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EDITORIAL



Friends.

In the Interim Budget 2024-25, The finance minister proposed to withdraw direct tax demands up to INR 25000 pertaining to the period up to tax year 2009-10 and up to INR 10000 for tax years 2010-11 to 2014-15. Vide Order F. No. 375/02/2023- IT-Budget dated 13th February 2024 the CBDT has implemented the proposal on remission or extinguishment of small tax demands outstanding as on 31 January 2024 under the Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA) or Wealth Tax Act, 1957 or Gift Tax Act 1958. However, as always, the actual scheme has certain surprises, additions, deletions, and modifications. The salient features of the scheme are as follows —

A. The outstanding as on January 31, 2024, will be considered as follows: -

Assessment Year/s (A.Y.) to	Monetary limit of entries of
which the	outstanding
entries of outstanding tax	tax demands which are to be
demands as	remitted
on	and
January 31, 2024, pertain	extinguished (in Rupees)
(1)	(2)
	each demand entry up to Rs.
Up to A.Y. 2010-11	25,000/-
A.Y. 2011-12 to A.Y. 2015-	each demand entry up to Rs.
16	10,000/-

B. Now the surprise elements - The remission and extinguishment of above outstanding tax demand shall be subject to the maximum ceiling of Rs. 1,00,000/- for any specific taxpayer/ assesses for the demand entries consisting of tax demands under Income-tax Act, 1961 or corresponding provisions of Wealth-tax Act, 1957 or Gift-tax Act, 1958; stand-alone Interest, penalty, fee, cess or surcharge thereon under various provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 or corresponding provisions, if any, of Wealth-tax Act, 1957 or Gift-tax Act, 1958.

However, where tax demands meet remission and extinguishment, interest need not be considered for the calculation of the ceiling limit.

- C. No TDS or TCS demands under Income Tax shall be considered in this scheme.
- D. The scheme shall be implemented by Centralized Processing Centre (CPC) preferably within two months.
- E. Remission/extinguishment of demand will be undertaken in a chronological manner for the tax years and fraction of demand shall be ignored.
- F. Withdrawal/remission of tax demands under this Order will not give any right to the taxpayers to claim credit or refund of waived amount and will not grant immunity from any ongoing litigation.

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TAX CALENDAR

Due Date	Form/Return /Challan	Reporting Period	Description
25 th February	PMT-06	January' 2024	Due Date of payment of GST for a taxpayer with Aggregate turnover up to INR 5 crores during the previous year and who has opted for Quarterly filing of return under QRMP.
28 th February	GSTR-11	January' 2024	Statement of inward supplies having Unique Identification Number (UIN) for claiming GST refund

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INCOME TAX

NOTIFICATION

CORRIGENDUM TO NOTIFICAION RELATING TO INCOME-TAX (SECOND AMENDMENT) RULES, 2024 - MODES OF FILING OF ITR AND SUBSTITUTION OF ITR-2, ITR-3 AND ITR-5 FORMS

OUR COMMENTS: The Central Board of Direct Taxes vide notification no. 22/2024 dated 21.02.2024 notified that in the notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue (Central Board of Direct Taxes), published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 83(E), dated 31st January, 2024:—

(i) at page number 148, in item 1, for the bracket, figures and words "(1) These rules may be called the Income-tax (Amendment) Rules, 2024.", the bracket, figures and words "(1) These rules may be called the Income-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2024." shall be substituted;

(ii) at page number 171, in Form ITR-2, in Schedule 80DD, a new column, "Amount (Rs.)" shall be inserted and accordingly, for the Schedule 80DD, the following schedule shall be substituted, namely: —

"Schedule	Detail	Details of deduction in respect of maintenance							
80DD	includin	including medical treatment of a dependent who is							
		;	a į	person w	/ith (disabilit	У		
Nature of	Type of	PAN	of	Aadhaa	Dat	Ack.	UDID	Amo	
disability	depend	the		r of the	e of	No. of	Number	unt	
	ent	depen	d	depend	filin	Form		(Rs.)	
		ent		ent	g of	10IA fi	(If availa		
					For	led	ble)		
					m				
					101				
					Α				
1.	1.								
Dependent	Spouse								
person									
with	2. Son								
disability									
	3.								
2.	Daught								
Dependent	er								
person									
with									

severe	4.			
disability	Father			
	5.			
	Mother			
	6.			
	Brother			
	7. Sister			
	8.			
	Membe			
	r of			
	the HU			
	F (in			
	case			
	of HUF)			
	";			

(iii) at page number 229, in Form ITR-3, in Schedule 80DD, a new column, "Amount (Rs.)" shall be inserted and accordingly, for the Schedule 80DD, the following schedule shall be substituted, namely:—

"Schedule 80D	Details of deduction in respect of maintenance								
D	includ	including medical treatment of a dependent							
		who is	s a perso	n w	ith disa	bility			
Nature of	Type of	PAN of	Aadha	Dat	Ack.	UDID	Amo		
disability	depen	the	ar of	е	No. of	Number	unt		
	dent	depen	the	of	Form		(Rs.)		
		dent	depen	fili	10IA fi	(If avail			
			dent	ng	led	able)			
				of					
				For					
				m					
				101					
				Α					
1. Dependent	1.								
person	Spouse								
with disability	2. Son								





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2. Dependent	3.			
person	Daught			
	er			
with severe di				
sability	4.			
	Father			
	5.			
	Mothe			
	r			
	6.			
	Brothe			
	r			
	7.			
	Sister			
	8.			
	Memb			
	er of			
	the HU			
	F (in			
	case			
	of HUF			
)";			

(v) at page number 271, in Form ITR-5, in schedule CG, in row B, in sub-row (1), in item (d), for the figures, letters and symbols "54EC/54G/54GA", the figures, letters and symbols "54D/54EC/54G/54GA" shall be substituted;

(vi) at page number 274, in Form ITR-5, in Schedule CG, in row B, in sub-row (10), in the table below item (a), in row (ii), for the figures, letters and symbols "54D/54G/54GA/54GB", the figures, letters and symbols "54D/54G/54GA" shall be substituted.

[For further details please refer the notification]

(iv) at page number 230, in Form ITR-3, in Schedule 80U, a new column, "Amount (Rs.)" shall be inserted and accordingly, for the Schedule 80U, the following schedule shall be substituted, namely:—

"Schedule 80U	Details (Details of deduction in case of a person with disability							
Nature of disability			UDID Number (If available)	Amount (Rs.)					
	Form 10IA	filed							
1. Self with disability									
2. Self with severe disability";									

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NOTIFICATION

SEEKS TO NOTIFY "PUBLIC TECH PLATFORM FOR FRICTIONLESS CREDIT" AS THE SYSTEM WITH WHICH INFORMATION MAY BE SHARED BY THE COMMON PORTAL BASED ON CONSENT UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 158A OF THE CENTRAL GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ACT, 2017

OUR COMMENTS: The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs vide notification no. 06/2024-Centrl Tax dated 22.02.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by section 158A of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) and section 20 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017), the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby notifies "Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit" as the system with which information may be shared by the common portal based on consent under sub-section (2) of Section 158A of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017).

Explanation.— For the purpose of this notification, "Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit" means an enterprise-grade open architecture information technology platform, conceptualised by the Reserve Bank of India as part of its "Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies" dated the 10th August, 2023 and developed by its wholly owned subsidiary, Reserve Bank Innovation Hub, for the operations of a large ecosystem of credit, to ensure access of information from various data sources digitally and where the financial service providers and multiple data service providers converge on the platform using standard and protocol driven architecture, open and shared Application Programming Interface (API) framework.

CASE LAW

GST ON POST SALE DISCOUNT – FIRST RELIEF BY MADRAS HIGH COURT

OUR COMMENTS: Recently the Madras High Court held that if a discount offered on a supply is also directly linked to subsidy by a 3rd party, the value of such subsidy will be includible in the "transaction value" of the supply. In other words, a discount linked to the subsidy alone can form part of the "transaction value". Facts- The petitioner is engaged in retail sale of mobile phones. The department had issued notices to the petitioner in DRC-01. Notably, in the impugned orders, it has been concluded that discount on the value of supply can be allowed only in the cases specified in Section 15(3)(a) and (b) of the respective GST enactments. It has been concluded in the impugned orders that the wordings of Section 15(3)(b) of the respective GST enactments clearly state that value of supply shall not include any discount, which is given after the supply has been effected.

Conclusion- If the value of supply is subsidised by a 3rd party, the transaction value of the supply will include the value of such subsidy. Only if the price is subsidised by the Central Government or the State Government, the value of supply will not include such subsidy. If a discount offered on a supply is also directly linked to subsidy by a 3rd party, the value of such subsidy will be includible in the "transaction value" of the supply. A discount by itself will not qualify as subsidy. However, a discount offered by a distributor or a supplier or the manufacturer to buyer/recipient simplicitor cannot form part of the "transaction value" unless such a discount is offered on account of the subsidy for such supplies by a 3rd party. In other words, a discount linked to the subsidy alone can form part of the "transaction value".





FEMA

CASE LAW

VALIDITY OF ADJUDICATION PROCEEDING AS CONTEMPLATED IN SECTION 13 OF FEMA - LIMITATION FOR INITIATION OF THE ADJUDICATORY PROCEEDING FOR IMPOSITION OF PENALTY - PROCEEDINGS ARE AGAINST A COMPANY : ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT

OUR COMMENTS: It was held that In the instant case, information was sought from the petitioner in the year 2017 and when, despite letters, information was not provided and a prima facie case with regard to contravention of the provisions of FEMA, 1999 was made out, a complaint was filed in the year 2020 on which the impugned notice has been issued. The facts of the present case are therefore totally distinguishable from those which were there before the Bombay High Court in the case of Sanghvi Reconditioners Pvt. Ltd.[2017 (12) TMI 906 - BOMBAY HIGH COURT]

In the instant case, as we have already noticed, the information in respect of default by the petitioner company cannot be deemed to be with the Directorate of Enforcement, that is the prosecuting agency, therefore, the reasonable period to commence the adjudicatory proceeding would be counted from the date when that information was received by the prosecuting agency. As this is a pure question of fact and it is not shown to us that the default had been in the knowledge of the prosecuting agency far in excess of the reasonable period, the issue whether there had been an unreasonable delay in drawing adjudicatory proceeding would have to be raised and dealt with at the appropriate stage of the adjudicatory proceeding and not at this stage, while addressing a challenge to the show-cause notice because the show-cause notice, by disclosing the institution of the complaint and specifying the contravention of the provisions of FEMA, discloses all the necessary requirements to warrant initiation of adjudicatory proceeding against the petitioner.

As we find that the complaint discloses all the necessary ingredients to make out a prima facie case with regard to contravention of the provisions of FEMA, the impugned showcause notice issued for adjudication of that complaint does not suffer from any legal infirmity which may justify its quashing, as has been prayed for.

The petition is dismissed.





CUSTOMS

NOTIFICATION

SEEKS TO AMEND NOTIFICATION NO. 55/2022 - CUSTOMS, DATED 31.10.2022 AND NOTIFICATION NO. 64/2023 - CUSTOMS, DATED 07.12.2023, IN ORDER TO REMOVE END DATE ON EXPORT DUTY ON PARBOILED RICE AND TO PRESCRIBE SPECIFIED CONDITION ON IMPORTS OF YELLOW PEAS

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide notification no 12/2024-Customs(Tariff) dated 21.02.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) read with section 124 of the Finance Act, 2021 (13 of 2021), 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 entries in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

TABLE

S.	Notification No.	Amendments
No.	and Date	
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	55/2022-	In the said notification, -
	Customs, dated the 31st October, 2022, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 796(E).,	i. in the Table, S. No. 2A and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted; ii. in the Annexure, condition number 5 shall be omitted

	dated the 31st					
	October, 2022					
2	64/2023-		In	the said not	ification,	
	Customs, dated	/:\	مطاحمة:		annamb famtha	
	the 07th				agraph, for the	
	December, 2023,			-	eviable thereon	
	published in the				n of the Finance	
	Gazette of India,), namely:-", the	
	Extraordinary,			-	eviable thereon	
	Part II, Section 3,				n of the Finance	
	Sub-section (i),	Act, 2021 (13 of 2021), subject to the condition as specified in column (4) of the said Table, namely:-" shall be substituted;				
	vide number					
	G.S.R. 884(E).,					
	dated the 07th					
	December, 2023	(ii) for the Table and paragraph 2, the				
		following Table shall be substituted,				
				namely	:-	
				"Table	2	
		SI.	Tariff	Description	Condition	
		No.				
			Item	of goods		
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
		1.	0713	Yellow	In respect of	
		10 10 Peas the said goods,				
					the Bill of	
					Lading is issued	
					on or before	
					30th day of	
					April, 2024.".	

2. This notification shall come into force on the 22nd day of February, 2024.

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[For further details please refer the notification]

NOTIFICATION

APPOINTMENT OF COMMON ADJUDICATING AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADJUDICATION OF FINALIZATION OF PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT IN SVB CASE W.R.T. M/S ROYAL CANIN INDIA PVT. LTD

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide notification no 14/2024-Customs(N.T) dated 21.02.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 4, read with section 3 and sub-sections (1) and (1A) of section 5 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, hereby appoints officer mentioned in column (4) of the Table below to exercise the powers and discharge duties conferred or imposed on officers mentioned in column (3) of the said Table in respect of Noticee mentioned in column (1) of the Table, for purpose of adjudication of show cause notices mentioned in column (2) therein, namely:-

TABLE

Name of the Notice e and Addres	Show Cause Notice Number and Date	Name of Adjudicating Authorit ies	Common Adjudicating Authority appointed
S			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
M/s	(i) F.No. S/3-	(i) Assistant	Deputy
Royal	Misc-149/2022-	Commissioner of	Commissione
Canin	23-CRC-II-ACC	Customs, CRC-II,	r, Group I/IA,
India	dated 04.07.2023	Refund, ACC, Mumbai	JNCH, Nhava
Pvt Ltd	(ii) SCN No.	(ii) Deputy	Sheva
	2456/2022-	Commissioner of	

23/DC/Gr.1/1A/	Cutoms, Group-1/1A,	
NS- 1/CAC/JNCH	JNCH	
dated 14.03.2023		

[For further details please refer the notification]

NOTIFICATION

SEEKS TO AMEND NOTIFICATION 11/2021-CUS DATED 01.02.2021 IN ORDER TO EXEMPT AIDC ON GOODS FALLING UNDER TARIFF ITEM 5201 00 25

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide notification no 11/2024-Customs dated 19.02.2024 notified In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), read with section 124 of the Finance Act, 2021 (13 of 2021), 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. 11/2021 – Customs, dated the 1st February, 2021, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Subsection (i), vide number G.S.R. 69(E), dated the 1st February, 2021, namely:-

In the said notification, in the Table, for serial number 14 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No. and entries shall be substituted, namely: -

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
"14.	5201	All goods	
(other than		(Other than goods of staple length	
	5201 00 25)	exceeding 32.0 mm)	

2. This notification shall come into force on the 20th of February, 2024.

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[For further details please refer the notification]

NOTIFICATION

SEEKS TO AMEND NOTIFICATION 50/2017-CUSTOMS DATED 30.06.2017 RELATING TO EFFECTIVE RATES OF CUSTOMS DUTY AND IGST FOR GOODS IMPORTED INTO INDIA

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide notification no 10/2024-Customs dated 19.02.2024 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 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, in the Table, -

(1) after S. No. 3 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No. and entries shall be inserted, namely: -

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
"3AA.	0207 2	5 Meat and edible offal, of turkeys,	5%	-	-";
	00;	frozen			
	0207 27 0	0			

(2) after S. No. 32A and the entries relating thereto, the following S. Nos. and entries shall be inserted, namely: -

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
"32AA.	0810 40 00	Cranberries, fresh;	10%	-	-

		Blueberries, fresh			
32AB.	0811 90	Cranberries, frozen;	10%	-	_
		Blueberries, frozen			
32AC.	0813 40 90	Cranberries, dried;	10%	-	-";
		Blueberries, dried			

(3) after S. No. 90 and the entries relating thereto, the following S. Nos. and entries shall be inserted, namely: -

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
"90A.	2008	Cranberries, otherwise prepared or	5%	-	-
	93 00	preserved, whether or not containing			
		added sugar or other sweetening			
		matter or spirit, not elsewhere			
		specified or included			
90B.	2008	Blueberries, otherwise prepared or	10%	-	-";
	99	preserved, whether or not containing			
		added sugar or other sweetening			
		matter or spirit, not elsewhere			
		specified or included			

- (4) against S. No. 100, in column (2), for the entry, the entry "2202 99" shall be substituted;
- (5) after S. No. 304A and the entries relating thereto, the following S. No. and entries shall be inserted, namely: -

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
"304B.	5201 00	Other: of staple length exceeding	Nil	-	-".
	25	32.0 mm			

2. This notification shall come into force on the 20th of February, 2024.

[For further details please refer the notification]

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NOTIFICATION

EXTENSION IN IMPORT PERIOD FOR YELLOW PEAS UNDER ITC (HS) CODE 07131010 OF CHAPTER 07 OF ITC (HS), 2022, SCHEDULE -L (IMPORT POLICY)

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide notification no. 61/2023 dated 23.02.2024 notified In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 and Section 5 of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, as amended from time to time, and in continuation to Notification No. 50/2023 dated 08.12.2023, the Central Government hereby amends Import Policy conditions for Yellow Peas under ITC(HS) Code 07131010 of Chapter 07 of ITC(HS), 2022, Schedule -I (Import Policy) as under-

ITC(HS) Code	Existing Policy Condition	Revised Policy Condition
Description		
07131010	a) Import is 'Free'	a) Import is 'Free'
Yellow Peas	without the MIP	without the MIP
	condition and without	condition and without
	Port Restriction, for the	Port Restriction, for
	period up to	Import consignments
	31st March 2024.	where Bill of Lading
	Import consignments	(Shipped on Board)
	where Customs out-of-	has been issued on or
	charge is issued after	before 30th April
	31st March 2024 shall	2024.
	not be considered as	
	'Free'.	b) Imports where Bill of
		Lading (Shipped on
	b) With effect from	Board) is issued after
	1st April 2024, the	30th April 2024 shall be
	'Restricted' Import	'Restricted' and
	Policy and associated	associated Import
	Policy conditions as	Policy Conditions as
	existing prior to this	existing prior to DGFT
	Notification shall come	Notification 50/2023
	into force.	dated 08.12.2023 shall
		come into force.
	c) All import of Yellow	
	Peas during this period	c) All Import of Yellow
	up to 31st March 2024	Peas where Bill of

shall be allowed	Lading (Shipped on
subject to compulsory	Board) is dated on or
registration under the	before 30th April 2024
Import Monitoring	shall be subject to
System.	compulsory
	registration and
	uploading the copy of
	Bills of Lading under
	the Import Monitoring
	System.

2. Revised Procedures in regard to prior registration of Yellow Peas consignments under the Import Monitoring System shall be notified separately.

Effect of the Notification: Import of Yellow Peas under ITC(HS) Code 07131010 is "Free" without the MIP condition and without Port Restriction, subject to registration under the Import Monitoring system, with immediate effect for all Import Consignments where Bill of Lading (Shipped on Board) is issued on or before 30th April 2024.

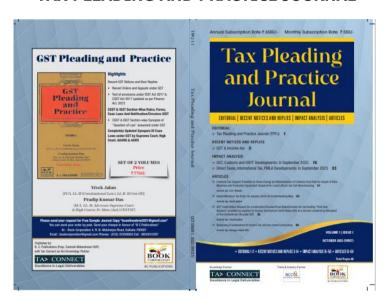
This is issued with the approval of the Minister of Commerce & Industry.

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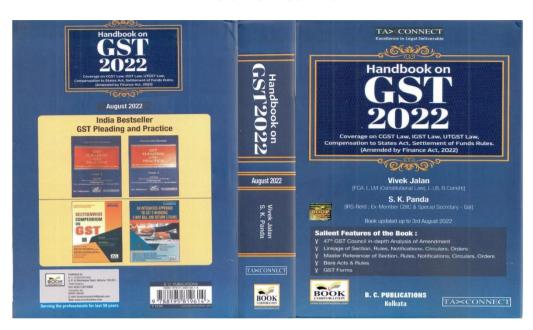
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