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# **EDITORIAL**



# Friends,

The object of the Finance Bill 2024 is to continue the existing rates of income-tax for the financial year 2024-2025 and to give effect to certain financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 2024-2025. Further the following relevant changes has been proposed by the Hon'ble FM:

# 1. Income Tax Withdrawal Scheme

Proposal to withdraw outstanding direct tax demands up to twenty-five thousand rupees (₹ 25,000) pertaining to the period up to financial year 2009-10 and up to ten-thousand rupees (₹ 10,000) for financial years 2010-11 to 2014-15.

# 2. TCS on foreign remittance/ OTPP

Section 206C requires tax collection on foreign remittances made under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) and on the sale of Overseas Tour Program Packages (OTPP) Changes brought by FA 2023 –

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Nature of payment	Earlier rate before Finance Act, 2023	New rate wef 1st October 2023			
(1)	(2)	(3)			
LRS for education financed by loan	Nil upto Rs 7 lakh	Nil upto Rs 7 lakh			
	0.5% above Rs 7 Lakh	0.5% above Rs 7 Lakh			
LRS for Medical treatment/ education (other than financed by loan)	Nil upto Rs 7 lakh	Nil upto Rs 7 lakh			
	5% above Rs 7 Lakh	5% above Rs 7 Lakh			
LRS for other purposes	Nil upto Rs 7 lakh	Nil upto Rs 7 lakh			
	5% above Rs 7 Lakh	20% above Rs 7 Lakh			
Purchase of Overseas tour program package	5% (without threshold)	5% till Rs 7 Lakh, 20% thereafter			

3. Extension in the outer date for the incorporation of start-up [Section 80-IAC] but No Extension of Section 115BAB – 15% Tax on income of new manufacturing domestic companies. Hence, New manufacturing companies commencing manufacture after 1stApril2024 cannot avail the new scheme.

# 4. Deduction to Off-shore Banking Units and IFSC [Section 80LA]

The deduction is allowed for the income arising from the transfer of an asset, being an aircraft or a ship, which was leased by a unit of the IFSC from its business for which it has been approved for setting up at such a centre in an SEZ.

# 5. Extension in the time limit to issue directions by CBDT for implementing faceless regime [Section 92CA, Section 144C, Section 253 and Section 255]

The Finance Bill 2024 has proposed to amend the provisions to extend the date for issuing directions for Sections 92CA, 144C, 253 and 255 from 31-03-2024 to 31-03-2025.

# 6. Exemption to the wholly owned subsidiary of ADIA or Sovereign wealth fund or pension fund [Section 10(23FE)]

The exemption under this provision shall be available if the investment is made between 01-04-2020 and 31-03-2024 in the specified entities. The Finance Bill 2024 proposes an extension of the deadline for making investments from 31-03-2024 to 31-03-2025.

# 7. Exemption to royalty or interest income received by a non-resident from lease of aircraft or a ship [Section 10(4F)]

Any income of a non-resident by way of royalty or interest on account of leasing of an aircraft or aship in a previous year to a unit of an International Financial Services Centre as referred to in Section80LA(1A) shall be exempt from tax provided such unit has commenced its operations on or before 31-03-2024. This date of commencement of operations is proposed to be extended from 31-03-2024 to 31-03-2025.

Just to reiterate that we remain available over telecom or email.

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# TAX CALENDAR

Due Date	Form/Return/Challan	Reporting Period	Description
7 <sup>th</sup> February	TDS/TCS Deposit	January'2024	Due date to deposit TDS/TCS for the month of January 2024.
10 <sup>th</sup> February	GSTR-7	January'2024	Monthly return filed by individuals who deduct tax at source or TDS under the Goods and Services Tax (GST)
10 <sup>th</sup> February	GSTR-8	January'2024	Monthly return to be filed by e-commerce operators registered under the GST.





# **INCOME TAX**

# NOTIFICATION

CBDT NOTIFIED ITR-2, ITR-3 & ITR-5 FOR AY 2024-25 & AMENDS INCOME TAX RULE 12

**OUR COMMENTS:** The Central Board of Direct Taxes vide Notification No. 19/2024 dated 31.01.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by section 139 read with section 295 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), the Central Board of Direct Taxes hereby makes the following rules further to amend Income-tax Rules, 1962, namely:-

# 1. Short title and commencement.—

- (1) These rules may be called the Income-tax (Amendment ) Rules, 2024.
- (2) They shall come into force from the 1st day of April, 2024.
- 2. In the Income-tax Rules, 1962 (herein after referred to as the principal rules), in rule 12, in sub-rule (3), in the Table, for Sl. No. 1 and entries thereto, the following Sl. No. and entries shall be substituted, namely: —

"SI.	Person	Condition	Manner of furnishing
No.			return of income
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
[1	Individual	(a) Accounts are required	(A) Electronically
	or Hindu	to be audited under sect	under digital
	Undivided	ion 44AB of the Act ;	signature; or
	Family		
			(B) Transmitting the
			data electronically in
			the return
			under electronic
			verification code;

(b) Where total income	(A) Electronically
assessable under the Act	under digital
during the previous year	signature; or
of a person, being an	
individual of the age of	(B) Transmitting the
eighty years or more at	data electronically in
any time during the	the return
previous year, and who	under electronic
furnishes the return in	verification code; or
Form number SAHAJ (ITR-	(C) Transmitting the
1) or Form number	data in the return
SUGAM (ITR-4).	electronically
	and thereafter
	submit ting the
	verification of the
	return in Form ITR-V;
	or
	(D) Paper form;
(c) In any other case	(A) Electronically
	under digital
	signature; or
	(B) Transmitting the
	data electronically in
	the return
	under electronic
	verification code; or
	vermeation code, or
	(C) Transmitting the
	data in the return
	electronically
	and thereafter
	submit ting the
	verification of the





# **INCOME TAX**

return in Form ITR-V."

# **NOTIFICATION**

# **CBDT NOTIFIED ITR-6 FOR AY 2024-25**

3. In the principal rules, in Appendix II,

OUR COMMENTS: The Central Board of Direct Taxes vide
Notification No. 16/2024 dated 24.01.2024 notified In exercise of
the powers conferred by section 139 read with section 295 of
the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), the Central Board of
Direct Taxes hereby makes the following rules further to amend

1. Short title and commencement. —

the Income-tax Rules, 1962, namely:-

- (1) These rules may be called the Income-tax (First Amendment) Rules, 2024.
- (2) They shall come into force with effect from the 1st day of April, 2024.
- **2**. In the Income-tax Rules, 1962, in Appendix-II, for Form ITR-6, a new FORM has been substituted.

[For further details please refer the notification]

# [For further details please refer the notification]

(c) for FORM ITR-5, a new FORM shall be substituted.

# NOTIFICATION

CBDT NOTIFIED 'M/S PRAYOGA, BENGALURU AS 'OTHER INSTITUTION' UNDER THE CATEGORY OF 'UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OR OTHER INSTITUTION' FOR 'SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH' FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLAUSE (II) OF SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 35

OUR COMMENTS: The Central Board of Direct Taxes vide Notification No. 18/2024 dated 30.01.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (ii) of sub-section (1) of section 35 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) read with Rules 5C and 5E of the Income-tax Rules, 1962, the Central Government hereby approves 'M/s Prayoga, Bengaluru (PAN: AACTP9202D) as 'Other Institution' under the category of 'University, College or Other Institution' for 'Scientific Research' for the purposes of clause (ii) of sub-section (1) of section 35 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 read with rules 5C and 5E of the Income-tax Rules, 1962.

2. This Notification shall apply with effect from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (i.e. from the Previous Year 2023-24) and accordingly shall be applicable for Assessment Years 2024-2025 to 2028-2029.

[For further details please refer the notification]

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# **GST**



#### **DISCUSSION**

# INCREASE IN AVERGAE MONTHLY GROSS GST COLLECTION: INTERIM BUDGET 2024 PROPOSALS

OUR COMMENTS: The tax base of GST is more than doubled and the average monthly gross GST collection has almost doubled to ₹1.66 lakh crore, this year. States too have benefited. States' SGST revenue, including compensation released to states, in the post-GST period of 2017-18 to 2022-23, has achieved a buoyancy of 1.22. In contrast, the tax buoyancy of State revenues from subsumed taxes in the pre-GST four-year period of 2012-13 to 2015-16 was a mere 0.72. The biggest beneficiaries are the consumers, as reduction in logistics costs and taxes have brought down prices of most goods and services.

## **DISCUSSION**

# STRICT PANEL PROVISIONS FOR MANUFACTURER OF PAN MASALA & TOBACCO PRODUCTS: INTERIM BUDGET 2024 PROPOSALS

**OUR COMMENTS**: A new section 122A has been inserted in CGST Act 2017 to incorporate the provisions of penalty for failure to register certain machines used in manufacture of goods as per special procedure. It has been provided in the said section that any person (manufacturer of pan masala & tobacco products) obligated to register their machine under Notification No. 04/2024 - Central Tax, dated 05-01-2024, and fails to do so will incur a penalty of Rs. 1,00,000/- (one lakh rupees) for each unregistered machine.

This penalty is in addition to any other amount paid under Chapter XV, which addresses Demands and Recovery.

Furthermore, if the imposed penalty is not paid, and the registration of the respective machine is not completed within three days of receiving the penalty order, said machine may be subject to seizure and confiscation

## **DISCUSSION**

# NOW ISD CAN ALSO DISTRIBUTE ITC ON TAX PAID UNDER RCM: INTERIM BUDGET 2024 PROPOSALS

**OUR COMMENTS**: The amendment in Section 2(61) of CGST Act 2017 redefines the term "Input Service Distributor," highlighting its function as an office of the supplier tasked with receiving tax invoices pertaining to input services for or on behalf of distinct person referred to in section 25 of CGST Act 2017.

Apart from invoices on which tax is charged by way of forward charge mechanism, ISD is also made capable to distribute the input tax credit on invoices on which tax is to be paid by the recipient on reverse charge mechanism (RCM) basis.

#### **DISCUSSION**

ISD REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY NOW FOR DISTRIBUTION
OF ITC TO BRANCHES. CROSS CHARGE RESTRICTED: INTERIM
BUDGET 2024 PROPOSALS

**OUR COMMENTS**: Any person receiving Input Services whether in forward charge mechanism or reverse charge mechanism for or on behalf of distinct person referred to in section 25 of CGST Act 2017 shall be required to take registration as Input Service Distributor under clause (viii) of section 24 in order to distribute ITC in respect of such invoices. This provision is a deliberate attempt from the Government to stop the process of Cross charge.

Further the manner of distribution of ITC by ISD to the branches in terms of Section 20(2) and Section 20(3) has been amended to include the provision of distribution of ITC received against the services under forward charge as well as reverse charge.



# **FEMA**

## CASE LAW

PROCEEDINGS UNDER FEMA - RECEIVING FOREIGN EXCHANGE IN LIEU OF ISSUANCE OF EQUITY SHARES/SHARE WARRANTS -WHETHER NO APPROVAL HAS BEEN GRANTED BY FIPB: **MARAS HIGH COURT** 

any semblance of doubt that the custodian general of foreign exchange is the Reserve Bank of India and any permission with regard to inflow of foreign exchange would definitely have to have the permission of the Reserve Bank of India.

In the case on hand, the permission is for receiving foreign exchange in lieu of issuance of equity shares and for the said cause notice was issued only on account of the petitioner definitely have called upon the explanation of the petitioners. company issuing share warrants, which was later converted into equity shares.

The sequence of events for obtaining approval have already notice issued by the 1st respondent to the petitioners alleging been extracted above. In this regard, the initial approval was that there is no permission for issuance of share warrants is not granted by FIPB on 27.12.2005. Thereafter, as there were only uncalled for, but is also an act usurping the powers of the certain errors in the number of equity shares, further approval was solicited, which was also granted by FIPB on 31.01.2006. There is no quarrel that equity shares were issued by the When FIPB, the authority, who is vested with power to grant petitioner company in favour of Newbridge. However, for an approval has held that no post facto approval is required, amount of about Rs.243 Crores, share warrants were issued, which was subsequently converted into equity shares.

(12) TMI 289 - SUPREME COURT] that RBI is the custodian been obtained and such a finding is not only perverse, but general of foreign exchange. In the present case, the foreign investment was approved by FIPB.

Communication reveals that FIPB had nowhere said that the issuance of warrants at the point of time when it was issued by This Court is of the considered view that the writ petitions the petitioner company required permission. In fact, the order deserve to be allowed by setting aside the orders impugned clearly spells out that there was no explicit policy at the material herein. Accordingly, the impugned order passed by the 1st point of time with regard to issuance of warrants. The above respondent is set aside and all the writ petitions are allowed. stand of FIPB unequivocally speaks to the effect that there was Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. no explicit policy with regard to warrants, which effectively could only mean that there was no prohibition on issuance of warrants.

The further stand of FIPB that no post facto approval is required as the warrants have since been converted into equity shares

should not be read in isolation and it should be read in conjunction with the earlier part of the order, where FIPB has intimated that there was no explicit policy with regard to issuance of warrants at the relevant point of time.

Omission to spell out warrants to be included in the term OUR COMMENTS: HELD THAT:- As clearly transpires without 'security' as defined u/s 2 (za) of FEMA cannot be taken mean that issuance of warrants is prohibited. Prohibition should be clearly spelt out either explicitly or even impliedly. There is neither an implicit nor an explicit prohibition. The mere omission of warrants, therefore, cannot be construed that it is a prohibited instrument and, therefore, it is a contravention of Section 6 (3) (b) of FEMA, 1999.

purpose, the appropriate authority to grant permission is FIPB. As on the relevant date when the share warrants were issued, Newbridge, the foreign investor, intended to invest in equity there was no regulations bny the 2nd respondent prohibiting shares in the petitioner-company, with further downstream the issue of share warrants, which was the only reason the 2nd investment in the sister concern of the petitioner company for respondent had directed the petitioners to approach FIPB to which necessary approval was granted by FIPB. In fact, the 1st obtain post facto approval. If really there were any regulations, respondent is also not disputing the approval granted to the or even implied prohibition in the issuance of share warrants, petitioners for issuance of equity shares. However, the show RBI being the custodian general of foreign exchange, would

> When the 2nd respondent itself has accepted that there was no contravention of Section 6 (3) (b) of FEMA, 1999, the show cause 2nd respondent.

interpreting the order in any other fashion, that too by an authority, who is not empowered to decide on the manner in which the said order has been passed, it does not lie in the It has been the ratio of the Supreme Court even in LIC case [1985] mouth of the 1st respondent to claim that approval has not arbitrary, illegal and unreasonable and, therefore, the impugned order passed as a consequence of the said finding deserves to be interfered with.





## **NOTIFICATION**

SEEKS TO AMEND NOTIFICATION NO. 57/2017-CUSTOMS DATED 30.06.2017 SO AS TO CHANGE THE APPLICABLE BCD RATE ON SPECIFIED PARTS/SUB-PARTS OF CELLULAR MOBILE PHONE

**OUR COMMENTS**: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide notification no 09/2024-Customs dated 30.01.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following further amendment in the notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 57/2017-Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 798(E), dated the 30th June, 2017, namely:-

In the said notification, in the Table, -

- (i) against S. No. 1, in column (4), for the entry, the entry "10%" shall be substituted;
- (ii) after S. No. 1 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No. and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
"14	Any	Inputs or parts for use in manufacture of	Nil	1";
	Chapter	goods mentioned at S. No. 1 above		

(iii) after S. No. 6C and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No. and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

(1)	(2)	(3)				(4)	(5)
"6D		The manuf (i) Batt (ii) Fro (iii) Mi	following acture of ce ery cover nt cover ddle cover	-		` '	. ,
		(iv) Ma	ain lens				

		(v) Back cover		
		(vi) GSM Antenna/Antenna of any technology		
		(vii) PU case/Sealing Gasket — Other articles of Polyurethane foam like sealing gaskets/case		
		(viii) Sealing Gaskets/ Cases from PE, PP, EPS, PC and all other individual polymers or combination/combinations of polymers		
		(ix) SIM socket		
		(x) Screw		
		(xi) Other mechanical items of plastic		
		(xii) Other mechanical items of metal		
6E	Any Chapter	Inputs or parts for use in manufacture of goods mentioned at S. No. 6D above	Nil	1
6F	39	The following goods for use in manufacture of cellular mobile phones:-	10%	1
		(i) Conductive cloth		
		(ii) LCD conductive foam		
		(iii) LCD foam		
		(iv) BT foam		
		(v) Heat dissipation sticker battery cover		
		(vi) Sticker-Battery slot		
		(vii) Protective film for main lens		
		(viii) Mylar for LCD FPC		
		(ix) Film-front flash		
6G	Any Chapter	Inputs or parts for use in manufacture of goods mentioned at S. No. 6F above	Nil	1

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6H	8538	Side key for use in manufacture of	10%	1
	90 00	cellular mobile phones		
61	Any	Inputs or parts for use in manufacture of	Nil	1
	Chapter	goods mentioned at S. No. 6H above		
6J	8517 79	All goods for use in manufacture of	10%	1";
	90	cellular mobile phone		

(iv) against S. No. 7, in column (3), items (viii), (x), (xi), (xxiv), and (xxvi) shall be omitted.

# [For further details please refer the notification]

# **NOTIFICATION**

SEEKS TO AMEND NOTIFICATION NO. 50/2017-CUSTOMS DATED 30.06.2017 - EFFECTIVE RATES OF CUSTOMS DUTY AND IGST FOR GOODS IMPORTED INTO INDIA.

**OUR COMMENTS**: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide notification no 08/2024-Customs dated 30.01.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) and sub-section (12) of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following further amendment in the notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 50/2017-Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 785(E), dated the 30th June, 2017, namely:-

In the said notification, in the Table, -

- (i) against S. No. 377, in column (3), for the item (ii) and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted namely: -
- "(ii) Screw, SIM socket, or other mechanical items of Metal for cellular mobile phone;";
- (ii) S. No. 377B and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted.

[For further details please refer the notification]

#### **NOTIFICATION**

SEEKS TO AMEND VARIOUS NOTIFICATIONS IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF EXEMPTIONS LAPSING ON 31ST MARCH 2024 UP TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

**OUR COMMENTS**: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide notification no 07/2024-Customs dated 29.01.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby amends the following notifications of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), specified in column (2) of the Table below, to the extent specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely: -

#### **Table**

S. No.	Notification number	Amendments
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Notification No. 16-Cus, dated the 23rd January, 1965, published vide number G.S.R. 126 (E), dated the 23rd January, 1965	In the said notification, in the third proviso, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
2.	Notification No. 80-Cus, dated the 29th August, 1970, published vide number G.S.R. 1246 (E), dated the 29th August, 1970	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
3.	Notification No. 46/74-Cus, dated the 25th May, 1974, published vide number G.S.R. 503 (E), dated the 25th May,1974	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.





4.	Notification No. 248-Cus, dated	In the said
	the 2nd August, 1976,	notification, in the
	published vide number G.S.R.	second paragraph, for
	617(E), dated the 2nd August,	the words and
	, ,,	
	1976	numbers "31st March,
		2024", the words and
		numbers "30th
		September, 2024"
		shall be substituted.
5.	Notification No. 207/89-Customs,	In the said
<b>]</b> 3.	dated the 17th July, 1989,	notification, in the
		· ·
	published vide number G.S.R.	second proviso, for
	702(E), dated the 17th July, 1989	the words and
		numbers "31st March,
		2024", the words and
		numbers "30th
		September, 2024"
		shall be substituted.
	Natification No. 124/04 Costone	
6.	Notification No. 134/94-Customs,	In the said
	dated the 22nd June, 1994,	notification, in the
	published vide numberG.S.R.	second paragraph, for
	525(E), dated the 22nd June, 1994	the words and
		numbers "31st March,
		2024", the words and
		numbers "30th
		September, 2024"
		shall be substituted.
_	Natification No. 447/04 Contact	
7.	Notification No. 147/94-Customs,	In the said
	dated the 13th July,	notification, In the
	1994,published vide number	said notification, in
	G.S.R. 576(E), dated the 13th July,	the second paragraph,
	1994	for the words and
		numbers "31st March,
		2024", the words and
		numbers "30th
		September, 2024"
		shall be substituted.
8.	Notification No. 148/94-Customs,	In the said
	dated the 13thJuly, 1994,	notification, in the
	published vide number G.S.R.	second paragraph, for
	577(E), dated the 13th July, 1994	the words and
	2(2), dated the 13th July, 1334	numbers "31st March,
		· /
		2024", the words and
		numbers "30th
		September, 2024"
		shall be substituted.
9.	Notification No. 151/94-Customs,	In the said
	dated the 13thJuly, 1994,	notification, in the
	published vide number G.S.R.	second paragraph, for
	580(E), dated the 13th July, 1994	the words and
	Joote J, dated the 15th July, 1994	
		numbers "31st March,

		2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
10.	Notification No. 152/94-Customs, dated the 13thJuly, 1994, published vide number G.S.R. 581(E), dated the 13th July, 1994	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
11.	Notification No. 153/94-Customs, dated the 13thJuly, 1994, published vide number G.S.R. 582(E), dated the 13th July, 1994	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
12.	Notification No. 39/96-Customs, dated the 23rd July, 1996, published vide number G.S.R. 291(E), dated the 23rd July, 1996	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
13.	Notification No. 50/96-Customs, dated the 23rd July, 1996, published vide number G.S.R. 302(E), dated the 23rd July, 1996	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
14.	Notification No. 51/96-Customs, dated the 23rd July, 1996, published vide number G.S.R. 303(E), dated the 23rd July, 1996	In the said notification, in the fourth paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
15.	Notification No. 25/98-Customs, dated the 2rd June, 1998,	In the said notification, in the





16.	published vide number G.S.R. 290(E), dated the 2nd June, 1998 Notification No. 25/99-Customs, dated the 28th February, 1998, published vide number G.S.R. 161(E), dated the 28th February, 1998	second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.  In the said notification, in the opening paragraph, in second proviso for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024"
		shall be substituted.
17.	Notification No. 97/99-Customs, dated the 21stJuly, 1999, published vide number G.S.R. 727(E), dated the 21st July,1999	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
18.	Notification No. 25/2002-	In the said
	Customs, dated the 1st March, 2002, published vide number G.S.R. 122(E), dated the 1st March, 2002,	notification, in the opening paragraph, in second proviso for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
19.	Notification No. 113/2003- Customs, dated the 22ndJuly, 2003, published vide number G.S.R. 572(E), dated the 22nd July, 2003	In the said notification, in the third paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
20.	Notification No. 30/2004- Customs, dated the 28th January, 2004, published vide number G.S.R. 81(E), dated the 28th January, 2004	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and

		numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
21.	Notification No. 45/2005- Customs, dated the 16th May, 2005, published vide number G.S.R. 318(E), dated the 16th May, 2005	In the said notification, in the second proviso, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
22.	Notification No. 81/2005- Customs, dated the 8th September, 2005, published vide number G.S.R. 569(E), dated the 8th September, 2005	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
23.	Notification No. 102/2007- Customs, dated the 14th September, 2007, published vide number G.S.R. 598(E), dated the 14th September, 2007	In the said notification, in the fourth paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
24.	Notification No. 26/2011- Customs, dated the 1st March, 2011, published vide number G.S.R. 152(E), dated the 1stMarch, 2011	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
25.	Notification No. 23/2016- Customs, dated the 1st March, 2016, published vide number G.S.R. 217(E), dated the 1st March, 2016	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
26.	Notification No. 05/2017- Customs, dated the 2nd February, 2017, published vide number	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for





	G.S.R. 89(E), dated the 2nd February, 2017	the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
27.	Notification No. 16/2017- Customs, dated the 20th April, 2017, published vide number G.S.R. 394(E), dated the 20th April, 2017	In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
28.	Notification No. 29/2017- Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017, published vide number G.S.R. 764(E), dated the 30th June, 2017	In the said notification, in the third paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
29.	Notification No. 30/2017- Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017, published vide number G.S.R. 765(E), dated the 30th June, 2017	In the said notification, in the third paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
30.	Notification No. 32/2017- Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017, published vide number G.S.R. 767(E), dated the 30th June, 2017	In the said notification, in the third paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
31.	Notification No. 37/2017- Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017, published vide number G.S.R. 772(E), dated the 30th June, 2017	In the said notification, in the fourth paragraph, for the words and numbers "31st March, 2024", the words and numbers "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.

32.	Notification No. 49/2017-	In the said
	Customs, dated the 30th June,	notification, in the
	2017, published vide number	fourth paragraph, for
	G.S.R. 784(E), dated the 30th June,	the words and
	2017	numbers "31st March,
		2024", the words and
		numbers "30th
		September, 2024"
		shall be substituted.
33.	Notification No. 52/2017-	In the said
	Customs, dated the 30th June,	notification, in the
	2017, published vide number	third paragraph, for
	G.S.R. 787(E), dated the 30th June,	the words and
	2017	numbers "31st March,
		2024", the words and
		numbers "30th
		September, 2024"
		shall be substituted.

[For further details please refer the notification]

#### **NOTIFICATION**

SEEKS TO AMEND 50/2017-CUSTOMS IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF EXEMPTIONS LAPSING ON 31ST MARCH 2024 UP TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

**OUR COMMENTS**: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide notification no 06/2024-Customs dated 29.01.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 50/2017-Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 785(E), dated the 30th June, 2017, namely:-

In the said notification, -

- I. in the Table, -
- (1) against S. No. 237, in column (3), in proviso for the figures and words "31st March, 2024", the figures and words "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted;





- (2) against S. No. 340, in column (3), in proviso for the figures and words "31st March, 2024", the figures and words "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted;
- (3) against S. No. 368, in column (3), in proviso for the figures and words "31st March, 2024", the figures and words "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted;
- (4) against S. No. 374, in column (3), in proviso for the figures and words "31st March, 2024", the figures and words "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted;
- (5) against S. No. 375, in column (3), in proviso for the figures and words "31st March, 2024", the figures and words "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted;
- (6) against S. No. 403, in column (3), in proviso for the figures and words "31st March, 2024", the figures and words "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted;
- (7) against S. No. 479, in column (3), in proviso for the figures and words "31st March, 2024", the figures and words "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted;
- (8) against S. No. 527A, in column (3), in proviso for the figures and words "31st March, 2024", the figures and words "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted;
- (9) against S. No. 527B, in column (3), in proviso for the figures and words "31st March, 2024", the figures and words "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.
- II. In the second proviso, for the figures and words "31st March, 2024", the figures and words "30th September, 2024" shall be substituted.

# [For further details please refer the notification]

# NOTIFICATION

RATE OF EXCHANGE OF ONE UNIT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EQUIVALENT TO INDIAN RUPEES - SUPERSESSION NOTIFICATION NO. 04/2024-CUSTOMS(N.T.), DATED 18TH JANUARY, 2024

**OUR COMMENTS**: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide notification no 10/2024-Customs(N.T) dated

01.02.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), and in supersession of the Notification No. 04/2024-Customs(N.T.), dated 18th January, 2024 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs hereby determines that the rate of exchange of conversion of each of the foreign currencies specified in column (2) of each of Schedule I and Schedule II annexed hereto, into Indian currency or vice versa, shall, with effect from 2nd February, 2024, be the rate mentioned against it in the corresponding entry in column (3) thereof, for the purpose of the said section, relating to imported and export goods.

#### **SCHEDULE-I**

SI.	Foreign	Rate of exchange of one unit of foreign		
No.	Currency	currency equivalent to Indian rupees		
(1)	(2)	(3)		
		(a)	(b)	
		(For Imported Goods)	(For Export Goods)	
1.	Australian Dollar	55.80	53.40	
2.	Bahraini Dinar	228.95	212.25	
3.	Canadian Dollar	62.85	60.85	
4.	Chinese Yuan	11.85	11.45	
5.	Danish Kroner	12.20	11.90	
6.	EURO	91.45	88.30	
7.	Hong Kong Dollar	10.75	10.50	
8.	Kuwaiti Dinar	279.00	261.65	
9.	New Zealand Dollar	52.15	49.80	
10.	Norwegian Kroner	8.00	7.80	
11.	Pound Sterling	107.15	103.70	
12.	Qatari Riyal	23.55	22.15	
13.	Saudi Arabian Riyal	22.85	21.45	





14.	Singapore Dollar	63.05	61.00
15.	South African Rand	4.60	4.30
16.	Swedish Kroner	8.10	7.90
17.	Swiss Franc	98.15	94.45
18.	Turkish Lira	2.80	2.65
19.	UAE Dirham	23.35	21.95
20.	US Dollar	83.95	82.20

# **SCHEDULE-II**

SI. No.	Foreign Currency	Rate of exchange of 100 units of foreign currency equivalent to Indian rupees		
(1)	(2)	(3)		
		(a) (b)		
		(For Imported Goods)	(For Export Goods)	
1.	Japanese Yen	57.55	55.75	
2.	Korean Won	6.45	6.05	

# [For further details please refer the notification]

NOTIFICATION		
FIXATION OF TARIFF VALUE OF EDIBLE OILS, BRASS SCRAP,		
ARECA NUT, GOLD AND SILVER		

**OUR COMMENTS**: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide notification no 09/2024-Customs(N.T) dated 31.01.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (2) of section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, being satisfied that it is necessary and expedient to do so, hereby makes the following amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.), dated the 3rd August, 2001, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section-3, Sub-section (ii), vide number S. O. 748 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2001, namely:-

In the said notification, for TABLE-1, TABLE-2, and TABLE-3 the following Tables shall be substituted, namely: -

## "TABLE-1

SI. No.	Chapter/ heading/ subheading/tariff item	Description of goods	Tariff value (US \$Per Metric Tonne)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	1511 10 00	Crude Palm Oil	884
2	1511 90 10	RBD Palm Oil	897
3	1511 90 90	Others – Palm Oil	891
4	1511 10 00	Crude Palmolein	903
5	1511 90 20	RBD Palmolein	906
6	1511 90 90	Others – Palmolein	905
7	1507 10 00	Crude Soya bean Oil	925
8	7404 00 22	Brass Scrap (all grades)	4802

## TABLE-2

SI. No.	Chapter/ heading/ sub- heading/tariff item	Description of goods	Tariff value (US \$)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	71 or 98	Gold, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 356 of the Notification No. 50/2017- Customs dated 30.06.2017 is availed	658 per 10 grams
2.	71 or 98	Silver, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 357 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated 30.06.2017 is availed	
3.	71	<ul> <li>i. Silver, in any form, other than medallions and silver coins having silver content not below</li> </ul>	748 per kilogram





		99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver falling under sub-heading 7106 92;	
		ii. Medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi- manufactured forms of silver falling under sub-heading 7106 92, other than imports of such goods through post, courier or baggage.	
		<b>Explanation.</b> - For the purposes of this entry, silver in any form shall not include foreign currency coins, jewellery made of silver or articles made of silver.	
4.	71	i. Gold bars, other than tola bars, bearing manufacturer's or refiner's engraved serial number and weight expressed in metric units;	658 per 10 grams
		ii. Gold coins having gold content not below 99.5% and gold findings, other than imports of such goods through post, courier or baggage.	
		Explanation For the purposes of this entry, "gold findings" means a small component such as hook, clasp, clamp, pin, catch, screw back used to hold the whole or a part of a piece of Jewellery in place.	

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	080280	Areca nuts	8140 (i.e., no
			change)"

2. This notification shall come into force with effect from the 01st day of February, 2024.

[For further details please refer the notification]

# **TABLE-3**

SI.	Chapter/ heading/	Description of	Tariff value (US
No.	subheading/tariff item	goods	\$ Per Metric
			Ton)



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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRACK AND TRACE SYSTEM FOR EXPORT OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND DRUG CONSIGNMENTS ALONG WITH MAINTAINING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP IN THE LEVELS OF PACKAGING AND THEIR MOVEMENT IN SUPPLY CHAIN- EXTENSION OF DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION REGARDING

**OUR COMMENTS:** The Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide public notice no. 39/2023 dated 02.02.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred under Paragraph 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, as amended from time to time, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby amends Para 2.90A of Handbook of Procedure- 2015-20, as notified vide Public Notice No. 43/2015-20 dated 05.12.2017 read with Public Notice No. 52/2015-20 dated 05.01.2016, Public Notice No. 05/2015-20 dated 09.05.2018. Public Notice No. 43/2015-2020 dated 01.11.2018. Public Notice No. 16/2015-2020 dated 04.07.2019, Public Notice No. 66/2015-2020 dated 30.03.2020. Public Notice No. 16/2015-2020 dated 22.9.2020. Public **Notice** No. 46/2015-20 dated 30.03.2021, Public Notice No. 01/2015-2020 dated 04.01.2022, Public Notice No. 3/2023 dated 03.04.2023 and Public Notice 26/2023 dated No. 04.08.2023 on laying down the procedure for implementation of the Track and Trace system for export consignments of drug formulations.

2. In Para 2.76 (vi) and (vii) of Handbook of Procedure - 2023 (as amended erstwhile Para 2.90 A of HBP 2015-2020). the date for implementation of Track and Trace system for export of drug formulations with respect to maintaining the Parent-Child relationship in packaging levels and its uploading on Central Portal has been extended up to 01.02.2025 for both SSI and non SSI manufactured drugs".

3. Effect of this Public Notice:

The date for implementation of Track and Trace system for export of drug formulations with respect to maintaining the Parent-Child relationship in packaging levels and its uploading on Central Portal has been extended up to 01.02.2025 for both SSI and non SSI manufactured drugs.

[For further details please refer the notification]

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

ENLISTMENT OF CHAMBERS /AGENCIES UNDER APPENDIX 2E OF FTP, 2023

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide public notice no. 38/2023 dated 31.01.2024 notified In exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 1.03 read with paragraph 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby enlist 04 chambers /agencies under Appendix 2E of the FTP 2023 to authorize to issue Certificate of Origin (Non Preferential) [COO(NP)] who were earlier de-listed by the DGFT, vide Public Notice No. 31/2023 dated 20.09.2023 for not complying to the repeated instructions of DGFT for on boarding on the Common Digital Platform (CDP) for issuance of COO(NP).

2. The following four chambers /agencies are enlisted under Appendix 2E of the FTP 2023 :

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# **Effect of this Public Notice:**

The chambers /agencies listed at Para 2 are enlisted under Appendix 2E of FTP 2023 and authorized to issue Certificate of Origin (Non Preferential).

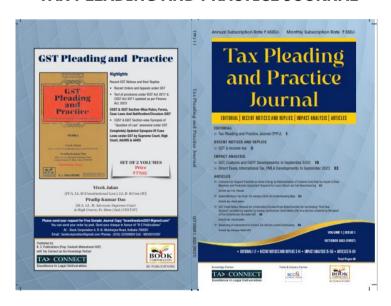
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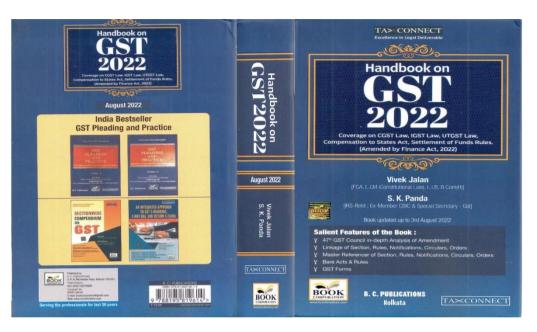
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