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Tax Update - Circular no.2/July 2024

Tax Update on various Notifications and Circulars issued by the Government pursuant to recommendations made by the GST Council during its 53rd meeting:-

A) Changes in GST rates on Goods and Services:

Sl.no.	Description	Current rate	New rate	Reference - (Notification No. / Circular issued by the Government)
1	All <i>milk cans</i> made of steel, iron and aluminium – Irrespective of their use (HS 7310, 7323, 7612, 7615)	18%	12%	New Rate effective from 15.7.2024 (Sr.180A of Notification No.02/2024-CT(R) dtd 12.7.24)
2	Carton, boxes and cases of corrugated as well as non-corrugated paper or paper-board – HS 4819.10, 4819.20	12%/18%	12%	New Rate effective from 15.7.2024 (Sr.121A of Notification No.02/2024-CT(R) dtd 12.7.24)
3	All solar cookers (whether single or dual energy source) HS 7321 or 8516	5%	12%	New Rate effective from 15.7.2024 (Sr.183A of Notification No.02/2024-CT(R) dtd 12.7.24)
4	Parts of Poultry keeping Machinery	12%	12%	New Rate effective from 15.7.2024 (Sr.199 of Notification No.02/2024-CT(R) dtd 12.7.24) Vide Clarification issued by CBIC vide Circular
				No.229/22/2024-GST dtd 15.7.2024, the

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				issues pertaining to past period will have to be regularised on 'as is where is basis'.
5	All types of Sprinklers including Fire water sprinklers	12%/18%	12%	Clarification issued by CBIC vide Circular No.229/22/2024-GST dtd 15.7.2024 that S.No.195B of Schedule II of NN 1/2017 – CT (R) dtd 28.6.2017 includes Fire water sprinklers. The issues pertaining to past period will have to be regularised on 'as is where is basis'.
6	Services provided by Ministry of Railways (Indian Railways) to individuals by way of - a) sale of platform tickets, b) facility of retiring rooms, c) cloak rooms, waiting rooms and d) battery operated car services	5%/12%	Exempt	New Rate effective from 15.7.2024 (Sr.9E of Notification No.04/2024-CT(R) dtd 12.7.24) amending Notification No.12/2017-CT(R) dtd 28.6.17)
7	Supply of services between various zones / divisions under Ministry of Railways (Indian Railways)	Exempt upto 19.10.2023 Taxable from 20.10.2023 to 14.07.2023	Exempt from 15.07.2024	New Rate effective from 15.7.2024 (Sr.9F of Notification No.04/2024-CT(R) dtd 12.7.24) amending Notification No.12/2017-CT(R) dtd 28.6.17)
8	Accommodation services having value of supply up to Rs.20,000/- per month per person and is supplied for a minimum continuous period of 90 days	-	Exempt	New Rate effective from 15.7.2024 (Sr.12A of Notification No.04/2024-CT(R) dtd 12.7.24) amending Notification No.12/2017-CT(R) dtd 28.6.17)

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9	Re-insurance services of specified schemes covered by Sr.No.35 & 36 of Exemption NN 12/2017-CT(Rate) dated 28.6.2017	18%/Not liable(from 25.1.2018 onwards)	Exempt (from 1.7.2017 onwards)	Clarification issued by CBIC vide Circular No.228/22/2024-GST dtd 15.7.2024
10	Re-insurance services of the insurance schemes for which total premium is paid to the Government covered by Sr.No.40 of Exemption NN 12/2017-CT(Rate) dated 28.6.2017	18%/Not liable(from 27.7.2018 onwards)	Exempt (from 1.7.2017 onwards)	Clarification issued by CBIC vide Circular No.228/22/2024-GST dtd 15.7.2024
11	Retrocession – Re- insurance of Re-insurance	Exempt (from 25.1.2018 onwards)	Exempt	Clarification issued by CBIC vide Circular No.228/22/2024-GST dtd 15.7.2024
12	Statutory collections made by RERA	18%/Not liable	Exempt	Clarification issued by CBIC vide Circular No.228/22/2024-GST dtd 15.7.2024
13	Sharing of incentive for promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low value BHIM-UPI transactions by acquiring bank with other stakeholders in the manner as per NPCI in consultation with the participating banks	18%	Exempt	Clarification issued by CBIC vide Circular No.228/22/2024-GST dtd 15.7.2024

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B) <u>Trade Facilitation measures and other measures pertaining to law & procedure</u>:

Sl.no.	Description	Reference - (Notification No. / Circular issued by the Government)
1.	<u>VALUATION</u> -	
i.	Retrospective amendment w.e.f. 26.10.2023 in Rule	
	28(2) – Valuation of supply of services of providing	
	corporate guarantee between related persons:	
	Extracts of amended Rule 28(2) is reproduced below with amendments highlighted in bold:	Rule 28(2) amended retrospectively w.e.f
	(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), the value of supply of services by a supplier to a recipient who is a related person located in India , by way of providing corporate guarantee to any banking company or financial institution on behalf of the said recipient, shall be deemed to be one percent of the amount of such guaranteed offered per annum or the actual consideration, whichever is higher.	Notification No.12/2024-CT dated 10.7.2024
ii.	Clarification on taxability and valuation of services	
	by way of corporate guarantee provided between	
	related persons after insertion of Rule 28(2) of CGST	Clarification issued
	Rules, 2017 and retrospective amendment w.e.f.	by CBIC vide
	26.10.2023 :	Circular
	The CBIC has clarified that valuation under rule 28(2) of CGST Rules, 2017 would not be applicable in case of –	No.225/19/2024-GST dtd 11.7.2024
	a) export of such services and;	

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b) where the recipient is eligible for full ITC.

Additionally, the CBIC has clarified that:

- Supply of such service was taxable even before the insertion of said rule 28(2) of CGST Rules, 2017,
- ii. For valuation purposes, determination of 1% of the amount of guarantee offered per annum should be calculated on pro rata basis of the period for which guarantee is offered. (For e.g. If guarantee is offered for 3 months then value of supply of service for purpose of determination of deemed value of supply of service would be (3/12 *1 %)
- iii. New valuation rules will apply to the corporate guarantees issued or renewed on or after 26th October 2023.
- iv. Supply of such service is not linked with the actual disbursal of loan and value of supply of service shall be calculated based on the guarantee amount,
- v. Recipient of service would be entitled to ITC irrespective of when actual disbursal of loan happens,
- vi. No GST will be applicable on take-over of existing loans / assignment of already issued corporate guarantee unless there is an

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	issuance of fresh corporate guarantee or renewal of existing corporate guarantee, vii. Where corporate guarantee is provided by more than one guarantor then GST will be payable by each co-guarantor proportionately on 1% of the amount guaranteed by them.		
2.	DETUDNO		
	RETURNS:		
i.	Change in due date for filing of return in Form GSTR-		
	4 by composition taxpayers from FY 2024-25 onwards:	Rule 62(1) amended vide Notification	
	New due date – 30 th June	No.12/2024-CT dated	
	Old due date – 30 th April	10.7.2024	
ii.	New Optional Facility to amend and / or declare		
	additional details in Form GSTR-1 by way of Form GSTR-1A before filing of Form GSTR-3B of that tax period:	Proviso inserted after sub-rule (1) in Rule 59 vide Notification	
	For furnishing amendments / additional details of	No.12/2024-CT dated	
	outward supplies for a tax period in Form GSTR-1A on	10.7.2024	
	the common portal before the filing of Form GSTR-3B of		
	that period.		
iii.	Threshold for reporting B2C inter-State supply		
	invoice wise in Form GSTR-1 reduced to Rs.1 lakh:	Changes in Rule 59(4) have been	

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	All B2C invoices pertaining to inter-State supplies	notified vide
	exceeding value of Rs.1 lakh and above shall have to be	Notification
	reported invoice wise in Form GSTR-1 from 1st August	No.12/2024-CT dated
	2024 onwards	10.7.2024 and would
		be effective from
		1.8.2024 onwards.
iv.	Conditional exemption from filing of Annual Returns	
	in Form GSTR-9/9A for FY 2023-24:	
		Notified Vide
	All taxpayers having aggregate annual turnover up to	Notification
	Rs.2 crores during FY 2023-24 shall be exempted from	No.14/2024-CT dated
	filing pf Form GSTR-9/9A for the FY 2023-24.	11.7.2024
V.	Annual Returns in Form GSTR-9 and Reconciliation	
	statement in Form GSTR-9C for FY 2023-24:	
	 Most of the relaxations provided in FY 2022-23 in respect of various tables of Form GSTR-9 and Form GSTR-9C to be continued for FY 2023-24. Details of Debit notes and Credit notes pertaining to B2B supplies and supplies made through ecomm operators attracting TCS are to be mentioned separately. 	Notified Vide Notification No.14/2024-CT dated 11.7.2024
3.	INTEREST ON DELAYED PAYMENT OF TAX:	
	Amendment in Rule 88B of CGST Rules, 2017 such	
	that no interest shall be payable on the amount	
	debited in the e-cash ledger while delayed filing of	

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	GSTR-3B return was available on the due date of	Proviso inserted after
	filing of such return in GSTR-3B:	sub-rule (1) in Rule
		88B vide Notification
	Interest will not be payable on the amount available in e-	No.12/2024-CT dated
	cash ledger on the due date of filing of GSTR-3B returns,	10.7.2024
	which is debited at the time of delayed filing of such	
	returns in Form GSTR-3B.	
4.	TAX DEDUCTED AT SOURCE (TCS):	
	Reduction in rate of TCS to be collected by the ECOs	
	under section 52(1) of CGST Act:	Changes Notified
	TCS reduced from 1% IGST / 0.5% CGST & 0.5% SGST	Vide Notification
	to 0.5% IGST / 0.25% CGST & 0.5% SGST.	No.15/2024-CT dated
		11.7.2024
5.	REFUND:	
i.	Procedure for claiming refund of additional IGST	Mechanism has been
	paid on export of goods:	provided in Rule 89
	Mechanism for claiming refund of additional IGST paid on account of upward revision of price of goods subsequent to their export has been prescribed under	vide Notification No.12/2024-CT dated 10.7.2024.
	Rule 89.	
6.	APPEALS AND REVISION:	
i.	Amendment in Rule 142 of CGST Rules, 2017 in	
	order to provide mechanism for adjustment of tax	

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<u>amount</u>	paid	in	Form	GST	DRC-03	against	<u>the</u>
			_			_	
<u>amount</u>	to be	<u>paid</u>	as pr	<u>e-depo</u>	osit for fil	<u>ing appe</u>	<u>al:</u>

Vide Notification No.12/2024-CT dated 10.7.2024.

Mechanism of filing application in Form GST DRC-03A on the common portal has been provided in sub-rule (2B) of Rule 142 of CGST Rules, 2017.

- Time limit for filing appeals before GST Appellate
 Tribunal (GSTAT) under section 112 as GSTAT is not
 yet operational and procedure for availing benefit of
 stay from recovery of the balance amount of
 confirmed demand as per order of appellate
 authority during the interim period:
 - Time limit of 3 months for filing of appeal before GSTAT to start from a date to be notified by the Government.
 - Procedure for availing benefit of stay from recovery of the balance amount of confirmed demand as per order of appellate authority during the interim period:
 - a) To pay amount of pre-deposit as per Section 112(8) of CGST Act, by navigating to -
 - Services >> Ledgers >> Payment towards demand (select the order out of outstanding demand orders against which payment is intended to be made)
 - b) To file an undertaking / declaration with the jurisdictional proper officer stating that he will file appeal against the said order of the

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	appellate authority before the GSTAT as and when it comes into operation within the timelines mentioned in section 112 of CGST Act read with CGST (Ninth Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2019 dated 3.12.2019. Upon providing the such undertaking and on payment of pre-deposit amount as per procedure	
	mentioned above, the recovery of balance amount	
	will stand stayed as per provisions of Section 112(9)	
	of CGST Act.	
iii.	Reduction in Monetary limits for filing appeals under	
	GST by the department before GSTAT, High Court	
	and Supreme Court:	
	To reduce government litigation, following monetary limits for filing appeals by the department have been recommended by the GST Council:	CBIC issued Circular No.207/1/2024-GST dated 26.6.2024
	GSTAT – Rs.20 lakhs	
	High Court – Rs.1 crore	
	Supreme Court – Rs. 2 crores	
7.	Amendment in clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 96A	
	of CGST Rules, 2017 – Export of goods or services	
	under bond or LuT:	
	The registered person availing option of supply of services for export without payment of IGST shall have	

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to furnish an undertaking binding himself to pay the tax due along with interest specified under section 50(1), if the payment of such services is not received by the exporter in convertible foreign exchange or in Indian rupees, wherever permitted by the RBI, within a period of –

Vide Notification No.12/2024-CT dated 10.7.2024.

- 15 days after expiry of one year or the period as allowed under the FEMA Act, 1999 including any extension of such period as permitted by the RBI whichever is later, from the date of invoice for export, or
- such further period as may be allowed by the Commissioner.

(The words in bold have been inserted from 10.7.2024 onwards)

Sincerely,

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