**CCus. v Dinesh Chhajer 2014 (300) ELT 498 (Kar)**

**Decision:** The High Court held that Tribunal was justified in holding that no duty is leviable against the assessee as he is neither the importer nor the owner of the goods or was in possession of any goods.

**Confiscated goods can be redeemed:**

**Q9.** Under Customs Act, 1962 can redemption fine be imposed and penalty under section 112 be levied after release of imported goods on execution of a bond, if it is found subsequently that there has been an irregularity in the import? Discuss with the help of decided case law(s), if any.

Answer:



It is important to note that for levying the penalty under section 112 (i.e. improper import) it is immaterial as to whether goods are available for confiscation or not because the said penalty is imposed when the goods are liable for confiscation.





# Study Note - 10

## CUSTOMS (IMPORT OF GOODS AT CONCESSIONAL RATE OF DUTY) RULES, 2017



This Study Note includes

10.1 Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017

### 10.1 CUSTOMS (IMPORT OF GOODS AT CONCESSIONAL RATE OF DUTY) RULES, 2017

#### 1. Introduction:

Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017, are meant for importers who are desirous of availing the benefit of an exemption notification issued under sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962. The benefit of such exemption hinges on the utilization of imported goods covered in the notification for the manufacture of any commodity or provision of output service [Rule 2(1)]. These rules shall apply only in respect of such exemption notifications which provide for the observance of these rules [Rule 2(2)].

The Ministry of Finance on 1st February 2022 published the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Amendment Rules, 2022 to make certain amendments to existing Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017. These changes come into effect from 1st March 2022. The new process aims at removing manual intervention and simplifying the procedure with focus on automation and faceless procedure to avail the benefit of concessional rate of duty. The amendments are aimed at simplifying the procedures with a focus on automation and making the entire process contactless. These provisions also incorporated under this module.

**2. Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 notified w.e.f. 01.07.2017 Rule 1[Notification No. 68/2017-Cus.(NT), dated 30.06.2017] read with Notification No. 07/2022 - Customs (N. T.) dated 1st February 2022 w.e.f. 1-3-2022:**

#### Definitions:

Rule 3(a): "Act" means the Customs Act, 1962;

Rule 3(aa): Capital goods: means goods, the value of which is capitalised in the books of account of the importer.

Rule 3(ab) 'common portal' means the common customs electronic portal as referred to in section 154C of the Act;

Rule 3(ac) 'customs automated system' means the Indian Customs Electronic Data Interchange System;

Rule 3(ad) 'date of import' means the date of the order made under section 47 of the Act permitting clearance of such goods;

Rule 3(b) "exemption notification" means a notification issued under sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Act;

Rule 3(c) "information" means the information provided by the manufacturer who intends to avail the benefit of an exemption notification;

Rule 3(ca): Job work: means any treatment, process or manufacture, consistent with the exemption notification undertaken by a person on goods belonging to the importer except gold, jewellery and articles thereof, and other precious metals or stones; and the term "job worker" shall be construed accordingly.



Rule 3(d) "Jurisdictional Custom Officer" means an officer of Customs of a rank equivalent to the rank of Superintendent or an Appraiser exercising jurisdiction over the premises where either the imported goods shall be put to use for manufacture or for rendering output services;

Rule 3(e) "Manufacture" means the processing of raw materials or inputs by the importer in any manner that results in emergence of a new product having a distinct nature or character or use or name; and the term "manufacturer" shall be construed accordingly.

Rule 3(f) "Output service" means supply of service excluding after-sales service, utilizing imported goods.

Rule 4: Importer to give prior information. –

- (1) The importer shall provide one-time information on the common portal in Form IGCR-1 (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) containing the following particulars, namely:—
  - (i) the name and address of the importer and his job worker, if any;
  - (ii) the goods produced or process undertaken at the manufacturing facility of the importer or his job worker, if any, or both;
  - (iii) the nature and description of goods imported used in the manufacture of goods at the premises of the importer or the job worker, if any;
  - (iv) particulars of the exemption notification applicable on such import ;
  - (v) nature of output service rendered utilising the goods imported; and
  - (vi) the intended port(s) of import
- (2) On acceptance of the above information, an Import of Goods at Concessional Rate Identification Number (IIN) shall be generated against such information furnished: Provided that such information may be updated on the common portal in case of a change in the details furnished in such Form.
- (3) The importer who intends to avail the benefit of an exemption notification shall submit a continuity bond with such surety or security as deemed appropriate by the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the premises where the goods imported shall be put to use for manufacture of goods or for rendering output service, with an undertaking to pay the amount equal to the difference between the duty leviable on inputs but for the exemption and that already paid, if any, at the time of import, along with interest, at the rate fixed by notification issued under section 28AA of the Act, for the period starting from the date of import of the goods on which the exemption was availed and ending with the date of actual payment of the entire amount of the difference of duty that he is liable to pay."

Rule 5: Procedure to be followed: -

- (1) The importer who intends to avail the benefit of an exemption notification shall mention the IIN as indicated in sub-rule (2) of rule 4 and continuity bond number and details while filing the Bill of Entry.
- (2) Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, at the Custom Station of importation, shall allow the benefit of the exemption notification to the importer.
- (3) Once a Bill of Entry is cleared for home consumption, the bond submitted by the importer gets debited automatically in the customs automated system and the details shall be made available electronically to the Jurisdictional Custom Officer.

Rule 6 . Importer to maintain records. –

- (1) The importer shall maintain an account in such manner to clearly indicate the quantity-



- (i) and value of goods imported;
- (ii) and date of receipt of the goods imported in the relevant premises;
- (iii) of such goods consumed;
- (iv) of goods sent for job work, nature of job work carried out;
- (v) of goods received after job work;
- (vi) of goods re-exported, if any, under rule 7; and
- (vii) remaining in stock, according to Bills of Entry

and shall produce the said account as and when required by the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the premises or where the goods imported shall be put to use for manufacture of goods or for rendering output service:

Provided that in case of non-receipt or short receipt of goods imported in the relevant premises, the importer shall intimate such non-receipt or short receipt immediately on the common portal in the Form IGCR-2 (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty).

- (2) The importer shall submit a monthly statement on the common portal in the Form IGCR-3 (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) appended to these rules by the tenth day of the following month.

Rule 6A: Procedure for allowing imported goods for job work. –

- (1) The importer shall maintain a record of the goods sent for job work during the month and mention the same in the monthly statement specified in sub-rule (2) of rule 6.
- (2) The importer shall send the goods to the premises of the job worker under an invoice or wherever applicable through an e-way bill, as specified in the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017), mentioning the description and quantity of the goods.
- (3) The maximum period for which the goods can be sent to the job worker shall be six months from the date of invoice or an e-way bill as specified in sub-rule (2).
- (4) In case the importer is not able to establish that the goods sent for job work have been used as per the particulars mentioned under rule 4, the Jurisdictional Custom Officer shall take necessary action against the importer under rules 8 and 8A.
- (5) The job worker shall,-
  - (i) maintain an account of receipt of goods, manufacturing process undertaken thereon, and the waste generated, if any, during such process;
  - (ii) produce the account details before the Jurisdictional Custom Officer as and when required by the said officer; and
  - (iii) after completion of the job work, send the processed goods to the importer or to another job worker as directed by the importer for carrying out the remaining processes, if any, under the cover of an invoice or an e-way bill.

Rule 6B. Procedure for allowing imported goods for unit transfer. –

- (1) The importer shall maintain a record of the goods sent for unit transfer during the month and mention the same in the monthly statement specified in sub-rule (2) of rule 6.
- (2) The importer shall send the goods under an invoice or wherever applicable through an e-way bill, as specified in the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017), mentioning the description and quantity of the goods.



- (3) The importer shall in relation to transfer of goods to another unit,-
- maintain an account of receipt of goods, manufacturing process undertaken thereon and the waste generated, if any, during such process;
  - produce the account details before the Jurisdictional Custom Officer as and when required by the said officer; and
  - after completion of the said process, send the processed goods back to the premises of the importer from where the goods were received or to a job worker for carrying out the remaining processes, if any, under the cover of an invoice or an e-way bill."

Rule 7: Re-export or clearance of unutilised or defective goods. –

- The importer who has availed the benefit of an exemption notification shall use the goods imported in accordance with the conditions specified in the concerned exemption notification within six months from the date of import and with respect to unutilised or defective goods so imported, the importer has an option to either re-export such goods or clear the same for home consumption within the said period.
- The importer who opts to re-export such goods as specified in sub-rule (1), shall record the details of necessary export documents in the monthly statement: Provided that the value of such goods for re-export shall not be less than the value of the said goods at the time of import.
- The importer who opts to clear the unutilised or defective goods for home consumption as specified in sub-rule (1), shall pay the duty along with interest on the common portal and the particulars of such clearance and the payment of duty shall be recorded by the importer in the monthly statement.
- The importer has an option to clear the capital goods imported, after having been used for the specified purpose, on payment of duty equal to the difference between the duty leviable on such goods but for the exemption availed and that already paid, if any, at the time of importation, along with interest, at the rate fixed by the notification issued under section 28AA of the Act, on the depreciated value allowed in straight line method, as specified below, namely: —
  - for every quarter in the first year @ 4%;
  - for every quarter in the second year @ 3%;
  - for every quarter in the third year @3%;
  - for every quarter in the fourth and fifth year @ 2.5%;
  - and thereafter for every quarter @ 2%.

Explanation. - (i) For the purpose of computing rate of depreciation for any part of a quarter, a full quarter shall be taken into account.

(ii) The depreciation shall be allowed from the date when the imported capital goods have come into use for the purpose as specified in the exemption notification upto the date of its clearance.

- The importer shall, in relation to sub-rule (4) record the particulars of such clearance and payment of duty in the monthly statement.

Example: M/s X Ltd., imported capital goods under Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 worth ₹2 crore after payment of customs duty of ₹20 lakh on 10th October 2022 and duty concession is ₹10 lakh. Imported capital goods have come into use for the purpose as specified in the exemption notification w.e.f. 1st January 2023. M/s X Ltd., clear the capital goods imported, after having been used for the specified purpose on 15th June 2023. The applicable rate of customs duty is @15% (ignore any other cess or duty).

Find the difference between the duty leviable on such goods but for the exemption availed and that already paid, if any, at the time of importation, along with interest, at the rate fixed by the notification issued under section 28AA of the Customs Act 1962, on the depreciated value allowed in straight line method?

Note: difference duty has been paid on 30th June 2023.



Answer:

Customs duty payable on depreciated value of capital goods (see note 1) = ₹27,60,000

Less: duty already paid at the time of import of capital goods = ₹20,00,000

Difference duty to be paid = ₹ 7,60,000

Interest under section 28AA of the Customs Act, 1962 is ₹75,584/- (see note 2)

**note 1:**

Particulars	Working in ₹	Duty in ₹
Depreciated value of capital goods (The depreciation shall be allowed from the date when the imported capital goods have come into use for the purpose as specified in the exemption notification upto the date of its clearance.	₹2 crore - (₹2 crore x 4% x 2 quarters) = ₹1.84 crore ₹1.84 crore x 15% = ₹27,60,000	From 1st January 2023 to 15th June 2023 = 2 quarters

**note 2:**

Rate of interest is 15% p.a.

Period for which interest payable: from the first day of the month succeeding the month in which the duty ought to have been paid or from the date of such erroneous refund, as the case may be, up to the date of payment of such duty.

From 1st November 2022 to 30th June 2023 = 242 days

Interest = ₹7,60,000 x 15% x 242 / 365 = ₹75,584/-

Rule 8: Recovery of duty in certain case:

- (1) In the event of any failure on the part of the importer to comply with the conditions specified in sub-rule (1) of rule 7 or where the payment referred in sub-rule (3) and (4) of rule 7 is not paid or short paid, the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the premises where the imported goods shall be put to use for manufacture of goods or for rendering output service shall take action by invoking the bond to initiate the recovery proceedings of the amount equal to the difference between the duty leviable on such goods but for the exemption and that already paid, if any, at the time of importation, along with interest, at the rate fixed by the notification issued under section 28AA of the Act, for the period starting from the date of import of the goods on which the exemption was availed and ending with the date of actual payment of the entire amount of the difference of duty that the importer is liable to pay
- (2) Notwithstanding anything specified in these rules in relation to removal and processing of imported goods for job work, the importer shall be responsible for ensuring that the said goods are used in accordance with the purposes provided in the exemption notification and in the event of failure to do so, the Deputy Commissioner of Customs, or, as the case may be, the Assistant Commissioner of Customs having jurisdiction over the premises where the imported goods shall be put to use for manufacture of goods or for rendering output service, shall take action under these rules, without prejudice to any other action which may be taken under the Act, rules or regulations made thereunder or under any other law for the time being in force.

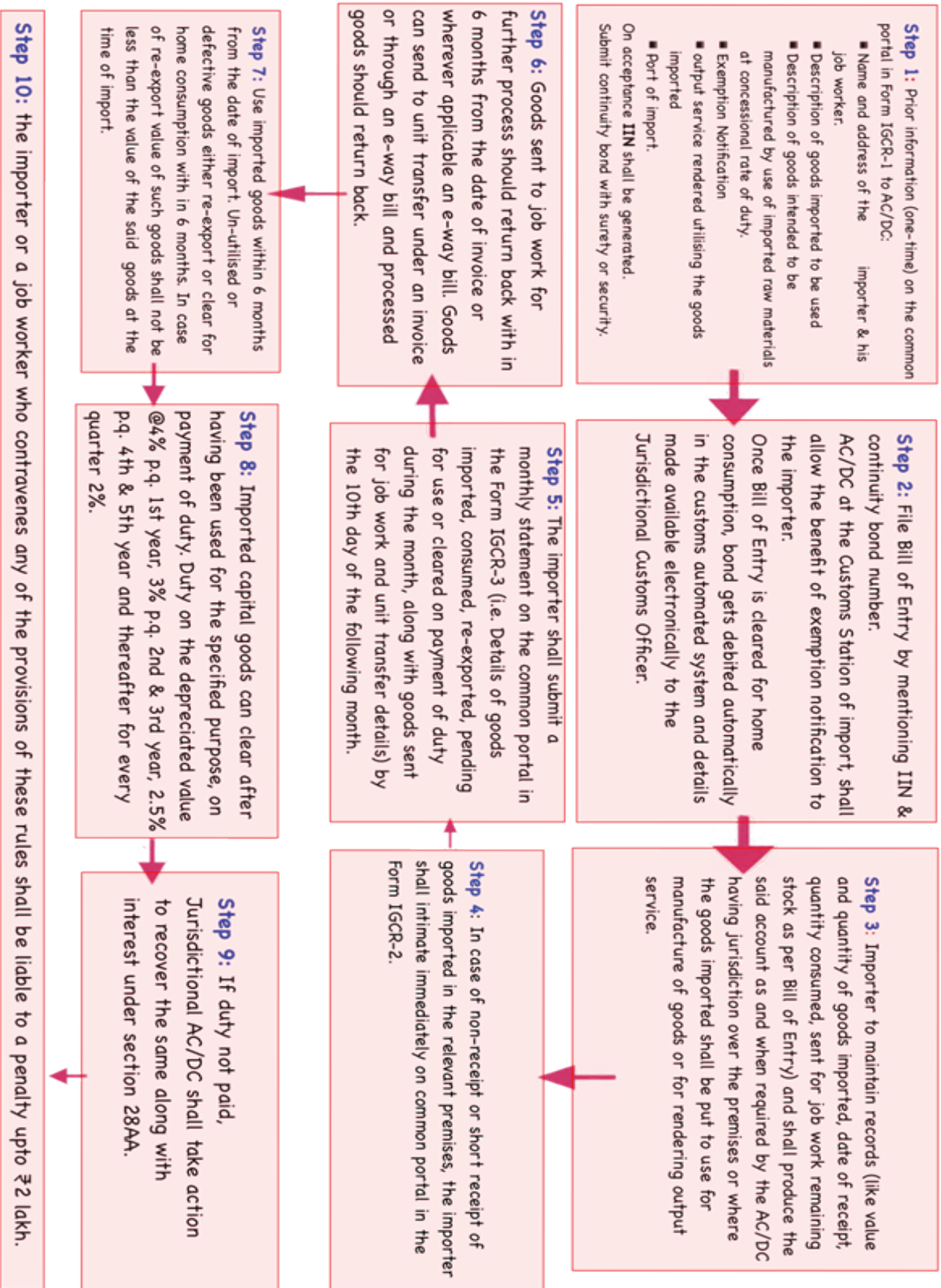
Rule 8A: Penalty:

The importer or a job worker who contravenes any of the provisions of these rules or abets such contravention, shall be liable to a penalty to an extent of the amount specified under clause (ii) of sub-section (2) of section 158 of the Act (i.e. ₹2 lakh) without prejudice to any other action which may be taken under the Act, rules or regulations made thereunder or under any other law for the time being in force.

Rule 9: Form IGCR-1 [i.e. Prior information to be provided by the importer – Rule 4(1)], Form IGCR-2 [i.e. Intimation regarding non-receipt of goods imported – Rule 6(1)] and Form IGCR-3 [i.e. Monthly Statement – Rule 6(2)].

3. Quick revision of IGCR:

**Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 read with amendments NT No 07/2022 w.e.f 1-3-2022**





Implementation of automation in the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 with effect from 01.03.2022 are being amended to provide the following facilities:

The amendments are aimed at simplifying the procedures with a focus on automation and making the entire process contact-less.

These include:

- a) The process is being automated. The Rules prescribe the submission of the necessary details electronically, through the common portal. (The common portal is the one notified vide notification 33/2021 dated 29-03-2021 and accessible at the URL [www.icegate.gov.in](http://www.icegate.gov.in)).
- b) The various forms have been standardized and notified for the purpose of electronic submission of details.
- c) Individual transaction based permissions and intimations, such as - intimation of the intent to import goods at a concessional rate of duty, intimation of the receipt of goods, permission to re-export or clear goods domestically etc, are all being done away with.
- d) A monthly statement would to be submitted by the importer on the common portal
- e) A procedure for inter-unit transfer of the imported goods has been provided for
- f) An electronic option for voluntary payment through the common portal, as specified in the Rules, is also being developed for implementation.

**Duty concessions on specified items when imported by bonafide exporters:**

A scheme is being introduced for bonafide exporters on duty-free imports for the purpose of use in goods meant for export, based on end-use monitoring subject to the requirement of exporting value added products manufactured using inputs imported under specified exemptions, within a period of 6 months. Importer shall be required to follow the procedure under the IGCR Rules.

**W.e.f. 10th September 2022, Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty or for Specified End Use) Rules, 2022 notified vide Notification 74/2022 dated 9th September, 2022:**

To further facilitate the trade and to expand the scope of application, the IGCRS Rules, 2022 have been notified, while retaining the basic contours of IGCR, 2017. It is pertinent to note that these changes are of the nature that broaden the scope of coverage of IGCR and ensure that useful additional data fields are effectively captured.

It is reiterated that these rules are not a departure from the existing procedure and hence all the clarifications provided vide Circulars 48/2017 dated 08.12.2017, 10/2021 dated 17.05.2021 and 04/2022 dated 27.02.2022, will continue be in effect, unless specifically modified by this Circular.

**1. The salient changes include:**

- a. Clarifying the time period of utilisation to be the time period for compliance and bringing in a provision to extend the said period in certain cases for the reasons beyond the importer's control.
- b. Prescribing a procedure for immediate re-credit of Bonds by Jurisdictional customs officer, rather than waiting till the time of filing of the monthly statement.
- c. Expanding the scope of the IGCR procedure applicable to Specified End Use mentioned in Customs Notifications, i.e. apart from those pertaining to manufacturing and in respect of those for providing output services. In case of end use, supply to the end use recipient and the nature of the supply is to be captured in the IGCR automated module.
- d. Changes in the forms to capture the details where intended purpose is the export of goods using the goods imported.
- e. Corresponding changes in the forms to better capture the different intended purposes (manufacturing,





import for specified end use, export of goods using goods imported, supply to end use recipient or for provision of output service) and additional details such as Sl.No. of the Notification etc.

- f. In Rule 13 of IGCRS Rules, 2022, it is mentioned that reference in any rule, notification, circular, instruction, standing order, trade notice or other order in pursuance of the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty for Manufacture of Excisable Goods) Rules, 1996 and any provision thereof or to the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty for Manufacture of Excisable Goods) Rules, 2016 and any corresponding provisions thereof or to the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 and any corresponding provisions thereof shall be construed as reference to the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty or for Specified End Use) Rules, 2022.

### 2. Time period for utilisation of goods:

When time period for utilisation is specified in the notifications, the said time period will apply. If not specified, the time period of six months will apply.

Further, multiple representations have been received in the Board regarding the inability to utilise the goods imported for intended purpose under IGCR within the prescribed time period of 6 months. In order to facilitate trade in such situations, a provision has been introduced wherein the jurisdictional Commissioner can further extend such period of six months by another 3 months. However, it is clarified that such extension can be given provided the importer furnishes sufficient reason/s for not conforming to the time period so prescribed, which were beyond the importer's control.

### 3. Specified End Use:

IGCRS Rule, 2022 is also expanded to include cases where the intended purpose is for putting the goods imported to specified end use and not necessarily manufacturing or for providing output services. In this regard, it is clarified that:

- a. Procedure of intimation, generation of a unique IGCR Identification Number (IIN), import of the goods, submission of bond, maintenance of records, filing of monthly statement or any other procedures remains the same. The Importer shall undertake compliance to the officer having jurisdiction over primary address specified in the Importer Exporter Code (IEC) issued by DGFT.
- b. End use may be specified by a notification under sub-section (1) of section 25 or under section 11 of the Customs Act, 1962.
- c. Where the import is undertaken for a specified end use and no differential duty is involved, the value of the bond shall be equal to the assessable value of the goods.
- d. In cases where the intended purpose of import is supply of the goods to an end use recipient, the importer shall supply these goods under an invoice or where ever applicable, through an e-way bill, as mentioned in the CGST Act, 2017. The description and quantity of such goods shall be clearly mentioned by the importer.
- e. The importer shall maintain a record of all such goods supplied in a month and provide the details in the monthly statement.
- f. The restrictions on job work are only relating to the case where it is undertaken on the goods belonging to importer and does not apply to the end use recipient who receives the goods on the supply and deals with it as stipulated in the notification.

### 4. Bond & Bank Guarantee:

In view of the changes introduced to the procedures, the Bank guarantee/cash security/surety shall be taken as per the following norms for the purpose of extending the benefit under the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty or for Specified End Use) Rules, 2022.



	Quantum of Bank Guarantee/Cash Security/Surety
Government or PSU or Autonomous institute under the said government or Authorised Economic Operator or Banks & PSU's	Nil
Importers annual turnover in the preceding year is above ₹1 crore	Importers shall give surety for the amount of duty foregone. However, where the importer is not able to provide the surety, a bank guarantee/cash security equivalent to not more than 5% of bond debit value (i.e. - Duty foregone in case of concessional rate and assessable value of the goods in other cases) shall be furnished.
Others	Bank guarantee/Cash security- not more than 25% of the bond debit value (i.e. - Duty foregone in case of concessional rate and assessable value of the goods in other cases).

As a trade facilitation measure, a new Form IGCR-3A has been notified for confirmation of consumption for intended purpose at the common portal at any point in time for immediate re-credit of the bond by the jurisdictional AC/DC, without waiting for the filing of monthly statement on the 10th of every month. The details filed in form IGCR-3A shall get auto populated in the monthly statement of the subsequent month, which has to be only confirmed by the importer.



# Study Note - 11

## SEARCH, SEIZURE, CONFISCATION AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS



### This Study Note includes

- 11.1 Search of Persons, Premises and Conveyances
- 11.2 Seizure of Goods, Documents and Things
- 11.3 Confiscation of Goods, Conveyances and Penalty on Improper Importation and Exportation
- 11.4 Burden of Proof and Redemption Fine
- 11.5 Offences under Customs

### 11.1 SEARCH OF PERSONS, PREMISES AND CONVEYANCES

#### Power to Search Suspected Persons Entering Or Leaving India (Section 100)

Under Section 100 of the Act where the proper officer of the Customs has reason to believe that the following categories of persons have secreted any goods, liable to confiscation or any documents thereto, he may search such persons: -

- (a) any person who has landed from or is about to board, or is on board any vessel within the Indian Customs waters;
- (b) any person who has landed from or is about to board, or is on board a foreign-going aircraft;
- (c) any person who has got out of, or is about to get into, or is in vehicle, which has arrived from, or is to proceed to any place outside India;
- (d) any person not included in clauses (a), (b) or (c) who has entered or is about to leave India; (e) any person in a customs area.

#### Power to Search Suspected Persons In Certain Other Cases (Section 101)

Under Section 101 of the Act, an officer of the Customs empowered generally or specially by an order of Principal Commissioner of Customs can search any person if he has reason to believe that any person has secreted about his person, the following goods which are liable to confiscation, or documents relating thereto:

- (a) gold;
- (b) diamonds;
- (c) manufactures of gold or diamond;
- (d) watches;
- (e) any other class of goods which the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify.

The power under Section 101 is without prejudice to the power conferred under Section 100 of the Act. Again under Section 101 any person can be searched.



### **Persons to Be Searched May Require To Be Taken Before Gazetted Officer Of Customs Or Magistrate (Section 102)**

Section 102 of the Act provides that when any officer of Customs is about to search any person in terms of Sections 100 and 101, he shall, if such person so requires, take him without unnecessary delay to the nearest Gazetted Officer of customs or magistrate. If such requisition is made, the officer of customs may detain the person making it until, he can bring him before the gazetted officer of customs or the magistrate.

The Gazetted Officer of customs or the magistrate before whom any —such person is brought shall, if he sees no reasonable ground for search, forthwith discharge the person. In other cases, he shall direct that a search be made.

Before making a search, the officer of Customs shall call upon two or more persons to attend and witness the search and may issue an order in writing to them or any of them so to do. The search would be made in the presence of such persons and a list of all things seized in the course of such search shall be prepared by such officer or other person and signed by such witnesses.

Where the person to be searched is a female, the search shall be done by a female only.

### **Power to Screen or X-Ray Bodies of Suspected Persons for Detecting Secreted Goods (Section 103)**

Section 103 of the Act contains powers, to screen or X-Ray bodies of persons suspected of secreting certain goods liable to confiscation.

Where the proper officer has reason to believe that any person referred to in sub-section (2) of section 100 has any goods liable to confiscation secreted inside his body, he may detain such person and produce him without unnecessary delay before the nearest magistrate. The Magistrate before whom any person is brought shall, if he sees how reasonable ground for believing that such person has any such goods secreted inside his body, forthwith discharge such person.

On the other hand, where the Magistrate has reasonable ground for believing that any such person has any such goods liable for confiscation secreted in his body and the Magistrate is satisfied that an X-Ray is necessary for this purpose, he may make an order and such person would be taken to a radiologist possessing qualifications recognized by the Central Government for the purpose of screening or X-raying the body and such person shall allow the radiologist to screen or X-ray his body.

The radiologist shall, after the screening or X-Ray, forward his report together with the X-Ray picture taken by him to the Magistrate without unnecessary delay. On receipt of the report of radiologist, if the Magistrate is satisfied that any person has any goods liable to confiscation secreted inside his body, he may direct; that suitable action for bringing out such goods be taken on the advice and under the supervision of a registered medical practitioner and such person shall be bound to comply with such direction.

In the case of a female, the advice and supervision of a female registered medical practitioner is required. For the purposes of complying with the provisions of this section any person brought before the Magistrate may be detained by him for such period as the Magistrate may direct. The above provisions will not apply to any such person who admits that goods liable to confiscation are secreted in his body and who voluntarily submits himself for suitable action being taken for bringing out such goods.

### **Power to Arrest (Section 104)**

If an officer of customs empowered in this behalf by general or special order of the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs has reason to believe that any person in India or within the Indian customs waters has committed an offence punishable under section 132 or section 133 or section 135 or section 135A or section 136, he may arrest such person and shall, as soon as may be, inform him of the grounds for such arrest.

Every person arrested shall, without unnecessary delay, be taken to a magistrate.

Where an officer of customs has arrested any person he shall, for the purpose of releasing such person on bail

or otherwise, have the same powers and be subject to the same provisions as the officer-in-charge of a police station has and is subject to under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898. As per sub-section (4), notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, any offence relating to

- (a) prohibited goods; or
- (b) evasion or attempted evasion of duty exceeding ₹ 50 Lakh, shall be cognizable.

All other offences under the Act shall be non-cognizable except the two above.

As per sub-section (6), notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974), an offence punishable under section 135 relating to –

- (a) evasion or attempted evasion of duty exceeding fifty lakh rupees; or
- (b) prohibited goods notified under section 11 which are also notified under sub-clause (C) of clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 135; or
- (c) import or export of any goods which have not been declared in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the market price of which exceeds one crore rupees; or
- (d) fraudulently availing of or attempt to avail of drawback or any exemption from duty provided under this Act, if the amount of drawback or exemption from duty exceeds fifty lakh rupees, shall be non-bailable.

Except as provided in sub section (6), all other offences under this Act shall be bailable.

#### **Power to Search Premises (Section 105)**

Section 105 of the Act provides that if the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs or any other officer of customs in case of any area adjoining the land frontier or the coast of India specially empowered by name in this behalf by the Board, has reason to believe that any goods liable to confiscation or any documents or things which in his opinion will be useful to any proceedings under the Act, are secreted in any place, he may authorise any officer of customs to search or may himself search for such goods, documents, or things.

The provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 relating to searches shall, so far as may be, apply to searches under this section

#### **Power to Stop and Search Conveyances (Section 106)**

Where the proper officer has reason to believe that any aircraft, vehicle or animal in India or any vessel in India or within the Indian customs waters has been, is being, or is about to be, used in the smuggling of any goods or in the carriage of any goods which have been smuggled, he may at any time stop any such vehicle, animal or vessel or, in the case of an aircraft, compel it to land, and -

- (a) rummage and search any part of the aircraft, vehicle or vessel;
- (b) examine and search any goods in the aircraft, vehicle or vessel or on the animal;
- (c) break open the lock of any door or package for exercising the powers conferred by clauses (a) and (b), if the keys are withheld.

Where for the purposes above -

- (a) it becomes necessary to stop any vessel or compel any aircraft to land, it shall be lawful for any vessel or aircraft in the service of the Government while flying her proper flag and any authority authorised in this behalf by the Central Government to summon such vessel to stop or the aircraft to land, by means of an international signal, code or other recognized means, and thereupon, such vessel shall forthwith stop or such aircraft shall forthwith land; and if it fails to do so, chase may be given thereto by any vessel or aircraft as aforesaid and if after a gun is fired as a signal the vessel fails to stop or the aircraft fails to land, it may be fired upon;



- (b) it becomes necessary to stop any vehicle or animal, the proper officer may use all lawful means for stopping it, and where such means fail, the vehicle or animal may be fired upon.

### **Power to Inspect (Section 106A)**

Section 106A of the Act empowers an Officer of Customs to enter any place intimated under Chapter IVA or IVB of the Act and inspect the goods kept or stored therein and require any person found therein, who is for the time being in charge thereof, to produce to him for this inspection the accounts maintained under the said Chapter IVA or Chapter IVB and to furnish to him such other information as he may reasonably require for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not such goods have been illegally imported, exported or likely to be illegally exported.

### **Power to Examine Persons (Section 107)**

Any officer of customs empowered in this behalf by general or special order of the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may, during the course of any enquiry in connection with the smuggling of any goods, -

- (a) require any person to produce or deliver any document or thing relevant to the enquiry;
- (b) examine any person acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case.

### **Power to Summon Persons to Give Evidence and Produce Documents (Section 108)**

Any Gazetted officer of Customs (the words "empowered by the Central Government", has been omitted by Finance Act, 2008 w.e.f. 13th July 2006) shall have power to summon any person whose attendance he considers necessary either to give evidence or to produce a document or any other thing in any inquiry which such officer is making under this Act. A summons to produce documents or other things may be for the production of certain specified documents or things or for the production of all documents or things of a certain description in the possession or under the control of the person summoned. All persons so summoned shall be bound to attend either in person or by an authorised agent and state the truth upon any subject respecting which they are examined or make statements and produce such documents and other things as may be required.

Provided that the exemption under section 132 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908), shall be applicable to any requisition for attendance under this section.

Every such inquiry as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of section 193 and section 228 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860).

### **Obligation to furnish information**

**Section 108A** - Any person who is responsible for maintaining record of registration or statement of accounts or holding any other information under any of the Acts specified above or under any other law for the time being in force, which is considered relevant for the purposes of this Act, shall furnish such information to the proper officer in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made under this Act.

Where the proper officer considers that the information furnished is defective, he may intimate the defect to the person who has furnished such information and give him an opportunity of rectifying the defect within a period of seven days from the date of such intimation or within such further period which, on an application made in this behalf, the proper officer may allow and if the defect is not rectified within the said period of seven days or, further period, as the case may be, so allowed, then, notwithstanding anything contained in any other provision of this Act, such information shall be deemed as not furnished and the provisions of this Act shall apply.

Where a person who is required to furnish information has not furnished the same within the time specified, the proper officer may serve upon him a notice requiring him to furnish such information within a period not exceeding thirty days from the date of service of the notice and such person shall furnish such information.

### Penalty for failure to furnish information return

**Section 108B** - Where the person who is required to furnish information under section 108A fails to do so within the period specified in the notice issued, the proper officer may direct such person to pay, by way of penalty, a sum of one hundred rupees for each day of the period during which the failure to furnish such information continues.

### Power to Require Production of Order Permitting Clearance of Goods Imported By Land (Section 109)

Any officer of customs appointed for any area adjoining the land frontier of India and empowered in this behalf by general or special order of the Board, may require any person in possession of any goods which such officer has reason to believe to have been imported into India by land, to produce the order made under section 47 permitting clearance of the goods :

However, this section shall not apply to any imported goods passing from a land frontier to a land customs station by a route appointed under clause (c) of section 7.

### Power to undertake controlled delivery

**Section 109A** – The proper officer or any other officer authorised by him in this behalf, may undertake controlled delivery of any consignment of such goods and in the prescribed manne, to-

- (a) any destination in India; or
- (b) a foreign country, in consultation with the competent authority of such country to which such consignment is destined.

“**Controlled delivery**” means the procedure of allowing consignment of such goods to pass out of, or into, the territory of India with the knowledge and under the supervision of proper officer for identifying the persons involved in the commission of an offence or contravention under this Act.

## 11.2 SEIZURE OF GOODS, DOCUMENTS AND THINGS

Persons involved in smuggling and other modus operandi (i.e. Manner of operation) of imports and exports, in violation of prohibitions or restrictions with intent to evade duties or fraudulently claim export incentives are liable to serious penal action under the Customs Act, 1962.

The offending goods can be confiscated and heavy fines and penalties imposed. There are provisions for arrests and prosecutions.

### Detention of goods

It means the goods are temporarily detained by officer to check whether there is any violation of law. In the case of **Pro Musicals v Joint Commissioner Customs (Prev.), Mumbai 2008 (227) ELT 182 (Mad)** the Court clarified that the detention of goods is actually taking the custody of the goods and keeping it under restraint from being taken by the parties; but, the party is entitled to produce sufficient documentary evidence, and if he shows proof, he can take it. At that juncture, no question of seizure would arise. If such person not shows proof, then said goods are seized.

### Seizure of goods (Section 110 of the Customs Act, 1962)

The term seizure meant to take possession of the property contrary to the wishes of the owner of the goods in pursuance of a demand under legal right. Seizure involved not merely the custody of goods but also a deprivation (i.e. losing something) of possession of goods.

Detention is without seizure and possession of goods whereas seizure of goods necessarily means detention plus taking possession of goods by officer.





It means to say that under seizure goods are taken in custody by the department. A stage before confiscation is called seizure. Generally goods liable to be confiscated may be seized.

### **Goods should be returned within six months if no Show Cause Notice has been issued**

Show Cause Notice (SCN) shall be issued within six months from the date of seizure. This period can be further extended by SIX months on sufficient cause, by the Commissioner of Central Excise or Customs. If no show cause notice issued within SIX months, the goods shall be return to person from whose possession they were seized.

### **Provisional Release of seized goods and documents (w.e.f. 8-4-2011):**

Seized goods and documents can be released by adjudicating authority on submission of bond and security under section 110A of the Customs Act, 1962. Therefore, permission of Commissioner of Customs is not required w.e.f. 8-4-2011.

When the goods confiscated by the Department are found not confiscable as per the decision of appeal or adjudication or of review application, then no application is required to be filed by the assesee to authorities to request for release of goods. It is obligatory for the Department to release the goods immediately. **[Shree Grofex Trade Links Pvt. Ltd. vs CC (2014) 301 ELT 24 (Cal.)]**

### **w.e.f. 1-8-2019 section 110(1) of the Customs Act, 1962:**

"Provided that where it is not practicable to remove, transport, store or take physical possession of the seized goods for any reason, the proper officer may give custody of the seized goods to the owner of the goods or the beneficial owner or any person holding himself out to be the importer, or any other person from whose custody such goods have been seized, on execution of an undertaking by such person that he shall not remove, part with, or otherwise deal with the goods except with the previous permission of such officer:

Provided further that where it is not practicable to seize any such goods, the proper officer may serve an order on the owner of the goods or the beneficial owner or any person holding himself out to be importer, or any other person from whose custody such goods have been found, directing that such person shall not remove, part with, or otherwise deal with such goods except with the previous permission of such officer.";

Where the proper officer, during any proceedings under the Act, is of the opinion that for the purposes of protecting the interest of revenue or preventing smuggling, it is necessary so to do, he may, with the approval of the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, by order in writing, provisionally attach any bank account for a period not exceeding six months:

Provided that the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend such period to a further period not exceeding six months and inform such extension of time to the person whose bank account is provisionally attached, before the expiry of the period so specified."

### **Case Law : 2**

#### **Manish Lalith Kumar Bavishi (2011).**

**Point of dispute:** If any documents seized during the course of any action by an officer and relatable to the provisions of Customs Act, that officer was bound to make the documents available copies of those documents?

**Answer: Yes.** The Bombay High Court held the same view in the case of **Manish Lalith Kumar Bavishi (2011)**.



### 11.3 CONFISCATION OF GOODS, CONVEYANCES AND PENALTY ON IMPROPER IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION

#### Confiscation of goods

The term confiscation of goods means the goods become property of Government and Government can deal with these goods as it desires. Once confiscated goods are become property of Central Government, no duty liability arises on assessee whose goods are confiscated.

Search, seizure and confiscation not applicable to service tax.

However, in some cases, the person from whom goods were seized can be get them back on payment of fine (i.e. Redemption fine in lieu of confiscation) under section 125(1) of the Customs Act, 1962.

#### Provisions governing Confiscation under Customs Act, 1962

##### Goods are liable for confiscation in the following circumstances:

- Confiscation of improperly imported goods – Section 111
- Export goods liable for confiscation – Section 113
- Confiscation of Conveyances (i.e. Vehicles, Vessels, Air crafts, animals used as a means of transport in the smuggling) if used improperly for import or export of goods – Section 115
- Confiscation of packages and their contents – Section 118
- Confiscation of goods used for concealing smuggled goods – Section 119
- Confiscation of smuggled goods notwithstanding any change in form, etc. – Section 120

For example gold biscuits converted into jewellery. Hence, the entire value of jewellery is liable for confiscation.

- Confiscation of sale proceeds of smuggled goods – Section 121

As per section 124 of the Customs Act, 1962, before confiscating goods, Show Cause Notice must be issued to owner of goods giving grounds for confiscation. Time limit of SIX months as given in Section 110 of the Customs Act, 1962 is not applicable. It means there is no time limit is specified in case of issue of SCN for confiscation of goods. As per section 28 of the Customs Act, 1962, goods can be confiscated even after the goods are cleared from customs station.

Goods already exported cannot be confiscated under Section 113 of the Customs Act, 1962

#### Wrong confiscation of goods:

Once the action of the Customs department with regard to confiscation of goods, set aside by Tribunal or Court (i.e. set aside means make inoperative or stop) the person is eligible to get back the goods. If in the meanwhile, goods have been sold by the Customs authorities, market value of goods as on date of setting aside confiscation of the order of confiscation by the judgment is payable (**Northern Plastics Ltd. v CCE (2000) (SC)**).

#### Confiscation of improperly imported goods – Section 111:

The following goods brought from a place outside India shall be liable to confiscation:

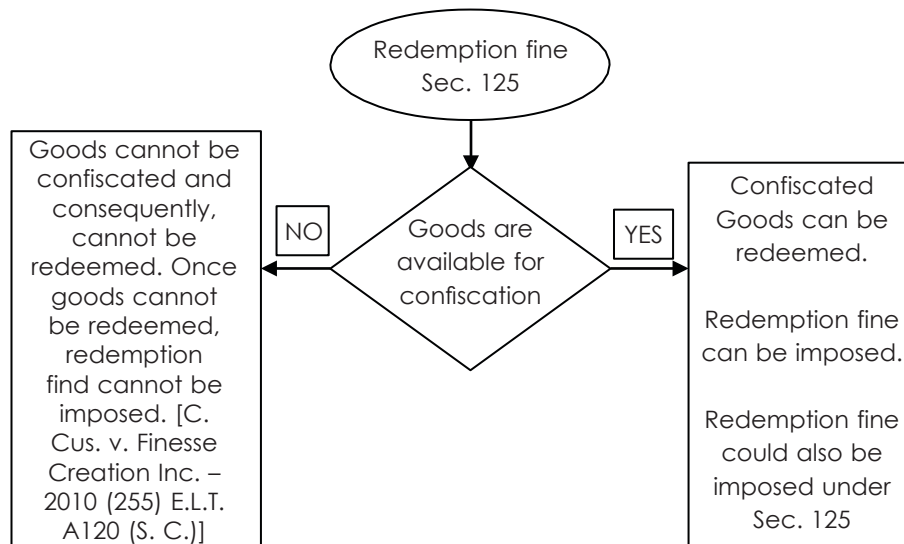
- Any goods imported by sea or air which are unloaded or attempted to be unloaded at any place other than a customs port or customs airport.
- Any goods imported by land or inland water through any route other than a route specified by the Govt.
- Any dutiable or prohibited good brought into any bay, gulf, creek or tidal river for the purpose of being landed at a place other than a customs port.



- (d) Any goods which are imported or attempted to be imported or are brought within the Indian customs waters contrary to the provisions which are in force.
- (e) Any dutiable or prohibited goods found concealed (i.e. hid) in any manner in any conveyance. (f) Goods not mentioned in the Import manifestor import report.
- (g) Goods un loaded in contravention of the provisions of customs law.
- (h) Any dutiable or prohibited goods found concealed in any manner in any package either before or after the unloading thereof.
- (i) Any dutiable or prohibited goods removed or attempted to be removed from a customs area or warehouse without the permission of the proper officer.
- (j) Any dutiable or prohibited goods removed or attempted to be removed from a customs area or a ware house without the permission of the proper.
- (k) Any dutiable or prohibited goods which are not included or are in excess of those included in the entry made under this Act, or in the case of baggage in the declaration made under section 77.
- (l) Any goods which do not correspond in respect of value or in any other particular with the entry made under this Actor in the case of baggage with the declaration made under section 77.
- (m) Any dutiable or prohibited goods transited with or without transshipment in contravention of the provisions of customs.

**Confiscated goods can be redeemed:**

Under Customs Act, 1962 can redemption fine be imposed and penalty under section 112 be levied after release of imported goods on execution of a bond, if it is found subsequently that there has been an irregularity in the import? Discuss with the help of decided case law(s), if any.



It is important to note that for levying the penalty under section 112 (i.e., improper import) it is immaterial as to whether goods are available for confiscation or not because the said penalty is imposed when the goods are liable for confiscation.

**Penalties for improper import under section 112 of the Customs Act, 1962**

Penalty can be imposed for improper import as well as attempt to improperly export goods. 'Improper' means without the knowledge of the Customs officers.

No question of penalizing the partners separately for the same contravention under section 112:

Once penalty was levied on the firm for contravention of any provision of the Act or the Rules framed there under, it amounted to levy of penalty on the partners. Hence, there was no question of penalizing the partners separately for the same contravention, unless the intention of the legislature to treat the firm and partners as distinct entities was borne out from the statute itself, i.e., expressly provided in the statute.

**For Example:** Explanation to section 140 of the Customs Act equated partnership firm with company (which stands as separate entity distinct from its shareholders) in respect of commission of offences.

However, there was no such corresponding provision in relation to imposition of penalty under section 112. The High Court held that separate penalty could not be imposed on the partners in addition to the penalty on the partnership firm [**CCE & C, Surat-II v Mohammed Farookh Mohammed Ghani 2010 (259) ELT 179 (Guj)**].

**Penalties for improper import [section 112 of the Customs Act, 1962]:**

Imported Goods (A)	Value in (₹) (B)	Minimum Penalty in (₹) (C)	Penalty in (₹) (B) or (C)
Prohibited Goods	Not exceeding the value of prohibited goods	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
Dutiable Goods (Other than Prohibited goods)	w.e.f 14-5-2015: Not exceeding 10% of the Duty sought to be evaded.	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
	w.e.f 14-5-2015: Penalty = 25% of the penalty imposed, if the duty, interest and reduced penalty is paid within 30 days from the date of receipt of adjudication order [Section 112(b)(ii) of the Customs Act, 1962].		
Misdeclaration of value	If actual value is higher than the value declared in Bill of Entry or declaration of contents of baggage: Actual value = xxx Less: Declared value = (xx) Difference = xxx =====	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
Prohibited Goods plus Misdeclaration value	(i) Not exceeding the value of prohibited goods OR (ii) Actual value = xxx Less: Declared value = (xx) Difference = xxx =====	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
Dutiable Goods plus Misdeclaration of Value	(i) Duty sought to be evaded OR (ii) Actual value = xxx Less: Declared value = (xx) Difference = xxx =====	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher



**Export goods liable for confiscation — Section 113**

These are goods attempted to be improperly exported under clauses of section 113:—

- (a) Goods attempted to be exported by sea or air from place other than customs port or customs airport
- (b) Goods attempted to be exported by land or inland water through unspecified route
- (c) Goods brought near land frontier or coast of India or near any bay, gulf, creek or tidal river for exporting from place other than customs port or customs station
- (d) Goods attempted to be exported contrary to prohibition under Customs Act or any other law
- (e) Goods concealed in any conveyance brought within limits of customs area for exportation
- (f) Goods loaded or attempted to be loaded for eventual export out of India, without permission of proper officer, in contravention of section 33 and 34 of the Customs Act, 1962
- (g) Goods stored at un-approved place or loaded without supervision of Customs Officer
- (h) Goods not mentioned or found excess of those mentioned in Shipping Bill or declaration in respect of baggage
  - (i) Any goods entered for exportation not corresponding in respect of value or any other particular in Shipping Bill or declaration of contents of baggage.
  - (ii) Goods entered for export under claim for duty drawback which do not correspond in any material particulars with any information provided for fixation of duty drawback.
- (i) Goods imported without duty but being re-exported under claim for duty drawback
- (j) Goods cleared for exportation which are not loaded on account of willful act, negligence or default, or goods unloaded after loading for exportation, without permission.
- (k) Provision in respect of 'Specified Goods' are contravened.

**Penalties for improper export under section 114 of the Customs Act, 1962**

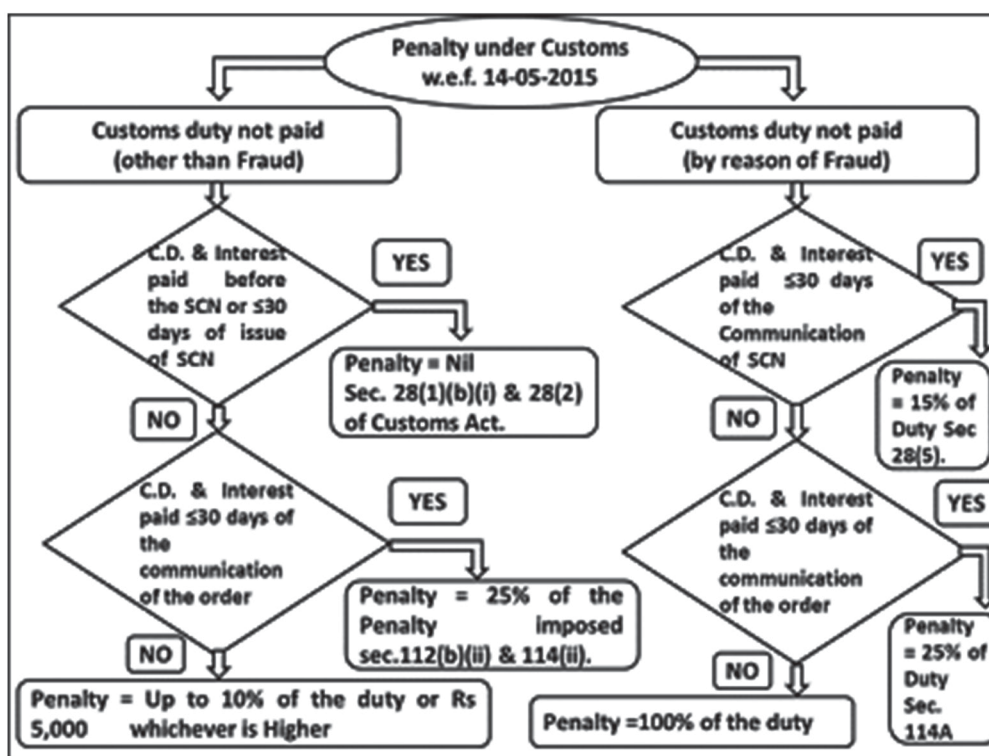
Following monetary penalties prescribed under the Customs Act, with regard to improper export:

Attempt to improperly export (A)	Value in (₹) (B)	Minimum Penalty in (₹) (C)	Penalty in (₹) (B) or (C)
Prohibited Goods	Three times the value of the goods as declared by the exporter	The value as determined under the Customs Act.	Whichever is Higher
Dutiable Goods (other than Prohibited goods)	Duty sought to be evaded	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
Other goods	Value declared in short	The value as determined under the Customs Act.	Whichever is Higher

**Penalties for improper export U/S 114 of the Customs Act, 1962 (w.e.f.14-5-2015)**

Attempt to improperly export (A)	Value in (₹) (B)	Minimum Penalty in (₹) (C)	Penalty in (₹) (B) or (C)
Prohibited Goods	The value as determined under the Customs Act.	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher
Dutiable Goods (other than Prohibited goods)	w.e.f 14-5-2015: Not exceeding 10% of duty sought to be evaded.	₹ 5,000	Whichever is Higher

	w.e.f 14-5-2015: Penalty = 25% of penalty imposed, if duty, interest and reduced penalty is paid within 30 days from date of receipt of adjudication order - Section 114(ii) of Customs Act, 1962.		
Other goods	Not exceeding the value of goods as declared by exporter	The value as determined under the Customs Act.	Whichever is Higher



**w.e.f. 1-8-2019 As per Section 114AB of the Customs Act, 2019:**

Where any person has obtained any instrument by fraud, collusion, willful misstatement or suppression of facts and such instrument has been utilised by such person or any other person for discharging duty, the person to whom the instrument was issued shall be liable for penalty not exceeding the face value of such instrument.

**Explanation** — For the purposes of this section, the expression "instrument" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Explanation 1 to section 28AAA.'

**w.e.f 14-5-2015:**  
**In pending cases (both fraud and non-fraud) where the order has not been passed before 14.05.2015, proceedings to conclude if duty, interest and penalty is paid in full within 30 days of 14.05.2015 [New Explanation 3 to section 28]**

**Explanation 3** has been inserted in section 28 to provide that where a notice under section 28(1) [non-fraud cases] or section 28(4) [fraud cases], as the case may be, has been served but an order determining duty under section 28(8) has not been passed before 14.05.2015 then, without prejudice to the provisions of sections 135, 135A and 140, as may be applicable, the proceedings in respect of such person or other persons to whom the notice is served will be deemed to be concluded if the payment of duty, interest and penalty under the proviso to section 28(2) or under section 28(5), as the case may be, is made in full within 30 days from 14.05.2015.



**Confiscation of Conveyances [Section 115 of the Customs Act, 1962]:**

Vehicles, Vessels, Aircrafts, animals used as a means of transport in the smuggling or improperly for import or export of goods shall be liable to confiscation.

Any such conveyance is used for the carriage of goods or passengers for hire, the owner of any conveyance shall be given an option to pay in lieu of the confiscation of the conveyance a fine not exceeding the market price of the goods which are sought to be smuggled or the smuggled goods as the case may be.

**Penalty for not accounting for goods [section 116 of the Customs Act, 1962]:**

The person-in-charge of the conveyance shall be liable to pay penalty if any goods loaded in a conveyance for importation into India, or any goods transshipped under the provisions of this Act or coastal goods carried in a conveyance:

- If not unloaded at their place of destination in India, or
- If the quantity unloaded is short of the quantity to be unloaded at that destination, or
- If the failure to unload or the deficiency is not accounted

**Quantum of penalty under section 116:**

Imported goods:	Exported goods
Penalty not exceeding twice the amount of duty that would have been chargeable on the goods not unloaded or deficient goods, as the case may be, had such goods been imported.	Penalty not exceeding twice the amount of export duty that would have been chargeable on the goods not unloaded or deficient goods, as the case may be, had such goods been exported.

**Residual Penalty [Section 117]:**

As per section 117 of the Customs Act, 1962, if no penalty has been prescribed for contravenes, then the penalty would be ₹ 1,00,000 can be levied (w.e.f. 10.5.2008).

**w.e.f. 1-8-2019 In section 117 of the Customs Act, for the words “one lakh rupees”, the words “four lakh rupees” shall be substituted.**

**Confiscation of packages and their contents – Section 118**

Where any goods imported in a package or brought within the limits of a customs area for the purpose of exportation in a package shall also be liable to confiscation if the importer or exporter violates the provisions of the customs provisions.

**Confiscation of goods used for concealing smuggled goods – Section 119**

Any goods used for concealing smuggled goods shall also be liable to confiscation. However, goods does not include a conveyance used as a means of transport.

**Confiscation of smuggled goods notwithstanding any change in form, etc. – Section 120:**

Smuggled goods may be confiscated notwithstanding (i.e. in spite of) any change in their form. Where smuggled goods are mixed with other goods in such manner that the smuggled goods cannot be separated from such other goods, the whole of the goods shall be liable to confiscation.

**Confiscation of sale proceeds of smuggled goods – Section 121**

Where any smuggled goods are sold by a person having knowledge or reason to believe that the goods are smuggled goods, the sale-proceeds thereof shall be liable to confiscation.

**Case Law 3:****Smuggled goods cannot be treated par with imported goods for the purpose of granting the benefit of the exemption notification:**

The Honorable Supreme Court of India held that if the smuggled goods and imported goods were to be treated as the same, then there would have been no need for two different definitions under the Customs Act, 1962.

The Court observed that one of the principal functions of the Customs Act, 1962 was to curb the ills of smuggling on the economy. Hence, it held that it would be contrary to the purpose of exemption notifications to give the benefit meant for imported goods to smuggled goods. Therefore, the court held that the smuggled goods could not be considered as 'imported goods' for the purpose of benefit of the exemption notification [**CCus. (Prev.), Mumbai v M. Ambalal & Co. 2010 (260) E.L.T. 487 (SC)**].

## 11.4 BURDEN OF PROOF AND REDEMPTION FINE

**Burden Of Proof in Certain Cases**

Where any goods to which this section applies are seized under this Act in the reasonable belief that they are smuggled goods, the burden of proving that they are not smuggled goods shall be -

- (a) in a case where such seizure is made from the possession of any person, -
  - (i) on the person from whose possession the goods were seized; and
  - (ii) if any person, other than the person from whose possession the goods were seized, claims to be the owner thereof, also on such other person;
- (b) in any other case, on the person, if any, who claims to be the owner of the goods so seized.

This section shall apply to gold, and manufactures thereof, watches, and any other class of goods which the Central Government may by notification in the Official Gazette specify.

**Issue of show cause notice before confiscation of goods etc. (section 124)**

Section 124 provides that no order confiscating any goods or imposing any penalty on any person shall be made under this Chapter unless the owner of the goods or such person:

- (a) is given a notice in writing informing him of the grounds on which it is proposed to confiscate the goods or impose a penalty;
- (b) is given an opportunity of making a representation in writing within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice against the grounds of confiscation or imposition of penalty mentioned therein; and
- (c) is given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter;

The notice referred to in clause (a) and the representation referred to in clause (b) may, at the request of the person concerned, be oral.

Notwithstanding issue of notice under this section, the proper officer may issue a supplementary notice under such circumstances and in such manner as may be prescribed – (Inserted vide THE FINANCE ACT, 2018)

**Redemption Fine (Section 125)**

The term redemption fine means Option to pay fine in lieu of confiscation. A person makes an unauthorized import of goods liable to confiscation. After adjudication, Assistant Commissioner of Customs provides an option to the importer to pay fine in lieu of confiscation [Section 125(1) of the Customs Act.]:





Provided that, without prejudice to the provisions of the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 115, such fine shall not exceed the market price of the goods confiscated, less in the case of imported goods the duty chargeable thereon.

Such an importer is liable to pay in addition to the customs duty and charges payable in respect of such imports, the penalty.

**Provisos to section 125(1) of the Customs Act, 1962 (w.e.f. 29.3.2018):**

“Provided that where the proceedings are deemed to be concluded under the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 28 or under clause (i) of sub-section (6) of that section in respect of the goods which are not prohibited or restricted, the provisions of this section shall not apply:

Provided further that”; without prejudice to the provisions of the proviso to sub-section 2 of section 115 of the Customs Act, 1962, such fine shall not exceed the market price of the goods confiscated, less in the case of imported goods the duty chargeable thereon.

Section 125(2) of the Customs Act, 1962 where any fine lieu of confiscation of goods imposed under sub-section (1) of Section 125, the owner of such goods or the person referred to in sub-section (1) of Section 125 shall, in addition, be liable to any duty and charges payable in respect of such goods.

**W.e.f. 29.3.2018**, section 125(3) Where the fine imposed under sub-section (1) is not paid within a period of one hundred and twenty days from the date of option given thereunder, such option shall become void, unless an appeal against such order is pending.

**Explanation —** For removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that in cases where an order under sub-section (1) has been passed before the date on which the Finance Bill, 2018 receives the assent of the President and no appeal is pending against such order as on that date, the option under said sub-section may be exercised within a period of one hundred and twenty days from the date on which such assent is received.”.

w.e.f. 1-8-2019 In section 125 of the Customs Act, in sub-section (1), in the first proviso, for the words “the provisions of this section shall not apply”, the words “no such fine shall be imposed” shall be substituted.

**Non Applicability :** Where the proceedings are deemed to be concluded under the proviso to Section 28(2) or under Section 28(6)(i) in respect of goods which are not prohibited or restricted, the provisions of this section shall not apply.

**Example 1:**

**A person makes an unauthorized import of goods liable to confiscation. After adjudication, Assistant Commissioner provides an option to the importer to pay fine in lieu of confiscation. It is proposed to impose a fine (in lieu of confiscation) equal to 50% of margin of profit. From the following particulars calculate the amount of fine that can be imposed: Assessable value – ₹ 50,000, Total duty payable – ₹ 20,000, Market value – ₹1,00,000. Also calculate the amount of fine and the total payment to be made by the importer to clear the consignment.**

**Answer:**

**In the given case Assistant Commissioner intends to impose redemption fine equal to 50% of margin of profit.**

**Total cost to importer = ₹ 50,000 + ₹ 20,000 = ₹ 70,000.**

**Margin of profit:**

**Market value – Total cost to importer = ₹ 1,00,000 – ₹ 70,000 = ₹ 30,000.**

**Hence, redemption fine will be ₹ 15,000 (@ 50% of ₹ 30,000). In addition, duty of ₹ 20,000 is payable. Thus, importer will have to pay totally ₹ 35,000 to clear the goods from customs.**



### **Option to pay fine in lieu of confiscation also given to exporter of prohibited goods**

An exporter who had been held guilty of exporting 'prohibited goods', has an option to pay fine in lieu of confiscation under section 125 of the Customs Act. **CCus. (Preventive), West Bengal v India Sales International 2009 (241) ELT 182 (Cal).**

### **Selling the confiscated goods during the period of pendency of appeal was not justified**

The Customs Officer confiscated the gold carried by the petitioner from Muscat. The Customs Department received the letter from the petitioner about his willing to file an appeal against the order of confiscation. Revenue informed the petitioner that the confiscated goods had been handed over to the warehouse of the Custom House for disposal and consequently, auctioned the confiscated goods. The action of the custom authorities in selling the gold during the pendency of the appeal was not justified. **[Shabir Ahmed Abdul Rehman v UOI 2009 (235) ELT 402 (Bom)]**

### **Option to redeem the goods with Adjudicating Authority under section 125**

Adjudicating Authority is vested with the **discretion to give an option either to confiscate or redeem** the prohibited goods imported/exported even though the goods are liable to absolute confiscation but in case of other goods **[CCus v Alfred Menezes 2009 (242) ELT 334 (Bom)]**

### **Goods are not redeemed by paying fine**

Option to be void if fine not paid within 120 days: Where the fine imposed is not paid within a period of 120 days from the date of option given thereunder, such option shall become void, unless an appeal against such order is pending.

**Transitional Provisions** – Option to be exercised within 120 days from 29-03-2018 [Explanation]: For removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that in cases where an order under Section 125(1) has been passed before the date on which the Finance bill 2018 receives the assent of the President i.e 29-03-2018 and no appeal is pending against such order as on that date, the option under said sub-section may be exercised within a period of 120 days from the date on which assent is received.

Where the imported goods are confiscated, u/s 125 and goods are not redeemed by paying fine, **the importer is bound to pay the customs duty [Poona Health Services v CCus. 2009 (242) ELT 335 (Bom)]**

### **No redemption of fine, if goods not available for confiscation**

The concept of **redemption fine arises in the event when the goods are available and are to be redeemed**. If the goods are not available, there is no question of redemption of the goods under section 125. The question of confiscating the goods would not arise if there are no goods available for confiscation. **[CCus v Finesse Creation Inc. 2009 (248) ELT 122 (Bom)]**

## **11.5 OFFENCES UNDER CUSTOMS**

The term Offence means a violation or breach of a law, like evasion of duty and breaking prohibitions under the Customs Act, 1962. However, offence not defined under Customs Act, 1962. Thereby, 'Offence' as any act or omission made punishable by any law for the time being in force.

There are basically two types of punishments namely civil penalty and criminal penalty. Civil penalty for violation of statutory provisions involving a penalty and confiscation of goods and can be exercised by the Department of Customs. Criminal punishment is of imprisonment and fine, which can be granted only in a criminal court after prosecution.



### **Evasion of duty or prohibition under section 135(1) of the Customs Act, 1962**

If a person has nexus with misdeclaration of value or evasion of duty or handling in any manner goods liable for confiscation under section 111 (i.e. Confiscation of improperly imported goods) or section 113 (i.e. Export goods liable for confiscation), he shall be punishable in the following manner:

Imprisonment upto seven years and fine for the following four kinds of offences:

- Market value of offending goods exceeds ₹ one crore
- Value of evasion of duty exceeds ₹ 30 lakhs
- Offence pertains to prohibited goods notified by Central Government of India
- Value of fraudulent availment of drawback/exemption exceeds ₹ 30 lakhs For all other kind of offences imprisonment is upto three years or fine or both.

For repeat conviction, the imprisonment can be seven years and fine and in absences of special and adequate reasons, the punishment shall not be less than one year.

### **w.e.f. 1-8-2019 In section 135 of the Customs Act, following sub-item shall be inserted:**

obtaining an instrument from any authority by fraud, collusion, wilful misstatement or suppression of facts and such instrument has been utilised by any person, where the duty relatable to utilisation of the instrument exceeds fifty lakh rupees,".

### **Cognizable and Non-cognizable Offence**

Cognizable offence means an offence for which a police officer may arrest without warrant (i.e. without the order of a Magistrate). Non-cognizable offence means offences under Customs where a police officer cannot investigate cases without the order of a Magistrate.

### **Cognizance of Offences**

As per Section 137(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, Court cannot take cognizance of offences under the Customs Act, 1962 in the following cases without previous sanction of the Commissioner of Customs:

False declaration or documents (Section 132)

- (i) Obstruction (i.e. stop the progress) of Officers of Customs (Section 133)
- (ii) Refusal to be X-rayed (Section 134)
- (iii) Evasion of duty or prohibitions (Section 135)
- (iv) Preparation to do clandestine export (i.e. improper export) (Section 135A)

As per Section 137(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, for taking cognizance of an offence committed by a Customs officer under section 136 the Court needs previous sanction of the Central Government in respect of officers of the rank of Assistant or Deputy Commissioner and above and previous sanction of the Commissioner of Customs in respect of officers lower in rank than Assistant or Deputy Commissioner.

### **Section 136 of the Customs Act deals with offences by Officers of Customs which are as follows:**

- An officer of customs facilitated to do fraudulent export
- Search of persons without reason to believe in the secreting of goods on them
- Arrest of person without reason to believe that they are guilty

These are called **vexatious actions** of department officers.

### Compounding Of Offences

Compounding means basically a compromise between assessee and department. It means to say that instead of going to court for imposition of fine and imprisonment, the offender (i.e. importer or exporter committed an offence) may agree to pay composition amount. If the case is pending, the accused and the complainant can make a joint application to the court that the parties have come to an agreement not to prosecute further.

**Applicant:** any importer or exporter but shall not include officers of Customs. Therefore, applicant (importer or exporter) can apply for compounding of offence either before or after launching of prosecution.

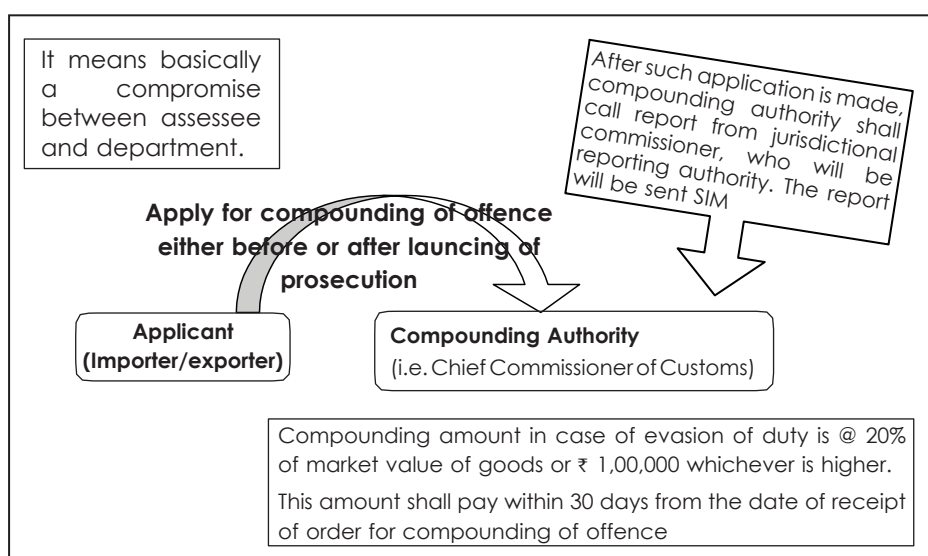
**Compounding Authority:** means the Chief Commissioner of Customs having jurisdiction over place of applicant. The application can be made for compounding of offence before the Chief Commissioner of Customs by the applicant.

**Reporting Authority:** means the Commissioner of Customs, from whom report will get by compounding authority within one month from the date of request. After receiving the report the compounding authority may allow application indicating the compounding amount and grant immunity from prosecution or reject the application.

Compounding amount in case of evasion of duty is @20% of market value of goods or ₹ 1,00,000, w.e.f. 13-11-2008, whichever is higher. This amount shall pay within 30 days from the date of receipt of order for compounding of offence.

#### Simplified approach:

#### Compounding of offences (Sec. 9A(2) of C.Ex. Or Sec. 137(3) of Customs):



Finance (No. 2) Act, 2009 provides that the following mentioned persons shall not be eligible for compounding under section 137(3) of the Customs Act, 1962:

- (i) Offences under section 135 (i.e. Evasion of duty or prohibition) and section 135A (i.e. any person attempting to export goods illegally shall be punishable with imprisonment) of the Customs Act, 1962 already compounded. **(i.e. second time compounding not allowed)**
- (ii) Offences under the following Acts, namely:
  - the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985;
  - the Chemical Weapons Convention Act, 2000;



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- the Arms Act, 1959;
  - the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972;
- (iii) A person involved in smuggling of goods falling under any of the following, namely:—
- goods specified in the list of Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technology
  - goods which are specified as prohibited items for import and export
  - any other goods or documents, which are likely to affect friendly relations with a foreign State
- (iv) Offences exceeding ₹ one crore already compounded.
- (v) Person who has been convicted under this Act on or after 30.12.2005

### **w.e.f. 1-8-2019 section 103 of the Customs Act, 1962:**

- (i) “(1) Where the proper officer has reason to believe that any person referred to in sub-section (2) of section 100 has any goods liable to confiscation secreted inside his body, he may detain such person and shall,—
- (a) with the prior approval of the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as soon as practicable, screen or scan such person using such equipment as may be available at the customs station, but without prejudice to any of the rights available to such person under any other law for the time being in force, including his consent for such screening or scanning, and forward a report of such screening or scanning to the nearest magistrate if such goods appear to be secreted inside his body; or
- (b) produce him without unnecessary delay before the nearest magistrate.”;
- (ii) in sub-section (6), after the words “Where on receipt of a report”, the words, brackets, letter and figure “from the proper officer under clause (a) of sub-section (1) or” shall be inserted.

# Study Note - 12

## COMPREHENSIVE ISSUES UNDER CUSTOMS



### This Study Note includes

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- 12.4 Protective Demand
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### 12.1 INTRODUCTION

It is essential to know the Customs Department's hierarchy before dealing with their officers. Any aggrieved person against the order of adjudicating authority can knock the doors of the higher authority for want of justice. In this chapter it has been explained to the core by highlighting the important issues in a simplified manner. There are many provisions are commonly applicable for GST Law and Customs. The same has been explained in this lesson at appropriate places.

### 12.2 ADJUDICATING AUTHORITY





**Adjudicating Authority for Confiscating Goods u/s 122 of the Customs Act, 1962**

Adjudicating Authority for Confiscating Goods u/s 122 of the customs Act, 1962	
Authority	Goods liable for confiscation (w.e.f. 28-5-2012)
The Superintendent	≤ ₹ 50,000
The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner	> ₹ 50,000 ≤ 5,00,000
The Joint/Additional Commissioner	without any upper limit
Commissioner	without any upper limit

**Power to Arrest u/s 104 of the Customs**

**Powers to arrest and summon**

**Certain specified offences to be non-bailable [Section 104(6) of Customs Act, 1962] w.e.f. 10-5-2013:**

**Non-bailable offences**

An offence punishable under section 135 relating to:—

- (a) evasion or attempted evasion of duty exceeding ₹ 50 lakh; or
- (b) prohibited goods [notified under section 11 also notified under section 135(1)(i)(C)]; or
- (c) import/export of any goods which have not been declared in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the market price of which exceeds ₹ 1 crore; or
- (d) fraudulently availing of or attempt to avail of drawback or any exemption from duty provided under this Act, if the amount of drawback or exemption from duty exceeds ₹ 50 lakh, shall be a non-bailable offence.

**Bailable offences**

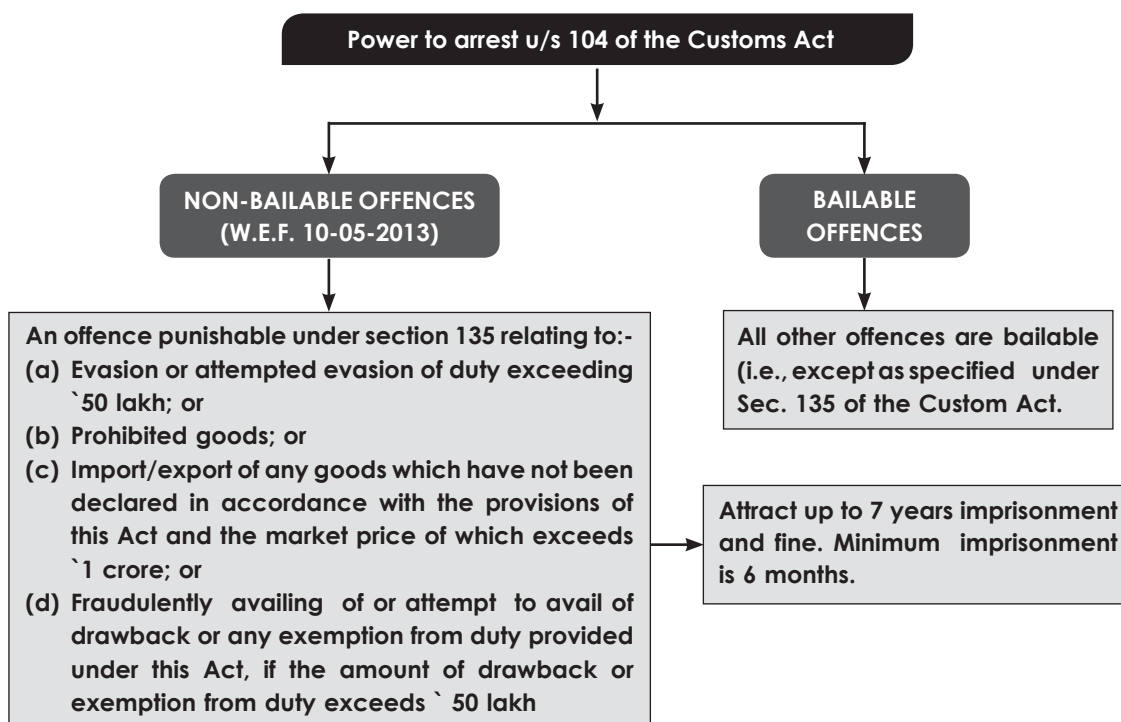
All other offences under the Customs Act, 1962 except those specified above shall be bailable.

**Offences involving evasion of duty [Sub-clause (C) and (D) of section 135(1)(i)]**

Section 135 stipulates the penal provisions applicable to a person who has committed any of the offences specified therein (hereafter referred to as offender who committed the offence u/s 135 of the Customs Act, 1962).

Prior to 10 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013	W.e.f. 10 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013
<p>such an offender was punishable with an imprisonment for a term which may extend upto 7 years and with fine in case of an offence relating to:—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) evasion or attempted evasion of duty exceeding ₹ 30 lakh or</li> <li>(ii) fraudulently availing of or attempting to avail of drawback or any exemption from duty provided under the Customs Act in connection with export of goods, if the amount of drawback or exemption from duty exceeds ₹ 30 lakh.</li> </ul>	<p>such an offender was punishable with an imprisonment for a term which may extend upto 7 years and with fine in case of an offence relating to:—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) evasion or attempted evasion of duty exceeding ₹ 50 lakh or</li> <li>(ii) fraudulently availing of or attempting to avail of drawback or any exemption from duty provided under the Customs Act in connection with export of goods, if the amount of drawback or exemption from duty exceeds ₹ 50 lakh.</li> </ul>

**Power to Arrest u/s 104 of the Customs Act**



**Immediate prosecution in case of gold (Circular No. 46/2016-Cus, dated 04.10.2016)**

Where the offence relates to gold, prosecution may preferably be launched immediately after issuance of show cause notice.

**Silver bullion and cigarettes notified under section 123 of the Customs Act, 1962 Notification 103/2016 Cus (NT) dated 25.07.2016**

Where these goods are seized under the Customs Act, 1962 in the reasonable belief that they are smuggled goods, the burden of proving that they are not smuggled goods shall be on the accused and not on the Department.

**w.e.f 1-8-2019 non-bailable offence includes:**

Fraudulently obtaining an instrument for the purposes of this Act or the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, and such instrument is utilised under this Act, where duty relating to such utilisation of instrument exceeds fifty lakh rupees,"

**'Explanation —** For the purposes of this section, the expression "instrument" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in Explanation 1 to section 28AAA.'

**Guidelines for arrest and bail under Customs Act, 1962:**

**[Circular No. 974/08/2013-CX, dated 17.09.2013]**

1. The power to arrest a person must be exercised with utmost care and caution by the Commissioner of Customs or Additional Director General of Customs.
2. The decision to arrest should be taken in cases which fulfil the requirement of the provisions of section 104(1) of Customs Act, 1962 and after considering the nature of offence, the role of the person involved and evidence available.





3. Persons involved should not be arrested unless the exigencies of certain situations demand their immediate arrest. These situations may include circumstances:
  - (a) to ensure proper investigation of the offence;
  - (b) to prevent such person from absconding;
  - (c) cases involving organised smuggling of goods or evasion of customs duty by way of concealment;
  - (d) masterminds or key operators effecting proxy/benami imports/ exports in the name of dummy or non-existent persons/IECs, etc.
4. While the Act does not specify any value limits for exercising the powers of arrest, the same should be effected in respect of bailable offence only in exceptional situations which may include:
  - (a) Outright smuggling of high value goods such as precious metal, restricted items or prohibited items or goods notified under section 123 of the Customs Act, 1962 or foreign currency where the value of offending goods exceeds ₹20 lakh.
  - (b) In a case related to importation of trade goods (i.e. appraising cases) involving wilful mis-declaration in description of goods/ concealment of goods/goods covered under section 123 of Customs Act, 1962 with a view to import restricted or prohibited items and where the CIF value of the offending goods exceeds ₹50 lakh.
5. In every case of arrest effected in accordance with the provisions of section 104(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, there should be immediate intimation to the jurisdictional Chief Commissioner or DGRI, as the case may be.
6. A person arrested for a non-bailable offence should be produced before concerned Magistrate without unnecessary delay in terms of provisions of section 104(2) of the Act.
7. However, a Customs officer (arresting officer) is bound to offer release on bail to a person arrested in respect of bailable offence and accept bail bond for bailable offence.
8. Arrested person should produce within 24 hours before the Magistrate.
9. In case customs officer is not able to produce the arrested person before the Magistrate, then handed over to the nearest police station during night for safe custody.

**Section 153 of the Customs Act, 1962:**

Service of order or decision or summons or notice by the commissioner of customs is valid even if it sent by the

By Registered post

OR

By Speed post with proof of delivery or courier approved by CBIC

OR

Tendering (Physical delivery)

OR

by sending it to the e-mail address as provided by the person to whom it is issued, or to the e-mail address available in any official correspondence of such person;

OR

By making it available on the common portal (inserted in Finance Act, 2021)

As may be approved by the commissioner of customs or Central Excise as the case may be.

**w.e.f. 29.3.2018, Section 153 of the Customs Act, 1962:**

- (1) An order, decision, summons, notice or any other communication under this Act or the rules made thereunder may be served in any of the following modes, namely:—
  - (a) by giving or tendering it directly to the addressee or importer or exporter or his customs broker or his authorised representative including employee, advocate or any other person or to any adult member of his family residing with him;



- (b) by a registered post or speed post or courier with acknowledgement due, delivered to the person for whom it is issued or to his authorised representative, if any, at his last known place of business or residence;
  - (c) by sending it to the e-mail address as provided by the person to whom it is issued, or to the e-mail address available in any official correspondence of such person;
  - (d) by publishing it in a newspaper widely circulated in the locality in which the person to whom it is issued is last known to have resided or carried on business; or
  - (e) by affixing it in some conspicuous place at the last known place of business or residence of the person to whom it is issued and if such mode is not practicable for any reason, then, by affixing a copy thereof on the notice board of the office or uploading on the official website, if any.
- (2) Every order, decision, summons, notice or any communication shall be deemed to have been served on the date on which it is tendered or published or a copy thereof is affixed or uploaded in the manner provided in sub-section (1).
- (3) When such order, decision, summons, notice or any communication is sent by registered post or speed post, it shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee at the expiry of the period normally taken by such post in transit unless the contrary is proved."

#### **Jay Balaji Jyoti Steels Limited v CESTAT Kolkata 2015 (37) STR 673 (Ori):**

**Decision:** The High Court, held that insertion of words "or by speed post with proof of delivery" in section 37C(1) (a) of the Central Excise Act, 1944 is clarificatory and a procedural amendment and hence, would have retrospective effect.

#### **Case Law 1:**

##### **Jyoti Enterprises v CCEX. & ST 2016 (41) STR 0019 (All)**

**Facts of the Case:** The order-in-original, in assessee's case, was passed by the Department. However, the assessee was unaware of the order passed and came to know about it two years later when the Department started recovery proceedings.

**Point of Dispute:** The assessee argued that there was no proper service of order by the Department. However, Department submitted that the order was served 2 years ago at the residential premises of the assessee to a person named Virendra Yadav who represented himself to be assessee's nephew.

The assessee contended that the order was required to be served to the person for whom it was intended, namely, the assessee or its authorised agent. Since Virendra Yadav was neither the authorised representative nor the order was served upon the assessee, there was no proper service of the order.

**Decision:** The High Court held that the order in original was duly served upon the assessee. The High Court observed that if the order is served on a member of the family of the assessee, it is duly served and there is sufficient service of the order. No assertion was made by the assessee that Virendra Yadav was not a family member or that he was not connected with the business. The assessee had nowhere stated that Virendra Yadav was not her nephew. Further, nothing has been stated that the address where the service of the original order was made was incorrect.

Therefore, decision is given in favour of the Department and against the assessee.

#### **Case Law 2:**

##### **Santosh Handlooms v CCus. 2016 (331) ELT 44 (Del)**

The issue which arose for consideration was whether in case of seizure of goods under section 110 of the Customs Act, 1962, the show cause notice [required to be issued under section 124(a) within six months of seizure]



can be issued to the Customs House Agent [now Custom Broker] of the importer instead of importer himself.

**Decision:** The CHA [now Custom Broker], is an agent, who operates under a special contract with an importer or exporter, and in this context is authorized to perform various functions to clear the goods from customs. It is no part of the general duty cast upon the CHA to accept service of notices, summons, orders or decisions of the customs authorities, unless he has been specially authorized to do so. The High Court held that the show cause notice served on CHA [now Custom Broker] is not tenable in law.

**“Circulars of CBIC v Judgments of the Supreme Court and the High Courts:  
Which one is binding on the authorities under the respective statutes?”**

**Case Law 3:**

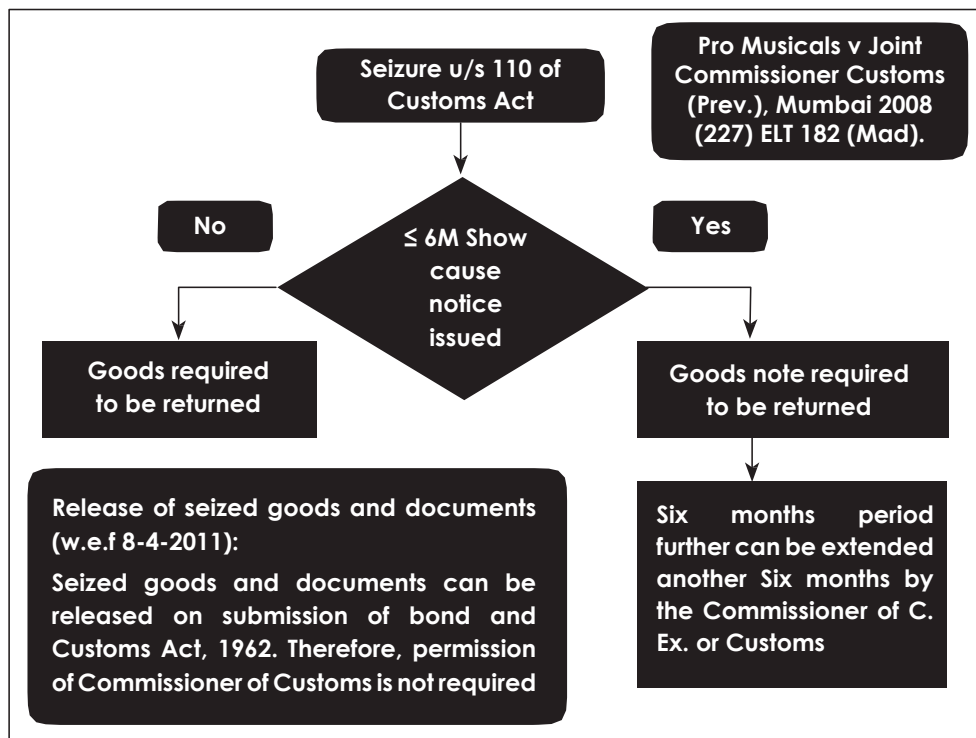
**Ratan Melling & Wire Industries v CCE 2008 (231) ELT 22 (SC):**

The Supreme Court has held that so far as the clarifications/circulars issued by the Central Government and of the State Government are concerned, they represent merely their understanding of the statutory provisions. They are not binding upon the Court. It is for the Court to declare what the particular provision of statute says and it is not for the Executive. A circular which is contrary to the statutory provisions has really no existence in law. Therefore, “Circulars issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), which are contrary to the judgements of the Supreme Court and the High Courts are not binding on the authorities under the respective statutes.”

**Circular No. 1006/13/2015-CX, dated 21.09.2015:**

In the light of the aforesaid judgment, CBEC, has instructed its officers not to follow the Board Circulars contrary to the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court where Board has decided not to file an appeal on merit as such circulars become non-est in law.

**Seizure u/s 110 of Customs Act**





In case of Pro Musicals case it is clarified that 6 months time period reconed from the date of sizure but not from the date of denention.

**If any documents seized during the course of any action by an officer and relatable to the provisions of Customs Act, that officer was bound to make the documents available copies of those documents?**

**Answer:** Yes. The Bombay High Court held the same view in the case of Manish Lalith Kumar Bavishi (2011).

**Case Law 4:**

**Akanksha Syntex (P) Ltd. v Union of India 2014 (300) ELT 49 (P&H)**

**Facts of the case:** An order for provisional release of the seized goods had been made under section 110A of the Act pursuant to an application filed by the petitioner in this regard. However, the petitioner claimed unconditional release of its seized goods in terms of sections 110(2) and 124 of the Act as no show cause notice had been issued within the extended period of six months (initial period of six months was extended by another six months by the Commissioner of Customs in this case).

**Akanksha Syntex (P) Ltd. v Union of India 2014 (300) ELT 49 (P&H)**

**Decision:** Where no action is initiated by way of issuance of show cause notice under section 124(a) of the Act within six months or extended period stipulated under section 110(2) of the Act, the person from whose possession the goods were seized becomes entitled to their return.

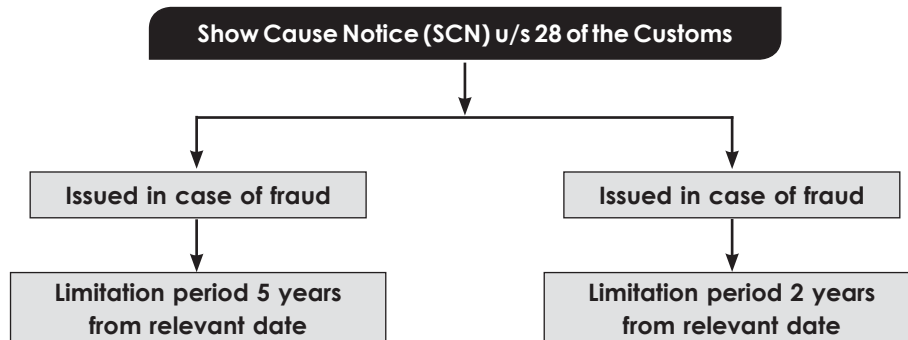
The remedy of provisional release is independent of remedy of claiming unconditional release in the absence of issuance of any valid show cause notice during the period of limitation or extended limitation prescribed under section 110(2) of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Refund of Duty / Rebate of Duty / Remission of Duty**

Refund of duty	Rebate of duty	Remission of duty
<p>It means person paid tax or duty where subsequently noticed that not required to pay. Hence, such person is entitled to claim refund.</p> <p><b>For an example:</b> Duty paid on exempted goods is qualify for refund</p>	<p>It means duty or tax paid where required to pay, thereafter, on account of satisfying certain conditions qualify for rebate of duty paid earlier.</p> <p><b>For an example:</b> Rebate of duty can be under stood as duty draw back. Where any goods are exported, the Central Government may, by notification, grant rebate of duty paid on such excisable goods or duty paid on materials used in the manufacture or processing of such goods and the rebate shall be subject to such conditions or limitations, if any, and fulfillment of such procedure, as may be specified in the notification.</p>	<p>It means duty or tax is levied but not paid, subsequently got exempted from payment of duty or tax.</p> <p><b>For an example:</b> Warehoused goods after import got destroyed due to fire or natural calamities (i.e. loss occurred within the warehouse).</p>

### 12.3 OFFENCES

#### Show Cause Notice (SCN): Section 28 of the Customs Act, 1962



#### Pre-notice consultation: Effective from 02.04.2018

The pre-notice consultation needs to be done in the following manner:

- (1) Before the notice is issued, the proper officer shall inform, in writing, the person chargeable with duty or interest of the intention to issue the notice specifying the grounds known to the proper officer on which such notice is proposed to be issued and the process of pre-notice consultation shall be initiated as far as possible at least 2 months before the expiry of the time limit mentioned in section 28(3) of the Act.

Section 28 provides that the proper officer shall issue a notice of recovery of duties within 2 years from the relevant date. In case the assessee has already made the payment he must inform the same in writing to the proper officer. However, if proper officer is of the opinion that the amount paid falls short of the amount actually payable he may proceed to issue the notice and the period of 2 years shall be computed from the date of receipt of information. This means, that process of pre-notice consultation shall be initiated at least 2 months before the expiry of the 2 years timeline stated above.

The person chargeable with duty or interest may, within 15 days from the date of communication referred to in sub regulation (1), make his submissions in writing on the grounds so communicated: However, if no response is received, from the person to whom the grounds on which notice is proposed to be issued, is received within the specified time, the proper officer shall proceed to issue the notice to the said person without any further communication: Further, while making the submissions, the person chargeable with duty or interest shall clearly indicate whether he desires to be heard in person by the proper officer.

- (2) The proper officer, may if requested, hear the person within 10 days of receipt of the submissions and subject to the provisions of section 28, decide whether any notice is required to be issued or not.

However, no adjournment for any reason shall be granted in respect of the hearing allowed under this regulation.

- (3) Where the proper officer, after consultation, decides not to proceed with the notice with reference to the grounds communicated under sub-regulation (1), he shall, by a simple letter, intimate the same to the person concerned.
- (4) The consultation process provided in these regulations shall be concluded within 60 days from the date of communication of grounds.
- (5) Where the proposed show cause notice is in respect of a person to whom a notice on the same issue but for a different period or documents has been issued after pre-notice consultation, the proper officer may proceed to issue the show cause notice for subsequent periods without any further consultation.

As per the Finance Act, 2020, In section 28 of the Customs Act, for Explanation 4, the following Explanation shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted with effect from the 29th day of March, 2018, namely:—

**“Explanation 4.**— For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any judgment, decree or order of the Appellate Tribunal or any Court or in any other provision of this Act or the rules or regulations made thereunder, or in any other law for the time being in force, in cases where notice has been issued for non-levy, short-levy, non-payment, shortpayment or erroneous refund, prior to the 29th day of March, 2018, being the date of commencement of the Finance Act, 2018, such notice shall continue to be governed by the provisions of section 28 as it stood immediately before such date.”.

**w.e.f. 14-5-2015 relevant date in the case of customs law on which customs duty has not been levied or paid or has been short-levied or shor-paid and the return has been filed is the date on which such return has been filed.**

- (i) in any other case, the date on which duty is required to be paid under this Act or the rules made thereunder;
- (ii) in a case where duty of provisionally assessed under this Act or the rules made thereunder, the date of adjustment of duty after the final assessment thereof;
- (iii) in the case on which duty of customs has been erroneously refunded, the date of such refund;
- (iv) w.e.f. 14-5-2015, in a case where only interest is to be recovered, then the relevant date will be the date of payment of duty to which such interest relates.

**Case Law 5:**

In the case of C.Cus. v. SAYED ALI 2011 (S.C.) the Apex Court held that

- Director General of Revenue Intelligence OR
- Director General of Central Excise Intelligence

are not eligible for issuing show cause notices.

However, w.e.f 16.9.2011 the law amended retrospectively by providing validity to those show cause notices issued by the Director General of Revenue Intelligence or, Director General of Central Excise Intelligence.

**Jurisdiction of Customs Officer to issue Show Cause Notice (SCN) under Section 28 of the Customs:**

Jurisdiction of Customs Officer	Monetary limits of duty
The Superintendent	Not exceeding ₹ 10 lakhs
The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner	Above ₹ 10 lakhs but not exceeding ₹ 50 lakhs
The Joint/Additional Commissioner	Above ₹ 50 lakhs but not exceeding ₹ 2 Crores
Commissioner/Principal Commissioner	Without limit i.e., cases exceeding ₹ 2 Crores

**12.4 PROTECTIVE DEMAND**

Means issue show-cause notice-cum-demand in time, so that it does not become time barred, especially in the case of receipt of audit objections, protective demands should be issued in time.

**12.5 RECOVERY OF DUTIES IN CERTAIN CASES**

Recovery of duties in certain cases [section 28AAA of the Customs Act]:



An instrument (i.e. any scrip or authorisation or licence or certificate as a reward or incentive scheme or duty exemption scheme or duty remission scheme) has been obtained by the person by means of

- (a) Collusion; or
- (b) Wilful misstatement; or
- (c) Suppression of facts

Duty and interest should be recovered within 30 days from the date of passing order to recover the same.

Provisional attachment of property applicable u/s 28BA.

**Proper officer empowered to provisionally attach the property in case of non-payment of customs duty or interest thereon on account of fraud, collusion, suppression of facts etc. as well [Section 28BA(1)]**

Section 28BA of Customs Act, 1962	Prior to 10th May, 2013	W.e.f. 10th May, 2013
Provisional attachment of property in case of non payment of customs duty and interest on account of fraud	Provisionally attach the property belonging to only such person on whom notice has been served u/s 28(1) of the Customs Act, 1962	Provisionally attach the property belonging to any person on whom notice has been served u/s 28(1) or (4) of the Customs Act, 1962

As per the Finance Act, 2020,

In section 28AAA of the Customs Act, in sub-section (1),—

- (a) for the words “by such person”, the words “or any other law, or any scheme of the Central Government, for the time being in force, by such person” shall be substituted;
- (b) after the words “the rules”, the words “or regulations” shall be inserted;
- (c) in Explanation 1, for the words “with respect to”, the words, figures and letter “or duty credit issued under section 51B, with respect to” shall be substituted

**Finance Act, 2021 inserted a new section.**

Section 28BB – Time limit for completion of certain actions.

- (1) Any inquiry or investigation under this Act, culminating in the issuance of a notice under sub-section (1) or sub-section (4) of section 28 shall be completed by issuing such notice, within a period of two years from the date of initiation of audit, search, seizure or summons, as the case may be:  
Provided that the Principal Commissioner of Customs or the Commissioner of Customs may, on sufficient cause being shown and for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the said period to a further period of one year.
- (2) For computing the period under sub-section (1), the period during which stay was granted by an order of a court or tribunal, or the period for seeking information from an overseas authority through a legal process, shall be excluded.

Explanation.—For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that nothing contained in this section shall apply to any such proceeding initiated before the date on which the Finance Bill, 2021 receives the assent of the President.”

**No recovery if the amount of customs duty involved is less than ₹ 100 [Section 28(1) - w.e.f. 10.05.2013]**

**Proviso inserted in section 28(1)**

Hitherto, no minimum limit for recovery of customs duty had been specified under the Customs Act, 1962. Thus, recovery proceedings could be initiated even for the default of ₹ 1.

The Finance Act, 2013 has inserted third proviso in section 28(1) which provides that the proper officer will not serve the show cause notice, where the amount involved is less than ₹ 100. In other words, there would be no recovery of the customs duty if the amount of customs duty involved is less than ₹ 100.

**Case Law 6:****Uniworth Textiles Ltd. v. CCEx. 2013 (288) ELT 161 (SC):**

**Statement of Facts:** Assessee imported furnace oil and supplied the same to sister unit for generation of electricity, which is used by the assessee. The assessee claimed exemption on import of furnace oil.

The assessee is also obtained a clarification from Development Commissioner for claiming exemption.

However, irrespective of the clarification from Development Commissioner, a show cause notice demanding duty was issued on the assessee more than 1 year (i.e. longer limitation) after he had imported furnace oil on behalf of its sister unit.

**Department Contention:** The entitlement of duty free import of fuel for its captive power plant lies with the owner of the captive power plant, and not the consumer of electricity generated from the power plant.

**Decision:** As per Section 28 of Customs Act, 1962, longer limitation period in the given case not applicable. The assessee had shown bona fide conduct by seeking clarification from Development Commissioner and in a sense had offered its activities to assessment.

Therefore, mere non-payment of duties could not be equated with collusion or willful misstatement or suppression of facts.

Judgment is given in favour of the assessee.

**Case Law 7:****Anita Grover v. CCEx. 2013 (288) ELT 63 (Del):**

**Statement of Facts:** A demand notice was raised against the petitioner in respect of the customs duty payable by the company (namely Shri Ram Casting P. Ltd) which she was formerly a director of. She had resigned from the Board of the company long time back. The Customs Department sought to attach the properties belonging to the petitioner for recovery of the dues to the company.

Whether department action is justifiable?

As per sec. 142 of the Customs Act, 1962 and relevant rules, it was only the defaulter against whom steps might be taken under Rules. The defaulter was the person from whom dues were recoverable under the Act. In the present case, it was the company who was the defaulter.

Therefore, department claim is not justifiable.

The same view has been expressed by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court in case of **Vandana Bidyut Chatterjee v. UOI 2013 (292) E.L.T. 6 (Bom.)**.

**w.e.f. 10-5-2013:****Recovery under sec.142(1)(d) of the Customs Act, 1962 :**

Issuance of the notice for recovery to any person other than from whom money is due

The Customs Officer may issue a written recovery notice to the following persons:

- any person from whom money is due to such person
- any person from whom money may become due to such person
- any person who holds money for or on account of such person
- any person who may subsequently hold money for or on account of such person.

The noticee would be required to pay to the credit of the Central Government so much of the money as is sufficient to pay the amount due from such person or the whole of the money when it is equal to or less than that amount.





The money would be paid either forthwith upon the same becoming due or being held, or at or within the time specified in the notice. However, in no case the money would be required to be paid before it becomes due or is held.

In a case where the person to whom a notice under this sub-section has been issued, fails to make the payment is called as "assessee in default".

**Case Law 8:**

**Kemtech International Pvt. Ltd. v. CCus. 2013 (292) E.L.T. 321 (S.C.)**

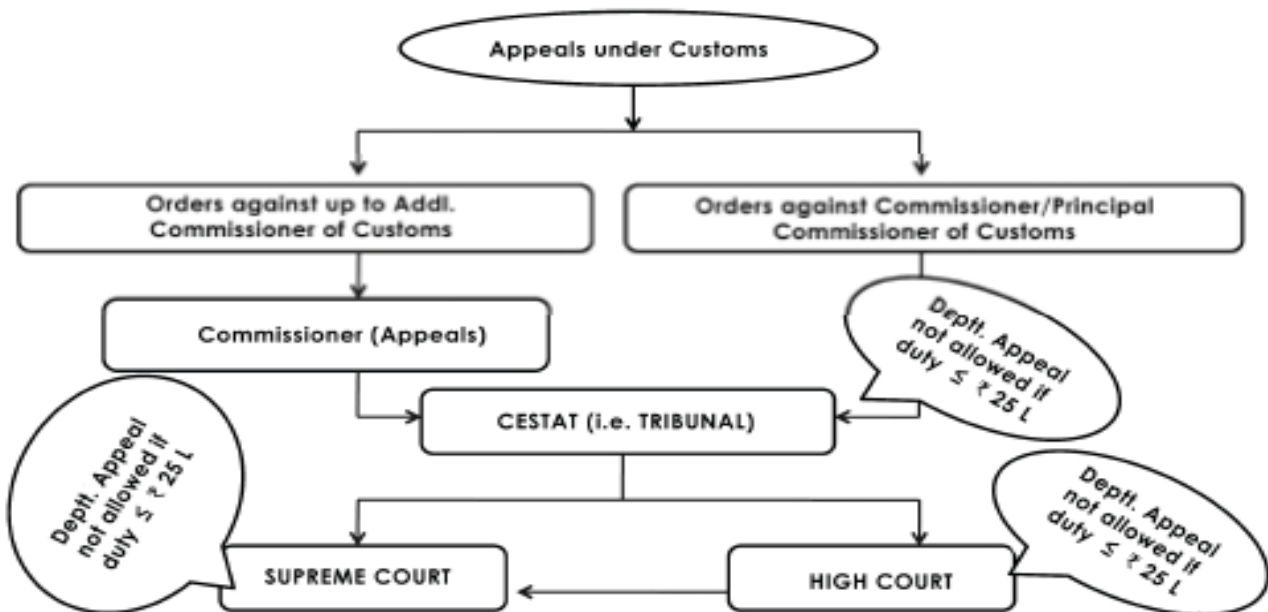
**Point of dispute:** Is the adjudicating authority required to supply to the assessee copies of the documents on which it proposes to place reliance for the purpose of re-quantification of short-levy of customs duty?

**Decision:** The Apex Court elucidated that for the purpose of re-quantification of short-levy of customs duty, the adjudicating authority, following the principles of natural justice, should supply to the assessee all the documents on which it proposed to place reliance.

Thereafter the assessee might furnish their explanation thereon and might provide additional evidence, in support of their claim.

**12.6 APPEALS UNDER CUSTOMS**

Hierarchy of appeals under Customs:



However, Departmental appeals in case of adverse judgments relating to the following disputes shall be allowed irrespective of the amount involved:

- Where the constitutional validity of the provisions of an Act or Rule is under challenge.
- Where notification/instruction/order or Circular has been held illegal or ultra vires.

The instruction has been further amended to provide that adverse judgments relating to classification and refunds issues which are of legal and/or recurring nature should also be contested irrespective of the amount involved [Instruction F.No.390/Misc./163/2010 JC dated 17.12.2015].

**Example 1:**

X Ltd. received a protective demand notice from the department on 1.9.20XX under Section 28 of the Customs Act, 1962 where

	Amount
Customs Duty	= ₹15,00,000
Interest	= 15%

Penalty = 50% of Duty

The assessee went for appeal and filed the case in the Commissioner (Appeals) on 1.10.20XX. Subsequently on 31.10.20XX, the Commissioner (Appeals) decided the case in favour of the assessee.

The Committee of Commissioners can delegate the authority to the department officers to go for further appeal on its behalf to the Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) against such order?

**Answer:**

As per the CBE&C instructions in a case involving duty of ₹ 10 lakh and below, no appeal shall be filed in the Tribunal (CESTAT).

In the given case, appeal can be filed in the Tribunal (since, amount of duty is more than ₹ 10 lakhs)

**Mandatory pre-deposit for entertaining appeal (w.e.f. 6-8-2014): –**

Section 129E of the Customs Act, 1962, as amended by Finance (No. 2) Act, 2014 w.e.f. 6-8-2014, provides that Commissioner (Appeals) or CESTAT shall not 'entertain' appeal unless specified pre-deposit of duty or penalty is made.

The pre-deposit is as follows –

- 7.5% if appeal is filed before Commissioner (Appeals)
- 7.5% if appeal is filed before CESTAT against order of Principal Commissioner/ Commissioner as adjudicating authority
- 10% if appeal is filed before CESTAT against order of Commissioner (Appeals).

**Note: Maximum amount of pre-deposit is ₹ 10 crores.**

**The aforesaid percentage is to be calculated as follows –**

- if both duty and penalty is confirmed, then the percentage (7.5% or 10%) is only of the duty or service tax.
- if only penalty is imposed, then the percentage (7.5% or 10%) is of the penalty.

**Note: Maximum amount of pre-deposit is ₹ 10 crores.**

**Example 2:**

X Ltd. received a protective demand notice from the department Assistant Commissioner of Customs on 1.9.20XX under Section 28 of the Customs Act, 1962 where

	Amount
Customs Duty	= ₹5,00,000
Interest	= @15% p.a. for no. of days delay.
Penalty	= Nil

The assessee went for appeal and filed the case in the Commissioner (Appeals) on 25.9.20XX. This appeal has been taken up for hearing on 06-10-20XX. How much has to pay as pre-deposit of duty under section 129E of the Customs Act, 1962 and date of pre-deposit of duty by X Ltd. to entertain appeal by the Commissioner (Appeals).

**Answer:**

Pre-deposit amount = ₹ 37,500

(i.e. ₹ 5,00,000 x 7.5%)

Therefore, in the given case pre-deposit can be paid before 06-10-20XX.



**Example 3:**

Y Ltd. received a protective demand notice from the department Principal Commissioner of Customs on 29.8.20XX under Section 28 of the Customs Act, 1962 where

	Amount
Excise Duty	= ₹ 9,75,00,000
Interest	= @15% p.a. for no. of days delay
Penalty	= 25% of Customs duty

The assessee went for appeal and filed the case in the office of the Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) against such order on 11.10.20XX. Subsequently on 18.10.20XX, CESTAT entrain the appeal for hearing.

How much has to pay as pre-deposit of duty under section 129E of the Customs Act, 1962 and date of pre-deposit of duty by Y Ltd. to entertain appeal by the Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT).

**Answer:**

The pre-deposit is ₹ 73,12,500

(9,75,00,000 x 7.5%)

In the given case pre-deposit can be paid before 18-10-20XX.

CBIC has issued Circular No. 984/08/2014 CX dated 16.09.2014 which clarifies the Quantum of pre-deposit: Where an appeal is made against the order of Commissioner (Appeals) before the Tribunal, 10% is to be paid on the amount of duty demanded or penalty imposed by the Commissioner (Appeals). This amount may or may not be same as the amount of duty demanded or penalty imposed in the Order-in-Original in the said case.

**Example 4:**

Z Ltd. received a protective demand notice from the department on 1.8.20XX19 under Section Section 28 of the Customs Act, 1962 where

	Amount
Excise Duty	= ₹ 45,00,000
Interest	= @15% p.a. for no. of days delay
Penalty	= 100% of customs duty

The assessee went for appeal and filed the case in the Commissioner (Appeals) on 5.8.20XX19. The Commissioner (Appeals) entertained the appeal on 11.8.20XX19. Subsequently on 31.10.20XX19, the Commissioner (Appeals) decided the case in favour of the department.

The assessee went for further appeal and filed the case in the office of the Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) against such order on 24.11.20XX19. Subsequently on 28.11.20XX19, CESTAT entrained the appeal for hearing.

How much has to pay as pre-deposit of duty under section 129E of the Customs Act, 1962 and date of pre-deposit of duty by Y Ltd. to entertain appeal by the Commissioner (Appeals) and the Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT).

**Answer:**

Statement showing pre-deposit of duty by Z Ltd.

Particulars	Pre-deposit in %	Pre-deposit duty ₹	Pre-deposit of duty is before	Working note
Appeals to Comm. (appeals)	7.5%	3,37,500	11-08-20XX19	₹ 45 L x 7.5% = ₹ 3.375 L
Appeals to CESTAT	10%	4,50,000	28-11-20XX19	₹ 45 L x 10% = ₹ 4.5 L



Circular No. 984/08/2014 CX dated 16.09.2014 issued by CBEC has clarified that where penalty alone is in dispute and penalties have been imposed under different provisions of the Act, pre-deposit would be calculated based on the aggregate of all penalties imposed in the order sought to be appealed against.

**Example 5:**

In an order dated 20.08.20XX issued to M/s. GH & Sons, the Joint Commissioner of Customs has imposed a penalty of ₹ 10,50,000 (i.e. equal amount of customs duty) under section 112 of the Customs Act, 1962 plus a penalty of ₹ 2,50,000 under Section 112(b)(ii) of the Customs Act, 1962. M/s GH & Sons intends to file an appeal with the Commissioner (Appeals) against the said adjudication order.

Compute the quantum of pre-deposit required to be made by M/s. GH & Sons for filing the appeal with the Commissioner (Appeals).

**Answer:**

The quantum of pre-deposit will be ₹ 97,500.

[i.e. ₹ 10,50,000 + ₹ 2,50,000] × 7.5% = ₹ 97,500.

**Meaning of 'duty demanded'** – The term 'duty demanded' includes customs duty

**Interest if pre-deposit is to be refunded - @ 6% p.a. simple interest (Section 129EE of the Customs Act, 1962):**

If the assessee finally wins the case, the pre-deposit is to be refunded with interest from the date of pre-deposit till the date of refund of such amount @ 6% p.a. simple interest.

However, interest on delayed refund of pre-deposit made prior to 06.08.2014 will continue to be governed by the erstwhile provisions.

**Example 6:**

In an order dated 30.08.20XX issued to M/s. KK & Sons, the Commissioner of Customs has confirmed a duty demand of ₹ 50,50,000 and imposed a penalty of equal amount under Customs Act, 1962 plus a penalty of ₹ 5,50,000 under Customs Act, 1962.

M/s. KK & Sons deposits the required amount of pre-deposit on 10.09.20XX19 and files an appeal with CESTAT. CESTAT decides the appeal in favour of M/s. KK & Sons on 10.11.20XX19. M/s. KK & Sons submits a letter seeking refund of the pre deposit on 30.11.20XX. The pre-deposit is refunded to M/s KK & Sons on 15.12.20XX.

Compute the amount of interest payable on refund of such pre-deposit, if any under Sec. 129EE of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Answer:**

Interest = ₹ 5,977                      (₹ 50,50,000 × 7.5%) × 6/100 × 96/365

Month	No. of day delay
Sep 20XX	21
Oct 20XX	31
Nov 20XX	30
Dec 20XX	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>



**Important points:**

- (1) for pre-deposits made prior to the amendments to Section 35FF of CEA, 1944 and Sec 129EE of Customs Act, 1962, the provisions of earlier sections shall apply (i.e. Section 11BB of CEA, 1944).
- (2) Application for stay is still required? – The provisions of sections 35F of Central Excise Act and 129E of Customs Act relating to pre-deposit of duty or penalty [as amended by Finance (No.2) Act, 2014 w.e.f. 6-8-2014] are only in respect of 'entertaining' appeal by Commissioner (Appeals) or CESTAT. There is no provision that once the pre-deposit is made, the recovery of balance amount will be stayed. Technically, department can start recovery of balance amount. Hence, till the issue is clarified by CBE&C, it is highly advisable to file stay application, along with the appeal.

**Case Law 9:**

Whether the word 'include' used in a statutory definition enlarges the scope of preceding words or restricts their scope?

**Ramala Sahkari Chini Mills Ltd. v. CCEx. 2016 (334) ELT 3 (SC)**

**Decision:** The Supreme Court referring to the case of Regional Director, Employees' State Insurance Corporation v. High Land Coffee Works of P.F.X. Saldanha and Sons & Anr. [(1991) 3 SCC 617] held that that the word "include" in a statutory definition is generally used to enlarge the meaning of the preceding words and it is by way of extension, and not with restriction.

**Appeal to Commissioner (Appeal)**

(Section 128 of the Customs Act, 1962).

- 1. Appeal against orders up to Additional Commissioner lies with Commissioner (Appeals)
- 2. Appeal against Commissioner (Appeals) lies directly to CESTAT
- 3. Period of limitation for appeal:

<b>In case of Customs</b>
Original period of limitation
2 months from the date of communication of the order
<b>Extended period of limitation</b>
1 month from the date of communication of the order
However, Commissioner (Appeals) cannot condone the delay beyond period of One month [ <b>Amchong Tea Estate 2010 (SC)</b> ]. W.e.f. 28-5-2012 same provision for Service Tax appeals.

**Case Law 10:**

**CCus & CEx. v. Ashok Kumar Tiwari 2015 (37) STR 727 (All.):**

The High Court noted that section 3(35) of the General Clauses Act, 1897 also defines the expression "month" to mean a month reckoned according to the British calendar. Further, the day on which order was received by the assessee, had to be excluded while computing the period of limitation. Since the original period of limitation and the period within which delay could be condoned expired on a public holiday, the assessee filed the appeal on the next working day. Therefore, Commissioner of Central Excise (Appeals) had the jurisdiction to condone the delay.

**Example 7:**

The assessee received the adjudication order on 08.02.2020 and filed an appeal against the said order before Commissioner of Customs (Appeals) on 15.04.2020 along with an application for condonation of delay.

However, the Commissioner dismissed the appeal as being time barred and declined to condone the delay. The Commissioner (Appeals) has jurisdiction to condone the delay?

**Note:** 12th 13th and 14th April 2020 are holidays.

**Answer:**

The Commissioner of Customs (Appeals) had the jurisdiction to condone the delay in filing of appeal by the assessee as the same had been filed within the stipulated time prescribed for the same [CCus & CEx. v. Ashok Kumar Tiwari 2015 (37) STR 727 (All.)].

4. Appeal should also state statement of facts and grounds of appeal. New grounds of appeal generally not allowed.
5. In general appeals can be finalized within 6 months from the date on which it is filed.
6. Committee of Commissioners can file an appeal if the Commissioner (Appeals) has given a decision in favour of assessee, if it is of the opinion that the order is not legal or proper.
7. Appeal against the order of Principal Commissioner or Commissioner or Commissioner (Appeals) lies with Tribunal, except following (Sec. 129DD of Customs Act, 1962):
  - Loss of goods occurring in transit from the factory to warehouse
  - Rebate of duty on goods exported
  - Goods exported without payment of duty

In the aforesaid matters, Tribunal has no jurisdiction, but revision application can be filed with Central Government [section 129DD of Customs Act, 1962] within 3 MONTHS. The Central Government of India can annul or modify the order. In all other matters, appeal lies with Tribunal. Revision application can be filed by the assessee or the Commissioner of Customs.

Revision application can be filed with Central Government along with fee of ₹ 200 if the amount, interest and penalty ≤ ₹ 1,00,000, otherwise ₹ 1,000. An officer of the rank of Joint Secretary hears the issue and passes orders on behalf of Central Government of India.

Therefore, while mandatory pre-deposit would be required to be paid in cases of drawback, rebate and baggage at the first stage appeal before Commissioner (Appeals), no pre-deposit would be payable in such cases while filing appeal before the Joint Secretary (Revision Application) [circular no. 993/17/2014-CX dt. 5-1-2015].

8. Commissioner (Appeals) cannot remand the matter to lower adjudicating authority.
9. w.e.f 06.08.2014 to enable Commissioner (Appeals) also [apart from CESTAT and Court to take into consideration the fact that a particular order being cited as a precedent decision on the issue has not been appealed against for reasons of low amount (the Customs Act, 1962 in section 131BA).

**Case Law 11:****Chakiat Agencies v. UOI 2015 (37) STR 712 (Mad.)**

**Facts of the case:** The assessee filed an appeal to Commissioner, but mistakenly gave it to the adjudicating officer who had passed the original order. The appellate authority rejected the appeal on the ground that the appeal was not received in time in his office.



**Decision:** The High Court noted that the appeal had been preferred in time, but reached different wing of the same building. Since, the appeal was received by the adjudicating officer who has passed the original order, he ought to have sent it to the other wing of the same building, but he had not done the same. Therefore, the order passed by the appellate authority cancelling the appeal on the ground that it was not received in time, could not be accepted.

The High Court directed the appellate authority to entertain the appeal of the assessee and to pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, after affording him an opportunity of being heard.

### Case Law 12:

#### **Raja Mechanical Co. (P) Ltd. (2012) (SC):**

**Assessee Claim:** Commissioner (Appeals) rejected the appeal on the ground of limitation. Therefore, the order passed by the original authority would merge with the orders passed by the first appellate authority.

**Decision:** an appeal is dismissed on the ground of limitation and not on merits that order would not merge with the orders passed by the first appellate authority.

Judgment is given in favour of department and against the assessee.

### Case Law 13:

#### **Commissioner of C.Ex. Mumbai III v. TIKITAR INDUSTRIES, 2012 (277) E.L.T. 149 (S.C.):**

**Assessee Claim:** If Revenue accepts judgment of Commissioner (Appeals) on an issue for one period, then it should be precluded to make an appeal on the same issue for another period

**Decision:** Since, the Revenue had not questioned the correctness or otherwise of the findings on the conclusion reached by the first appellate authority, it may not be open for the Revenue to contend this issue further by issuing the impugned (i.e. disputed the truth) show cause notices on the same issue for further periods.

### Case Law 14:

#### **C.C.E. & S.T. (LTU), Bangalore v. Dell Intl. Services India P. Ltd. 2014 (33) S.T.R. 362 (Kar.)**

**Can the Committee of Commissioners review its decision taken earlier under section 86(2A) of the Finance Act, 1994, at the instance of Chief Commissioner?**

**Decision:** The Karnataka High Court held that once the Committee of Commissioners, on a careful examination of the order of the Commissioner (Appeals), did not differ in their opinion against the said order of the Commissioner (Appeals) and decide to accept the said order, the matter ends there. The said decision is final and binding on the Chief Commissioner also. The Chief Commissioner is not vested with any power to call upon the Committee of Commissioners to review its order so that he could take decision to prefer an appeal. Such a procedure is not contemplated under law and is without jurisdiction.

### Case Law 15:

#### **M/s Venus Rubbers v. The Additional Commissioner of Central Excise, Coimbatore 2014 (310) ELT 685 (Mad.)**

**Decision:** The High Court held that there is no provision of law under the Central Excise Act, 1944 which gives power to the Commissioner (Appeals) to review his order. However, such a power is available to the Tribunal under section 35C(2) of the Central Excise Act, 1944 to rectify any mistake apparent on the record. The High Court elaborated that when there is no power under the statute, the Commissioner (Appeals) has no authority to entertain the application for review of the order.

**Case Law 16:****Enestee Engineering Pvt. Ltd. v. UOI 2016 (41) STR 0061 (Bom.)**

**Facts of the Case:** The adjudication order was passed and was forwarded to the assessee. However, assessee did not receive the same. It learned about the order only after receipt of a letter from the Superintendent, nearly after two years, directing it to pay the dues as per said order. Thereafter, a copy of that order was made available to the assessee.

**Point of Dispute:** The appeal filed by the assessee against the said order was rejected by the Commissioner (Appeals) as well as by the Tribunal, as being barred by limitation.

The assessee contended that the appeal could not be held to be barred by limitation as no order was received by it.

**Decision:** The High Court noted that the period of limitation prescribed under erstwhile section 85(3) [now section 85(3A)] of the Finance Act, 1994 to prefer an appeal against order-in-original is 3 months [now 2 months]. The said period begins from the date of receipt of the decision or the order of adjudicating authority. Further, section 37C(2) of the Central Excise Act, 1944 stipulates that every decision/order passed or any summons/notice issued under the said Act is deemed to have been served on the date on which such decision, order or summons is tendered or delivered by post or is affixed in the prescribed manner.

Thus, a perusal of section 37C (as supported by erstwhile section 85(3) [now section 85(3A)] of the Finance Act, 1994) shows insistence upon the service of such adjudication order upon the assessee. Hence, the observation in the Tribunal's order that the order- in-original had been forwarded to the assessee on a particular date was not sufficient in the eyes of law to start computing the period of limitation.

The High Court observed that neither the order of Commissioner (Appeals) nor the order of Tribunal recorded a finding that the adjudication order was actually tendered to the assessee on a particular date or received by him on a particular date.

The High Court quashed and set aside both the orders - order of Commissioner (Appeals) and the order of Tribunal, and placed back the matter for fresh consideration before Commissioner (Appeals).

**Committee of Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners cannot review the same order twice under CEx., Customs and Service Tax law**

The power of review of order of Commissioner (Appeals) or order of Principal Commissioner/ Commissioner as an adjudicating authority vests with the Committee of Commissioners and Committee of Chief Commissioners respectively and there is no provision for reviewing the same order twice [Instruction F.No.390/Review/36/2014 JC dated 17.03.2016].

**Appeals to the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT): (Sec. 129 Customs Act, 1962)**

- (1) CESTAT hears appeals against orders of Commissioner as adjudicating authority and Commissioner (Appeals).
- (2) CESTAT is final fact finding authority
- (3) Appeal should be in prescribed form EA-3
- (4) Appeal should be filed within 3 months from the date of receipt of order in the prescribed form EA 3. (5) The Tribunal shall hear and decide every appeal within a period of 3 years.
- (6) If stay is granted by Tribunal for recovery, appeal shall be decided within 180 days.

W.e.f. 10-5-2013 CESTAT may further extend the period of stay, by not more than 185 days in the following cases:





- (i) on an application made in this behalf by a party and
- (ii) on being satisfied that the delay in disposing of the appeal is not attributable to such party

In case the appeal is not disposed of within the total period of 365 days from the date of the stay order, the stay order shall, on the expiry of 365, stand vacated.

(7) Fee for filing an appeal

Amount, interest and penalty demanded	Fee for filing an appeal
≤ ₹ 5,00,000	₹ 1,000
> ₹ 5,00,000 ≤ ₹ 50,00,000	₹ 5,000
> ₹ 50,00,000	₹ 10,000

- (8) Monetary limit of the Single Bench of the Tribunal to hear and dispose of appeals enhanced from ₹ 10 lakh to ₹ 50 lakh [Section 35D(3)] (w.e.f. 10-5-2013)
- (9) Tribunal can condone the delay for any number of days.
- (10) Tribunal can refuse petty appeals below ₹ 2 lakhs.
- (11) CBE&C can extend time limit for sanctioning departmental appeal by 30 days in Customs (w.e.f. 6-8-2014):  
The Committee of Principal Commissioner or Commissioners or Principal Chief Commissioner/Chief Commissioners is required to take decision regarding filing of departmental appeal within 3 months. this period can be extended upto 30 days by CBE&C, on sufficient case being shown (presumably by the Committee itself)- proviso to section 129D(3) of Customs Act 1962.

**Case Law 17:**

**Amidev Agro Care Pvt. Ltd. v. Union of India 2012 (279) E.L.T. 353 (Bom):**

**Assessee Claim:** the copy of the order passed by the Commissioner of Central Excise (appeals) on was not served upon the assessee. It was only when the recovery proceedings were initiated, the assessee sought a copy of the order dated 31st mar 2008 and the same was made available to the assessee on 26th Feb 2010. Immediately thereupon the assessee filed an appeal before the CESTAT on 17th may 2010.

**Department Contention:** The appeal was not filed within the stipulated time of 3 months from 31st mar 2008.

**Decision:** As per sec 37C(1)(a) of the C.E.A. 1944, it was obligatory on the part of the revenue, either to tender a copy of the decision to the assessee or to send it by registered post with due acknowledgment to the assessee or its authorised agent. In the present case neither of the above had been complied with by the revenue. Therefore, assessee claim is justifiable.

**Note:** w.e.f. 10-5-2013 speed posts with proof of delivery or courier approved by the CBIC is also a valid communication.

**Case Law 18:**

**Mihani Network v. Ccus. & Cex. 2012 (285) ELT 182 (MP):**

**Statement of Facts:** The assessee had filed an appeal along with an application for stay before the CESTAT. However, since there had been a delay in filing the appeal, the assessee also filed an application for condonation of delay.

The CESTAT ordered that the delay would be treated as condoned, if the assessee deposits 50% of the amount of tax.



**Decision:** There is no legal provision which provides for condoning the delay in filing the appeal on a condition of depositing 50% of tax amount.

#### Case Law 19:

##### **Thakker Shipping P. Ltd. v. CC (General) 2012 (285) E.L.T. 321 (S.C.):**

**Statement of facts:** The proceedings were initiated against the assessee under the Customs Act, 1962. However, Commissioner of Customs (General), in his order-in-original, dropped the said proceedings.

The Committee of Chief Commissioners of the Customs constituted under Sec. 129A(1B) of the Customs Act, 1962 reviewed his order and directed him to apply to the Tribunal for determination of certain points.

Since, the application not made within the prescribed period and was delayed by 10 days.

Tribunal rejected the application for condonation of delay on the ground that Tribunal had no power to condone the delay caused in filing application under sec. 129A(4) by the Department beyond the prescribed period of 3 months.

**Decision:** Tribunal was competent to admit an appeal or permit the filing of a memorandum of cross-objections after expiry of the relevant period, if it is satisfied that there was sufficient cause for not presenting it within that period.

**Order-in-original means: The Central Excise Officer after considering the submission made in reply to show cause notice as well as during personal hearing shall pass the order called Order-In-Original either confirming the demand or dropping the demand or partly confirming the demand and levy of penalty and interest.**

The aggrieved person can file an appeal, against order-in-original.

#### Case Law 20:

##### **Margara Industries Ltd. v. Commr. of C. Ex. & Cus. (Appeals) 2013 (293) E.L.T. 24 (All.)**

**Statement of facts:** The CESTAT rejected the appellant's application for condonation of delay in filing the appeal before CESTAT on the ground that the reasons given for filing the appeal beyond time were not convincing. The Counsel of the appellant filed his personal affidavit stating that the appeal had been filed with a delay due to his mistake.

**Decision:** The High Court held that the Tribunal ought to have taken a lenient view in this matter as the appellant was not going to gain anything by not filing the appeal and the reason for delay in filing appeal as given by the appellant was the mistake of its counsel who had also filed his personal affidavit.

#### Case Law 21:

##### **Texcellence Overseas v. Union of India 2013 (293) ELT 496 (Guj.)**

**Facts of the case:** The petitioner was granted a refund by way of order-in-original and the same was also upheld by the CESTAT.

However, a fresh show cause notice was issued on the ground that refund was erroneously granted. The show cause notice, this time was adjudicated in favour of the Department. The petitioner challenged this order before Commissioner (Appeals) five months after the said order was passed.

Therefore, the Commissioner (Appeals) and Tribunal (when the matter was brought before it) rejected the appeal on the grounds of limitation as the same was filed beyond three months from the date of the said order.



**Decision:** The High Court opined that since the total length of delay was very small and the case had extremely good ground on merits to sustain, its non-interference at that stage would cause gross injustice to the petitioner. Thus, the High Court, by invoking its extraordinary jurisdiction, quashed the order which held that refund was erroneously granted. The High Court held that such powers are required to be exercised very sparingly and in extraordinary circumstances in appropriate cases, where otherwise the Court would fail in its duty if such powers are not invoked.

### Case Law 22:

#### **CCE v RDC Concrete (India) Pvt. Ltd. 2011 (270) ELT 625 (SC)**

**Question:** Can re-appreciation of evidence by CESTAT be considered to be rectification of mistake apparent on record under section 35C(2) of the Central Excise Act, 1944?

**Statements of Fact:** the arguments not accepted at an earlier point of time were accepted by CESTAT while hearing the application for rectification of mistake and it arrived at a conclusion different from earlier one. (CA Final May 2014 RTP)

**Decision:** No. The Apex Court elucidated that re-appreciation of evidence on a debatable point cannot be said to be rectification of mistake apparent on record. The Supreme Court observed that arguments not accepted earlier during disposal of appeal cannot be accepted while hearing rectification of mistake application.

**Note:** As per section 35C(2) of the Central Excise Act, 1944, the Appellate Tribunal may amend the order passed by it earlier provided the parties to the appeal bring to the notice of the Tribunal for rectification of any mistakes apparent from the records within six months from the date of issuing such earlier order.

### Case Law 23:

#### **CCE v Gujchem Distillers 2011 (270) ELT 338 (Bom)**

**Is the CESTAT order disposing appeal on a totally new ground sustainable?**

**Decision:** No. The High Court explained that had the CESTAT not been satisfied with the approach of the adjudicating authority, it should have remanded the matter back to the adjudicating authority. However, it could not have assumed to itself the jurisdiction to decide the appeal on a ground which had not been urged before the lower authorities.

### Case Law 24:

#### **Commissioner of Central Excise, Delhi v. Brew Force Machine Pvt. Ltd. 2015-TIOL-1873-HC-DEL-CX-LB,**

Hon'ble Delhi High Court was held that CESTAT, while dealing with an application for stay, has the power and jurisdiction to grant stay beyond 365 days, when the assessee is not responsible for delay in disposing of the appeal, under Section 35C(2A) of the Central Excise Act.

### Appeals to High Court

**(Sec. 130 Customs Act, 1962.)**

1. An Appeal can be made to High Court within 180 days from the date of order of Tribunal received. High Courts are empowered to condone the delay in filing of appeals.
2. Case involves substantial question of law (i.e. Point relating to interpretation of statute, applicability of law etc.) will be taken up by High Court.
3. Appeal accompanied by a Fee of ₹200.

**Case Law 25:****CCE v. GEM PROPERTIES (P) LTD. 2010 (257) E.L.T. 222 (KAR):**

**Assessee claim:** Excise duty was paid on exempted goods and hence, entitled to the refund of excise duty wrongly paid by it. Also stated that company is incurring heavy losses therefore, refund not amounts to unjust enrichment.

**Department Contention:** Since, all the material sold by the assessee had been inclusive of excise duty. It was evident from the Chartered Accountant's certificate that the cost of the duty was included while computing the cost of production of the material. Therefore, refund of duty not allowed.

**Decision:** Refund not allowed. It would amount to unjust enrichment because all the materials sold by the assessee had been inclusive of excise duty.

**Case Law 26:****CCE v. Superintending Engineer TNEB 2014 (300) E.L.T. 45 (Mad.)**

**Question:** Does the principle of unjust enrichment apply to State Undertakings? Facts of the case:

1. The assessee (Basin Bridge Gas Turbine Power Station of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board) filed refund claim on the ground that they were eligible for exemption of duty on Naphtha used in the production of electricity at their power plant. Consequently, they claimed refund of the duty paid by them for naphtha received by them during the relevant period.
2. The claim of the respondent was rejected on the ground that the respondent (assessee) had not proved that they had not passed on the duty liability to the consumers and when the electricity rate had remained the same and the exemption notification was not in force, the continuance of the same electricity rates even after availing of the benefits of exemption, would indicate that the assessee had passed on the duty liability to the ultimate consumer.

**Decision:** The High Court relied on the decision of the Constitution Bench of the Apex Court rendered in the case of Mafatlal Industries Ltd. v. Union of India 1997 (89) E.L.T. 247 SC.

The Supreme Court in the said case held as under "the doctrine of unjust enrichment is, however, inapplicable to the State".

State represents the people of the country. No one can speak of the people being unjustly enriched."

The High Court held that the concept of unjust enrichment is not applicable as far as State Undertakings are concerned and to the State. Judgment has been given in favour of the assessee and against the department.

**Case Law 27:****Astik Dyestuff Private Limited v. CCE. & Cus. 2014 (34) S.T.R. 814 (Guj.)**

1. Whether sales commission services are eligible input services for availment of CENVAT credit?
2. If there is any conflict between the decision of the jurisdictional High Court and the CBEC circular, then which decision would be binding on the Department?
3. Also, if there is a contradiction between the decisions passed by jurisdiction High Court and another High Court, which decision will prevail?

**Decision:**

1. It was elaborated by the High Court that in the case of Cadila Healthcare Limited, the jurisdictional High Court



did not allow CENVAT credit on sales commission services after interpreting the relevant provisions of law.

2. The High Court clarified that the decision of the jurisdictional High Court is binding to the Department rather than the Circular issued by the C.B.E. & C.
3. When there are two contrary decisions, one of jurisdictional High Court and another of the other High Court, then the decision of the jurisdictional High Court would be binding to the Department and not the decision of another High Court.

### Case Law 28:

#### **Khanapur Taluka Co-op. Shipping Mills Ltd. v. CCEX. 2013 (292) E.L.T. 16 (Bom.):**

**Question:** In a case where an appeal against order-in-original of the adjudicating authority has been dismissed by the appellate authorities as time-barred, can a writ petition be filed to High Court against the order-in-original?

**Decision:** The High Court referred to the case of Raj Chemicals v. UOI 2013 (287) ELT 145 (Bom.) wherein it held that where the appeal filed against the order-in-original was dismissed as time-barred, the High Court in exercise of writ jurisdiction could neither direct the appellate authority to condone the delay nor interfere with the order passed by the adjudicating authority. Consequently, it refused to entertain the writ petition in the instant case.

### Case Law 29:

#### **Habib Agro Industries v. CCEX. 2013 (291) E.L.T. 321 (Kar.):**

**Question:** Can delay in filing appeal to CESTAT for the reason that the person dealing with the case went on a foreign trip and on his return his mother expired, be condoned?

**Decision:** The High Court observed that there did not appear to be any deliberate latches or neglect on the part of the authorised representative to file the appeal. It held that the reason for delay in filing appeal to CESTAT, that the person dealing with the case went on a foreign trip and on his return his mother expired, could not be considered as unreasonable for condonation of delay.

Therefore, delay can be condoned.

### Case Law 30:

#### **Rishiroop Polymers Pvt. Ltd. v. Designated Authority 2013 (294) E.L.T. 547 (Bom.)**

**Facts of the case:** The CESTAT upheld a notification issued by the Central Government imposing anti-dumping duty on certain products originating from specified countries pursuant to the findings recorded by the Designated Authority in a review of anti-dumping duty.

The assessee filed a writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution to challenge the said order passed by the CESTAT under section 9C of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

The Department contended that an appeal, and not a writ petition, would lie against the order passed by the CESTAT.

**Decision:** The High Court, therefore, held that it would not be appropriate for it to exercise the jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution, since an alternate remedy by way of an appeal was available in accordance with law.

The High Court thus, dismissed the petition leaving it open to the assessee to take recourse to the appellate remedy.

**Case Law 31:****Metal Weld Electrodes v. CESTAT 2014 (299) ELT 3 (Mad.)**

**Question:** Which remedy is available against a pre-deposit order (i.e. interim order) passed by CESTAT under section 35F of Central Excise Act, 1944/section 129E of Customs Act, 1962; is it an appeal to High Court under section 35G of Central Excise Act, 1944/section 130 of Customs Act, 1962 or a writ petition before High Court?

**Decision:** The Commissioner of Central Excise or the other party aggrieved may file an appeal to the High Court against "any order passed by the Appellate Tribunal" (other than valuation and rate of duty determination) Sec. 35G(2) of C.E.A. 1944.

Finally, the High Court held that the order passed by the CESTAT in terms of section 35F of the Central Excise Act, 1944 or section 129E of the Customs Act, 1962 is appealable in terms of section 35G of the Excise Act, 1944 or section 130 of the Customs Act, 1962.

**Case Law 32:****CCE v. Nahar Industrial Enterprises Ltd. 2010 (19) STR 166 (P & H)**

**Facts of the Case:** The assessee was engaged in the manufacture of sugar. The Central Government directed him to maintain buffer stock of free sale sugar for the specified period. In order to compensate the assessee, the Government of India extended buffer subsidy towards storage, interest and insurance charges for the said buffer stock of sugar.

Revenue issued a show cause notice to the assessee raising the demand of service tax alleging that amount received by the assessee as buffer subsidy was for storage and warehousing services.

**Decision:** The High Court noted that apparently, service tax could be levied only if service of storage and warehousing was provided. Nobody can provide service to himself. In the instant case, the assessee stored the goods owned by him.

After the expiry of storage period, he was free to sell them to the buyers of its own choice. He had stored goods in compliance with the directions of the Government of India issued under the Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982. He had received subsidy not on account of services rendered to Government of India, but had received compensation on account of loss of interest, cost of insurance etc. incurred on account of maintenance of stock. Hence, the High Court held the act of assessee could not be called as rendering of services.

**Appeals to Supreme Court of India (Section 130E Customs Act, 1962.)**

1. Order of CESTAT where it relates to question relating to rate of excise duty or value for the purpose of duty can make an appeal directly to the Supreme Court of India.
2. If High Court certifies it to be a fit case for appeal to Supreme Court, the aggrieved person can apply to the Supreme Court.
3. Appeal to the Supreme Court should be presented within 60 days from the date the order is communicated.
4. Once National Tax Tribunal (NTT) is made operational, then appeal against order of CESTAT can be made only to NTT.
5. **w.e.f. 6-8-2014**, determination of disputes relating to taxability or excisability of goods is covered under the term "determination of any question having a relation to rate of duty" and hence, appeal against Tribunal orders in such matters would lie before the Supreme Court.



**Case Law 33:**

**CCE v. Fact Paper Mills Private Limited 2014 (308) E.L.T. 442 (SC)**

**Can an appeal be filed before the Supreme Court against an order of the CESTAT relating to clandestine removal of manufactured goods and clandestine manufacture of goods?**

**Decision:** The Supreme Court held that the appeals relating to clandestine removal of manufactured goods and clandestine manufacture of goods are not maintainable before the Apex Court under section 35L of the Central Excise Act, 1944.

**Case Law 34:**

**Principal Commissioner of Central Excise & Customs, Daman Commissionerate v. Omnitex Industries (India) Ltd. (2016) 67 taxmann.com 122 (Bombay)**

**Facts of the case:** The appellant preferred appeal against the order of the CESTAT under section 35G of Central Excise Act within 180 days before the Gujarat HC. After admitting the appeal, it remained pending for 2192 days and after that the Gujarat HC held that since the manufacturing unit in the present case is located in Daman, the Gujarat HC does not have any territorial jurisdiction and hence dismissed the appeal.

**Department contention:** It was time barred appeal and condo-nation of delay is also be not filed.

**Decision:** the Bombay High court held that the entire period from the time of filing the appeal in Gujarat HC till its disposal can be fairly excluded for the computation of period of limitation.

Further, there is no requirement of filing condo-nation of delay, as the period from the date of receipt of order appealed against and the date of filing the appeal in Bombay HC after deducting the entire period (from the date of filing appeal in Gujarat HC to the date of its disposal), still does not exceed 180 days.

For computing the period of limitation the time xperiod spent in pursuing remedy before wrong forum to be excluded.

Hence, only if the said period exceeds 180 days, the appellant will be required to file application-seeking condo- nation of delay.

Since, the assessee had wrongly filed appeal before Gujarat High Court instead of Bombay High Court, the period spent in pursuing remedy before Gujarat HC must be excluded while computation of time limit for filing appeal before Bombay HC.

**Case Law 35:**

**Neeraj Jhanji v. CCE & Cus. 2014 (308) E.L.T. 3 (S.C.)**

**Facts of the Case:** In this case, the assessee filed a writ petition before the Delhi High Court against the order in original passed by the Commissioner of Customs of Kanpur. However, the jurisdictional High Court for the petitioner would have been Allahabad High Court. When the Revenue raised objection over the territorial jurisdiction of the High Court, the assessee withdrew the appeal from the Delhi High Court and filed the appeal with the Allahabad High Court with the application for condonation of delay. The Allahabad High Court, however, dismissed the application for condonation of delay and also dismissed the appeal as time barred. Then, the assessee filed a special leave petition with the Supreme Court.

**Decision:** The Supreme Court observed that the very filing of writ petition by the petitioner in Delhi High Court against the order in original passed by the Commissioner of Customs, Kanpur indicated that the petitioner had taken chance in approaching the High Court at Delhi which had no territorial jurisdiction in the matter. The filing of the writ petition before Delhi High Court was not at all bona fide.

**Appeals to the Settlement Commission (Section 127B Customs Act, 1962):**

The Settlement Commission called as Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax Settlement Commission w.e.f. 6-8-2014:

1. The additional amount accepted by applicant as payable shall be more than ₹ 3 lakhs.
2. Application can be made only when a case is pending before central excise/customs officers.

**w.e.f. 14.05.2015, All proceedings referred back to the adjudicating authority for a fresh adjudication and not just the proceedings referred back in any appeal or revision ineligible for settlement (amendment has been made in the Customs Act, 1962 in section 127A(b).**

**It means when any proceeding is referred back by any Court, Appellate Tribunal or any other authority, to the adjudicating authority for a fresh adjudication or decision, then such proceeding shall not be deemed to be a proceeding pending.**

3. Cases pending in court or tribunal cannot be taken up.
4. Cases involving classification or valuation cannot be taken up by settlement commission
5. If goods or books of account or other documents have been seized, application can be made after expiry of 180 days from the date of seizure. Application for settlement can be made even if excisable goods or documents are seized, without waiting for 180 days (w.e.f. 6-8-2014).
6. Application to settlement commission should be filed in Form SC(C)-1 in case of Customs disputes.
7. The Settlement Commission can accept application for settlement, even if excise returns were not filed, if there were sufficient reasons for not filing the return [second proviso to section 32E of Central Excise Act, inserted vide Finance (No.2) Act, 2014 w.e.f. 6-8-2014].

**Appeals to Settlement Commission (Section 127B Customs Act, 1962.)**

- Step 1:** Applicant should file an application by disclosing true and full information in Form SC(E)-1 or Form SC(C)
- Step 2:** Application should be accompanied by a fee of ₹ 1,000 (by way of GAR-7 challan only)
- Step 3:** Settlement Commission will issue NOTICE to the applicant within 7 days from the date of receipt of application.
- Step 4:** Thereafter, based on the applicant's reply, pass orders of admission or rejection within 14 days of notice. Hence, prescribed period for issue of orders is 7 days + 14 days = 21 days.
- Step 5:** Copy of orders under section 32F will be sent to applicant and jurisdictional Commissioner Central Excise (127C in case of Customs).
- Step 6:** Within 7 days of admission orders, the Settlement Commission shall call for the report of the jurisdictional Commissioner.
- Step 7:** The Commissioner should send report within 30 days. Settlement Commission will proceed further, even in the absence of any report from the jurisdictional Commissioner.
- Step 8:** The Settlement Commission can order Commissioner (Investigation) to make further enquiries and submit his report within 90 days. Settlement Commission will proceed further, even in the absence of any report from the Commissioner (Investigation).
- Step 9:** The Settlement Commission after hearing must pass order within 9 months (further 3 months allowed) from last day of month in which application was made
- Step 10:** If final order not passed within 9 months or 12 months, as the case may be, the case will go back to adjudicating authority.





**Powers of Settlement Commission to grant immunity from prosecution and penalty:**

The Settlement Commission can grant immunity from prosecution for any offence under the Act and either wholly or in part from the imposition of penalty if it is satisfied that the applicant has made full and true disclosure and co-operated with the Commission.

If the payment is not made as per the settlement order or any particulars are concealed or any false evidence is given, the immunity can be withdrawn.

If prosecution has already been launched before submission of application for settlement, the immunity against such prosecution cannot be granted.

**Case Law 36:**

**CCus.v. Ashok Kumar Jain 2013 (292) ELT 32 (Del.)**

**Department contended:** The Settlement Commission lacks the jurisdiction to entertain the baggage cases.

**Decision:** The High Court opined that the provisions that conferred jurisdiction on the Settlement Commission (Section 127B) cannot be construed as narrowly as it sought to be urged by the Revenue. A plain reading of the provisions of sections 127A and 127B reveals that there is no bar/express or implied on the Settlement Commission - in respect of entertaining applications by the passengers which brought in goods through their baggage.

Therefore, Settlement Commission has jurisdiction over baggage cases.

**Case Law 37:**

**Saurashtra Cement Ltd. v. CCus. 2013 (292) E.L.T. 486 (Guj.)**

**Question:** Is judicial review of the order of the Settlement Commission by the High Court or Supreme Court under writ petition/special leave petition, permissible?

**Decision:** The High Court noted that although the decision of Settlement Commission is final, finality clause would not exclude the jurisdiction of the High Court under Article 226 of the Constitution (writ petition to a High Court) or that of the Supreme Court under Articles 32 or 136 of the Constitution (writ petition or special leave petition to Supreme Court).

The Court would ordinarily interfere if the Settlement Commission has acted without jurisdiction vested in it or its decision is wholly arbitrary or perverse or mala fide or is against the principles of natural justice or when such decision is ultra vires the Act or the same is based on irrelevant considerations.

The Court, however, pronounced that the scope of court's inquiry against the decision of the Settlement Commission is very narrow, i.e. judicial review is concerned with the decision-making process and not with the decision of the Settlement Commission.

**Case Law 38:**

**Additional Commissioner of Customs v. Shri Ram Niwas Verma [W.P. (C) No. 7363/2014 & CM 17221/ 20 L4]:**

**Decision:** Hon'ble Delhi High court held that Settlement Commission has no jurisdiction to decide cases in relation to smuggling of the goods specified under section 123 of the Customs Act, 1962.

In view of the said order of the Delhi High Court, it has been clarified that Settlement Commission has no jurisdiction to entertain the matters in relation to the goods specified under section 123 of the Customs Act, 1962 which include gold [F. No. 275/46/2015 CX. 8A dated 01.10.2015].



## 12.7 AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE RULING

### Sec. 28E Customs Act, 1962

It means knowing the law in advance.

Application for Advance Ruling can be made in respect of following Questions:

1. Classification of goods or services
2. Applicable of any exemption notification
3. Determination of Assessable value
4. Determination of origin of goods in case of Customs
5. Determination of liability to pay duties of excise on any goods

#### Application can be rejected in the following cases:

- (a) If the question rose is already pending before an officer of Excise or Tribunal or any Court. (b) If the matter has already been decided by CESTAT or any Court.
- Application can be withdrawn within 30 days from the date of filing the application.
  - Authority for Advance Ruling once accepted the application can decide the case within 90 days from receipt of application.

#### On whom, is the advance ruling pronounced by the Advance Ruling Authority under service tax binding?

**Answer:** Section 96E of the Finance Act, 1994, an advance ruling pronounced by the Authority under section 96D shall be binding only-

- (a) on the applicant who had sought it; in respect of any matter referred to in sub-section (2) of section 96C;  
 (b) on the Commissioner, and the Central Excise authorities subordinate to him, in respect of the applicant.

Such advance ruling shall be binding as aforesaid unless there is a change in law or facts on the basis of which the advance ruling has been pronounced.

#### Example 8:

**Basant, a non-resident intends to provide a taxable service under a joint venture in collaboration with a non-resident, but has entertained some doubts about its valuation.**

**Aarohi, Basant's friend, has obtained an 'Advance Ruling' from the Authority for Advance Rulings on an identical point. Basant proposes to follow the same ruling in his case. Basant has sought your advice as his consultant whether he could follow the ruling given in the case of Aarohi. Explain with reasons.**

#### Answer:

**An advance ruling is binding only on the applicant who has sought it. In the given problem, in view of the aforesaid provision, Basant cannot make use of the advance ruling pronounced in the identical case of his friend, Aarohi. Basant should obtain a ruling from the Authority of Advance Ruling by making an application along with a fee of ₹ 2,500.**

**An application for advance ruling can be made by any of the following if they propose to undertake any business activity in India.**

1. A Non-resident setting up a joint venture in India in collaboration with a non-resident or a resident.



2. A wholly owned subsidiary Indian company, of which the holding company is a foreign company, such holding company proposes to undertake any business activity in India.
3. A joint venture in India in which at least one of the participants, partners, or equity share holders is a non-resident having substantial interest in the joint venture.
4. Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)
5. A PUBLIC LIMITED (N.T.67/2011 DT 22.9.2011)
6. Any existing producer or manufacturer may also seek advance ruling in relation to any new business of production or manufacture proposed to be undertaken by him (w.e.f. 10-5-2013)
7. Any existing importer or exporter may also seek advance ruling in relation to any new business of import or export proposed to be undertaken by him (w.e.f. 10-5-2013)
8. A resident private limited company can make application for Advance w.e.f. 11-7-2014.
9. w.e.f. 1-3-2015, A resident firm (includes LLP; LLP which has no company as its partner; Sole Proprietorship or One Person Company).
10. As may be specified by the Central Government of India by issuing a notification.

**Note:** w.e.f. 10-5-2013, the admissibility of the credit of service tax paid or deemed to have been paid on input services used in the manufacture of excisable goods as well.[ Section 23C(2)(e)]

**Example 9:**

**Mr. Q owns a sole proprietorship firm, 'Safe and Super Importers'. Mr. Q has never been to any place outside India. The firm proposes to import a product. Mr. Q is not sure of the correct classification of the product under Customs Tariff. His Tax Consultant has informed him that the said classification issue has been decided by the CESTAT in a different case. However, Mr. Q does not want to take any chances and is desirous of obtaining a ruling from the Authority for Advance Ruling under section 28H of the Customs Act, 1962 with respect to the classification of the product to be imported by it.**

**In the light of recent amendments, state whether Safe and Super Importers can seek advance ruling in the present case under the Customs Act, 1962?**

**Answer:**

**With effect from 01.03.2015, a resident firm can also apply for AAR. The sole proprietorship will have to satisfy the test of residency as per section 2(42) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to be eligible to apply for an advance ruling.**

**Therefore, Safe and Super Importers, being a resident proprietorship firm, is an eligible applicant for advance ruling.**

**Since in the given case, question intended to be raised by Safe and Super Importers is already decided by the CESTAT, advance ruling cannot be sought by it.**



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# FOREIGN TRADE POLICY

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# Study Note - 1

## FOREIGN TRADE POLICY 2015-2020



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### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The existing FTP 2015-20 which is valid up to September 30, 2022 is extended up to March 31, 2023.

Section 3 of Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 [FT(D&R) Act, 1992]	Empowers Central Government to the make provisions for development and regulation of foreign trade
Section 5 of FT (D&R) Act, 1992	Empowers Central Government to formulate and announce by notification in Official gazette, the export and import policy and also amend the same by issuing a notification. In India, the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry governs the affairs relating to the promotion and regulation of foreign trade.



**Duration of applicability of FTP 2015-2020 extended till 31.03.2022**

**Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20**

- The Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 which was valid till 31 March, 2020, is extended up to 31st March 2022 (Notification No. 33/2015-2020 dated 28-9-2021).
- The Government had recently announced the introduction of a new scheme "Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products" (RoDTEP) to replace the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) available to exporters of goods. Accordingly, the items covered under the existing MEIS scheme would be shifted in a phased manner to the new RoDTEP scheme. In light of the extension of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 (FTP) [which was due to expire on 31 March, 2020] upto 30th September 2021, the government has now clarified the following:
  - o The benefit under the MEIS for any of the prescribed item/tariff line/HS code shall continue to be available till 31 December 2020
  - o Prior to 31 December 2020, as and when an item/tariff line/HS code is notified to be covered under the RoDTEP Scheme, it would at the same time be removed from coverage under MEIS.

**1.2 DEFINITIONS**

For purpose of FTP, unless context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings attached to them:-

<b>For purpose of FTP, unless context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings attached to them:-</b>	
<b>1.</b>	"Accessory" or "Attachment" means a part, sub-assembly or assembly that contributes to efficiency or effectiveness of a piece of equipment without changing its basic functions.
<b>2.</b>	"Act" means Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 (No.22 of 1992) [FT (D&R) Act] as amended from time to time.
<b>3.</b>	"Actual User" is a person (either natural or legal) who is authorized to use imported goods in his/its own premise which has a definitive postal address.
	"Actual User (Industrial)" is a person (either natural & legal) who utilizes imported goods for manufacturing in his own industrial unit or manufacturing for his own use in another unit including a jobbing unit which has a definitive postal address.
	"Actual User (Non-Industrial)" is a person (either natural & legal) who utilizes the imported goods for his own use in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) any commercial establishment, carrying on any business, trade or profession, which has a definitive postal address; or</li> <li>(ii) any laboratory, Scientific or Research and Development (R&amp;D) institution, university or other educational institution or hospital which has a definitive postal address; or</li> <li>(iii) any service industry which has a definitive postal address.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	"AEZ" means Agricultural Export Zones notified by DGFT in Appendix 2V of Appendices and Aayat Niryat Forms.
<b>5.</b>	"Appeal" is an application filed under section 15 of the Act and includes such applications preferred by DGFT officials in government interest against decision by designated adjudicating/appellate authorities.
<b>6.</b>	"Applicant" means person on whose behalf an application is made and shall, wherever context so requires, includes person signing the application.



7.	“Authorization” means permission as included in Section 2 (g) of the Act to import or export as per provisions of FTP.
8.	“Capital Goods” means any plant, machinery, equipment or accessories required for manufacture or production, either directly or indirectly, of goods or for rendering services, including those required for replacement, modernisation, technological up-gradation or expansion. It includes packaging machinery and equipment, refrigeration equipment, power generating sets, machine tools, equipment and instruments for testing, research and development, quality and pollution control. Capital goods may be for use in manufacturing, mining, agriculture, aquaculture, animal husbandry, floriculture, horticulture, pisciculture, poultry, sericulture and viticulture as well as for use in services sector.
9.	“Competent Authority” means an authority competent to exercise any power or to discharge any duty or function under the Act or the Rules and Orders made there under or under FTP.
10.	“Component” means one of the parts of a sub-assembly or assembly of which a manufactured product is made up and into which it may be resolved. A component includes an accessory or attachment to another component.
11.	“Consumables” means any item, which participates in or is required for a manufacturing process, but does not necessarily form part of end-product. Items, which are substantially or totally consumed during a manufacturing process, will be deemed to be consumables.
12.	“Consumer Goods” means any consumption goods, which can directly satisfy human needs without further processing and includes consumer durables and accessories thereof.
13.	“Counter Trade” means any arrangement under which exports/imports from /to India are balanced either by direct imports/exports from importing/exporting country or through a third country under a Trade Agreement or otherwise. Exports/ Imports under Counter Trade may be carried out through Escrow Account, Buy Back arrangements, Barter trade or any similar arrangement. Balancing of exports and imports could wholly or partly be in cash, goods and/or services.
14.	“Developer” means a person or body of persons, company, firm and such other private or government undertaking, who develops, builds, designs, organises, promotes, finances, operates, maintains or manages a part or whole of infrastructure and other facilities in SEZ as approved by Central Government and also includes a co-developer.
15.	“Development Commissioner” means Development Commissioner of SEZ
16.	“Domestic Tariff Area (DTA)” means area within India which is outside SEZs and EOU/ EHTP/ STP/BTP.
17.	“Drawback on deemed export” in relation to any goods manufactured in India and supplied as deemed exports, means the rebate of duty or tax, as the case may be, chargeable on any imported materials or excisable materials used or taxable services used as input services in the manufacture of such goods.
18.	“EOU” means Export Oriented Unit for which a letter of permit has been issued by Development Commissioner.
19.	“Excisable goods” means any goods produced or manufactured in India and subject to duty of excise under Central Excise and Salt Act 1944 (1 of 1944).
20.	“Export” is as defined in FT (D&R) Act, 1992, as amended from time to time.
21.	“Exporter” means a person who exports or intends to export and holds an IEC number, unless otherwise specifically exempted.
22.	“Export Obligation” means obligation to export product or products covered by Authorisation or permission in terms of quantity, value or both, as may be prescribed or specified by Regional or competent authority.
23.	“Free” as appearing in context of import/export policy for items means goods which do not need any ‘Authorisation’/ License or permission for being imported into the country or exported out.





24.	"FTP" means the Foreign Trade Policy which specifies policy for exports and imports under Section 5 of the Act.
25.	"Import" is as defined in FT (D&R) Act, 1992 as amended from time to time.
26.	"Importer" means a person who imports or intends to import and holds an IEC number, unless otherwise specifically exempted.
27.	ITC (HS) refers to Indian Trade Classification (Harmonized System) at 8 digits.
28.	"Jobbing" means processing or working upon of raw materials or semi-finished goods supplied to job worker, so as to complete a part of process resulting in manufacture or finishing of an article or any operation which is essential for aforesaid process.
29.	"Licensing Year" means period beginning on the 1st April of a year and ending on the 31st March of the following year.
30.	"Managed Hotel" means hotels managed by a three star or above hotel/ hotel chain under an operating management contract for a duration of at least three years between operating hotel/ hotel chain and hotel being managed. Management contract must necessarily cover the entire gamut of operations/ management of managed hotel.
31.	"Manufacture" means to make, produce, fabricate, assemble, process or bring into existence, by hand or by machine, a new product having a distinctive name, character or use and shall include processes such as refrigeration, re-packing, polishing, labeling, Re-conditioning repair, remaking, refurbishing, testing, calibration, re-engineering. Manufacture, for the purpose of FTP, shall also include agriculture, aquaculture, animal husbandry, floriculture, horticulture, pisciculture, poultry, sericulture, viticulture and mining.
32.	"Manufacturer Exporter" means a person who exports goods manufactured by him or intends to export such goods.
33.	"Merchant Exporter" means a person engaged in trading activity and exporting or intending to export goods.
34.	"NC" means the Norms Committee in the Directorate General of Foreign Trade for approval of adhoc input –output norms in cases where SION does not exist and recommend SION to be notified in DGFT.
35.	"Notification" means a notification published in Official Gazette.
36.	"Order" means an Order made by Central Government under the Act.
37.	"Part" means an element of a sub-assembly or assembly not normally useful by itself, and not amenable to further disassembly for maintenance purposes. A part may be a component, spare or an accessory.
38.	"Person" means both natural and legal and includes an individual, firm, society, company, corporation or any other legal person including the DGFT officials.
39.	"Policy" means Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) as amended from time to time.
40.	"Prescribed" means prescribed under the Act or the Rules or Orders made there under or under FTP.
41.	"Prohibited" indicates the import/export policy of an item, as appearing in ITC (HS) or elsewhere, whose import or export is not permitted.
42.	"Public Notice" means a notice published under provisions of paragraph 2.04 of FTP.
43.	"Quota" means the quantity of goods of a specific kind that is permitted to be imported without restriction or imposition of additional Duties.
44.	"Raw material" means input(s) needed for manufacturing of goods. These inputs may either be in a raw/ natural/ unrefined/ unmanufactured or manufactured state.
45.	"Regional Authority" means authority competent to grant an Authorisation under the Act / Order.

46.	“Registration-Cum-Membership Certificate” (RCMC) means certificate of registration and membership granted by an Export Promotion Council / Commodity Board / Development Authority or other competent authority as prescribed in FTP or Handbook of Procedures.
47.	“Restricted” is a term indicating the import or export policy of an item, which can be imported into the country or exported outside, only after obtaining an authorization from the offices of DGFT.
48.	“Rules” means Rules made by Central Government under Section 19 of the FT (D&R) Act.
49.	“SCOMET” is the nomenclature for dual use items of Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies (SCOMET). Export of dual-use items and technologies under India’s Foreign Trade Policy is regulated. It is either prohibited or is permitted under an authorization.
50.	“Services” include all tradable services covered under General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and earning free foreign exchange.
51.	<p>“Service Provider” means a person providing:</p> <p>Supply of a ‘service’ from India to any other country; (Mode1- Cross border trade)</p> <p>Supply of a ‘service’ from India to service consumer(s) of any other country; (Mode 2- Consumption abroad)</p> <p>Supply of a ‘service’ from India through commercial presence in any other country. (Mode 3- Commercial Presence.)</p> <p>Supply of a ‘service’ from India through the presence of natural persons in any other country (Mode 4- Presence of natural persons.)</p>
52.	“Ships” mean all types of vessels used for sea borne trade or coastal trade, and shall include second hand vessels.
53.	“SION” means Standard Input Output Norms notified by DGFT.
54.	“Spares” means a part or a sub-assembly or assembly for substitution that is ready to replace an identical or similar part or sub- assembly or assembly. Spares include a component or an accessory.
55.	“Specified” means specified by or under the provisions of this Policy through Notification / Public Notice.
56.	“Status holder” means an exporter recognized as One Star Export House/ Two Star Export House / Three Star Export House / Four Star Export House/ Five Star Export House by DGFT/ Development Commissioner.
57.	“Stores” means goods for use in a vessel or aircraft and includes fuel and spares and other articles of equipment, whether or not for immediate fitting.
58.	<p>“Supporting Manufacturer” is one who manufactures goods/products or any part/accessories/ components of a good/product for a merchant exporter or a manufacturer exporter under a specific authorization.</p> <p>“Supporting Manufacturer” for the EPCG Scheme shall be one in whose premises/factory Capital Goods imported/ procured under EPCG authorization is installed.</p>
59.	State Trading Enterprises (STEs), for the purpose of this FTP, are those entities which are granted exclusive right / privileges export and / or import as per para 2.20 (a) of FTP.
60.	<p>“Third-party exports” means exports made by an exporter or manufacturer on behalf of another exporter(s).</p> <p>In such cases, export documents such as shipping bills shall indicate name of both manufacturing exporter /manufacturer and third party exporter(s). Bank Realisation Certificate, Self Declaration Form (SDF), export order and invoice should be in the name of third party exporter.</p>
61.	“Transaction Value” is as defined in Customs Valuation Rules of Department of Revenue.
62.	“Wild Animal” means any wild animal as defined in Section 2(36) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.



### Principles of restrictions and prohibitions for imports/exports revised to be in line with international agreements

With effect from 10.08.2021, principles of restrictions and prohibitions for imports/exports have been revised as follows:-

#### DGFT may, through a notification, impose 'prohibition' or 'restriction':-

- a. on export of foodstuffs or other essential products for preventing or relieving critical shortages;
- b. on imports and exports necessary for the application of standards or regulations for the classification, grading or marketing of commodities in international trade;
- c. on imports of fisheries product, imported in any form, for enforcement of governmental measures to restrict production of the domestic product or for certain other purposes;
- d. on import to safeguard country's external financial position and to ensure a level of reserves.
- e. on imports to promote establishment of a particular industry;
- f. for preventing sudden increases in imports from causing serious injury to domestic producers or to relieve producers who have suffered such injury;
- g. for protection of public morals or to maintain public order;
- h. for protection of human, animal or plant life or health
- i. relating to the importations or exportations of gold or silver;
- j. necessary to secure compliance with laws and regulations including those relating to the protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices
- k. relating to the products of prison labour
- l. for the protection of national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value
- m. for the conservation of exhaustible natural resources
- n. for ensuring essential quantities for the domestic processing industry
- o. essential to the acquisition or distribution of products in general or local short supply;
- p. for the protection of country's essential security interests:
  - i. relating to fissionable materials or the materials from which they are derived;
  - ii. relating to the traffic in arms, ammunition and implements of war;
  - iii. taken in time of war or other emergency in international relations; or
- q. in pursuance of country's obligations under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The aforesaid principles of restrictions and prohibitions for imports/exports have been amended to be in line with international agreements **[Notification No. 17/2015-2020 dated 10.08.2021]**.

### 1.3 ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN TRADE POLICY

The Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) advises Central Government in formulating policy and exercise specified powers under the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992. DGFT issues public notices, policy circulars, notifications or decisions from time to time.

DGFT is to work in close coordination with other agencies like CBIC, RBI.

### 1.4 FEATURES OF FOREIGN TRADE POLICY

1. Export-Import is free unless specifically regulated by the provisions of the FTP.

2. Export and Import goods are broadly categorized as
  - a. Free (i.e. general goods freely import or export without any authorization).
  - b. Restricted (i.e. goods allowed to import or export only with authorization).
  - c. Prohibited (i.e. goods are not allowed to import or export)
3. There are restrictions on exports and imports for various strategic, health, and other reasons.
4. Exports are promoted through various promotional schemes.
5. There should be no taxes on exports.
6. Capital goods can be imported at NIL duty for the purpose of exports under the scheme of Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme.
7. EOU'S and SEZ units are exempted from payment of taxes.
8. Deemed exports concept introduced.
9. Duty credit scrip's schemes are designed to promote exports of some specified goods to specified markets and to promote export of specified services.

### 1.5 GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF FTP 2015-2020

1. "Make in India" vision.
2. Ease of doing business and trade facilitation by simplifying procedures and extensive use of e-governance (i.e. paper less working).
3. Encourage e-commerce exports of specified products.
4. Encourage manufacture and export by SEZ, EOU, STP, EHTP and BTP.
5. Offering duty credit scrips to encourage goods and services.
6. Special efforts to resolve quality complaints and trade disputes.

The following measures taken in said direction:

- a. Mandatory documents for export and import have been reduced to 3 each.

Export of goods from India	Import of goods into India
1. Bill of Lading/Airway Bill/Lorry Receipt/Railway Receipt/Postal Receipt.	1. Bill of Lading/Airway Bill/Lorry Receipt/Railway Receipt/Postal Receipt.
2. Commercial Invoice and Packing List.	2. Commercial Invoice and Packing List.
3. Shipping Bill/Bill of Export.	3. Bill of Entry

- b. The facility of 24 x 7 Customs clearance of specified imports has been made available at seaports and airports.
- c. Single window scheme has been introduced to enable importer and exporter to lodge their clearance documents at a single point thereby providing a common platform to trade to meet requirements of all regulatory agencies involved in EXIM trade.
- d. To facilitate processing of shipping bills before actual shipment, prior online filing facility for shipping bills has been provided by Customs:
  - (i) 7 days for air shipments
  - (ii) 14 days for shipments by sea
- e. Facility to file application (i.e. ANF 2A) through online for Importer Exporter Code (IEC). It is a unique 10 digits code. PAN is pre-requisite for grant of an IEC.

### 1.6 SCOPE OF FTP

1. Policy for regulating import and export of goods and services.
2. Export Promotional Measures.
3. Duty Remission and Duty Exemption Scheme for promotion of exports.
4. Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme.
5. Export Oriented Undertakings (EOU/EHTP/STP & BTP) Schemes.
6. Deemed Exports.
7. Quality complaints and Trade Disputes.

**Note:** Special Economic Zones (covered under separate Act namely Special Economic Zones Act, 2015 and are not part of FTP).

### 1.7 AUTHORIZATION

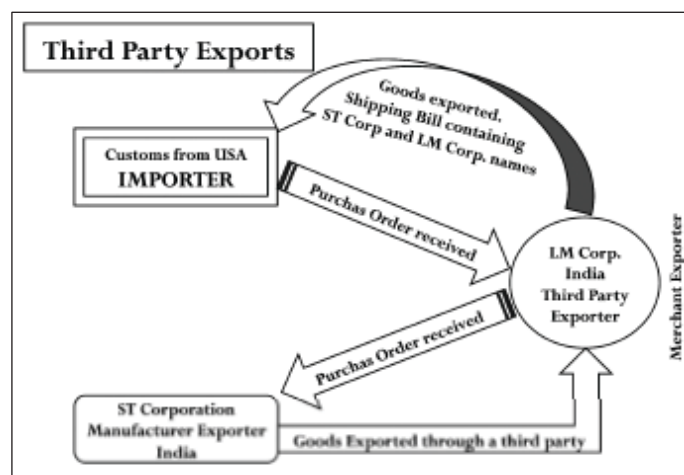
It means "permission for import or export of goods and services" in terms of FT (D&R) Act, 1992. DGFT issues authorization for import or export. Decision of DGFT is final and binding in respect of any authorization issued under the FTP.

### 1.8 MERCHANT EXPORTER

Merchant exporter does not have own manufacturing unit or processing factory.

### 1.9 THIRD PARTY EXPORTS

Third-party exports means exports made by an exporter or manufacturer on behalf of another exporter(s). In such cases, export documents such as shipping bills shall indicate name of both manufacturing exporter/manufacturer and third party exporter(s). BRC, GR declaration, export order and invoice should be in the name of third party exporter. Such third party exports shall be allowed under FTP.





**Example 1:**

LM Corporation, a merchant exporter, procured order of goods from a customer in USA. It approached ST Corporation, a manufacturer, for execution of the said order. The shipping bills relating to the consignment bear the name of LM Corporation. Bank Realization Certificate, GR declaration, export order and invoice are also in the name of LM Corporation. Comment whether ST Corporation would be deemed as the exporter under FTP. (CA Final Mock Test May 2015).

**Answer:**

The given scenario is a case of third-party exports.

Third-party exports means exports made by an exporter or manufacturer on behalf of another exporter(s). The conditions for being allowed as third-party exports under FTP are:

- (i) Export documents such as shipping bills shall indicate name of both manufacturing exporter/manufacturer and third party exporter(s).
- (ii) BRC, GR declaration, export order and invoice should be in the name of third party exporter.

In the above case, though BRC, GR declaration, export order and invoice are in the name of LM Corporation (third party exporter), the shipping bill does not have the name of ST Corporation (manufacturer). Therefore, ST Corporation will not be treated as the exporter in this case.

**1.10 LETTER OF CREDIT**

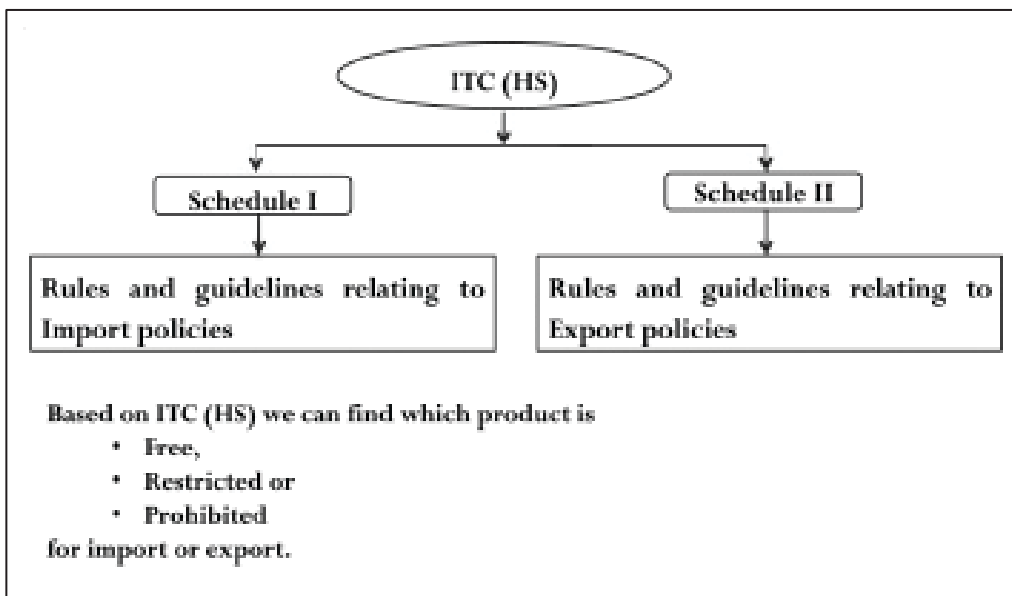
A Letter of credit is a bank's written promise that it will make a customer's (the holder) payment to a vendor (the beneficiary).

**Back-to-back letters of credit:**

It occurs when a buyer gives a letter of credit to a seller, who then obtains a letter of credit for a supplier.

**1.11 INDIAN TRADE CLASSIFICATION (HARMONIZED SYSTEM) [ITC (HS)]**

The export or import policy regarding import or export of a specific item is given in the Indian Trade Classification Code based on the Harmonized System of Coding. It consists of 8 digit coding.





Schedule I of the ITC-HS code is divided into 21 sections and each section is further divided into chapters. The total number of chapters in the schedule I is 98. The chapters are further divided into sub-heading under which different HS codes are mentioned.

Export Policy Schedule II of the ITC-HS code contain 97 chapters giving all the details about the guidelines related to the export policies.

Based on ITC (HS) we can find which product is Free, Restricted or Prohibited for import or export.

### 1.12 BOARD OF TRADE (BOT)

Board of Trade has been constituted to advise Government on Policy measures like:

- Improve exports,
- Review export performance,
- Review policy and procedures for import and exports and
- Examine issues relevant for promotion of India's foreign trade.

Commerce and Industry Minister will be the Chairman of the BOT. Government shall also be nominated up to 25 persons. Board of Trade will meet at least once every quarter.

### 1.13 IMPORT OF GIFTS

Import of gifts shall be permitted where such goods are otherwise freely importable under Indian Trade Classification

(Harmonized System) [ITC (HS)]. In other cases, a Customs Clearance Permit (CCP) shall be required from DGFT. Import of goods as gifts prohibited except for life saving drugs/medicines and rakhi (but not gifts related to rakhi)

#### **[Notification No. 35/2015-2020 dated 12.12.2019]**

Earlier, import of gifts were free where such goods were otherwise freely importable under ITC (HS). In other cases, such imports were permitted against an Authorization issued by DGFT.

However, DGFT vide Notification No. 35/2015-20 dated 12th December 2019 has amended the said provision and provided that 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 the Customs Act, 1962 that reads "...no duty shall be collected if the amount of duty leviable is equal to, or less than, Rs. 100". Further, import of goods as gifts with payment of full applicable duty is permissible.

### 1.14 EXPORT OF GIFTS

Goods, including edible items, of value not exceeding ₹ 5,00,000 in a licensing year, may be exported as a gift. However, items mentioned as restricted for exports in ITC (HS) shall not be exported as a gift, without an Authorization.

### 1.15 IMPORT OF SAMPLES

Authorization for import of samples is required only in case of vegetable seeds, bees and new drugs.

Samples of tea up to ₹ 2,000 (CIF) per consignment will be allowed without authorization.

All exporters without duty can import samples up to ₹ 3,00,000.



**1.16 EXPORT OF SAMPLES**

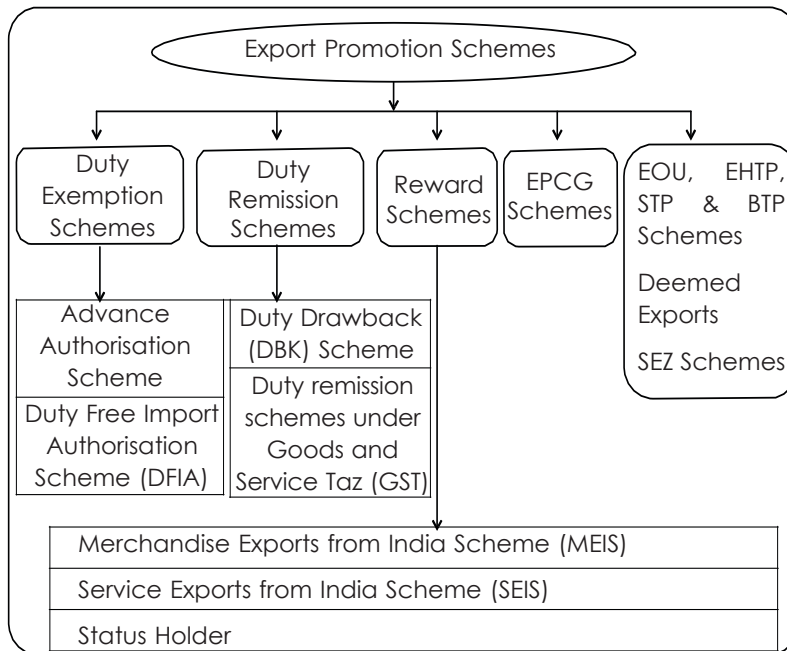
Export of bona fide trade and technical samples of freely exportable items shall be allowed without any limit. In case of restricted items, application should be made to DGFT.

**1.17 EXPORT OF ITEMS RESERVED FOR MSME SECTOR**

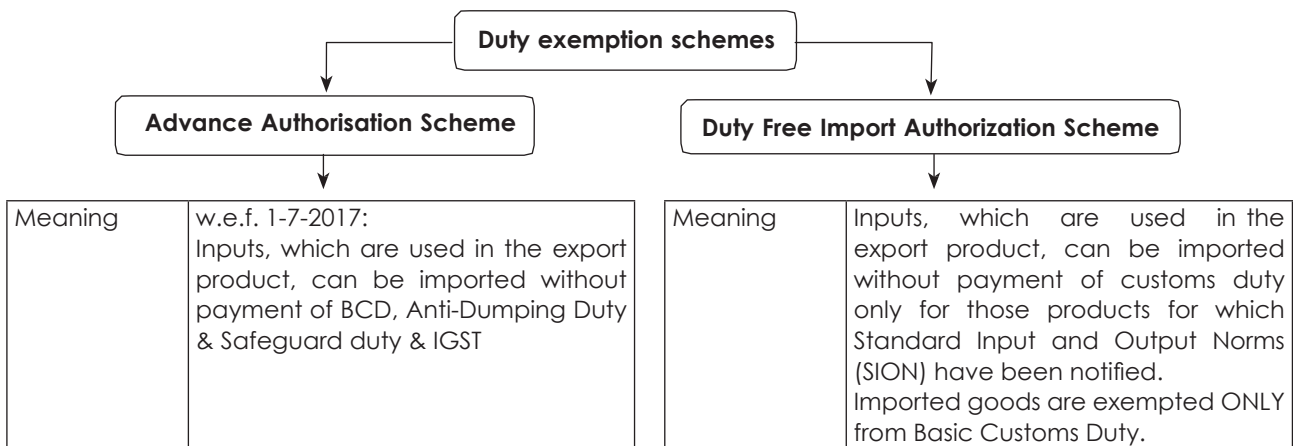
Units other than small scale units (i.e. Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) are permitted to expand or create new capacities in respect of items reserved for small scale sector, subject to condition that they obtain an Industrial licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, with export obligation as may be specified. Such licensee is required to furnish a LUT to RA and DGFT in this regard. DGFT / RA concerned shall monitor export obligation.

**Note:** EOU/EHTP/STP/BTP units are exempted from obtaining such industrial licence.

**Over all view of the FTP:**



**1.18 DUTY EXEMPTION SCHEMES**







Validity	12 months from the date of issue of such Authorisation.	When to obtain DFIA from RA	Within 12 months from date of export Or 6 months from the date of realisation of export proceeds, whichever is later. DFIA shall be issued on post export basis.
Export Obligation	18 months from the date of issue of Authorisation.	Validity	12 months from the date of issue of such Authorisation (i.e. transferable DFIA). Holder of DFIA has an option to procure inputs from indigenous manufacturer.
Items not eligible for import	Items reserved for imports by STEs cannot be imported against Advance Authorisation.	DFIA not allowed	No DFIA shall be issued for an export product where SION prescribe 'Actual User' condition for any input.
Items eligible (Actual user condition for Advance Authorisation)	Inputs which are physically incorporated in export product. Mandatory spare parts up to 10% of CIF value of Authorisation to export along with finished goods. Specified Spices only when used for crushing/sterilization/manufacture of oils and not simply cleaning, grading.	Who are eligible	Manufacturer exporter, Merchant exporter, Supplies made to SEZ's
Who are eligible	Manufacturer exporter, Merchant exporter, deemed exporter. Supplied made to UNO or SEZ'S Supply of 'stores' on board of foreign going vessel/aircraft provided there is specific SION in respect of items supplied.	Conditions for redeeming DFIA	Inputs actually used in manufacture of the export product should only be imported under DFIA and inputs actually imported must be used in the export product, for redeeming the DFIA.
Annual Advance Authorization	CIF Value of Import = Up to 300% of FOB value of physical exports in preceding financial and or FOR value of deemed exports in preceding year or ₹1 Crore, whichever is higher	Value addition	20%
Value addition	15% (in case of Tea product 50%).		

**As per Notification No. 13/2015-2020 dated 20.06.2018 - Paragraph 4.29 (vi) and Para 4.29(vii) of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 is replaced enabling exporters to file single DFIA application for exports made from any EDI port and separate applications for export made from each non-EDI port.**

**Advance Authorization:**

- (i) Exporters having past export performance (in at least preceding two financial years) shall be entitled for Advance Authorization for Annual Requirement.
- (ii) Materials imported under Advance Authorization will 'Actual User Condition'. These imported goods will not be transferable even after completion of export obligation. However, holder of Advance Authorization will have an option to dispose off product manufactured out of duty free inputs once export obligation is completed.
- (iii) Advance Authorization is issued for inputs in relation to the resultant product on the basis of SION. If SION for



a particular item is not fixed, Regional Authority (RA) based on self-declaration by applicant, except certain specified products, can issue Advance Authorization.

- (iv) It is necessary to establish that inputs actually used in manufacture of the export product should only be imported under Advance Authorization and inputs actually imported must be used in the export product, for redeeming the Authorization.

#### **Amendments in FTP w.e.f. 13th October 2017:**

Customs Notification No. 79/2017, dated 13th October, 2017 and DGFT's Notification No. 33/2015-2020 contain provisions regarding exemption from GST on imports made under the Duty exemption Schemes.

Exemption from GST and Goods and Service Tax Compensation cess in respect of imports under the Advance Authorization (AA)/Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) from abroad as well as domestic suppliers. The GST Council recommended that the holders of AA/EPCG and EOUs would not have to pay IGST, Cess etc. on imports and Also, domestic supplies to holders of AA/EPCG and EOUs would be treated as deemed exports under section 147 of CGST/SGST Act and refund of tax paid on such supplies given to the supplier.

"Provided further that notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove for the said authorisations where the exemption from integrated tax and the goods and services tax compensation cess leviable thereon under sub-section (7) and sub-section (9) of section 3 of the said Customs Tariff Act, has been availed, the export obligation shall be fulfilled by physical exports only", and not for deemed exports under the Foreign Trade Policy.

Further the exemption from integrated tax and Goods and Service tax compensation cess leviable under sub-section (7) and sub-section (9) of the Section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act is available only upto 31st March, 2018.

#### **Extension of exemption upto 1-10-2018:**

Extension of exemption from IGST and Compensation Cess under Advance Authorisation and EPCG Scheme is extended upto 1-10-2018 (vide Notification No. 54/2015-20, dated 22-3-2018).

#### **Notification No. 08/2019-Customs, dated 25th March, 2019:**

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has said that exemption from integrated GST and compensation cess under advance authorisation scheme, EOU, and EPCG scheme of foreign trade policy 2015-20 "is extended up to March 31, 2020".

These exemptions have been extended for exporters buying inputs domestically or importing for export purposes under export oriented unit (EOU) scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme and advance authorisation.

#### **Extension of exemption upto 31st March 2022:**

#### **Exemption from IGST and GST compensation cess extended upto 31st March 2022 in case of imports under Advance Authorisation, EPCG, EOU/EHTP/STP/BTP units.**

Earlier imports against Advance Authorisations for physical exports were exempted from Integrated Tax and Compensation Cess upto 31.03.2022 only. The exemption from Integrated Tax and Compensation Cess in case of imports against Advance Authorisations for physical exports has now been extended upto 31-3-2022.

Earlier capital goods imported under EPCG Authorisation for physical exports were exempted from IGST and Compensation Cess upto 31.03.2021 only. The exemption from IGST and Compensation Cess in case of capital goods imported under EPCG Authorisation for physical exports has now been extended upto 31-3-2022.

In case of goods imported by EOU/EHTP/STP/BTP units from DTA, IGST and GST compensation cess was exempt



upto 31.03.2021. The exemption from IGST and GST Compensation Cess in case of goods imported by EOU/ EHTP/STP/BTP units from DTA has now been extended upto 31-3-2022.

[Notification No.33/2015-2020 dated 28-9-2021]

Exemption further extended up to 31st March, 2023

**Exemption from IGST and GST Compensation Cess extended to deemed exports in case of Advance Authorisation and pre-import condition for said exemption dispensed with:**

Exemption from IGST and GST Compensation Cess is available to imports under Advance Authorisation. Earlier, this exemption was restricted to only physical exports and was subject to pre-import condition.

Now, pre-import condition for said exemption has been dispensed with and said exemption has been extended to following deemed exports:

Supply of goods by registered person against Advance Authorisation

Supply of capital goods by a registered person against Export Promotion Capital Goods Authorisation.

**Standard Input Output Norms:**

Standard Input Output Norms or SION in short is standard norms which define the amount of input/inputs required to manufacture unit of output for export purpose. Input output norms are applicable for the products such as electronics, engineering, chemical, food products including fish and marine products, handicraft, plastic and leather products etc. SION is notified by DGFT in the Handbook, and is approved by its Boards of Directors.

An application for modification of existing Standard Input-Output norms may be filed by manufacturer exporter and merchant-exporter. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) from time to time issue notifications for fixation or addition of SION for different export products. Fixation of Standard Input Output Norms facilitates issues of Advance License to the exporters of the items without any need for referring the same to the Headquarter office of DGFT on repeat basis.

**Basics Requirements of Standard Input Output Norms**

For fixation / modification of Standard Input Output Norms (SION) following details are required:

- Technical Details of the export product as per the details given in Appendix 33.
- Chartered Engineer certificate certifying the import requirements of raw materials in the format given in Appendix 32B.
- Production and Consumption data of the manufacturer/supporting manufacturer of the preceding three licensing years as given in serial no 3 of sub section XII, duly certified by the Chartered accountant / Cost Accountant / Jurisdictional Excise Authority.

**Example 2:**

**Answer the following questions with reference to the provisions of Foreign Trade Policy:**

**Bestron Ltd. manufactures goods by using imported inputs and supplies the same under Aid Programme of the United Nations. The payment for such supply is received in free foreign exchange. Can Bestron Manufacturers seek Advance Authorization in relation to the supplies made by it?**

**Answer:**

**Advance Authorization can be issued for supplies made to United Nations Organisations or under Aid Programme**

**of the United Nations or other multilateral agencies and such supplies need to be paid for in free foreign exchange.**

**Example 3:**

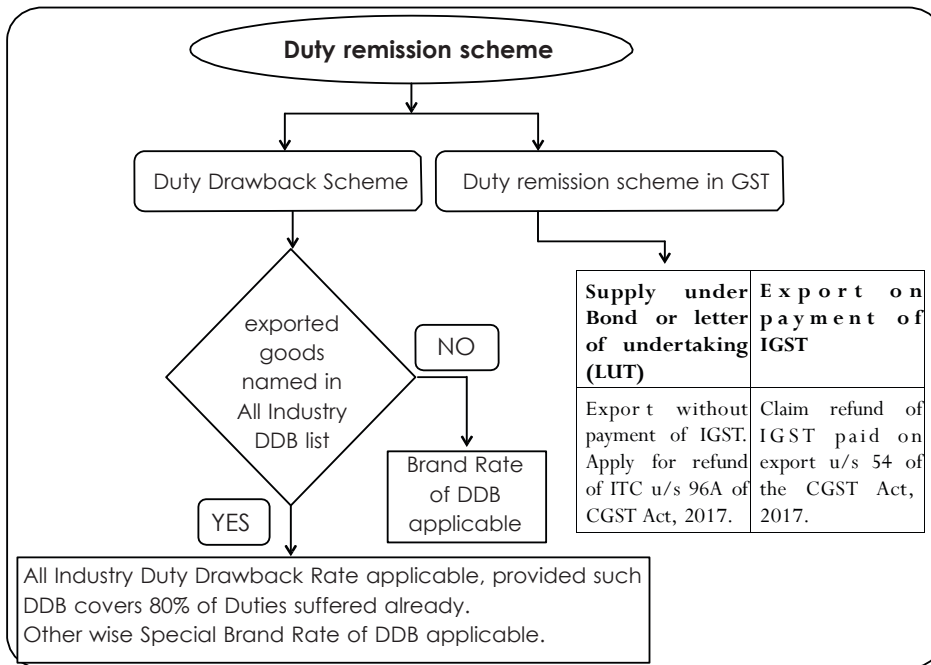
LMN Ltd. has imported inputs without payment of duty under Advance Authorization. The CIF value of such inputs is ₹ 20,00,000. The inputs are processed and the final product is exported. The exports made by LMN Ltd. are subject to general rate of value addition prescribed under Advance Authorization Scheme. No other input is being used by LMN Ltd. in the processing. What should be the minimum FOB value of the exports made by the LMN Ltd. as per the provisions of Advance Authorization?

**Answer:**

Advance Authorization necessitates exports with a minimum of 15% value addition (VA).

Therefore, the minimum FOB value of the exports made by LMN Ltd. should be ₹ 23,00,000 (i.e. ₹ 20 L × 115/100).

**1.19 DUTY REMISSION SCHEME**



**Duty remission scheme under GST:**

Discussed under Customs Law.

**Export rebate not allowable when Indian market price of goods exported is less than the rebate claimed w.e.f. 1-3-2016:**

For claiming rebate under rule 18 fo Central Excise Rules, 2002, vide Notification No. 18/2016 CE (NT) dated 01.03.2016, one of the condition is that the Indian market price (prior to 1-3-2106 market price only was mentioned) of the excisable goods at the time of exportation should not be less than the amount of rebate of duty claimed.

**Chartered Engineer certificate:**

w.e.f. 1-3-2016, the procedure required filing of a declaration by the manufacturer, will also have to file a Chartered Engineer's Certificate for correctness of ratio of input and output where SION is notified for claiming rebate of inputs used in goods exported.



The permission for manufacture and export of finished goods before commencement of export will be given on the basis of such certificate.

**Conditions and procedure relating to export**

The export consignments from the factory/ warehouse/ any other approved premises, goods needs to be sealed- either by Central Tax Officer after examination of such goods or by the exporter himself under self-sealing and self certification.

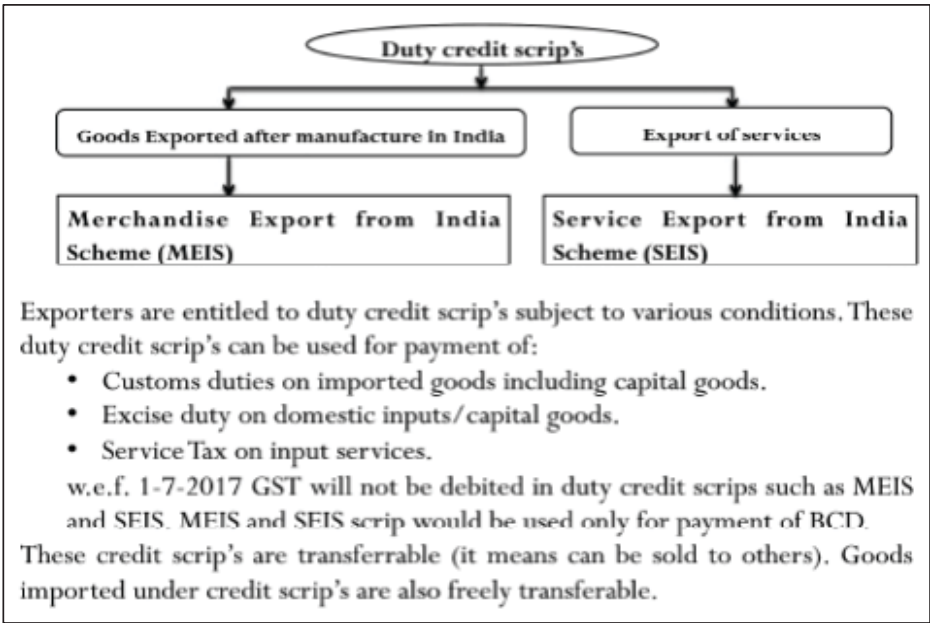
**Exception:** In case of bulk cargo, iron-ore, alumina concentrates, heavy machinery etc. are difficult to seal in packages or container. Hence, it provides that where the nature of goods is such that the goods cannot be sealed in a package or a container such as coal or ore, etc., exemption from sealing of package or container may be granted by the Principal Chief Commissioner/ Chief Commissioner of Central Tax subject to safeguard as may be specified by him in the permission.

**Refund of drawback of basic customs duty paid on inputs for deemed exports also allowed on “All Industry Rate” basis [Notification No. 28/2015-2020 dated 31.10.2019]**

DGFT vide Notification No. 28/2015-20 dated 31st October 2019 has amended the said provision and provided that refund of drawback on the inputs used in manufacture and supply under the deemed exports category can be claimed on 'All Industry Rate' of Duty Drawback Schedule notified by Department of Revenue from time to time provided no CENVAT credit has been availed by supplier of goods on excisable inputs or on 'Brand rate basis' upon submission of documents evidencing actual payment of basic custom duties. Accordingly, the refund of drawback of duty paid on inputs is also allowed on All Industry Rate basis.

**Note:** Earlier, the refund of drawback in the form of Basic Customs duty of the inputs used in manufacture and supply under the deemed exports category was given on brand rate basis upon submission of documents evidencing actual payment of basic custom duties.

**1.20 REWARD SCHEMES (I.E. DUTY CREDIT SCHEMES)**



### (1) Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS):

The objective of MEIS is to compensate infrastructural inefficiencies and associated cost involved in export of goods/products, which are produced/manufactured in India, especially goods having high export intensity, employment potential and thereby enhancing India's export competitiveness.

#### MEIS Reward Rates:

Reward rates are prescribed under Appendix 3B-MEIS Schedule Table 2. ITC (HS) code wise list of products with rewards rates are incorporated under Appendix 3B. There are three types of reward rates are prescribed namely 2%, 3% and 5%. Applicability of these rates depends up on the country group and description of goods.

On request, split certificates of Duty Credit Scrip subject to a minimum of ₹ 5 Lakh each and multiples thereof may also be issued, at the time of application.

Once Duty Credit Scrip has been issued, request for splits can be permitted with same port of registration as appearing on the original Scrip.

The above procedure shall be applicable only in respect of EDI enabled ports.

In case of export through non-EDI ports, the facility of splits shall not be allowed after issue of Scrip.

Social Welfare Surcharge (SWS) cannot be paid by utilizing MEIS/SEIS Scrip (Circular No. 02/2020 – 10th Jan 2020)

#### Basis of calculation of MEIS reward or Duty Credit Scrip:

$$\text{Duty Credit Scrip} = \left[ \left( \text{FOB value of exports realized in free foreign exchange} \right) \text{ OR } \left( \text{FOB value of exports as given in the Shipping Bills in free foreign exchange} \right) \right] \times \text{Reward Rate}$$

**WHICHEVER IS LESS**

#### Example 4:

During F.Y. 2019-20 S Pvt Ltd has made Exports of "Safety Valves" coming under Chapter Heading 8481.

Country of Export – USA & UK.

Realised FOB value of exports in free foreign exchange : ₹ 50 Crore

FOB value of exports as given in the Shipping Bills in free foreign exchange (Covered in ₹): ₹ 55 Crore. As per Appendix 3B of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, reward for Export of Safety Valves to USA & UK is 3%.

Find the Duty Credit Scrip or MEIS reward available to S Ltd.

Answer:

Realised FOB value of exports = ₹ 50 crore or

FOB value of exports = ₹ 55 crore (as given in the Shipping Bills) Whichever is LESS.

Therefore MEIS Reward available to S Pvt Ltd for F.Y. 2019-20 would be ₹ 1.5 Crores (i.e. ₹ 50 Cr x 3%).

MEIS replaced with a new scheme with effect from 01.01.2021 Benefits under MEIS are not available for exports made with effect from 01.01.2021. Further, Government has introduced a new scheme Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) to all export goods with effect from 01.01.2021:



The RoDTEP scheme seeks to refund to exporters the embedded Central, State and local duties/taxes that were so far not being rebated/refunded. The refund would be credited in an exporter's ledger account with customs and used to pay basic customs duty on imported goods. The credits can also be transferred to other importers.

An exporter desirous of availing the benefit of the RoDTEP scheme is required to declare his intention for each export item in the shipping bill or bill of export. The RoDTEP is allowed, subject to specified conditions and exclusions [Notification No. 30/2015-2020 dated 01.09.2020 and Press Release dated 31.12.2020]

### **MEIS duty credit scrip's are not allowed in the following cases:**

- (1) EOUs / EHTPs / BTPs/ STPs who are availing direct tax benefits / exemption
- (2) Supplies made from DTA units to SEZ units
- (3) Exports through trans-shipment, i.e., exports that are originating in third country but trans-shipped through India
- (4) Deemed Exports
- (5) SEZ/EOU/EHTP/BTP/FTWZ products exported through DTA units
- (6) Export products which are subject to Minimum export price or export duty
- (7) Ores and concentrates of all types and in all formations
- (8) Cereals of all types
- (9) Sugar of all types and all forms unless specifically notified.
- (10) Crude / petroleum oil and crude / primary and base products of all types and all formulations
- (11) Export of milk and milk products and meat and meat products unless specifically notified.

### **Export of goods through courier/foreign post offices using e-commerce:**

The following products are eligible for rewards under MEIS:

- Exports of handicraft items,
- Export of handloom products,
- Export of books/periodicals,
- Export of leather footwear,
- Export of toys and
- Export of tailor made fashion garments

through courier or foreign post office using e-commerce of FOB value up to ₹25,000 per consignment shall be entitled for rewards under MEIS.

In case the value exceeds INR 25000, MEIS reward would be limited to FOB value of INR 25000 only.

However, DGFT vide Notification No. 22/2015-20, dated 26th July 2018 has amended the said provision and provided that for export of aforesaid items through courier or foreign post office of FOB value upto ₹ 5,00,000 per consignment will be entitled for reward under MEIS. If the value of exports is more than ₹ 5,00,000 per consignment then MEIS reward would be calculated on the basis of FOB value of ₹ 5,00,000 only.

**Example:** Classmate Printers Pvt. Ltd., manufactured register account books & letter pads and exported the same by courier at FOB value of 4,000 USD per consignment to USA and 6,500 UK Pounds per consignment to UK. During the year, 40 consignments sent to USA. Exchange rate is ₹70 per USD. 20 consignments sent to UK. Exchange rate is ₹ 88 per Pound. Classmate Printers Pvt. Ltd., entitled 2% reward rate. Find the reward amount under MEIS for Classmate Printers Pvt. Ltd.

**Answer:**

Export to USA:

Reward amount in ₹2,24,000[(i.e. ₹2,80,000 x 40 consignments) x 2%]

[i.e. (4,000 USD x ₹70) = ₹2,80,000

(maximum permissible per consignment is ₹5,00,000)

**Export to UK:**

Reward amount in ₹2,00,000/-

[i.e. (6,500 UK Pounds x ₹88 = ₹5,72,000)

however, maximum is ₹5,00,00 per consignment.

[i.e. ₹(5,00,000 x 20) x 2%] = ₹2,00,000

**As per NOTIFICATION No. 22/2015-2020 dated 26.07.2018 –**

Para of the FTP 2015-20	Current para
<b>2.47</b>	2.47 Export through Courier Service/Post Exports through a registered courier service is permitted as per Notification issued by DoR. However, exportability of such items shall be regulated in accordance with FTP/ITC(HS),2017.
<b>3.05</b>	3.05 Export of goods through courier or foreign post offices using e-Commerce i. Exports of goods through courier or foreign post office using e-commerce, as notified in Appendix 3C. of FOB value upto ₹ 25000 per consignment shall be entitled for rewards under MEIS. ii. If the value of exports using e-commerce platform is more than ₹ 25000 per consignment then MEIS reward would be limited to FOB value of ₹ 25000 only. iii. Such goods can be exported in manual mode through Foreign Post Offices at New Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai. iv. Export of such goods under Courier Regulations shall be allowed manually on pilot basis through Airports at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai as per appropriate amendments in regulations to be made by Department of Revenue. Department of Revenue shall fast track the implementation of EDI mode at courier terminals.

The value limit for exports through Courier service/ Post has been placed at ₹ 5,00,000 and the eligibility criteria for entitlement under MEIS for courier/ post exports have been increased to ₹ 5,00,000 per consignment from the earlier ₹ 25,000 per consignment. The limitation on the port of exports for courier exports for the purpose of incentivisation under MEIS has been done away.

**As per Notification No. 36/2015-2020, dated 27.09.2018 - The value limit stipulated on exports through Post in Para 2.47 of the FTP has been done away with. The value limit of ₹ 5,00,000/- will be applicable only in case of courier exports.**

**Example 5:**

Classmate Printers Pvt. Ltd., manufactured register account books & letter pads and exported the same by courier at FOB value of 400 USD per consignment to USA and 350 UK Pounds per consignment to UK. During the year 2015-16, 40 consignments sent to USA. Exchange rate is ₹ 60 per USD. 20 consignments sent to UK. Exchange rate is ₹ 80 per Pound. Classmate Printers Pvt. Ltd., entitled 2% reward rate. Find the reward amount





**under MEIS for Classmate Printers Pvt. Ltd.**

**Answer:**

**Export to USA:**

**Reward amount in ₹ 19,200 [i.e. (400 USD x ₹ 60) x 2% x 40]**

**Export to UK:**

**Reward amount in ₹ 10,000 [i.e. (350 UK Pounds x ₹ 80 = ₹ 28,000)**

**however, maximum is ₹ 25,000 per consignment. [i.e. ₹ (25,000 x 20) x 2% = 10,000.**

Last date for filing application for obtaining Duty Credit Scrip under MEIS shall be Later of:

- (1) Twelve months from the Let Export Order date OR
- (2) Three months from the date of:
  - Uploading of EDI shipping bills into the DGFT server by Customs
  - Printing/ release of shipping bills for Non EDI shipping bills.

#### **New Scheme RoDTEP:**

The Government had recently announced the introduction of a new scheme "Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products" (RoDTEP) to replace the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) available to exporters of goods. Accordingly, the items covered under the existing MEIS scheme would be shifted in a phased manner to the new RoDTEP scheme.

RoDTEP has been made effective for exports from 1st January 2021 in respect of those exports where intention to claim the benefit has been manifested on the shipping bills. RoDTEP is going to give a boost to Indian exports by providing a level playing field to domestic industry abroad.

#### **RoDTEP Benefits:**

Being WTO-compliant, the RoDTEP scheme can make available from the government benefits to the exporters seamlessly.

- (a) The scheme is more exhaustive in that certain taxes that were not covered under the previous scheme are also included in the list, for example, education cess, state taxes on oil, power and water.
- (b) It will add more competitiveness in the foreign markets, with assured duty benefits by the Indian Government.
- (c) It will also help exporters meet international standards and promote business growth etc.,

#### **Objective of RoDTEP Scheme:**

The Scheme's objective is to refund, currently un-refunded duties and taxes. The scheme has been introduced with an objective to neutralize the taxes and duties suffered on exported goods which are otherwise not credited or remitted or refunded in any manner and remain embedded in the export goods. This scheme provides for rebate of all hidden Central, State, and Local duties/taxes/levies on the goods exported which have not been refunded under any other existing scheme namely:

- Mandi Tax, Municipal Taxes, Property Taxes, VAT,
- Coal cess,
- Central Excise duty on fuel,
- Electricity duty on purchase of electricity,

- Stamp duty on export documents; etc.

will now be refunded under this particular scheme.

All the items under the MEIS and the RoSCTL (Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies) are now under the purview of the RoDTEP Scheme.

#### **RoDTEP Scheme Operating Principles:**

1. RoDTEP support will be available to eligible exporters at a notified rate as a percentage of Freight On Board (FOB) value. Rebate on certain export products will also be subject to value cap per unit of the exported product.

However, for the purpose of calculation of duty credit, value of exported shall be least of the following:

- (a) FOB value of said goods, or
  - (b) 1.5 times of the market price of the goods.
2. Identified export sectors and rates under RoDTEP cover 8555 tariff lines in addition to similar support being extended to apparel and made-ups exports under RoSCTL scheme of Ministry of Textiles.
  3. Employment Oriented Sectors like Marine, Agriculture, Leather, Gems & Jewellery etc. are covered under the Scheme. Other sectors like Automobile, Plastics, Electrical / Electronics, Machinery etc. also get support. The entire value chain of textiles also gets covered through RoDTEP & RoSCTL.
  4. Rebate under the Scheme shall not be available in respect of duties and taxes already exempted or remitted or credited.
  5. The determination of ceiling rates under the scheme will be done by a Committee in the Department of Revenue/Drawback Division with suitable representation of the DoC/DGFT, line ministries and experts, on the sectors prioritized by Department of Commerce and Department of Revenue.
  6. No provision for remission of arrears or contingent liabilities is permissible under the Scheme to be carried over to the next financial year.
  7. The rebate allowed is subject to the receipt of sale proceeds within time allowed under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 failing which such rebate shall be deemed never to have been allowed. The rebate would not be dependent on the realisation of export proceeds at the time of issue of rebate. However, adequate safeguards to avoid any misuse on account of non-realisation and other systemic improvements as in operation under Drawback Scheme, IGST and other GST refunds relating to exports would also be applicable for claims made under RoDTEP Scheme.

#### **Mechanism of Issuance of Rebate:**

- (a) Scheme would be implemented through end to end digitalization of issuance of rebate amount in the form of a transferable duty credit/electronic scrip (e-scrip), which will be maintained in an electronic ledger by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- (b) Necessary rules and procedure regarding grant of RoDTEP claim under the scheme and implementation issues including manner of application, time period for application and other matters including export realisation, export documentation, sampling procedures, record keeping etc. would be notified by the CBIC, Department of Revenue on an IT enabled platform with a view to end to end digitalisation.
- (c) Necessary provisions for recovery of rebate amount where foreign exchange is not realised, suspension / withholding of RoDTEP in case of frauds and misuse, as well as imposition of penalty will also be built suitably by CBIC.



**Eligible Sectors for RoDTEP Scheme:**

The following sectors are eligible to avail of benefits under the scheme.

1. All sectors shall be covered under the scheme. Labour-intensive sectors will be accorded a priority.
2. Both manufacturer exporters and merchant exporters (traders) are eligible.
3. There is no turnover threshold for availing benefits under the scheme.
4. Re-exported products are not eligible under this scheme.
5. The exported products should have India as their country of origin to be eligible for benefits under the scheme.
6. Special Economic Zone Units and Export Oriented Units are also eligible.
7. The scheme also applies to goods that have been exported via courier through e-commerce platforms.

**Ineligible categories under the Scheme for claiming benefit:**

The following categories of exports/exporters which shall not be eligible for rebate under the RoDTEP Scheme:

- (i) Exports of imported goods as per para 2.46 of FTP i.e. Import for Export;
- (ii) Exports through trans-shipments, meaning thereby exports originating in third country but trans-shipped through India;
- (iii) Export products which are subject to minimum export price or export duty;
- (iv) Products which are restricted for exports under Schedule-2 of Export Policy in ITC (HS);
- (v) Products which are prohibited for exports under Schedule-2 of Export Policy in ITC (HS);
- (vi) Deemed Exports;
- (vii) Supplies of products manufactured by DTA units to SEZ/FTWZ units;
- (viii) Products manufactured in EHTP and BTP;
- (ix) Products manufactured partly or wholly in a warehouse under section 65 of Customs Act, 1962 ;
- (x) \* Products manufactured or exported in discharge of export obligation against advance authorisation or Duty Free Import Authorization (DFIA) or Special Advance Authorisation issued under a duty exemption scheme of relevant Foreign Trade Policy;
- (xi) \* Products manufactured or exported by a unit licensed as 100% Export Oriented Unit (EOU) in terms of the provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy;
- (xii) \* Products manufactured or exported by any of the units situated in Free Trade Zone (FTZ), Export Processing Zones (EPZ) or Special Economic Zone (SEZ);
- (xiii) Products manufactured or exported availing the benefit of Notification No 32/1997- Customs dated 01.04.2017 (i.e. jobbing transactions);
- (xiv) Exports for which electronic documentation in ICEGATE EDI has not been generated or Exports from Non-EDI port; and
- (xv) Goods which have been taken into use after manufacture (i.e. second-hand goods);

[\*\*\* As per para 4.55B of the FTP (inserted vide DGFT Notification No. 19/2015-20 dated 17.08.2021), the inclusion of exports made by categories mentioned in Sr. No. X, XI and XII above i.e. the exporters under the categories of SEZ, EOU, Advance Authorisation etc. and the RoDTEP rates for export items under such categories would be decided later based on the recommendations of the RoDTEP Committee.]

**RoDTEP vs MEIS:**

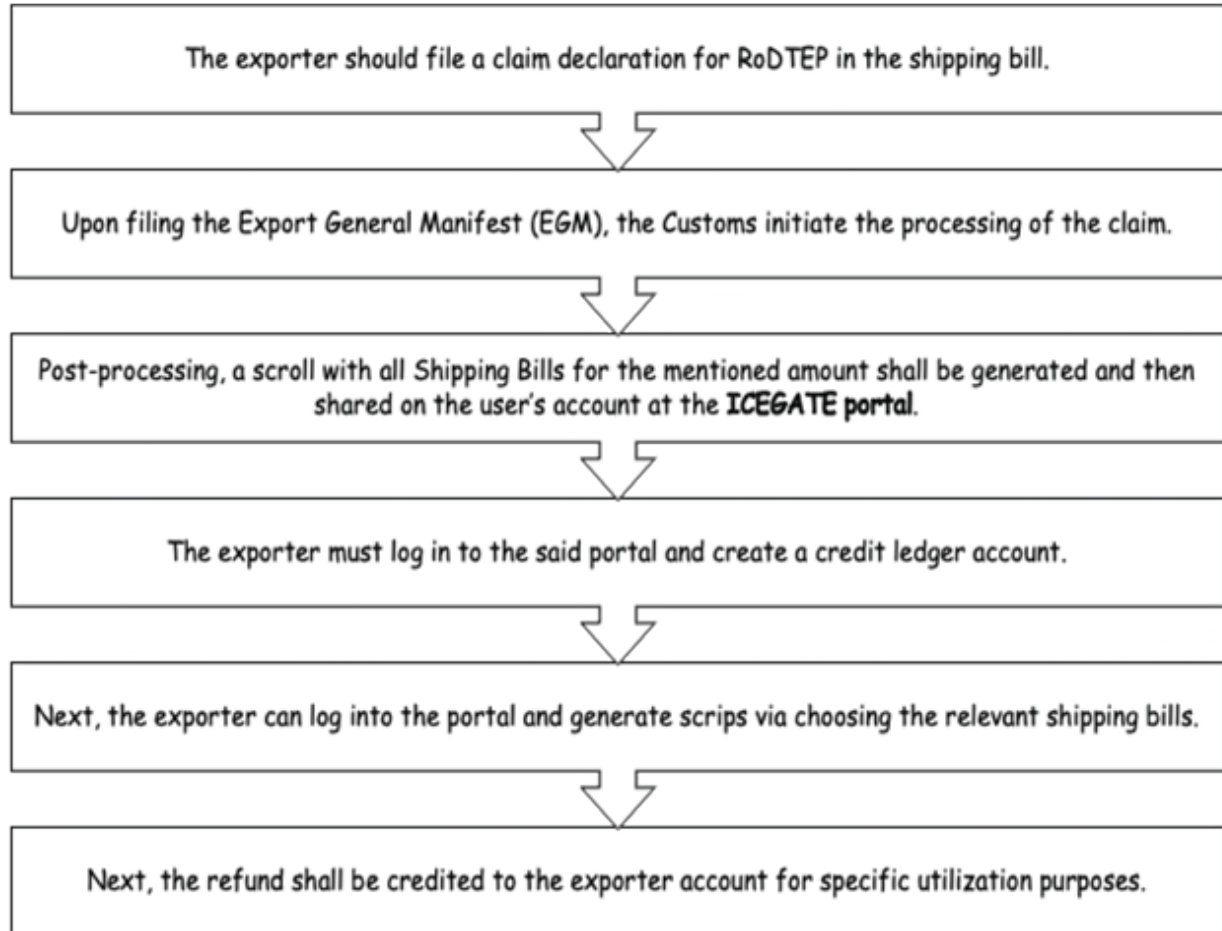
Feature	RoDTEP	MEIS
Incentive Scheme	Refund of indirect taxes on inputs used in the manufacture of exported products that are not being currently reimbursed in any other existing schemes.	Incentive on exports of goods in form of transferable scrips
Mode of issue	Issued in the form of transferable duty credit/ electronic scrip, which will be maintained in electronic ledger	Issued in the form of transferable scrips (physical copy)
WTO compliant	Yes. It is as per WTO norms.	No.
Incentive	At a notified rate as a percentage of Freight On Board (FOB) value. Rebate on certain export products will also be subject to value cap per unit of the exported product.	As a % of realised FOB value of exports in free foreign exchange or FOB value of exports as per shipping Bill, whichever is lower.
Transferable	Transferable in open market	Transferable in open market

**Utilisation of Duty Credit:**

The created and approved Scrips can either be used for debiting Basic Customs Duty for own imports or the approved Scrip can be transferred to another IEC holder who is also created RODTEP Ledger under his log in Credentials

The current owner of the Scrip can use the scrip credits for debiting to his imports in the same manner in the past like all other scrips like MEIS, RoSCTL etc as in the past

**The process of generating and claiming scrips as per the RoDTEP scheme is shown below.**



The common documents required for RoDTEP Scheme include

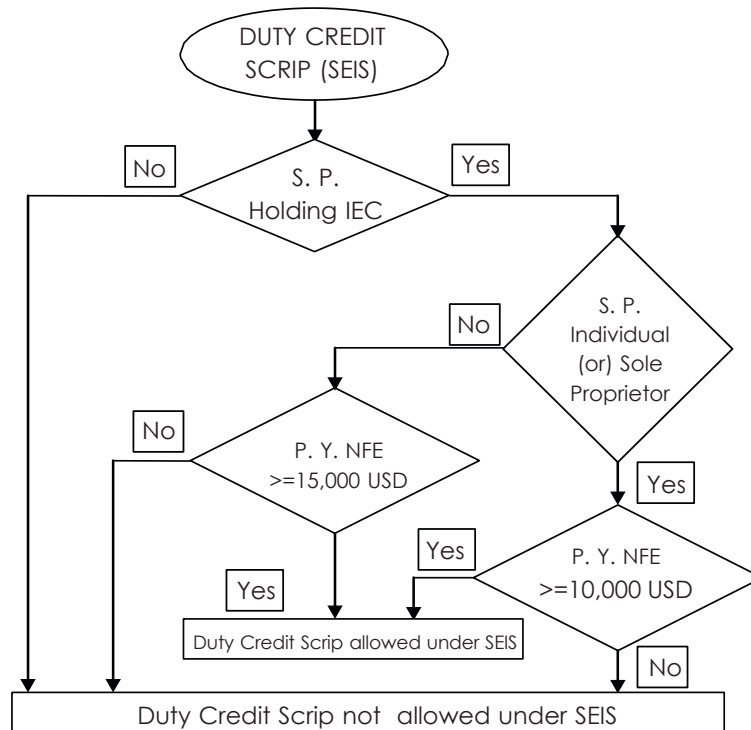
- Shipping bills,
- Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) – Class 3,
- Electronic Bank Realisation Certificate (eBRC), and
- RCMC Certificate.

**Electronic Bank Realisation Certificate:** An eBRC (electronic Bank Realisation Certificate) refers to a digital certificate for those engaged with the export business. It is granted by the designated bank as confirmation that the concerned exporter has received payment against the exports of goods or services.

**Registration Cum Membership Certificate:** As per the Foreign Trade Policy, a RCMC is required to avail benefits under the policy. The certificate mainly benefits the exporters and helps reduce immediate liabilities relating to shipping.

**(2) Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS):**

Objective of Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) is to encourage export of notified Services from India.



S.P. = Service provider, P.Y. = Previous Year

NFE = Net Foreign Exchange

**Net Foreign Exchange Earnings:**

Particulars	Value in USD
Gross Earnings of Foreign Exchange	XXXX
Less: Payments made by IEC holder relating to service sector in the financial year	(XXXX)
Net Foreign Exchange Earnings (NFE)	XXXX

**Note:**

- (a) If exporter is a manufacturer of goods as well as service provider, then the foreign exchange earnings and Total expenses / payment shall be taken into account for service sector only.
- (b) Foreign exchange earned through credit cards is counted for the purpose of computing the limit of minimum net foreign exchange required for being eligible to SEIS Scheme.

Social Welfare Surcharge (SWS) cannot be paid by utilizing MEIS/SEIS Scrip (Circular No. 02/2020 – 10th Jan 2020)

**Ineligible categories under SEIS:**

1. Foreign exchange earnings from
  - a. Equity or debt participation
  - b. Donations
  - c. Receipts of repayment of loans
2. Raising of all types of foreign currency Loans
3. Export proceeds realization of clients



4. Issuance of Foreign Equity through AD ₹ / GD ₹ or other similar instruments
5. Issuance of foreign currency Bonds
6. Sale of securities and other financial instruments
7. Other receivables not connected with services rendered by financial institutions.
8. Earned through contract/ regular employment abroad (e.g. labour remittances)
9. Payments for services received from EEFC Account
10. Foreign exchange turnover by Healthcare Institutions like equity participation, donations etc.
11. Foreign exchange turnover by Educational Institutions like equity participation, donations etc. Under education services, SEIS shall not be available on Capitation fee.
12. Export turnover relating to services of units operating under EOU/ EHTP/ STPI/ BTP Schemes or supplies of services made to such units.
13. Clubbing of turnover of services rendered by SEZ/EOU/ EHTP/ STPI/ BTP units with turnover of DTA Service Providers
14. Exports of Goods
15. Foreign Exchange earnings for services provided by Airlines, Shipping lines service providers plying from any foreign country X to any foreign country Y routes not touching India at all.
16. Service providers in Telecom Sector.

### Rate of SEIS Reward:

Appendix 3D of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 gives list of Notified Services & rate of reward on such services. There are two types of rates namely 3% and 5%. Many services are entitled for 5% duty credit scrip.

### Calculation of Reward:

The reward under SEIS will be calculated at rate notified in Appendix 3D of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 and on Net Foreign Exchange Earned.

### Payment in INR:

Payment in Indian Rupees for service charges earned on specified services shall be treated as receipt in deemed foreign exchange as per guidelines of Reserve Bank of India. The list of such services is indicated in Appendix 3E

### Procedure for getting SEIS:

- Online Application is to be filed in Form ANF 3B
- Application should be enclosed with CA/CS/CMA Certificate in the form specified.

Last date of filing of application for Duty Credit Scrips under SEIS shall be 12 months from the end of relevant financial year of claim period.

#### Example 6:

**M Pvt Ltd is provides services of Technical Testing & Analysis Services.**

**During F.Y. 2015-16, Gross earning in foreign exchange from providing of services is \$ 2 Million. (INR ₹ 12 Crore) from USA and \$ 1.5 Million. ( INR ₹ 9 Crore) from Nepal & Bhutan. Payment made in foreign Currency on services received from abroad is \$ 50,000 (INR 30 lakhs) and purchase of Capital Equipment of \$ 1 million ( INR 6 Crore).**

**Calculate eligibility of SEIS Scheme to M Pvt Ltd.**

**During F.Y. 14-15, Net Foreign Exchange Earning was \$ 2.5 Million. Note: Reward for export of Technical Testing & Analysis Services is 3%**

**Answer:**

**SEIS Reward available to M Pvt. Ltd., for F.Y. 15-16 would be ₹ 44.10 lakhs [i.e. (12+9) – (0.3+6) \*3%].**



### Common Provisions applicable for both the schemes (MEIS & SEIS):

- (i) The following duties and taxes are allowed as CENVAT Credit, if paid by utilizing Duty Credit Scrip:
- i. Additional Customs duties (CVD & Spl. CVD).
  - ii. Excise duty.
  - iii. Service Tax

**Note:** Basic Customs duty paid by utilizing duty credit scrip shall be adjusted for Duty Drawback.

- (ii) Transfer of export performance from one IEC hold to another IEC holder shall not be permitted. Thus, a shipping bill containing name of applicant shall be counted in export performance / turnover of applicant only if export proceeds from overseas are realized in applicant's bank account and this shall be evidenced from e - BRC / FIRC.

however, MEIS rewards can be claimed either by the supporting manufacturer (along with disclaimer from the company / firm who has realized the foreign exchange directly from overseas) or by the company/ firm who has realized the foreign exchange directly from overseas.

- (iii) Utilization of Duty Credit Scrip shall be permitted for payment of duty in case of import of capital goods under lease financing.
- (iv) Duty Credit Scrip can be utilised / debited for payment of Custom Duties in case of EO defaults for Authorizations. However, penalty / interest shall be required to be paid in cash.
- (v) Duty Credit Scrip under MEIS & SEIS will be valid for 18 months from the date of issue and must be valid on the date on which actual Debit of duty is made.
- (vi) Incentives of MEIS & SEIS are available to units located in SEZs also.

#### Example 7:

**Examine whether benefit of Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) can be availed with respect to notified services provided by service providers located in India in the current financial year in the following independent cases:**

- (a) Net Foreign Exchange (NFE) earned by Mr. Raj, a service provider, in the preceding financial year is USD 4,500.
- (b) X & Co., is a partnership firm, supplier of taxable services, has earned net foreign exchange to the tune of USD 17,500 in the preceding financial year.
- (c) Mr. Roshan, a service provider, has earned net foreign exchange of USD 13,000 in the preceding financial year. Out of this, USD 4,000 has been paid to Mr. Roshan through the credit card of the foreign client.

**Note:** all the above services providers have an active IEC at the time of rendering services.

#### Answer:

- (a) Mr. Raj is not eligible for SEIS Scheme as his net foreign exchange earnings are less than USD 10,000 (minimum limit for individuals).
- (b) X & Co., being a partnership firm eligible for SEIS Scheme as their net foreign exchange exceeds the limit of USD 15,000 (minimum limit for firms).
- (c) Foreign exchange earned through credit cards is counted for the purpose of computing the limit of minimum net foreign exchange required for being eligible to SEIS Scheme. Thus, Mr. Roshan is eligible for SEIS Scheme.





**Example 8:**

George Inc., a US based company, sought architectural services from ABC India Pvt. Ltd. with regard to its newly established business in New York in April, 2015. ABC India Pvt. Ltd. charged US \$50,000 as a consideration for the architectural services provided to George Inc. In addition, ABC India Pvt. Ltd., also exported goods worth US \$15,000 to George Inc. and received the entire consideration of US \$65,000 on 28-04-2015.

Discuss the eligibility of ABC India Pvt. Ltd., for duty credit scrip entitlement under the Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS).

**Notes:**

- (i) ABC India Pvt. Ltd., has an active Importer Exporter Code (IEC) at the time of rendering such services.
- (ii) Net Foreign Exchange earnings of ABC India Pvt. Ltd., in the financial year 2014-15 is US \$16,000.
- (iii) Notified rate of reward for architectural services is 5%

Will your answer be different if ABC India Pvt. Ltd., had provided telecom services to George Inc.?

**Answer:**

Duty credit scrip entitlement of ABC India Pvt. Ltd. is 5% of US \$ 50,000 i.e., US \$ 2,500.

Further, if ABC India Pvt. Ltd. had provided telecom services to George Inc., it would not have been eligible for the duty credit scrip entitlement under the SEIS.

**Example 9:**

XYZ Co. Ltd., Delhi, with an active IEC, has provided research and development services on natural sciences\* to a US based company in the current financial year. It has earned net foreign exchange to the tune of USD 14,000 in the preceding financial year. Can XYZ Co. Ltd. avail the benefit of Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) with respect to services provided by it?

\*notified for availing benefit under Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS)

**Answer:**

For availing SEIS by a person (other than individual or sole proprietor) need to fulfil minimum NFE is 15,000 USD. In the given case XYZ & Co. Ltd. Delhi is not entitled to avail the SEIS, since, their NFE in the preceding previous year is 14,000 USD only.

**1.21 STATUS HOLDERS**

Business leaders who have excelled in international trade and have successfully contributed to country's foreign trade are proposed to be recognized, as Status Holders and given special treatment and privileges to facilitate their trade transactions, in order to reduce their transaction costs and time.

All exporters of goods, services and technology having an import-export code (IEC) number shall be eligible for recognition as a status holder

An applicant shall be categorized as status holder upon achieving export performance during current and previous two financial years, as indicated below:

Status category	Export Performance FOB / FOR (as converted) Value (in US \$ Million) during current year and two previous years
One Star Export House	3
Two Star Export House	25
Three Star Export House	100
Four Star Export House	500
Five Star Export House	2000

**Note:** One million = 10 lakh

**Important points:**

- (a) FOR Value (i.e. deemed export) of exports in India Rupees shall be converted in US\$ at the exchange rate notified by CEBC, as on 1st April of each Financial Year.
- (b) For granting status, export performance is necessary in at least 2 out of 3 years.
- (c) Grant of double weightage while calculating export performance is given to exporters who seeks One Star Export House status under the following categories:
  - (i) Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)
  - (ii) Manufacturing units having ISO/BIS
  - (iii) Units located in North Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir
  - (iv) Units located in Agri Export Zones.A shipment can get double weightage only once in any one of above categories. It means a shipment can be included in one of categories indicated above only once.
- (d) Exports made on re-export basis shall not be counted for recognition.
- (e) Export of items under authorization, including Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies (SCOMET) items, would be included for calculation of export performance.
- (f) Status Certificates issued under this FTP shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date on which application for recognition was filed.

**As per Notification No. 28/2015-2020, dated 27.08.2018 - Amendment in Para 3.24 (j) of Chapter-3 of FTP 2015-2020.- The limit of Rs One Crore per year for exports on free of cost exports basis for export promotion for Status Holders is removed and is made 2% of average annual export realization during preceding three licensing years with immediate effect**

**Benefits to Status holders:**

- a. Authorisation and Customs Clearances for both imports and exports may be granted on self- declaration basis;
- b. Fixation of Input Output Norms (SION) on priority by the Norms Committee i.e. within 60 days.
- c. Exemption from compulsory negotiation of documents through banks. The remittance receipts, however, would continue to be received through banking channels by way of e-BRC by DGFT.
- d. Exemption from furnishing of Bank Guarantee in Schemes under FTP.
- e. Two Star Export Houses and above are permitted to establish export warehouses.
- f. Three Star and above Export House shall be entitled to get benefit of Accredited Clients Programme (ACP) as per the guidelines of CBIC.
- g. Status holders shall be entitled to export freely exportable items on free of cost basis for export promotion subject to an annual limit of ₹10 lakh (w.e.f. 23rd Aug 2017 ₹1 Crore) or 2% of average annual export realization during preceding 3 licensing years, whichever is higher.

The free of cost supplies made under provisions of free of cost basis shall not be entitled to Duty Drawback or any other export incentive under any export promotion scheme.

**Removal of limit of ₹ 1 crore per year for exports on Free of Cost Exports basis for export promotion for Status Holders:** It means that the limit of ₹ 1 Crore per year for exports on free of cost exports basis for export promotion for Status Holders is removed and is made 2% of average annual export realization during preceding three licensing years. **[Notification No. 28/2015-20 dated 27.08.2018]**

- h. Manufacturer exporters who are also Status Holders shall be eligible to self-certify their goods as originating from India.



**Example 10:**

From the following identify correct category for grant of status certificate to X Ltd:

Type of Exports in US \$	Current Year in (From April - Oct)	Previous Year 1	Previous Year 2
1. Exports of goods without Weightage US\$	1,25,000	11,00,000	5,80,000
2. Exports of services without Weightage US\$	1,55,000	4,20,000	3,95,000
3. FOR value for Deemed Exports (₹)	50,00,000	1,25,00,000	1,20,00,000

Exchange rate notified by the CBEC as on 1st April 2013, 1st April 2014 and 1st April 2015 is ₹ 55/USD, ₹ 58/USD and ₹ 60/USD respectively.

Answer:

Statement showing exports for shipments during last two years and current year up to 31st Oct 2015:

Type of Exports in US\$	Current Year in US\$ (From April - Oct)	Previous Year 1 in US\$	Previous Year 2 in US\$
1. Exports of goods without Weightage	1,25,000	11,00,000	5,80,000
2. Exports of services without Weightage	1,55,000	4,20,000	3,95,000
3. FOR value for Deemed Exports US\$	83,333.33	2,15,517.24	2,18,181.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,63,333.33</b>	<b>17,35,517.24</b>	<b>11,93,181.82</b>

X Ltd. export performance as on the date of application made to RA / Development Commissioner (DC) is US\$ 3.292 Millions (i.e. 32,92,032.39 US\$ /10,00,000). Therefore, X Ltd is eligible for One Star Export House status.

**Example 11:**

X Pvt. Ltd., being a by Micro, small & medium enterprises (MSME) manufactured and exported packing material to USA. Other information is as follows:

S. No.	Category of exports	FOB value US\$ in the current year (April to June)	FOB value US\$ in the Previous Year 1	FOB value US\$ in the Previous Year 2
1.	Export of goods as MSME	50,000	20,00,000	Nil
2.	Manufacturing units having ISO/BIS	Nil	Nil	5,00,000

Find whether X Pvt. Ltd., is eligible for double weightage? If yes identify its export status?

Answer:

S. No.	Category of exports	FOB value US\$ in the current year (April to June)	FOB value US\$ in the Previous Year 1	FOB value US\$ in the Previous Year 2
1.	Export of goods as MSME	50,000	20,00,000	Nil
2.	Manufacturing units having ISO/BIS	Nil	Nil	5,00,000
	<b>Total FOB</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>20,00,000</b>	<b>5,00,000</b>
	<b>FOB Value of Exports with Double Weightage (US\$) = [2 × Total FOB Value]</b>	<b>1,00,000</b>	<b>40,00,000</b>	<b>10,00,000</b>

X Pvt. Ltd., achieved export turnover of US\$ 5.10 Millions by applying double weightage. Therefore, X Pvt. Ltd., can apply for One Star Export House status.

**Example 12:**

X Pvt. Ltd., (One Star Export House) wanted to export general goods (i.e. export freely without any restriction or prohibition) worth ₹25 lakh on free of cost basis for export promotion to USA.

Particulars	Current Year in (From April - Oct)	Previous Year 1	Previous Year 2	Previous Year 3
Annual Export realization (INR)	9,11,25,000	1,11,00,000	10,80,00,000	8,15,80,000

Whether X Pvt. Ltd., can export goods on free of cost basis, if so what amount. Advise.

**Answer:**

X Pvt. Ltd. being a status holder can export freely exportable items on free of cost basis for export promotion maximum of:

₹ 13,37,867.

Therefore, maximum value of export at free of cost is ₹ 13,37,867.

**Working note:**

$[(1,11,00,000 + 10,80,00,000 + 8,15,80,000) / 3] \times 2\% = ₹ 13,37,867$

## 1.22 EXPORT PROMOTION CAPITAL GOODS (EPCG) SCHEME

This scheme permits exporter to procure capital goods at concessional rate of customs duty / zero customs duty in return exporter is under an obligation to fulfill the export obligation.

Authorization shall be valid for 18 months from the date of issue of Authorization.

Import of capital goods shall be subject to 'Actual User' condition till export obligation is completed. After export obligation is completed, capital goods can be sold or transferred.

### Export Obligation:

Export obligation means obligation to export product(s) covered by Authorisation/ permission in terms of quantity or value or both, as may be prescribed/specified by Regional or competent authority. Export obligation consists of average export obligation and specific export obligation.

Specific Export Obligation (Specific EO) for such EPCG Authorizations would be 6 times of duty saved on capital goods to be fulfilled in 6 years reckoned from the date of issue of authorization.

Duty Saved Amount:	₹
Effective duty under Project Imports	xxx
Less: Concessional duty under the EPCG Scheme	(xx)
Duty Saved amount	xxx

In case of indigenous sourcing of capital goods, specific EO shall be 25% less than the EO mentioned above, i.e. EO will be 4.5 times (75% of 6 times) of duty saved on such goods procured.

Average Export Obligation (Average EO) means is the average level of exports made by the applicant in the preceding 3 licensing years for the same and similar product. It has to be achieved within the overall EO period (i.e. within 6 years reckoned from the date of issue of authorization).

In cases where Authorization holder has fulfilled 75% or more of specific export obligation and 100% of Average Export Obligation till date, if any, in half or less than half the original export obligation period specified, remaining export obligation shall be condoned and the Authorization redeemed.



Shipments under Advance Authorisation, DFIA, Drawback scheme, or reward schemes; would also be counted for fulfillment of EO under EPCG Scheme.

EO can also be fulfilled by the supply of Information Technology Agreement (ITA-1) items to DTA, provided realization is in free foreign exchange.

Both physical exports as well as specified deemed exports shall also be counted towards fulfillment of export obligation.

In case the Authorization Holder wants to export through a third party, export documents viz., shipping bills / Bill of exports etc. shall indicate name of both authorization holder and supporting manufacturer, if any, along with EPCG authorization number. BRC, GR declaration, export order and invoice should be in the name of third party exporter. The goods exported through third party should be manufactured by the EPCG Authorisation Holder or the supporting manufacturer where the capital goods imported under the authorisation have been installed.

**Notification No. 08/2019-Customs, dated 25th March, 2019:**

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has said that exemption from integrated GST and compensation cess under advance authorisation scheme, EOU, and EPCG scheme of foreign trade policy 2015-20 "is extended **up to March 31, 2020**".

These exemptions have been extended for exporters buying inputs domestically or importing for export purposes under export oriented unit (EOU) scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme and advance authorisation.

**Post Export EPCG Duty Credit Scrip(s):**

Under this scheme, capital goods are imported on full payment of applicable duties in cash. Later, basic customs duty paid on Capital Goods is remitted in the form of freely transferable duty credit scrip(s) and it can be utilized in the similar manner as the scrip's issued under reward schemes.

Specific EO shall be 85% of the applicable specific EO stipulated under EPCG scheme. Average EO remains unchanged.

Duty Drawback can be claimed for the duties paid like CVD & Spl. CVD paid on import of capital goods provided CENVAT Credit not availed.

**The following are eligible for EPCG Scheme:**

1. Manufacturer exporters with or without supporting manufacturer(s),
2. Merchant exporters tied to supporting manufacturer(s), and
3. Service providers including service providers designated as Common Service Provider (CSP) subject to prescribed conditions.

**Note:** "Common Service Provider" (CSP) means a service provider who is designated or certified as a Common Service Provider by the DGFT, Department of Commerce or State Industrial Infrastructural Corporation in a Town of Export Excellence;

**Eligible capital goods for import under EPCG Scheme:**

1. Capital Goods including capital goods in CKD/SKD condition
2. Computer software systems
3. Spares, moulds, dies, jigs, fixtures, tools & refractories for initial lining and spare refractories
4. Capital goods for Project Imports notified by CBIC.

**Ineligible capital goods for import under EPCG Scheme:**

1. Second hand capital goods
2. Power Generator Sets



As per Notification No. 35/2015-2020, dated 26.09.2018 - Extension of Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) and Compensation Cess exemption under Advance Authorisation, EPCG and EOU scheme upto 31.03.2019.

**Example 13:**

Tarun Pvt. Ltd., a manufacturer, wants to import capital goods in CKD condition from a foreign country and assemble the same in India. The import of the capital goods will be under Project Imports. The capital goods will be used for pre-production processes. The final products of Tarun Pvt. Ltd. would be supplied in SEZ. Tarun Pvt. Ltd. wishes to sell the capital goods imported by it as soon as the production process starts.

Tarun Pvt. Ltd. seeks your advice whether it can avail the benefit of EPCG Scheme for importing the intended capital goods.

**Note:** Assume that all other conditions required for being eligible to the EPCG Scheme are fulfilled in the above case.

**Answer:**

Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG) permits exporters to procure capital goods at concessional rate of customs duty/zero customs duty. In return, exporter is under an obligation to fulfill the export obligation. Export obligation means obligation to export product(s) covered by Authorization/permission in terms of quantity or value or both, as may be prescribed/specified by Regional or competent authority.

Exports to SEZ unit/developer/co-developer will be considered for discharge of export obligation of EPCG Authorization, irrespective of currency.

The license holder can either procure the capital goods (whether used for pre-production, production or post-production) from global market or domestic market. The capital goods can also be imported in CKD/ SKD to be assembled in India.

An EPCG Authorization can also be issued for import of capital goods under Scheme for Project Imports'. Export obligation for such EPCG Authorizations would be 6 times of duty saved.

Duty Saved Amount:	₹
Effective duty under Project Imports	xxxx
Less: Concessional duty under the EPCG Scheme	(xxx)
Duty Saved amount	xxxx

However, import of capital goods is subject to 'Actual User' condition till export obligation is completed. Therefore, based on the above discussion, Tarun Pvt. Ltd. can import the capital goods under EPCG Scheme. However, it has to make sure that it does not sell the capital goods till the export obligation is completed.

**Example 14:**

X Ltd., imported a machine from USA under EPGC Scheme with zero customs duty in the financial year 2015-16 for production of product 'P'.

Customs duty otherwise payable is ₹ 20 lakh. Find the specific export obligation and average export obligation. Exports of finished goods 'P' in the preceding 5 licensing years are as follows:

Particulars	2014-15	2013-14	2012-2013	2011-12	2010-11
FOB value of exports in INR	80 lakh	72 lakh	45 lakh	50	25



**Answer:**

**Specific Export Obligation is ₹120 lakh. It means capital goods imported under EPCG scheme should produce finished goods worth ₹120 lakh for export over a period of 6 years reckoned from the date of issue of Authorization.**

**Average Export Obligation is ₹ 65.67 lakh. It has to be achieved within the overall EO period (i.e. within 6 years reckoned from the date of issue of authorization).**

**Export obligation consists of average export obligation and specific export obligation. Hence, to redeem export obligation both specific and average export obligation should be fulfilled.**

### 1.23 EOU, EHTP, STP & BTP

These units may import or procure from DTA without payment of duty provided they are not prohibited items.

**w.e.f. 1-7-2017 100% EOU will not get ab initio exemption of IGST for imports. In GST regime, EOUs will have to pay IGST on imports. Refund of Input Tax Credit (ITC) can be taken after exports as per ITC/Refund Rules.**

EOU scheme is administered by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, while EHTP, STP & BTP schemes are administered by their respective administrative ministries. STP / EHTP Scheme is administered by Ministry of Information Technology. Bio Technology Park (BTP) is established on the recommendation of Department of Biotechnology.

Trading units are not covered under these schemes.

Only projects having a minimum investment of ₹ 1 crore in plant & machinery shall be considered for establishment as EOUs. However, Board of Approvals (BoA) may allow establishment of EOUs with a lower investment criteria also.

Approval for setting up of units under EOU scheme shall be granted by the Units Approval Committee within 15 days as per prescribed criteria. In other cases, approval may be granted by Board of Approval (BoA) set up for this purpose.

On approval, concerned authority will issue a Letter of Permission (LoP)/ Letter of Intent (LoI) which will have initial validity of 2 years (extendable by 2 years and further extension, if necessary, by BoA), by which time unit should have commenced production.

**Notification No. 08/2019-Customs, dated 25th March, 2019:**

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has said that exemption from integrated GST and compensation cess under advance authorisation scheme, EOU, and EPCG scheme of foreign trade policy 2015-20 "is extended **up to March 31, 2020**".

These exemptions have been extended for exporters buying inputs domestically or importing for export purposes under export oriented unit (EOU) scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme and advance authorisation.

**Positive Net Foreign Exchange (NFE) earnings:**

EOU/ EHTP/ STP/ BTP unit must be a positive net foreign exchange earner.

NFE Earnings shall be calculated cumulatively in blocks of 5 years, starting from commencement of production. Items of manufacture for export specified in LoP / LoI alone shall be taken into account for calculation of NFE.

Positive NFE = A – B > 0

'A' is FOB value of exports;

'B' is CIF value of imported inputs, Capital goods and value of all payments made in foreign exchange by way of commission / royalty etc. plus goods are obtained from another EOU/SEZ/international exhibition held in India or bonded warehouses

In case units not able achieve NFE due to any reason 5 years block period, may be extended suitably by BoA. In case of adverse market conditions 5 years period can be extendable up to 1 year.

Units Approval Committee shall monitor performance of EOU's with regard to NFE earnings.

**The following sales to DTA can be counted for positive NFE:**

- (a) Supplies in DTA to holders of Advance Authorization / Advance Authorization for annual requirement/ DFIA under duty exemption/ remission scheme/ EPCG scheme subject to certain exceptions.
- (b) Supplies affected in DTA against foreign exchange remittance received from overseas.
- (c) Supplies to other EOU/ EHTP/ STP/ BTP/ SEZ units.
- (d) Supplies made to bonded warehouses set up under FTP and/ or under section 65 of Customs Act and Free Trade and Warehousing Zones (FTWZ), where payment is received in foreign exchange.
- (e) Supplies of goods and services to such organizations which are entitled for duty free import of such items in terms of general exemption notification issued by MoF.
- (f) Supplies of Information Technology Agreement (ITA-1) items and notified zero duty telecom/ electronics items.
- (g) Supplies of items like tags, labels, printed bags, stickers, belts, buttons or hangers to DTA unit for export.

**Benefits to EOU/EHTP/STP/BTP units:**

- (i) Exemption from industrial licensing for manufacture of items reserved for SSI sector.
- (ii) Export proceeds will be realized within 9 months.
- (iii) Units will be allowed to retain 100% of its export earnings in the EEFC account.
- (iv) Unit will not be required to furnish bank guarantee at the time of import or going for job work in DTA, subject to fulfillment of required conditions.
- (v) 100% FDI investment permitted through automatic route similar to SEZ units.

**Sales to DTA units:** Up to 50% of FOB value of exports (including sales made to SEZ unit from Foreign Exchange Account of such unit), subject to fulfillment of positive NFE, on payment of concessional duties.

In case of units manufacturing and exporting more than one product, sale of any of these products into DTA, up to 90% of FOB value of export of the specific products is permitted, provided total DTA sales does not exceed the overall entitlement of 50% of FOB value of exports for the unit.

In case of new EOUs, advance DTA sale will be allowed not exceeding 50% of its estimated exports for first year (2 years for pharmaceutical units).

**As per Notification No. 35/2015-2020, dated 26.09.2018 - Extension of Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) and Compensation Cess exemption under Advance Authorisation, EPCG and EOU scheme upto 31.03.2019.**





**Example 15:**

With reference to the provisions relating to Export Oriented Unit (EOU) Scheme as contained in Foreign Trade Policy, answer the following questions:

- (i) An EOU has started production after 4 years 10 months from the date of grant of Letter of Permission (LoP). Is it correct?
- (ii) A unit intending to trade in handicrafts wants to set up an EOU. Is it allowed?

**Answer:**

- (i) On approval, concerned authority will issue a Letter of Permission (LoP)/Letter of Intent (LoI) which will have initial validity of 2 years (extendable by 2 years and further extension, if necessary, by BoA), by which time unit should have commenced production.
- (ii) In the given case EOU commenced production after 4 years 10 months from the date of LoP without obtaining extension. Hence, the given statement is incorrect.
- (iii) Trading unit can not setup an EOU. Manufacturing units (i.e. make in India) can set up an EOU.

## 1.24 DEEMED EXPORTS

Goods manufactured in India and supplies from DTA to EOU, EHTP, STP & BTP units will be regarded as deemed exports and DTA supplier shall be eligible for export incentives.

**The following supplies considered as deemed exports:**

**Goods supplied by a manufacturer:**

1. Supply of goods against Advance Authorisation/ Advance Authorisation for Annual Requirement/ DFIA.
2. Supply of goods to units located in EOU/ STP/BTP/EHTP.
3. Supply of capital goods against EPCG authorization.
4. Supply of marine freight containers by 100% EOU provided said containers are exported within 6 months by another 100% EOU.

**Goods supplied by a Main contractor / sub-contractor:**

1. Supply of goods to projects or turnkey contracts financed by multilateral or bilateral agencies/Funds notified by Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), under International Competitive Bidding.
2. Supply of goods to any project where import is permitted at zero customs duty.
3. Supply of goods to mega power projects against International Competitive Bidding.
4. Supply to goods to UN or international organisations.
5. Supply of goods to nuclear projects through competitive bidding (need not be international competitive bidding).

**Benefits for Deemed Exports**

Deemed exports shall be eligible for any / all of following benefits:

1. Advance Authorisation/ Advance Authorisation for Annual requirement/ DFIA
2. Deemed Export Drawback

As per Notification No 43/2015-2020, dated 05.11.2018 - Para 4.32(i) and Para 6.01 (a) of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 are amended to allow export of findings like posts, push backs, locks which help in collating the jewellery pieces together, containing gold of 3 carats and above up to a maximum limit of 22 carats only from domestic

tariff area and EOU/ EHTP/STP/BTP Units.

As per Notification No 44/2015-2020, dated 30.11.2018 - Para 4.32(i) of Chapter 4 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 is amended to allow export of Gold idols (only gods and goddess) of 8 carats and above (upto 24 carats) from domestic tariff area.

**Notification No. 08/2019-Customs, dated 25th March, 2019:**

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has said that exemption from integrated GST and compensation cess under advance authorisation scheme, EOU, and EPCG scheme of foreign trade policy 2015-20 "is extended **up to March 31, 2020**".

These exemptions have been extended for exporters buying inputs domestically or importing for export purposes under export oriented unit (EOU) scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme and advance authorisation.

### 1.25 SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE

The provisions relating to SEZ are contained in Special Economic Zone Act, 2005 and SEZ Rules, 2006.

- SEZs are like a separate island within territory of India.
- SEZs are projected as duty free area for the purpose of trade, operation, duty and tariffs.
- Goods and services coming to SEZ units from domestic tariff area are treated as exports from India and goods and services rendered from SEZ to the DTA are treated as import into India.

Any proposal for setting up of SEZ unit in the Private/ Joint/ State Sector is routed through the concerned State government who in turn forwards the same to the Department of Commerce with its recommendations for consideration.

The following incentives offered to the units in SEZ:

- (a) Duty free import/ domestic procurement of goods for development, operation and maintenance of SEZ units. (b) Single window clearance for Central and State level approvals.
- (c) Exemption from State sales tax and other levies as extended by the respective State Governments.
- (d) "In order to give a boost to exports from SEZs, government has now decided to extend benefits of both the reward schemes (MEIS and SEIS) to units located in SEZs.
- (e) SEZs have been exempted from payment of IGST on imports. Supplies to SEZs by DTA units also exempted from IGST (i.e. zero rated supply).

**The SEZ Rules provide for –**

1. Simplified procedures for development, operation, maintenance of the SEZ and for setting up units and conducting business in SEZs.
2. Single window clearance for setting up of an SEZs;
3. Single window for clearance for setting up a unit in a SEZ.  
Simplified compliance procedures.
4. Maintenance of documents with self certification
5. Simplified compliance procedures and documentation with an emphasis on self certification.



**Example 16:**

**With reference to the provisions of Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14, discuss, giving reasons, whether the following statements are true or false:**

- (i) If any doubt arises in respect of interpretation of any provision of FTP, the said doubt should be forwarded to CBIC. Decision of CBIC thereon would be final and binding.**
- (ii) Waste generated during manufacture in an SEZ Unit can be freely disposed in DTA on payment of applicable customs duty, without any authorization.**

**Answer:**

- (i) False. If any question or doubt arises in respect of interpretation of any provision of the FTP, said question or doubt ought to be referred to DGFT whose decision thereon would be final and binding.**
- (ii) True. Any waste or scrap or remnant including any form of metallic waste & scrap generated during manufacturing or processing activities of an SEZ Unit/ Developer/ Co-developer are allowed to be disposed in DTA freely, without any authorization, subject to payment of applicable customs duty.**

### 1.26 FTP AND GST

**As per DGFT Trade Notice No. 9/2017 dated 12-6-2017 the provisions are as follows:**

The Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 provides that no person shall make any import or export except under an Importer Exporter Code (IEC) number, granted by the Director General of Foreign Trade or the officer authorized by the Director General in this behalf.

It means, a 10 digit IEC number, is mandatory for undertaking any import export activities.

**With the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) w.e.f. 1st July 2017, GSTIN would be used for purpose of**

- (i) credit flow of IGST on import of goods and
- (ii) refund or rebate of IGST related to export of goods.

### 1.27 GSTIN OR PAN IN PLACE OF IMPORTER EXPORTER CODE (IEC)

As GSTIN will be used for the purposes mentioned above, it thereby assumes importance as identifier at the transaction level. In view of this, it has been decided that importer/exporter would need to declare only GSTIN (wherever registered with GSTIN) at the time of import and export of goods. The PAN level aggregation of data would automatically happen in the system.

Since obtaining GSTIN is not compulsory for all importers/exporters below a threshold limit of turnover, all exporters/ importers may not be registered with GSTIN, barring compulsory registration in certain cases, it has been further decided, with the implementation of GST, to use PAN of an entity for the purpose of IEC (not individual transactions).

As a measure of ease of doing business, it has been decided to keep the identity of an entity uniform across the Ministries/Departments. Henceforth, (i.e. after introduction of GST w.e.f. 01-07-2017) PAN of an entity will be used for the purpose of IEC, i.e. IEC will be issued by DGFT with the difference that it will be alpha numeric (instead of 10 digit numeric at present) and will be same as PAN of an entity. For new applicants, w.e.f. 1-7-2017 the application for IEC will be made to DGFT and applicant's PAN will be authorized as IEC. For residuary categories, the IEC will be either Unique Identity Number issued by GSTIN and authorized by DGFT or any common number to be notified by DGFT.

Further, The legacy data, which is based on IEC, would be converted into PAN based in due course of time.



**Principles of restrictions and prohibitions for imports/exports revised to be in the line with international agreements (Notification No. 17/2015-2020 dated 10-8-2021):**

W.e.f. 10-8-2021, principles of restrictions and prohibitions for imports/exports have been revised as follows: DGFT may, through a notification, impose prohibition or restriction

- A. On export of foodstuffs or other essential products for preventing or relieving critical shortages;
- B. On imports and exports necessary for the application of standards or regulations for the classification, grading or marketing of commodities in international trade;
- C. On imports of fisheries product, imported in any form, for enforcement of governmental measures to restrict production of the domestic product or for certain other purposes;
- D. On import to safeguard country's external financial position and to ensure a level of reserves;
- E. On imports to promote establishment of a particular industry;
- F. For preventing sudden increases in imports from causing serious injury to domestic producers or to relieve producers who have suffered such injury;
- G. For protection of public morals or to maintain public order;
- H. For protection of human, animal or plant life or health;
- I. Relating to the importations or exportations of gold or silver;
- J. Necessary to secure compliances with laws and regulations including those relating to the protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices;
- K. Relating to the products of prison labour;
- L. For the protection of national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value;
- M. For the conservation of exhaustible natural resources;
- N. For ensuring essential quantities for the domestic processing industry
- O. Essential to the acquisition or distribution of products in general or local short supply;
- P. for the protection of country's essential security interests:
  - i. Relating to fissionable materials or the materials from which they are derived;
  - ii. Relating to the traffic in arms, ammunition and implements of war;
  - iii. Taken in time of war or other emergency in international relations; or
- Q. In pursuance of country's obligations under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security

### 1.28 PENALTIES

In case any exporter or importer in the country violates any provision of the Foreign Trade Policy, the office of DGFT can cancel his IEC number and thereupon that exporter or importer would not be able to transact any business in export or import. The premises where any violation of the provisions of FTP has taken place or is expected to take place can be searched and the suspicious material seized.

Violations would cover situations when import or export has been made by unauthorized persons who are not legally allowed to carry out import or export or when any person carries out or admits to carry out any import or export in contravention of the basic FTP.





## PREVIOUS TERMS QUESTION PAPERS

### FINAL EXAMINATION

June 2019

**P-18 (ITP)  
Syllabus 2016**

### Indirect Tax Laws and Practice

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 100**

*The figures in the margin on the right side indicate full marks.  
Wherever necessary, you may make suitable assumptions and  
state them clearly in your answer.  
Working notes should form part of the answer.*

#### Section - A

Answer **Question No. 1** which is **compulsory** and **any four** from the rest of this section.

1. Choose the most appropriate option from the following [**Option to be given in capital letters A, B, C or D**] and give brief reason/justification for your choice, the correct choice or conclusion [1 mark for the correct choice and 1 mark for reason]: 2x7=14
- (i) The GST return form to be filed by a Composition dealer/supplier is \_\_\_\_\_ and the same had to be furnished \_\_\_\_\_.
- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) GSTR-1, Monthly | (B) GSTR-1, Quarterly |
| (C) GSTR-4, Monthly | (D) GSTR-4, Quarterly |
- (ii) Mr. Ram registered in Chennai has supplied goods to Kochi Fisheries Department, for a total contract value of ₹ 2,65,000 inclusive of 18% IGST. The tax to be deducted at source is (TDS on GST)
- |             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| (A) Nil     | (B) ₹ 2,650       |
| (C) ₹ 5,300 | (D) None of these |
- (iii) In the electronic ledger, the balance in Input tax credit is shown in
- |                                    |                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (A) Electronic cash ledger         | (B) Electronic credit ledger    |
| (C) Electronic confirmation ledger | (D) Electronic liability ledger |
- (iv) A registered supplier, who regularly files monthly GST return, has paid GST pertaining to the month of June, 2018 on 10-07-2018. The interest payable for delayed remittance of GST is
- |           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| (A) ₹ 710 | (B) ₹ 355         |
| (C) ₹ 473 | (D) None of these |
- (v) In case of inter-State supply of goods, the tax(es) levied is/are levied
- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| (A) CGST only     | (B) IGST only     |
| (C) CGST and IGST | (D) SGST and IGST |



- (vi) Lakshmi became liable to be registered under GST law on 10th November, 2018. She submitted the application for registration on 18th November, 2018. The registration certificate is issued on 9th December, 2018. The effective date of registration will be
- (A) 10th November, 2018 (B) 18th November, 2018  
(C) 9th December, 2018 (D) None of these

- (vii) A manufacturer who is a registered person under GST has purchased 10000 kgs of raw material during February, 2019, on which IGST of ₹ 1,00,000 has been paid. He has taken 100 kgs for personal use. 200 kgs were stolen from the factory. Only 80% of the raw materials were consumed during the month for production. The input tax credit available to him for February, 2019 is
- (A) ₹ 99,000 (B) ₹ 97,000  
(C) ₹ 98,000 (D) ₹ 1,00,000

2. (a) Mr. Raghuram is running a consulting firm and also a readymade garment showroom, registered in same PAN. Turnover of the showroom is ₹ 60 lakh and receipt of the consultancy firm is ₹ 12 lakh in the preceding financial year. You are required to answer the following:
- (i) Is Mr. Raghuram eligible for Composition Scheme?  
(ii) Whether it is possible for Mr. Raghuram to opt for composition only for Showroom?  
(iii) Rework, if Mr. Raghuram is running a restaurant as well as readymade garment showroom, whether he is eligible for Composition?  
(iv) If the turnover of garment showroom is ₹75 lakh in the preceding financial year and there is no consulting firm whether he is eligible for Composition? 8

- (b) M/s Samson Ltd. being a trader of laptops has two units, one in Chennai and other in Mumbai.

Place	P.Y. Turnover ₹ in lakhs (Excluding taxes)
Chennai	52
Mumbai	12

You are required to answer the following:

- (i) Is M/s Samson Ltd. eligible for composition levy in the current year?  
(ii) If so, can M/s Samson Ltd. opt composition scheme for Chennai location and normal scheme for Mumbai?  
(iii) Whether need to give separate intimations for opting composition scheme in each State? 6

3. (a) (i) CMA Mr. Sandesh, an unregistered person under GST, has place of profession in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, supplies taxable services to Infosys Ltd., a registered person under GST in Bangalore.
- (I) Is it inter-State supply or intra-State supply?  
(II) Who is liable to pay GST?

**Note:** CMA Mr. Sandesh turnover in the P.Y. is ₹ 18 lakhs. 4

- (ii) Mr. Charan of Calicut is trading on his own goods and also acting as an agent of Mr. Babu of Bengaluru. Mr. Charan turnover in the period 1st July, 2017 to 31st March, 2018 is ₹ 12 lakh in his own account and ₹ 9 lakh on behalf of principal. Whether Mr. Charan is liable to register compulsorily under GST law? 2
- (iii) Mr. Rajesh is a farmer with an annual turnover in relation to agriculture of ₹ 18,00,000. Since this income is agriculture-related, the turnover is exempt from GST. However, Mr. Rajesh also supplies plastic bags worth of ₹ 2,50,000 (taxable goods) along with his crop and charges separately for this. Is Mr. Rajesh required to register under GST? Advise. 2



- (b) Mr. Gopal is a taxable person under GST (who is a wholesaler), is having a stock worth of ₹ 5,00,000 as on 01-07-2017. Such person has supplied these goods for ₹ 5,60,000 and on which he has paid CGST @ 9% and SGST @9%.

How much ITC is allowed under Sec. 140(3) of GST in the following independent cases:

- (i) If he is in possession of duty paid document for the stock (namely BED is ₹ 62,500 and VAT ₹ 28,125).
- (ii) If he is not in possession of duty paid document for the stock, but has invoice evidencing purchase of goods. 6

4. (a) (i) Myra Ltd. received a protective demand notice from the department of Assistant Commissioner of Central Tax on 01-09-2017 under Section 73 of the CGST Act, 2017 where

	Amount ₹
CGST & SGST	= 5,00,000
Interest	= @ 15% p.a. for no. of days delay
Penalty	= 10% of tax due or ₹ 10,000 whichever is higher

The assessee went for appeal and filed the case in the Appellate Authority on 25-09-2017. This appeal has been taken up for hearing on 6-10-2017.

Case 1: How much has Myra Ltd. to pay as pre-deposit of duty under Section 107(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 and date of pre-deposit of duty by Myra Ltd. to entertain appeal by the Appellate Authority [i.e. Commissioner (Appeals)].

Case 2: Whether your answer is different if the assessee appeals only part of the amount say ₹ 3,00,000 is in dispute arising from the said order. 4

- (ii) Considered in the example in 4 (a) (i) above, where Appellate Authority passed the order against the assessee, if so how much Myra Ltd. has to pay as pre-deposit of duty under Section 112(8) of the CGST Act, 2017 to entertain appeal by the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT)? 4
- (b) Mr. Yogesh is working in Infosys Company having office in Bengaluru. Infosys Company is registered under GST. Mr. Yogesh purchased the ticket from Hyderabad for transportation as passenger by Air from Hyderabad to Chennai. Mr. Yogesh discloses the name of the organization and its registration number and the place where the organization is registered. Supplier of service is located at Hyderabad. Find the following:
- (i) Place of supply of service and GST liability.
- (ii) Whether your answer is different if Mr. Yogesh has not disclosed the name of the organization and its registration number? 6

5. (a) (i) What is form GSTR 3B? What are its features? Who is exempt from filing GSTR 3B? 6

- (ii) Mr. X, a registered person in Mumbai has made outward supplies of taxable goods as under:-

Mr. X has become liable for registration on 1st October, 2018. He was granted registration on 1st January, 2019.

- (I) Supplies made from 1st April, 2018 to 30th September, 2018 ₹ 19,50,000
- (II) Supplies made from 1st October, to 31st December, 2018 ₹ 8,00,000
- (III) Supplies made from 1st January, 2019 to 31st January, 2019 ₹ 2,00,000

The first return furnished by Mr. X is for the month of January, 2019. What is the taxable turnover to be declared in the return filed for January, 2019? 2





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- (b) (i) M/s Fotoflash Ltd, is a registered person under GST in Mumbai being a dealer dealing with second- hand goods. M/s Fotoflash Ltd. supplies a used camera to a consumer in Chennai for selling price of ₹ 15,000. The used camera (i.e. second hand) was purchased for ₹ 10,000 from a registered dealer in Mumbai, on which CGST + SGST of ₹ 1,400 each was charged (i.e. GST rate applicable to cameras is 28%). M/s Fotoflash Ltd. charged IGST 28% on inter- State supply.  
Find the net GST liability in the following independent cases:
- (I) If input tax credit is availed.
- (II) If input tax credit is not availed. 4
- (ii) Cotton Ltd. being a cloth merchant sold gift voucher to customer for ₹ 2,000 on 10th November to purchase specific cloth from its showroom. Goods actually purchased by customer on 15th November for ₹ 2,400. Find the time of supply and value of supply with regard to gift voucher in the hands of X Ltd. 2
6. (a) Hema Pesticides Pvt. Ltd., a registered person under the GST law, furnishes the following data for the GST paid by them in the month of November, 2018:

Particulars	Amount (₹)
GST on machinery purchased and used in the factory premises	92,000
GST on machinery purchased and sent directly to a job worker working for the company	42,000
GST on car purchased (Used mostly for business purposes; 25% usage estimated for personal use of the directors)	2,10,000
GST on raw materials purchased (Goods are received in lots/instalments and 25% of the materials were received in February, 2018). In the earlier month, GST has been paid on another lot, for which 90% delivery had been completed then and in the current month, balance materials were received. GST paid in the earlier month was	2,00,000 1,60,000
GST on health insurance premium paid for the employees working in the factory. Providing this is optional and the company has taken out this measure to improve the relations with the labourers.	24,000

You are required to determine the quantum of input tax credit available to the above registered supplier for the given month. 7

- (b) Write a brief note on Special Audit under Section 66 of the CGST Act, 2017. 7
7. (a) Radhakrishna, a registered person under GST, has furnished the following details for the month of August, 2018:

Particulars	Amount (₹)
Supply of goods made outside State	10,00,000
Inter-State purchases of goods	8,10,000
Goods taken for personal use in above	10,000

The IGST was paid on 10th October, 2018. Compute the interest payable for the delayed payment. 7

Note: The IGST rate for the goods dealt with is 18%.

- (b) M/s Xylo Ltd. being a dealer in new cars sold a Petrol Car on which applicable GST rate is 28% and GST Cess rate is 1%. Transaction value is ₹ 5,00,000. Find the GST liability. Can input credit be availed on Cess paid on inward supplies of the car by the buyer if he is a car dealer? 7



### Section – B (Customs duty and FTP)

Answer **Question No. 8** which is **compulsory** and **any two** from the rest of this section.

8. Choose the most appropriate option from the following [Option to be given in capital letters A, B C or D] and give brief reason/justification for your choice, the correct choice or conclusion [1 mark for the correct choice and 1 mark for reason]: 2x3=6
- (i) In the context of Indian Customs law, ICEGATE means
- (A) Indian Customs Electronic Data Interchange Gateway  
 (B) Indian Customs Electronic Gateway  
 (C) Inter Continental Electronic Gateway  
 (D) None of the above
- (ii) Transit of goods without payment of customs duty is governed by Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Customs Act, 1962.
- (A) 51  
 (B) 52  
 (C) 53  
 (D) 55
- (iii) The following is not a condition precedent for grant of duty drawback for re-export of duty paid goods:
- (A) The goods must be clearly identifiable.  
 (B) The goods should have been actually imported earlier and import duty paid thereon.  
 (C) The goods are actually re-exported to any place outside India.  
 (D) Entire lot of goods imported earlier should be re-exported and no portion should remain.
9. Product 'Vertigo' was imported by Mr. Mrinal Sen by air from Singapore to Hyderabad. The details of the import transaction are as under:

Particulars	Euro
Price of 'Vertigo' at Singapore exporter's factory	7,500
Freight from factory of the exporter to load airport (Singapore airport)	300
Loading and handling charges at the local airport	200
Air freight from said airport to Hyderabad airport	1,350
Insurance charges	1,400
Purchase commission	200

Even though the bill of entry was presented on 20-9-2018, the aircraft, having been diverted to another foreign airport due to technical reasons, landed at the Hyderabad airport only on 21-9-2018.

The other details furnished by the importer are as under:

Particulars	20.09.2018	21.09.2018
Rate of basic customs duty	10%	12%
Exchange rate notified by CBEC per €	₹ 79	₹ 80
Exchange rate prescribed by RBI per €	₹ 79.50	₹ 80.50
Integrated tax leviable under Section 3(7) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975	6%	12%



Based on the above date, you are required to calculate the following:

- (I) Assessable value of the product for the purpose of levying customs duty.
  - (II) Customs duty and tax payable. 12
10. (a) Mr. Jayesh, an Indian Entrepreneur, went to China to explore new business opportunities on 05-04-2017. The following details, regarding imports are submitted by him with the Customs authorities on return to India on 20-02-2018.
- (i) 2 Music systems each worth ₹ 23,000
  - (ii) Jewellery brought by Mr. Jayesh worth ₹ 49,000 (18 Grams)
- Write a brief note on his eligibility with regard to duty free baggage allowances as per the Baggage Rules, 2016. 6
- (b) Enumerate what are the eligible projects for the purpose of 'project imports' at concessional rate of Customs Duty under Customs Tariff. 6
11. (a) Calculate the amount of duty drawback allowable under Section 74 of the Customs Act, 1962 in following cases:
- (i) Suresh imported a motor car for his personal use and paid ₹5,00,000 as import duty. The car is re-exported after 6 months and 20 days.
  - (ii) Nikita imported wearing apparel and paid ₹ 50,000 as import duty. As she did not like the apparel, these are re-exported after 20 days.
  - (iii) High Tech Ltd. imported 10 computer system paying customs duty of ₹ 50 lakh.
- Due to some technical problems, the computer systems were returned to foreign supplier after 2 months without using them at all. 6
- (b) What is meant by High Seas Sales? What are the benefits of High Sea Sales Transactions? 6

**FINAL EXAMINATION**

December 2018

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Syllabus 2016****Indirect Tax Laws and Practice****Time Allowed: 3 Hours****Full Marks: 100**

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Wherever necessary, you may make suitable assumptions and  
state them clearly in your answer.  
Working notes should form part of the answer.*

**Section - A**

Answer **Question No. 1** which is **compulsory** and any **four** from the rest of this section.

1. Choose the correct answer with **justification / workings** wherever applicable : 2×7=14
- (i) Under GST Act a supply of assortment of sweets, chocolates and firecrackers packed in a gift hamper is
- (a) Joint supply
  - (b) Composite supply
  - (c) Mixed supply
  - (d) Assorted supply
- (ii) The due date for filing GSTR – 6 (Return for input Service distributor) is \_\_\_\_\_ of the succeeding month.
- (a) 10
  - (b) 13
  - (c) 18
  - (d) 20
- (iii) Under GST input tax credit cannot be claimed on goods and services used as inputs if
- (a) Goods are purchased on credit.
  - (b) Goods are received and utilized, the invoice is received after two weeks from the supplier.
  - (c) Good are destroyed by fire.
  - (d) Services are provided by a law firm on which GST has been paid under RCM.
- (iv) A person is not liable for registration under GST Act if
- (a) Non-resident person making a taxable supply.
  - (b) An agriculturist selling produce out of cultivation of land.
  - (c) Dealer engaged in inter-state trade above threshold limit for registration.
  - (d) Casual taxable person making taxable supply.
- (v) It is not mandatory to have the following field in a tax invoice under CGST Rules, 2017 :
- (a) Date of its issue.
  - (b) HSN Code of goods or Accounting Code or Services
  - (c) Name and Address of the recipient
  - (d) Date of receipt of goods/services by the recipient.



- (vi) Under GST Act the term UIN stands for
  - (a) User Identification Number
  - (b) Utility Identification Name
  - (c) Unique Identification Number
  - (d) Unique Individual Number
- (vii) Following is not a part of the contents of a bill of supply :
  - (a) Description of Goods or Services or both
  - (b) Consecutive Serial number
  - (c) Signature or digital signature if registered of the recipient
  - (d) Signature or digital signature of the supplier or his authorized representative.
- 2. (a) Shankar Pvt. Ltd. was awarded a contract in July 2017 for providing flooring and wall tiling services in respect of a building located in Delhi by Padmapriya Ltd. As per the terms of contract, Shankar Pvt. Ltd. was to provide all the required material for execution of the contract. However, Padmapriya Ltd. also provided a portion of the material.

Whether the services provided by Shankar Pvt. Ltd. are subject to GST ? If yes, determine the GST liability of Shankar Pvt. Ltd. from the following particulars : 8

Particulars	₹
(i) Gross amount charged by the Shankar Pvt. Ltd.	6,00,000
(ii) Fair market value of the material supplied by Padmapriya Ltd.	1,00,000
(iii) Amount charged by Padmapriya Ltd. for the material [included in (i) above]	60,000

**Note :** CGST 6% and SGST 6%

- (b) Explain the concept of supply made in the course or furtherance of business as a taxable event under GST law. 6
- 3. (a) Mrs. Poonima started a business in supply of goods on 12.12.2017 at Salem, Tamilnadu. During the year ended 31.03.2018, the details of the supplies effected at her Chennai office are as under :

Supply of taxable goods within State	₹ 16 lakhs
Supply of exempt goods	₹ 5 lakhs

She has not taken any GST registration. Determine the amount of penalty, if any, which may be imposed by her on 31.03.2018. In respect of taxable goods, SGST is 6% and CGST is 6%.

Note : Assume that she crossed the ₹ 20 lakhs limit on 25.01.2018. 6

- (b) Mr. X has cleared goods from his factory on 20th May, 2017 for sale to Mr. Y for ₹ 5,00,000. Effective rate of Excise Duty (ED) @ 12.5%. However ED ₹ 62,500 has been paid on 6th June, 2017. The consignment received by Mr. Y on 5th July, 2017.

Find the following :

- (i) Is Mr. Y eligible for ITC if so, what amount ?
- (ii) Time limit within which receipt of inputs should be recorded in the books of account of Mr. Y.
- (iii) Mr. Y recorded receipt of inputs in the books of account on 15.08.2017, if so can he avail the ITC ? 8

- 4. (a) (i) State the functions of the GSTN, i.e. the role assigned to GSTN. 5



(ii) Brahmi Foundation, Noida is registered as a trust under section 12AA or 12AB (inserted w.e.f. 1-10-2021) of the Income-tax Act, 1961. With effect from 01.08.2017, it intends to offer its guest houses to the pilgrims visiting the Noida shrine at ₹900 per day and their marriage hall at ₹12,000 per day. They want to know whether these will attract GST liability. Advise them suitably. 5

(b) In the light of the provisions of GST law as it stands w.e.f. 01.07.2017, briefly explain as to whether it is taxable service and who is the person responsible for paying GST in the following situations: 4

(i) Legal service provided by Senior Advocates to business entities.

(ii) Mere Contracts for representation service provided by the Senior Advocates to any business entity has been entered into through another advocate or firm of advocates. State the turnover criteria of the previous year which applies, including the one for special category States.

5. (a) (i) Sarath Pharma Ltd., filed an appeal before the Appellate Tribunal against the order of the Appellate Authority, wherein the issue was revolving around the place of supply. The Tribunal decided the issue against the company and in favour of the Department.

The company is of the strong view that its stand is correct and consequently, there is need to take the issue to an appellate forum higher than the Appellate Tribunal.

You being the Cost Accountant dealing with indirect tax matters, advise the company about filing appeal before the suitable forum. 5

(ii) Vaibhav, a registered supplier under GST law, has furnished the following details for the month of August, 2017 :

Particulars	Amounts (₹)
Purchase of goods made from outside State	8,00,000
Inter-State supply of goods	10,00,000
Goods taken for personal use in above	20,000

The IGST was paid on 10th October, 2017.

Calculate the interest payable for the delayed payment. 5

You are informed that the IGST rate for all the goods dealt with by Vaibhav is 18%.

(b) Padmaja, a registered supplier, rendered taxable service for ₹ 2 lakhs on 01.12.2017. The tax invoice was raised on 09.12.2017. Payment was received on 22.11.2017.

Determine the time of supply for GST purposes. 4

6. (a) Explain the accounts and records required to be maintained by registered person under GST law. 7

(b) M/s. A. Ltd. sold plant and machinery after being used in the manufacture of taxable goods for ₹ 4,00,000 on 1st November, 2018. GST is payable on transaction value of plant and machinery 18%. M/s. A. Ltd. had purchased this machine vide invoice dated 22nd November, 2017 for ₹ 5,50,000 plus GST 18%.

M/s. A Ltd. availed the input tax credit on said plant and machinery. Find the amount payable by M/s. A. Ltd. under section 18(6) of the CGST Act, 2017. 7

7. (a) Under the Service Tax regime, tour operator services were charged at abated rate of 9% whereas in Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 rate of tax fixed is 5% which resulted in reduction of tax from 9% to 5%. You are asked to determine the benefit, if any to be passed by the tour operator to the recipient of services.

(b) Enumerate and Explain the advantages of GST. How has introduction of GST benefitted the consumers and general public? 7



**Section- B**

Answer **Question No. 8** which is **compulsory** and **any two** from the rest in this section.

8. Choose the correct answer with **justification/workings** wherever applicable. 2×3= 6
- (i) Under Foreign Trade Policy export and import goods are broadly categorized. Which of the following statements is correct ?
    - (A) Free i.e. general goods are allowed to be imported without payment of any customs duty.
    - (B) Restricted goods are banned and not allowed to import or export.
    - (C) Restricted goods are allowed to be imported only if used for re-export.
    - (D) Restricted goods are allowed to be imported or exported only with authorization.
  - (ii) Which of the following is a document not required to be filled for claiming of duty drawback on re-export?
    - (A) Import Invoice
    - (B) Evidence of payment of duty at the time of import.
    - (C) Export bill with packing list
    - (D) Permission from CBEC authorizing re-export of goods
  - (iii) Derelict are goods that
    - (A) are abandoned by the owner in an emergency with a hope of recovering it later.
    - (B) Owner has no intention to abandon but get sunk and drift to the shore.
    - (C) Owner has no intention to abandon but float and drift to the shore.
    - (D) Are abandoned by owner of goods without any hope of recovery.

9. (a) After staying aboard for 16 months, Mr. Vayudev shifted his residence to India from Sydney to Kolkata on 12.10.2017. At the time of landing at Kolkata, he brought the following Items :

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (₹)
(i)	Gold bars 30 grams valued at	90,000
(ii)	Alcoholic liquor 4 litres valued at	10,000
(iii)	20 boxes of cigarettes, each box containing 10 nos., valued at	4,000
(iv)	One notebook computer	1,00,000
(v)	One PC meant for personal use	40,000
(vi)	Hand pistol	83,000

You are required to compute the customs duty payable by him for the baggage. 7

- (b) In the context of foreign trade policy, what do you understand by the term “Standard Input Output Norms (SION)”? What are the basic requirements of SION? 5
10. (a) From the particulars given below, find out the assessable value of the imported goods under the Customs Act, 1962 : 8

	<b>US \$</b>
(I) Cost of the machine at the factory of the exporting country	10,000
(ii) Transport charges incurred by the exporter from his factory to the port for shipment	500
(iii) Handling charges paid for loading the machine in the ship	50
(iv) Buying commission paid by the importer	50
(v) Freight charges from exporting country to India	1,000
(vi) Exchange Rate to be considered 1\$ - ₹ 65	



(b) Under Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), explain what is Board of Trade (BOT) ?

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11. (a) A consignment of 800 metric tonnes of edible oil of Malaysian origin was imported by a charitable organization in India for free distribution to below poverty line citizens in a backward area under the scheme designed by the Food and Agricultural Organisation. This being a special transaction, a nominal price of US \$ 10 per metric tonne was charged for the consignment to cover the freight and insurance charges. The Customs House found out that at or about the time of import of this gift consignment, there were following imports of edible oil of Malaysian origin :

Sl. No.	Quantity imported in metric tonnes	Unit price in US \$ (CIF)
(i)	20	260
(ii)	100	220
(iii)	500	200
(iv)	900	175
(v)	400	180
(vi)	780	160

The rate of exchange on the relevant date was 1 US \$ = ₹ 63.00 and the rate of basic customs duty was 15% ad valorem. There is no IGST.

Calculate the amount of duty leviable on the consignment under the Customs Act, 1962 with appropriate assumptions and explanations where required.

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- (b) Examine whether benefit of Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) can be availed with respect to notified services provided by service providers located in India in the current financial year in the following independent cases :

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- (i) Net Foreign Exchange (NFE) earned by Mr. Raj, a service provider, in the preceding financial year is USD 4,500.
- (ii) X & Co., is a partnership firm, supplier of taxable services, has earned net foreign exchange to the turn of USD 17,500 in the preceding financial year.
- (iii) Mr. Roshan, a service provider, has earned net foreign exchange of USD 13,000 in the preceding financial year. Out of this, USD 4,000 has been paid to Mr. Roshan through the credit card of the foreign client.

**Note:** All the above service providers have an active IEC at the time of rendering services.





**FINAL EXAMINATION**

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**P-18 (ITP)  
Syllabus 2016**

**Indirect Tax Laws and Practice**

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 100**

*The figures in the margin on the right side indicate full marks.  
Wherever necessary, you may make suitable assumptions and  
state them clearly in your answer.  
Working notes should form part of the answer.*

**Section - A**

Answer **Question No. 1** which is **compulsory** and **any four** from the rest of this section.

1. Choose the correct answer with justification/workings wherever applicable: 2×7=14
- (i) GST is a \_\_\_\_\_ based tax.
- (a) Territory  
(b) Origin  
(c) Destination  
(d) None of the above
- (ii) A new supplier has taxable intra-State sales, exempt intra-State sales and export sales of goods. He should get himself registered under GST law, where
- (a) the aggregate value of taxable intra-State goods exceeds ₹ 20 lakhs.  
(b) the aggregate value of taxable as well as exempt intra-State goods exceeds ₹ 20 lakhs.  
(c) the aggregate value of all the three items exceeds ₹ 20 lakhs.  
(d) the aggregate value of taxable intra-State goods as well as export sales exceeds ₹ 20 lakhs.
- (iii) Following is an intra-State supply:
- (a) Goods sent from Delhi to another dealer in Delhi.  
(b) Goods sent from Delhi to a SEZ in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.  
(c) Goods sent from Delhi to Chandigarh branch (Haryana) of the same supplier.  
(d) None of the above
- (iv) A casual taxable person is required to obtain registration where he makes
- (a) Taxable inter-State supply.  
(b) Taxable inter-State or intra-State supply.  
(c) Taxable inter-State or intra-State supply whose proposed value exceeds ₹20 lakhs.  
(d) In none of the above situations.
- (v) Subbu, a registered supplier based at Erode coached the staff of a software company in Hyderabad, which is registered. The classes were held at Erode. The place of supply is:
- (a) As mutually agreed upon  
(b) As decided by the Department, whichever is more favourable to them.  
(c) Erode  
(d) Bengaluru



- (vi) Advance ruling can be declared to be void by the Authority if it has been obtained by an applicant appellant by:
- Fraud
  - Suppression of facts
  - Misrepresentation of facts
  - Any one of the above
- (vii) For the year 2017-18 due date of filling of annual return is 31.12.2018. The books and records of 2017-18 must be maintained till
- 31.03.2024
  - 31.12.2024
  - 31.12.2026
  - 31.03.2034
2. (a) What is the difference in tax consequence between intra-State (from HO to branch in same State) and inter-State stock transfers (from HO to branch in different State) of the same supplier, which is a private limited company? What kind of GST will be levied? 6
- (b) Sakshitha Pvt. Ltd., a registered supplier, furnish the following details relating to supplies effected during December,2017: 8

Particulars	Amount (₹)
Sale price charged to customers within State (Excluding GST)	10,00,000
Service charges levied in the invoices	11,000
Packing and forwarding expenses incidental to sale	14,200
Weighment charges, shown separately in invoices	7,800
Commission charged to buyers	15,000
Prompt payment discount, indicated in invoice 1%, if payment made within 1 month.	

The rates of taxes for the goods supplied are as under:

Particulars	Rate
CGST	6%
SGST	6%
IGST	12%

Additional information: 60% of the customers did not make the payment within one month from the date of supply. Hence the supplier recovered the prompt payment discount offered to them.

3. (a) Mr. X a dealer dealing with intra-State supply of goods and services has place of business in India furnished the following information in the financial year 2017-18:
- Sale of taxable goods by Head Office located in Chennai for ₹ 1,00,000.
  - Supply of taxable services by Branch office at Bengaluru for ₹ 50,000.
  - Supply of goods exempted from GST ₹ 10,000.
  - Export of goods and services for ₹ 2,00,000.
  - Sale of goods acting as agent on behalf of principal for ₹ 15,00,000.
- Advice Mr. X whether he is required to register himself under GST law. 7



- (b) Vimala Transports & Co., a partnership firm based at Chennai, is running a regular tourist bus service, carrying passengers and goods from Chennai to Bengaluru in Karnataka State and Trivandrum in Kerala State, with effect from 1st September, 2017.

The firm wants to know whether such inter-State movement of various modes of conveyance carrying goods or passengers or both, between distinct persons as specified in section 25(4) of the CGST Act [except in cases where such movement is for further supply of the same conveyance], is coming under IGST.

You are required to advise the firm suitably. 7

4. (a) (i) Explain the concept of recovery in installments under Section 80 of CGST Act 2017 giving the circumstances in which such facility can be allowed and will not be allowed to the defaulter. 5  
(ii) Write a brief note on provisional assessment under section 60 of the CGST Act, 2017. 4

- (b) Balaji & Co., a partnership firm, intend to start a business in Rajasthan, for supply of garments, mostly meant for overseas buyers. As regards the classification of the goods, there some difficulties in determination. Can the firm seek advance ruling from the Authority for Advance ruling in respect of the issue of classification of goods? Can the firm also seek ruling on issues involving place of supply of goods? 5

5. (a) Enumerate and Explain the types of Audits envisaged under GST law. 10

- (b) Admission to True Theater is ₹ 90 per ticket for a Tamil Movie as well as for a Hindi Movie plus entertainment tax 10% on Tamil Movies and 20% on other languages. In the month of November, True Theater sold 2000 tickets of Tamil Movies and 1500 tickets of Hindi Movies. Find the value of taxable supply of service. Applicable rate of GST 18% & 28% respectively. Find the GST liability if any? 4

6. (a) Achutha Motors Pvt. Ltd., have been served a show cause notice (SCN) on 2nd November, 2021 under section 73(1) of the CGST Act, 2017, alleging that the supplier had made short remittances of GST for the months of September, October and November, 2017. The department has afforded a personal opportunity of being heard on 15th November, 2021.

The company seeks you expert advice in drafting the written submissions to be tendered at the time of personal hearing, in respect of the SCN. You are required to draft the reply on their behalf. You may assume that there is no change in legal position during November, 2021 and that it remains the same as it is at present. 8

- (b) Which are the input goods and services on which a registered dealer cannot claim Input Tax credit under Section 17(5) of CGST Act, 2017. Give any six points/items. 6

7. (a) State the duties and powers of the Anti-profiteering Committee under GST law. 6

- (b) Shankar Texmaco P Ltd. (STPL), having its registered office at Salem, Tamil Nadu, is a manufacturer of dyeing machinery. It manufactures and installs the machinery at the places opted by the buyers. For each machine manufactured and installed by it, STPL gets a subsidy of ₹ 3 lakhs.

Poorni Dyers Ltd. (PDL), having their registered office at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu have ordered a machinery from STPL, to be erected at their place of manufacture at Palghat, Kerala. The base price of the machine is ₹ 25 lakhs. For each machinery, there is a separate handling charge of ₹ 50,000. PDL have opted to take an additional warranty for ₹ 20,000 for an extended service period of 1 year, in addition to the free warranty provided by STPL.

The installation costs of ₹ 80,000 charged by STPL, will be met by PDL.

STPL offers a cash discount of 2%, where the payment is made within a month. If the payment is not so made, it not only recovers the discount earlier offered, but also charges interest at 18% for the period of delay.



A machinery was supplied on 21st November, 2017, the tax invoice also being issued the same day. Ascertain the transaction value of the machine sold to MTL and the GST payable [SGST & CGST or IGST] by STPL. You are further informed that MTL made the actual payment only on 10th January, 2018.

You are informed that the GST rates applicable for the product as under:

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SGST	6%
CGST	6%
IGST	12%

**Section – B**  
**(Customs duty and FTP)**

Answer **Question No. 8** which is **compulsory** and **any two** from the rest of this section.

8. Choose the most appropriate option for the following [Option to be given in capital letters A, B, C or D] and give brief reason/justification for your choice the correct choice or conclusion [1 mark for the correct choice and 1 mark for reason] : 2×3=6
- (i) For filing an appeal before the Commissioner (Appeals), the amount of pre-deposit required under the Customs Act, 1962 is
- (A) 5% of the demand, subject to a maximum of ₹ 5 crore  
 (B) 5% of the demand, subject to a maximum of ₹ 7.5 crore  
 (C) 7.5% of the demand, subject to a maximum of ₹ 7.5 crore  
 (D) 7.5% of the demand, subject to a maximum of ₹ 10 crore
- (ii) Where a person of Indian origin stays abroad for 36 months and returns to India on 21-1-2017 for having residence in India, the GFA for used household articles (Baggage) is
- (A) ₹ 1 lakh  
 (B) ₹ 3 lakhs  
 (C) ₹ 5 lakhs  
 (D) None of the above
- (iii) Anti-dumping duty payable by a SEZ in respect of an import is
- (A) Nil  
 (B) 5% of the customs duty  
 (C) 7.5% of the customs duty  
 (D) 10% of the customs duty
9. (a) Explain the importance of Inland Container Terminal (ICTD) and Container Freight Station as an infrastructure facility for export or import. Distinguish between the two. 2+4=6
- (b) An importer imported some goods for subsequent sale in India at \$10,000 on Assessable value basis. Relevant exchange rate and rate of duty are as follows:

Particulars	Date	Exchange rate declared by the CBEC	Rate of Basic Customs Duty
Date of submission of bill of entry	25th February, 2018	₹ 58/USD	10%
Date of entry inwards granted to the vessel	5th March, 2018	₹ 58.75/USD	12%

Calculate Assessable value and Customs Duty in Indian rupees? (Education cess is 2% & SAH education cess is 1%)

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10. (a) (i) The assessee imported furnace oil and supplied the same to sister unit for generation of electricity, which is used by the assessee. The assessee claimed exemption on import of furnace oil. The assessee also obtained a clarification from Development Commissioner for claiming exemption. However, irrespective of the clarification from Development Commissioner, a show cause notice (SCN) demanding duty was issued on the assessee more than 1 year (i.e. longer limitation) after he had imported furnace oil on behalf of its sister unit.
- Is the issue of the SCN in the extended period of limitation valid in law? 4
- (ii) The assessee filed an appeal to Commissioner, but mistakenly gave it to the adjudicating officer who had passed the original order, who sent it to the Commissioner after few days delay. The appellate authority rejected the appeal on the ground that the appeal was not received in time in his office.
- Is the rejection of appeal justified? 4
- (b) Under Indian FTP, write a brief note on Advance Authorisation. 4
11. (a) (i) Mr. Amol owns a sole proprietorship firm, 'Safe and Super Importers'. Mr. Amol has never been to any place outside India. The firm proposes to import a product. Mr. Amol is not sure of the correct classification of the product under Customs Tariff. His Tax Consultant has informed him that the said classification issue has been decided by the CESTAT in a different case. However, Mr. Amol does not want to take any chances and is desirous of obtaining a ruling from the Authority for Advance Ruling under section 28H of the Customs Act, 1962 with respect to the classification of the product to be imported by it.
- In the light of recent amendments, state whether Safe and Super Importers can seek advance ruling in the present case under the Customs Act, 1962? 3
- (ii) Basant, a non-resident intends to provide a taxable service under a joint venture in collaboration with a non-resident, but has entertained some doubts above its valuation.
- Aarohi, Basant's friend, has obtained an 'Advance Ruling' from the Authority for Advance Ruling on an identical point. Basant proposes to follow the same ruling in his case. Basant has sought your advice as his consultant whether he could follow the ruling given in the case of Aarohi. Explain with reasons. 3
- (iii) Explain relevance of Boat Note as per Boat Note Regulations. 2
- (b) The Scope of Foreign trade policy 2015-2020 provides direction to promote Indian Exports. In this context outline the Scope of FTP. 4

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