GOODS & SERVICES TAX / IDT UPDATE-142

1. Amendments made vide *Notification No. 35/2021 – Central Tax dt. 24.09.2021* to be effective from 1st January 2022

The following amendments made vide <u>Notification No. 35/2021 – Central Tax dt.</u> 24.09.2021 shall be applicable from **January 1, 2022**:

- (i) Newly inserted rule 10B of the CGST Rules, 2017 making Aadhaar authentication mandatory for registered persons for filing application for revocation of cancellation of registration and refund application.
- (ii) Amendments made in rule 23 (revocation of cancellation of registration), rule 89 (application for refund of tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount) and rule 96 (refund of integrated tax paid on goods or services exported out of India) consequent to the insertion of rule 10B making Aadhaar authentication under rule 10B mandatory.

<u>Notification No. 38/2021 – Central Tax dt. 21.12.2021</u>

2. Amendments made vide the Finance Act, 2021 to be effective from 1st January 2022

The Central Government vide <u>Notification No. 39/2021-Central Tax dated 21st</u> <u>December 2021</u> has appointed 1st day of January, 2022, as the date on which the provisions of sections 108, 109, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121 and 122 of the Finance Act, 2021 shall come into force.

The amendments made vide the aforesaid sections of the Finance Act, 2021 in the relevant sections of the CGST Act, 2017 have been tabulated below for ready reference:

Section of the Finance Act, 2020	Relevant section of the CGST Act, 2017	Amendment
Section 108	Amendment of section 7	A new clause (aa) in sub-section (1) of section 7 of the CGST Act has been inserted, retrospectively
	(Scope of supply)	with effect from the 1 st July, 2017, so as to ensure levy of tax on activities or transactions involving supply of goods or services by any person, other than an individual, to its members or constituents or vice-versa, for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration.
Section 109	Amendment of	A new clause (aa) to sub-section
	section 16	(2) of the section 16 of the CGST
	(Eligibility and	Act has been inserted to provide

	conditions for	that input tax credit on invoice or
	taking input tax	debit note may be availed only
	credit)	when the details of such invoice or
	crean)	
		debit note have 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.
Section 113	Amendment of	Section 74 of the CGST Act has
	section 74	been amended so as make seizure
		and confiscation of goods and
		-
	(Determination of	conveyances in transit a separate
	tax not paid or	proceeding from recovery of tax.
	short paid or	
	erroneously	
	refunded or input	
	tax credit wrongly	
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	availed or utilised	
	by reason of fraud	
	or any willful mis-	
	statement or	
	suppression of	
	facts)	
Section 114	Amendment of	An explanation has been inserted
Section 114	section 75	-
	section 75	in sub-section (12) of section 75 of
		the CGST Act to clarify that "self-
	(General	assessed tax" shall include the tax
	provisions relating	payable in respect of outward
	to determination	supplies, the details of which have
	of tax)	been furnished under section 37,
	vi waj	but not included in the return
		furnished under section 39.
Section 115	Amendment of	Section 83 of the CGST Act has
	section 83	been amended so as to provide that
		provisional attachment shall
	(Provisional	remain valid for the entire period
	attachment to	starting from the initiation of any
		proceeding under Chapter XII,
	protect revenue in	
	certain cases)	Chapter XIV or Chapter XV till the
		expiry of a period of one year from
		the date of order made thereunder.
Section 116	Amendment of	A proviso to sub-section (6) of
	section 107	section 107 of the CGST Act has
		been inserted to provide that no
	(Appeals to	appeal shall be filed against an
	Appellate	order made under sub-section (3)
	Authority)	of section 129, unless a sum equal
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		to twenty-five per cent. of penalty
		has been paid by the appellant.
Section 117	Amendment of	Section 129 of the CGST Act has
	section 129	been amended to delink the
		proceedings under that section
	(Detention, seizure	relating to detention, seizure and
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	and release of	release of goods and conveyances
	goods and	in transit, from the proceedings
	conveyances in	under section 130 relating to
	transit)	confiscation of goods or
		conveyances and levy of penalty.
Section 118	Amendment of	Section 130 of the CGST Act has
	section 130	been amended to delink the
		proceedings under that section
	(Confiscation of	relating to confiscation of goods or
	goods or	conveyances and levy of penalty
	conveyances and	from the proceedings under section
	levy of penalty)	129 relating to detention, seizure
		and release of goods and
		conveyances in transit.
Section 119	Amendment of	Section 151 of the CGST Act has
	section 151	been substituted to empower the
		jurisdictional commissioner to call
	(Power to collect	for information from any person
	statistics)	relating to any matter dealt with in
	,	connection with the Act.
Section 120	Amendment of	Section 152 of the CGST Act has
	section 152	been amended so as to provide that
		no information obtained under
	(Bar on disclosure	sections 150 and 151 shall be used
	of information)	for the purposes of any
	,	proceedings under the Act without
		giving an opportunity of being
		heard to the person concerned.
Section 121	Amendment of	Section 168 of the CGST Act has
5001011121	section 168	been amended to enable the
		jurisdictional commissioner to
	(Power to issue	exercise powers under section 151
	instructions or	to call for information.
	directions)	to can for information.
Section 122	Amendment of	Consequent to the amendment in
	Schedule II	section 7 of the CGST Act,
		paragraph 7 of Schedule II to the
	(Activities or	CGST Act has been omitted
	transactions to be	retrospectively, with effect from
	treated as supply	the 1 st July, 2017.
	of goods or supply	uic 1 July, 2017.
	of services)	
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3. Clarification on applicability of GST on service supplied by restaurants through e-commerce operators

The CBIC has issued <u>Circular No. 167 / 23 /2021 - GST dt. 17th Dec, 2021</u> to clarify following issues regarding modalities of compliance to the GST laws in respect of supply of restaurant service through e-commerce operators (ECO).

- (i) With effect from 01.01.2022, an electronic commerce operator (ECO) shall be liable to pay GST on 'restaurant services' provided through it as 'restaurant service' has been notified under section 9(5) of the CGST Act, 2017. Thus, the ECO shall no longer be required to collect TCS on restaurant services 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) ECOs will be liable to pay GST on any restaurant service supplied through them including by any unregistered person.
- (iv) 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 restaurants through ECOs. Accordingly, for threshold consideration or any other purpose in the Act, the person providing restaurant service through ECO shall include such services in his aggregate turnover.
- (v) Supplies of restaurant service made through ECOs shall not be considered as inward supplies of ECOs since ECOs are not the recipient of restaurant service supplied through them. Accordingly, since these are not input services to ECO, these are not to be reported as inward supply (liable to reverse charge) in GSTR-3B.
- (vi) 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 on which input tax credit is not admissible. 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.
- (vii)It may be noted that on restaurant service, ECO shall pay the entire GST liability in cash i.e., input tax credit cannot be utilised for payment of GST on restaurant service supplied through ECO.

- (viii) In respect of supplies not notified under section 9(5) but supplied through ECO, the liability to pay GST continues to be on the supplier. Therefore, ECO shall continue to pay TCS on such supplies.
- (ix) Where a restaurant provides 'restaurant service' as well as other goods and services through an ECO under the same order, it is advisable that the ECO raises separate bill on restaurant service.
- (x) The invoice in respect of restaurant service supplied through ECO under section 9(5) will be issued by the ECO.
- (xi) Reporting Requirements:
 - a) The ECO, on services notified under section 9(5) of the CGST Act, 2017, including on restaurant service, may continue to pay GST by furnishing the details in **Form GSTR 3B**, reporting them as outward taxable supplies for the time being.
 - b) 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 Form GSTR-1, as the case maybe, for accounting purpose.
 - c) Registered persons supplying restaurant services through ECOs under section 9(5) shall report such supplies of restaurant services made through ECOs in Table 8 of **Form GSTR-1** and Table 3.1(c) of **Form GSTR-3B**, for the time being.

<u>Circular No. 167 / 23 /2021 - GST dt. 17th Dec, 2021</u>

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