

GST Trail

Key Highlights of GST Notifications and Clarification Circulars

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Notification Updates

Notification 12/2024–Central Tax dated 10 July 2024

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has issued a notification to notify Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2024, as per the recommendations of the GST Council. The changes include the insertion of new Form GSTR-1A, amendment to Rule 88B to provide no-interest liability on the amount deposited up to the due date of filing GSTR-3B and debited from Cash Ledger while filing a return, etc. The key updates are summarized below:

Sr. No.	Rule	Gist
1	Rule 8(4A)	<p>Application for GST registration</p> <p>A second proviso is inserted, requiring a photograph of the applicant (or relevant individuals) to be taken for applicants not opting for Aadhaar authentication. Furthermore, the application will be deemed complete only after successful verification of the original documents uploaded with FORM GST REG-01 at designated Facilitation Centers.</p>
2	Rule 21(ga)	<p>GST Registration liable to be cancelled</p> <p>A new clause is inserted to provide for cancellation of GST registration upon violation of the third or fourth proviso to Rule 23(1), i.e., failure to furnish all returns due for the period from the effective date of the order of cancellation of registration till the date of the order of revocation of cancellation of registration within the specified time limit.</p>
3	Rule 39(1) and 39(1A)	<p>Procedure for distribution of Input Tax Credit (ITC) by Input Service Distributor (ISD)</p> <p>The conditions for the manner of distribution of ITC by ISDs have been amended.</p>

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4	Rule 59(1) and 59(4A)	<p>Introduction of new form GSTR-1A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The additional facility to add any particulars of the current tax period missed out in reporting in form GSTR-1 or amend any particulars of the current tax period already declared in form GSTR-1. • It is an optional form without a levy of late fees. • The form will be available on the portal after the due date of filing of FORM GSTR -1 or the actual date of filing of FORM GSTR -1, whichever is later, till the filing of corresponding form GSTR-3B of the same tax period. • Supplies declared or amended in form GSTR-1A shall be made available in the subsequent period GSTR-2B. E.g: If the GSTR-1A is filed on 15 June 2024 for the tax period May 2024, then reporting of GSTR-1A will be reflected in GSTR-2B, which will be available on 14 July 2024. <p>Team GSTN (Goods and Services Tax Network) has also issued an advisory in this regard. The same can be checked here.</p>
5	Rule 59(4)	<p>Invoice-wise details if inter-state supply to unregistered persons of invoice value more than one lakh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For inter-state supply of invoice value of more than INR 1,00,000* to an unregistered person, invoice-wise details are required to be reported while filing GSTR-1**. • If the Invoice value is less than INR 1,00,000, consolidated state-wise reporting for each tax rate is required. <p><i>*Earlier the limit was INR 2,50,000.</i></p> <p><i>**Effective from 1 August 2024.</i></p>

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6	Rule 88B(1)	<p>No interest on late filing of returns on the amount which were credited to the electronic cash ledger on or before the due date</p> <p>If the GST returns are filed after the due date but the amount has been credited to the Electronic Cash Ledger on or before the due date for filing the return and subsequently debited from the ledger for tax payment upon filing the return, the interest calculation shall exclude this amount if it remains in the ledger from the due date until its debit at the time of filing the return.</p>
7	Rule 89(1B) and 89(2)(bb) and 89(2)(bc)	<p>Refund of IGST paid on an upward revision of price in case of export</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where additional integrated tax has been paid due to a subsequent upward revision in the price of goods after export, and the refund of IGST paid at the time of export has already been sanctioned, the refund for the additional IGST paid can be claimed by submitting an application in Form GST RFD-01 before the expiration of two years from the relevant date, pursuant to clause (a) of Explanation (2) of Section 54. If the relevant date precedes the effective date of this notification/sub-rule, the application may be submitted within two years from the date this sub-rule takes effect. Additionally, the details to be furnished when applying for a refund on account of upward revision in price of such goods subsequent to exports are also outlined. <p>Team GSTN has also issued an advisory in this regard. The same may be referred here.</p>
8	Rules 110 and 111	<p>Option of manual appeal/application to the Appellate Tribunal</p> <p>An appeal/application to the Appellate Tribunal may be filed manually in FORM GST APL - 05/FORM GST APL-07 and the memorandum of cross-objections may be filed manually in FORM GST APL-06, only if the Registrar allows the same by issuing a special or general order to that effect, subject to such conditions and restrictions as specified in the said order, and in such case, a provisional acknowledgment shall be issued to the appellant immediately.</p>

[Notification 13/2024–Central Tax dated 10 July 2024](#)

The CBIC has rescinded [Notification 27/2022–Central Tax dated 26 December 2022](#) which specified that Rule 8(4A) of CGST Rules shall not apply in all the States and Union territories except Gujarat.

[Notification 14/2024–Central Tax dated 10 July 2024](#)

The CBIC has exempted registered persons whose aggregate turnover in the FY 2023-24 is up to INR 2,00,00,000 from filing annual returns for said FY.

[Notification 15/2024–Central Tax; Notification 01/2024–Integrated Tax and Notification 01/2024–Union Territory Tax dated 10 July 2024](#)

The CBIC has amended [Notification 52/2018–Central Tax dated 20 September 2018](#); [Notification 02/2018–Integrated Tax dated 20 September 2018](#) and

[Notification 12/2018–Union Territory Tax dated 28 September 2018](#) to reduce the rate at which electronic commerce operators are required to collect Tax at Source (TCS) under said notifications. The CGST and SGST rates have been reduced from 0.5% to 0.25%, whereas the IGST rate has been reduced from 1% to 0.5%.

[Notification 02/2024–Central Tax \(Rate\); Notification 02/2024–Integrated Tax \(Rate\) and Notification 02/2024–Union Territory Tax \(Rate\) dated 12 July 2024](#)

The CBIC has amended the CGST, SGST, UTGST and IGST rates for various items such as cartons, boxes and cases of corrugated or non-corrugated paper or paper board; milk cans made of Iron, Steel, or Aluminium; solar cookers, etc.

[Notification 03/2024–Central Tax \(Rate\); Notification 03/2024–Integrated Tax \(Rate\) and Notification 03/2024–Union Territory Tax \(Rate\) dated 12 July 2024](#)

The CBIC has amended [Notification 02/2017–Central Tax \(Rate\)](#); [Notification 02/2017–Integrated Tax \(Rate\)](#) and [Notification 02/2017–Union Territory Tax \(Rate\)](#) dated 28 June 2017 to provide that the supply of agricultural farm produce in package(s) of commodities containing a quantity of more than 25 kilogram or 25 liter shall not be considered as a supply made within the scope of expression “pre-packaged and labeled” for the purpose of exemption from GST.

**Notification 04/2024–Central Tax (Rate);
Notification 04/2024–Integrated Tax (Rate)
and Notification 04/2024–Union Territory Tax
(Rate) dated 12 July 2024**

The CBIC has amended **Notification 12/2017–Central Tax (Rate); Notification 09/2017–Integrated Tax (Rate)** and **Notification 12/2017–Union Territory Tax (Rate)** dated 28 June 2017 to exempt the following services from GST:

- Services provided by the Ministry of Railways (Indian Railways) to individuals by way of
 - Sale of platform tickets;
 - Facility of retiring rooms/waiting rooms;
 - Cloakroom services;
 - Battery-operated car services.
- Services provided by one zone/division under the Ministry of Railways (Indian Railways) to another zone(s)/division(s) thereunder.

- Specified services provided by Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) to the Ministry of Railways (Indian Railways).

Furthermore, CBIC has also exempted the supply of accommodation services having a value of supply less than or equal to INR 20,000 per person per month, provided that the accommodation service is supplied for a minimum continuous period of 90 days.

Notification 01/2024–Compensation Cess (Rate) dated 12 July 2024

The CBIC has exempted the supply of goods falling under the heading 2202 by a Unit Run Canteen (URC) to authorized customers from GST Compensation Cess.



Circular Updates

[Circular No.223/17/2024-GST dated 10 July 2024](#)

The CBIC has amended [Circular No. 1/1//2017 dated 26 June 2017](#) to clarify the Proper officer for provisions relating to the Registration and Composition levy under the CGST Act consequent to the shifting of the GST back office operations of CBIC from ACES-GST to GSTN BO.

[Circular Nos. 224/18/2024-GST, 225/19/2024-GST, 226/20/2024-GST, 227/21/2024-GST dated 10 July 2024](#)

We have summarised the key takeaways from the above circulars. The same can be referred to in our [update](#).

[Circular No.228/22/2024-GST dated 15 July 2024](#)

The CBIC has clarified GST applicability on the following services:

- GST exemption on the outward supplies made by the Ministry of Railways (Indian Railways).
- GST exemption on the transactions between Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) and the Ministry of Railways (Indian Railways).
- GST applicability on the statutory collections made by the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) in accordance with the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016.
- Applicability of GST on the incentive amount shared by the acquiring bank with other stakeholders in the digital payment ecosystem under the notified Incentive Scheme for the promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions.
- GST liability on the reinsurance of specified general and life insurance schemes.

- GST liability on the reinsurance of insurance schemes for which the total premium is paid by the government.
- Applicability of GST on retrocession services.
- GST liability on certain accommodation services.

[Circular No.229/23/2024-GST dated 15 July 2024](#)

The CBIC has clarified the following GST rates & classification (goods) based on the recommendations of the GST Council in its 53rd meeting held on 22 June 2024, in New Delhi:

- GST rate on Solar Cookers
- GST rate on Fire Water Sprinklers
- GST rate on parts of Poultry-keeping machinery
- Scope of expression 'pre-packaged and labeled' for supply of agricultural farm produce
- Supplies of goods made to or by an agency engaged by the government.

Technical Updates

Enhancements to Address-Related Fields in GST Registration Functionalities

The GSTN team has made enhancements to address-related fields in the registration functionalities: New Registration, Amendment Application (Core and Non-Core), and Geocoding Business Addresses. There are updates in Validations applicable while entering the address in address-related fields when the address is in India and when the same is outside India. Furthermore, it is clarified that the field of locality/sub-locality is not mandatory. The changes are applicable to Normal Taxpayers – Regular, SEZ Unit, SEZ Developer, Composition, Input Service Distributer and Casual Taxpayers.

Increase in size of documents upload in Principal Place of Business and Additional Place of Business for New Registration and Amendment

The GSTN team has announced a change in the size of the document uploaded to the Principal Place of Business and Additional Place of Business for New Registration and Amendment.

Document Type	Document Name	Earlier Document Size	Increased Document Size	Document Type
Proof of Principal Place of Business and Additional Place of Business	Municipal Khata Copy	100 KB	500 KB	JPEG/PDF
	Electricity Bill			
	Consent Letter			
	Property Tax Receipt			

[Integrated Services from NIC-IRP e-invoice-1 and e-invoice-2 Portals](#)

The Team GSTN has announced that the National Informatics Centre (NIC) is releasing the integrated services from e-invoice-1 and e-invoice-2 portals on 18 July 2024 on sandbox portals and 01 August 2024 on the production portals. The highlights of the portal are as follows:

- Both the portals (NIC-IRP 1 and 2) provide the web and API modes for e-invoice-related services.
- The taxpayers can use the same login credentials to operate the e-invoice-1 and e-invoice-2 portals.
- In the case of API, the same token can be used for the services of e-invoices and e-waybills on both portals.
- The taxpayers can use the e-invoice-2 portal during technical glitches in the e-invoice main portal or any other exigencies.
- The criss-cross of printing, downloading and

canceling operations can be carried out on these portals. Printing, downloading and canceling of e-invoices of portal-1 can be done at portal-2 and vice versa.

- Taxpayers are requested to test all the APIs in the sandbox environment before rolling on the production environment.
- In addition to NIC-IRP, four other e-invoice portals are operated for the taxpayers' convenience. Users can avail themselves of similar e-invoicing services on the IRP-3/IRP-4/IRP-5 and IRP-6 portals.

[Refund of tax paid on Inward supply of goods by Canteen Store Department \(FORM GST RFD 10A\)](#)

In reference to **Circular No. 227/21/2024-GST dated 11 July 2024** for online processing of refund applications filed by the Canteen Stores Department (CSD), the GSTN has developed an online functionality to enable CSDs to file an application for refund in

FORM GST RFD-10A in GST common portal. The advisory further outlines the process to be followed for filing a refund application under the said category.

[Advisory for Biometric-Based Aadhaar Authentication and Document Verification for GST Registration Applicants of Uttarakhand](#)

In accordance with the amended Rule 8 of the CGST Rules, 2017, which provides that an applicant can be identified on the common portal, based on data analysis and risk parameters for Biometric-based Aadhaar Authentication and taking a photograph of the applicant along with the verification of the original copy of the documents uploaded with the application, the GSTN has developed said functionality. The same has been introduced in Uttarakhand on 28 July 2024. The advisory outlines the detailed procedure for the document verification and appointment booking process.

Gross and Net GST revenue collections for June 2024

The Team GSTN has announced the gross and net GST revenue collections for June 2024. The detailed report may be perused [here](#).



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