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EDITORIAL



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The Income Tax Bill 2025 (ITB 2025) brings several significant changes that could impact the assessee, corporates, and professionals alike. While many of these amendments seem minor on the surface, their implications can be far-reaching. Below, we examine some of the key changes introduced in the ITB 2025 and address crucial questions regarding its implementation.

- **1. Clause 263** Delay in Filing of The Return by Even One (1) day would lead to non-grant of Refunds.
- **2.** Clause 17 Even in case, an employee is provided 'reimbursement' of expenses for To-Fro Journey from officeresidence, it may be considered as tax free perquisite.
- **3. Clause 206** For LLPs and Partnership Firms, for calculation of AMT @18.5%, there is no carve out for LTCG Income. Hence in case in an LLP claiming a deduction, there is an applicability of AMT and there is a LTCG Income also, then as per the ITB'25 at present, the AMT will apply even on LTCG @18.5% instead of Tax @12.5%.
- **4. Clause 200 read with Clause 148** In case a Domestic Company had availed of the Taxation regime u/s 115BAA, then the benefit of deduction u/s 80M for intercorporate dividend was available to him. Now Section 80M is replaced by Clause 148 and Section 115BAA by Clause 200 and for the purpose of Clause 200 there is no carve out for Clause 148. Hence the benefit seems to have been gone.

Key Questions to be answered:

- 1. Would TDS Credits be carried forward under ITB'25 If so, how?
- 2. Would MAT/AMT Credits & losses be carried forward, If so, how?
- 3. What happens to APA Applications pending on 31st March 2026?
- 4. Exemptions granted/ Choices made in the earlier Act, will it be applicable in new Act?

- 5. What happens to assessments, re-assessments, etc commencing after 1.4.26 but relating to AY26-27 or before?
- 6. ITA61 Jurisprudence applicable for ITB25?
- 7. Can 're-opening' be done on the basis of a judgement of a Court under ITB25 even in case similar matter is settled in ITA61?
- 8. What happens to refunds already sanctioned under ITA'61 can they be adjusted against demands in ITB'25?
- 9. How would Block assessments which cover overlapping period, be done?

ITB'25 Implementation:

- 1. Do an impact analysis of ITB'25 implementation
- 2. Redo current computation as per ITB'25
- 3. Find out areas of exposures and mitigations to the exposures
- 4. File returns till FY 25-26 with ITB'25 in mind
- 5. File TDS returns for of FY 25-26 with ITB'25 in mind
- 6. Go Live File New TDS/TCS returns in Q1 of TY 26-27
- 7. Pay Advance Tax for Q1 of TY 26-27 as per ITB'25
- 8. File ITR for TY 26-27 as per ITB'25

The ITB 2025 introduces several crucial amendments that will impact assessee significantly. While some provisions offer benefits, others increase tax liabilities and compliance requirements. Clear transition guidelines will be necessary to ensure a seamless shift from ITA 1961 to ITB 2025, and taxpayers must stay informed to adapt effectively to these changes. To ensure a smooth transition to the new tax regime, organizations should take necessary measures.

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Date	Form/Return/Challan	Reporting Period	Description
23 rd March'2025 - 29 th March'2025	THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT DUE DATES FOR THIS WEEK	THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT DUE DATES FOR THIS WEEK	THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT DUE DATES FOR THIS WEEK

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NOTIFICATION

U/S 138(1) OF IT ACT 1961 - SPECIFIED OFFICER, AUTHORITY OR **BODY - DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RESPECTING ASSESSEES**

Notification No. 20/2025 dated 18.03.2025 notified that in pursuance of sub-clause (ii) of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 138 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, the Central Q.2 Whether compounding of an offence constitute as an Government hereby specifies 'Additional Chief Secretary (IT), Department of Information & Technology, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi' for the purposes of the said Ans: No, compounding is intended to resolve the offence(s) and clause in connection with sharing of information regarding it is not to be construed as an admission of such offence(s) by the Income-tax payers for identifying eligible beneficiaries under the social welfare schemes of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

[For further details please refer the Notification]

CIRCULAR

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) ON GUIDELINES FOR COMPOUNDING OF OFFENCES UNDER THE INCOME-TAX ACT, 1961

OUR COMMENTS: The Central Board of Direct Taxes vide Circular applicant? No. 04/2025 dated 17.03.2025 clarified that CBDT issued revised guidelines for Compounding of offences ('guidelines') under the Income-tax Act, 1961(the 'Act') on 17.10.2024. The revised guidelines superseded all existing guidelines on the subject and are applicable to pending as well as new applications, from the 8.1 of the guidelines) date of their issuance.

- 2. The revised guidelines have been simplified from previous guidelines, inter-alia, by eliminating categorization of offences, removing the limit on number of occasions for filing applications, allowing fresh application upon curing of defects, which was not permissible under earlier guidelines, allowing compounding of offences under section 275A and 276B of the Act, removing the existing time limit for filing application viz 36 months from the date of filing of complaint, etc.
- 3. For better awareness and understanding among the stakeholders with respect to the revised guidelines dated 17.10.2024, clarifications are provided by issue of a Circular in the form of answers to the frequently asked questions (FAQs) as follows:

A. Compounding of offence

Q. 1 What is compounding of offence?

Ans: Compounding of an offence is a mechanism whereby the defaulter is reprieved of major legal consequences by affording him an opportunity to pay certain sum of money to escape prosecution. The specified offences can be compounded by the **OUR COMMENTS**: The Central Board of Direct Taxes vide competent authority either before or after the initiation of proceedings.

admission of an offence by the applicant?

applicant. (Ref: para 9.11 of the guidelines)

Q.3 Are there any offence(s) under Income Tax Act which are not compoundable?

Ans: No, all offence under Income Tax Act have been made compoundable in revised guidelines dated 17.10.2024.

B. Competent authority/Jurisdiction

Q.4 Where can the compounding application be filed by the

Ans: The compounding application can be filed before the jurisdictional Pr. CCIT / CCIT / Pr. DGIT / DGIT, being the Competent Authority for compounding of offences. (Ref: para

Q.5 Who will be the competent authority where jurisdiction of the applicant lies with more than one jurisdiction charge for TDS related offences?

Ans: In such case, the Pr. CCIT/ CCIT/ Pr. DGIT/ DGIT in whose jurisdiction compounding application has been filed will be the Competent Authority. However, in case the applicant files applications in more than one jurisdictional charge, the Competent Authority will be the jurisdictional authority where the quantum of TDS default is higher. (Ref: para 8.2 of the guidelines)

Q.6 Who will be the competent authority where the applicant has more than one TAN and jurisdiction over these TANs lies with more than one jurisdiction charge?

Ans: In such case, the jurisdictional authority where the quantum of TDS default is higher, shall be the Competent Authority. (Ref: para 8.3 of the guidelines)

C. Compounding application and fee





application for compounding?

format prescribed in Annexure-I to the revised guidelines. The fees chargeable for a 'consolidated compounding application' application may include one or more offence(s) under different would be charged in this case. (Ref: para 3.2 and 4.2.3 of the sections pertaining to one or multiple years/quarters. The guidelines) application should be filed in the form of an affidavit on stamp paper of Rs. 100, along with application fees as per Para 4.2.1 of Q.12 Whether revised guidelines are applicable on pending the revised guidelines dated 17.10.2024. (Ref: para 4.1.1 and compounding applications? If yes, whether applicants have to 4.2.1 of the guidelines)

compounding?

after committing the offence, regardless of whether the same para 3.1 and 4.2.4 of the guidelines) has come to the notice of the department or prosecution proceedings have been launched. (Ref: para 4.1.3 of the Q.13 Whether applicant can withdraw guidelines)

issuance of revised guidelines required to deposit application fee consolidated as per para 4.2.1?

Ans: No application fees are payable for applications filed under per Para 10. (Ref: para 10.2 of the guidelines) earlier guidelines and pending on 17.10.2024. (Ref: para 4.2.4 of the guidelines)

Q.10 Whether compounding application fee is adjustable against proceedings has been initiated? compounding charge payable?

compounding charges payable for the offence(s) sought to be that he has not applied for particular offence for which notice for compounded in the particular application. Cross application prosecution has been issued and proceedings are under adjustment is not allowed. However, if compounding application is rejected for any reasons, the application fees shall neither be refundable nor adjustable against any subsequent application. Q.15 is there any limitation as to the number of times (Ref: para 4.2.2 of the guidelines)

Q.11 Whether compounding is allowed if the application for such Ans: No, there is no limitation on the number of times a person an offence was previously rejected? If so, whether separate can file compounding application. However, the Competent applications need to be filed for more than one application. Authority may reject an application filed by a person on the rejected under the previous guidelines? How will the ground of him being a 'habitual offender'. (Ref: para 7.1 and 7.2 compounding application fees be charged?

Ans: Yes, an applicant may apply for compounding of offence(s) Q.16 Whether the applicant whose application was rejected in applications had been rejected under previous guidelines. re-apply for compounding as per revised guidelines? However, the fresh application can only be filed if such rejection(s) were on account of curable defects (illustrative

Q.7 Whether any format and fees has been prescribed for an examples in para 3.2 of the revised guidelines) and no application is allowed to be filed for any of the rejection(s), made by the Competent Authority, on merits with those particulars i.e. Ans: The application for compounding must be filed in the offence and relevant financial year. Compounding application

file a fresh application?

Q.8 is there any time limit for filing of an application for Ans: Yes, revised guidelines are applicable on the applications, pending before issuance of these guidelines. The applicants whose applications were pending on 17.10.2024 are not required Ans: No, an application for compounding can be filed at any time to file a fresh application or pay any fresh application fees. (Ref:

> compounding application and file a new application?

Q.9 Whether an applicant whose application was pending before Ans: The applicant can file a new single application or application after withdrawal of application(s). However, such new application shall be treated as a subsequent application and higher rate shall be applicable as

> Q.14 Whether applicant is required to file compounding application for all the offences together, for which prosecution

Ans: No, the applicant may apply for one or multiple offences in Ans: Yes, compounding fee is adjustable but only against an application. His application cannot be rejected on the ground progress. (Ref: para 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 of the guidelines)

compounding applications can be filed by a person?

of the guidelines)

through a single consolidated application, if one or more earlier guidelines on the ground of being convicted is eligible to





Ans: Yes, in case the rejection was solely on account of Q.21 Whether an applicant who has filed a Writ Petition for conviction, without examination of merits, as per any of the rejection of his application being not filed within stipulated earlier guidelines, such applicant can reapply in terms of revised guidelines. (Ref: para 6.1(a) and (b) of the guidelines)

Q.17 Whether applicant can file a compounding application if his application be treated? application is returned back due to defect(s)?

defects within a period of one month from date of intimation of the applicant can again file the compounding application, which defects(s). If defects are not cured within such time, the shall be treated as a subsequent application for the purpose of application will be returned back to the applicant and shall be determination of compounding charges. (Ref: para 3.2, 4.5 and deemed to be rejected. In such case, applicant may apply again which shall be treated as a subsequent compounding application for the purpose of determination of compounding charges. (Ref: E. Approval of Higher Authority para 5 and 10 of the guidelines)

Q.18 In terms of Para 10.7, what will be the date of applications been convicted for imprisonment for two years or more? in case of carried forwarded applications - original date of application or date of issue of new Guidelines?

Ans: The application pending as on 17.10.2024 shall be governed under new guidelines. However, date of such pending application shall be the original date of application for any purpose.

Q.19 Whether the applicant whose application was rejected on guidelines, i.e. within expiry of 12/24/36 months from the end of be compounded? the month of filing of complaint, is eligible to file fresh compounding application?

Ans: The limitation of 12/24/36 months has been eliminated in revised guidelines and all such applicants whose application involved in such activity, the offence shall be compounded only were rejected earlier on limitation ground, may file fresh applications for compounding of offences, which shall be treated as subsequent application for the purpose of determination of compounding charges. (Ref: para 3.2 and 10 of the guidelines)

D. Terms for compounding

related to offence sought to be compounded before filing a compounding application?

undertake to withdraw appeals including Writ petitions, if any, related to offences being compounded or grounds of appeal related to the offence to be compounded where appeal has mixed grounds. (Ref: para 4.5 of the guidelines)

period of 12/24/36 months from filing of compliant as per earlier guidelines and is still to be decided by the Hon'ble Court, can again file a compounding application and how shall this

Ans: Yes, after submission of an undertaking to withdraw the Ans: Yes, defective application can be revived by removing Writ Petition from the Hon'ble Court along with the application, 10 of the guidelines)

Q.22 Whether offence can be compounded where applicant has

even if applicant has been convicted with Ans: Yes, imprisonment of two years or more for any offence under Income Tax Act or for an offence under any other law, which is related to offence under the Income Tax Act, may apply for compounding. Such offence shall, however, be compoundable only with the approval of Chairman, CBDT as per para 6.1 of revised guidelines. (Ref: para 6.1(a) and (b) of the guidelines)

account of not being filed in time as provided for in the earlier Q.23 Whether cases involving other agencies such as ED /CBI can

Ans: Yes, such offence(s) may be compounded by the competent authority if applicant is not found to be involved in anti-national or terrorist activity. However, if the applicant is found to be with the approval of Chairman, CBDT, as per para 6.1(c) of the revised guidelines. (Ref: para 6.1(c) of the guidelines)

Q.24 If the main accused has more than one director/partner and one of these directors/partners file an application for compounding of offence(s), where it is found that the other director(s)/partner(s), who have not filed the compounding Q.20 Whether an applicant is required to withdraw appeal application, comes under the conditions as mentioned in Para 6.1 (d) (facilitated tax evasion through mechanisms such as use of entities for laundering of money, generation of bogus invoices of sale/purchase without actual business by accommodation Ans: No such withdrawal is required. However, applicants shall entries or in any other manner) of these guidelines, whether approval of Higher Authority is required for deciding the compounding application?

> Ans: If a case involves multiple offences and one of those offences requires approval from a higher authority under





paragraph 6.1 of the guidelines, the compounding application shall not be refundable or adjustable. (Ref: para 3.1 of the will be processed based on the offence for which the application guidelines) has been filed, as explained below:

for compounding without the need for any approval, irrespective of the fact that any of co-accused(s) are also accused of any other offence(s) which require approval from higher authority (e.g., an Ans: No. Partial compounding charges paid for the year for which offense under Section 277A) and they have not filed any compounding application for either of the offences.

ii. If the application has been filed for an offense, by the main accused or one or more of the co-accused, that requires approval Q.29 An applicant has filed compounding applications under from a higher authority (e.g., an offense under Section 277A), the offense will be compounded only with the approval of the higher authority. (Ref: para 6.1(d) of the guidelines)

F. Compounding charges

fresh allowable application has been filed?

deemed to be the first compounding application. The fresh consolidated application will, accordingly, be considered as the second application and compounding charges will be calculated discussed in question number 30. (Ref: para 10 of the guidelines)

applications pending before issuance of these guidelines?

Ans: The compounding charges for pending application are subject to re-determination as per para 10 of the revised guidelines. All pending applications, whether for single or multiple years/quarters, shall be treated as first compounding application and compounding charge shall be re-computed for each offence disclosed in the application as given in Annexure-4 of the guideline. (Ref: para 3.1 and 10 of the guidelines)

Q.27 Whether credit of payment shall be allowed while recomputing compounding charge for pending applications? If yes, whether the excess payment shall be refundable or adjustable?

Ans: Yes, credit of the amount already paid for particular offence pertaining to particular year shall be allowed for such particular offence and year only, during re-computation of compounding charge for pending application. However, any excess payment

Q.28 If a new consolidated application includes a year for which i. If the application has been filed by the main accused or one or application was filed earlier and then withdrawn, whether partial more of the co-accused, for an offence that does not require compounding charges paid for such year for which application is approval from higher authority, such offence will be examined withdrawn can be adjusted against total compounding charges towards consolidated application?

> application is withdrawn can be adjusted in new consolidated application only towards the offence and particular year for which payment was made. (Ref: para 3.2 of the guidelines)

> earlier guidelines, two of which were rejected on account of curable defects, two were compounded and three are pending as on issuance of this guideline. How should the applicant file a compounding application after issuance of these guidelines and how shall the new application be treated?

Q.25 How shall the compounding charges be calculated for the Ans: No action is pending for the applications which have been application(s) rejected under earlier guidelines and for which compounded. A consolidated application may be filed for all applications which were rejected (on account of curable defects) and no fresh application is required to be filed for pending Ans: All application(s) rejected under earlier guidelines shall be applications. All pending applications, whether for single or multiple years/quarters, shall be treated as first compounding application and compounding charge shall be re-computed for each offence disclosed in the application as given in Annexure-4 as per para 10 of the revised guidelines. Further details are of the guideline. The fresh consolidated application for rejected applications will be considered as second application. Accordingly, the application filed after issuance of these Q.26 How shall the compounding charges be calculated for guidelines shall be treated as subsequent application (2nd application) and compounding charge shall be re-computed for each offence disclosed in the application, in terms of para 10 of the revised guidelines. (Ref: para 3.1, 3.2 and 10 of the guidelines)

> Q.30 How the rate of compounding charges will be determined in subsequent application(s)?

> Ans: The rate of compounding charge is based on sequence of application as well as offence applied for. If a subsequent application includes an offence which has also been included in earlier application(s), it shall be liable for higher rate i.e. 1.2 times, 1.4 times, 1.6 times and so on as per para 10.4 of the guidelines; irrespective of the fact that the offence and year of the offence are same in subsequent application and earlier application was rejected or pending or even compounded.





However, if subsequent application includes offence(s) which were not included in any compounding application filed earlier (rejected or compounded or pending) and the offence has been applied for first time, the compounding charge for such offence(s) shall be computed at normal rate as given in the annexure-4. (Ref: para 10 of the guidelines)

Illustration- An applicant has filed different applications on different dates to compound different offences which will be considered as below:

	Scenario			Clarifications	
Applicatio n Date	Status	Offenc e (FY)	Sequence of	Offence included in	Rate
			Applicati on	Earlier Application?	
15/01/20 21	Compound ed	276B (2012-	NA	NA	NA
17/10/20 22	Compound ed	13) 276C (1) (2018- 19)	NA	NA	NA
18/08/20 23	Rejected	276B (2013- 14)	NA	NA	NA
17/09/20 24	Pending	276D (2019- 20)	First (No fresh applicatio n required)	NA	Norm al rate
01/11/20 24 (filed under revised guidelines)	Single application for earlier application rejected)	276B (2013- 14)	Second	Yes, in applications dated 15/01/20 21 and 18/08/2023. (considered as 2nd time) *	1.2 times of norm al rate
18/12/20 24 (filed under revised	Consolidate d application		Third	Yes, in applications dated 15/01/21	1.4 times o norm al rate

guidelines		18/08/2023 &	
)		01/11/2024	
		(3 rd time) #	
	276C	Yes, in	1.2
	(1)	application	times
		dated	0
	(2019-		norm
	20)	17/10/2022	al rate
		(2nd time)	
	275 4	· · ·	Nama
	275A	'	Norm
		applied for	al rate
	(2023-		
	24)	(1st time)	

* It is noted that the applicant has opted for compounding for this offence for the third time in third application and accordingly compounding charges at 1.4 times of normal rate should apply. However, since both applications were filed under previous guidelines, all such applications will be cumulatively considered as 'first' application, in terms of Para 10.6 of the revised guidelines. Thus, offence under these applications will be considered as clubbed together for calculation of compounding charges.

It is noted that the applicant has opted for compounding for this offence for the fourth time in fourth application and accordingly compounding charges at 1.6 times of normal rate should apply. However, since first two applications were filed under previous guidelines, both these applications will be cumulatively considered as 'first' application, in terms of Para 10.6 of the revised guidelines, 01.11.2024 application will be considered as 'second' and this application will be considered as 'third'. Thus, offence under first two applications will be considered as clubbed together for calculation of compounding charges.

Q.31 Whether compounding application may be filed suo-moto? If yes, how the compounding charge shall be determined?

Ans: Yes, compounding application may be filed suo-moto at any time, after the offence(s) is committed, irrespective of whether it comes to the notice of department or not. The compounding charge depends on sequence of application as well as offence applied for and is independent of whether application is filed suo-moto or in compliance to the notice of department. (Ref: para 4.1.3 and 10 of the guidelines)

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Q.32 Whether compounding application may be filed after Q.33 How to compute compounding charges for offence u/s will be determined?

Ans: Yes. If application is filed within 12 months from end of the after 12 months, the compounding charge so calculated shall be the guidelines) increased by 50% as per para 10.7. (Ref: para 10 of the guidelines)

Illustration: Assessee had made TDS default of Rs 10,00,000/- for 3 months during FY 2019-20. The prosecution has been launched **Ans**: No. Such expense has been removed in revised guidelines. on 01/04/2022 u/s 276B of the Income Tax Act.

Scenario	Case	Date of Applicatio	Time Elapse d	Rate	Compoundi ng Charge
Scenario-1 (No earlier application ejected)	Case -1	12/10/202 2 (Pending as of		Normal compoundi ng charge as per Annexure-4	Rs 45,000/-
		17/10/202 4)	S		
	Case -2	31/10/202 4	More than	Increase by 50% of normal	Rs 67,500/-
		(filed under revised guideline)	12 month s	compoundi ng charge as per Annexure-4	45,000)
First application ejected, revis	Case -3	12/10/202 2 (Rejected)	Less than 12 month	NA (application rejected)	NA
application filed)		31/10/202 4	More than	1.2 times of normal compoundi	{1.5*
		(filed under revised guideline)	12 month s	ng charge in by 50%	(1.2* Rs 45,000)}

launch of the prosecution? If yes, how the compounding charge 276CC in the absence of information on tax sought to be evaded the tax on under-reported income assessment/reassessment being not carried out?

month in which prosecution complaint is filed, the compounding Ans: In such cases, compounding charges shall be the minimum charge will be determined as per para 10.2 to 10.5 of guidelines compounding charge applicable for compounding of offence u/s as illustrated in Question no. 30 above. For applications filed 276CC as per Annexure-4 of the guideline. (Ref: Annexure 4 of

> Q.34 Whether compounding charges include Prosecution Establishment Expenses and Litigation Expenses?

Q.35 Is there any specific path for payment of compounding charge?

Ans: Yes, there is a path on e-filing website of the department and payment may be made by login through PAN or TAN. The path of the same is as under:

"Login on e-Filing portal \rightarrow e-Pay Tax \rightarrow New Payment \rightarrow Income Tax \rightarrow Minor Head \rightarrow Other Receipts (500) \rightarrow compounding charges". (Ref: para 9.9 of the guidelines)

Q.36 Whether the compounding charge can be made under PAN in case the applicant being a deductor?

Ans: The compounding charge shall be made under TAN of the deductor. However, if the applicant is the co-accused then compounding fees may be made under PAN of co-accused as the co-accused may not have access to the TAN of main accused.

"Login on e-Filing portal through TAN →e-Pay $Tax \rightarrow New$ Payment → Income $Tax \rightarrow Minor Head$ →Other Receipts (500) →compounding charges". (Ref: par a 9.9 of the guidelines)

G. Extension of time (Compounding charges)

Q.37 Whether the time for payment of compounding charges may be extended?

Ans: Yes, up to a maximum period of 24 months, as per conditions mentioned in para 9.4 of the guidelines. (Ref: para 9.4 of the guidelines)

Q.38 Whether time for payment of compounding charges may be extended beyond 24 months?





application shall be rejected followed by initiation of prosecution past on merit, any of the co-accused applicant is eligible to file proceedings, if not already initiated. However, the applicant can compounding application again separately or conjointly. Such file new application for the same particulars which shall be application shall be treated as a subsequent application for the treated as a subsequent application for the purpose of purpose of determination of compounding charges. (Ref: para determination of compounding charges. (Ref: para 9.4 and 10.3 3.2, 11 and 10 of the guidelines) of the guidelines)

were intimated. For pending applications where the payment such application shall be a subsequent application? initiation was made before the issuance of the revised guidelines but not fully paid, how will the period of 24 months be Ans: Yes, other than the case where application was rejected in calculated? Additionally, will such applications require approval past on merit, the main accused applicant is eligible to file for extension under paragraph 9.4 of the guidelines?

Ans: For applications pending as on 17.10.2024, wherein for the purpose of determination of compounding charges. (Ref: compounding charges were not fully paid within time allowed as para 3.2, 11 and 10 of the guidelines) per earlier Guidelines or wherein time allowed had not elapsed, the period of 24 months will commence from the end of the Q.44 If any application filed by co-accused or accused under month of issuance of these guidelines viz October 2024. The previous guidelines is pending, whether they are required to file extension of timelines will require approval as prescribed in para 9.4 of the Guidelines. (Ref: para 3.1 and 9.4 of the guidelines)

to interest or additional charges?

Ans: No, interest or additional charges are not applicable on for the purpose of determination of compounding charges. (Ref: extension allowable under para 9.4 of the guidelines. Further, for cases pending as on date of issuance of revised guidelines, additional compounding charge (chargeable under previous Q.45 If application is filed by main accused or co-accused or by guidelines) shall not be applicable and compounding charge shall be determined as per Para 10 of the guidelines. (Ref: para 9.4 be applicable for co-accused or not? and 10 of the guidelines)

H. Co -accused and abettors-offence by Companies and HUF

Q.41 Whether co-accused can file compounding application under revised guideline?

Ans: Yes, co-accused may apply for compounding of offence separately or conjointly. (Ref: para 11 of the guidelines)

Q.42 Where the compounding application of the co-accused was rejected earlier on the ground that the main accused has not filed Q.46 Whether any person other than main accused or cofor compounding, whether such applicants will be eligible for accused can file compounding application for compounding of an filing again? If yes, whether such application shall be a offence of company or HUF? subsequent application?

Ans: No, beyond 24 months extension is not allowable and the Ans: Yes, other than the case where application was rejected in

Q.43 Similarly, where the compounding application of the main Q 39. As per the new guidelines, the payment period for accused was rejected earlier on the ground that the co-accused compounding charges may be extended up to 24 months only has not filed for compounding or given undertaking, whether from the end of the month in which the compounding charges such applicants will be eligible for filing again? If yes, whether

> compounding application again separately or conjointly with the co-accused. Such application shall be a subsequent application

a fresh application under revised guidelines?

Ans: No. All such pending applications will be clubbed together Q.40 Are extension for payment of compounding charges subject and none of the applicants (main accused and/or co-accused) are required to file a fresh application under revised guidelines. This consolidated application shall be considered as first application para 4.2.4, 11 and 10 of the guidelines)

both of them co-jointly, whether separate compounding fee shall

Ans: No separate compounding fee for co-accused shall be payable, irrespective of the fact that application has been filed by main accused or co-accused or by both of them co-jointly. Only compounding charge(s) for the concerned offence(s) shall be payable, as per para 10 of the revised guidelines. Once such payment is made by the applicant being main accused or coaccused or both of them conjointly, the Competent Authority shall compound concerned offences for main accused as well as all the co-accused. (Ref: para 11 and 10 of the guidelines)

Ans: No, person other than main accused or co-accused cannot file compounding application. The applicant is required to





disclose his status as main accused or co-accused in the serial no. Q.51 Whether co-accused can file compounding application 4 of compounding application (Annexure-I of revised guidelines). where the liability of main accused company ceases under (Ref: para 11 and Annexure -1 of the guidelines)

the department for offences u/s 278B?

either the main accused or any person who can substantiate guidelines) along with supporting documents that he was in-charge or responsible for conduct of the business of the company during Q.52 The (Ref: para 11 of the guidelines)

accused in the scenario given at Q. No. 46, whether there is any taxes, interest and other sums) will be applicable or not? requirement to identify other co-accused?

Ans: In such cases there will be no requirement to identify other will apply, as explained below: co-accused for the purpose of the compounding of the offence. However, if such compounding application is rejected for any Case 1: During the Moratorium Period: The demand due from reason, all co-accused shall need to be identified as per Section the main accused is not extinguished during the moratorium 278B of the Income Tax Act to file prosecution complaint before the concerned Court. (Ref: para 11 and 10 of the guidelines)

Q.49 Can co-accused furnish an undertaking for withdrawal of appeals as required in para 4.5 of the guidelines, on behalf of the Case 2: After Rejection of the Resolution Plan (Liquidation main accused?

Ans: No, co-accused cannot furnish undertaking for withdrawal of appeal on behalf of the main accused. Such undertaking shall be furnished by the main accused only which must be attached with the application if application has been filed by the coaccused, since offences of both main accused and co-accused are Case 3: After Approval of the Resolution Plan: Once the being compounded, under para 11.2 of the revised guidelines. (Ref: para 11 of the guidelines)

Q.50 If application has been filed by only main accused or co- in section 32A of the IBC. The co-accused(s), however, continue accused, in such case against whom name the compounding order shall be passed?

Ans: The compounding order ws 279(2) shall be passed in the name of person(s) who have applied for compounding. If co- [For further details please refer the Circular] accused has applied, then order shall include the name of main accused also. Further, in a case where main accused has applied and co-accused has been identified, the order shall be passed in the name of main accused and co-accused. (Ref: Annexure-1 and 3 of the guidelines)

Insolvency Bankruptcy Code?

Q.47 What will happen if co-accused has not been identified by Ans: The liability of co-accused does not extinguish even if the liability of main accused company ceases. The co-accused may file compounding application in such cases, either separately or Ans: In cases where co-accused have not been identified or such conjointly and payment of compounding charge can be made by identification is under progress u/s 278B of the Income Tax Act, co-accused or the main accused company. (Ref: para 11.4 of the

company/main accused is under assessee the time of commission of offence, to be considered as 'deemed NCLT/CIRP/Liquidation and either there is moratorium due to the to be guilty' u/s 278B(1), can file an application as co-accused. provisions of section 14 or liquidation process has been initiated against the company due to the provisions of section 33 of the Insolvency Bankruptcy Code('IBC'). In such conditions, Q.48 If any person filed a compounding application as a co- whether Para 4.3 of the guidelines (regarding payment of all

Ans: The conditions prescribed in paragraph 4.3 of the Guidelines

period. If a co-accused files an application for compounding during the moratorium period, paragraph 4.3 of the guidelines will apply.

Proceedings): Upon rejection of the resolution plan, liquidation proceedings commence under Section 33 of IBC. The pending demand becomes a valid claim before the liquidator. If a coaccused files an application for compounding after rejection of the resolution plan, paragraph 4.3 of the guidelines will apply.

resolution plan is approved under Section 31 of the IBC, the main accused company is absolved Of the offence, provided there is change in the management in terms of conditions prescribed to be liable for the offence. If a co-accused files an application for compounding after approval of the resolution plan, paragraph 4.3 of the guidelines will apply.



GST



NOTIFICATION

SEEKS TO AMEND NOTIFICATION NO. 02/2017-CENTRAL TAX, DATED THE 19TH JUNE, 2017 - JURISDICTION OF CENTRAL TAX OFFICERS - CGST OFFICERS

OUR COMMENTS: The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance vide Notification No. 10/2025 dated 13.03.2025 notified that in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 read with section 5 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) and section 3 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017), the Central Government, hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 02/2017-Central Tax, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 609(E), dated the 19th June, 2017, namely: -

In the said notification, in Table, -

(i) for serial number 7 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"7.	Alwar	Districts of Alwar, Khairthal-Tijara, Kotputli-Behror,
		Bharatpur, Deeg, Dholpur, Dausa, Karauli,
		Sawaimadhopur, Sikar and Jhunjhunu in the state
		of Rajasthan.";

(ii) for serial number 23, and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"23.	Chennai	Districts of Viluppuram, Kallakurichi,
	Outer	Thiruvannamalai, Vellore, Tirupathur, Ranipet,
		Tiruvallur, Kanchipuram, Chengalpattu and
		areas covered under Pallavaram Cantonment
		Board excluding Chennai Corporation Zone
		Nos. I to XV (from Ward No. 1 to 200 in
		existence as on 01.04.2017) and St. Thomas
		Mount Cantonment Board in the State of
		Tamil Nadu";

(iii) for serial number 49 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"49.	Jaipur	Districts of Jaipur, Ajmer, Beawer and Tonk in the	
		state of Rajasthan.";	

(iv) for serial number 53 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"53.	Jodhpur	Districts of Jodhpur, Phalodi, Nagaur, Didwana-
	-	Kuchaman, Pali, Sirohi, Jalore, Barmer, Balotra,
		Jaisalmer, Bikaner, Churu, Ganganagar and
		Hanumangarh in the state of Rajasthan.";

(v) for serial number 63, and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"63.	Madurai	Districts of Madurai, Ramanathapuram,
		Sivagangai, Virudhunagar, Tuticorin,
		Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Kanyakumari, Theni,
		Dindigul (except D. Gudalur Village of Palayam
		Firka of Vedasandur Taluk) in the State of
		Tamil Nadu.
		The territorial waters and the seabed and sub
		soil underlying such waters from where the
		nearest point of the appropriate baseline is
		located in the state of Tamil Nadu and the
		Union territory of Puducherry.";

(vi) for serial number 100 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"100.	Tiruchirapalli	Districts of Tiruchirappalli, Perambalur,
		Ariyalur, Karur, Pudukottai, Thanjavur,
		Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam,
		Mayiladuthurai, Cuddalore, and D.
		Gudalur village of Palayam Firka of
		Vedasandur Taluk of Dindigul District in
		the State of Tamil Nadu.";

(vii) for serial number 102 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"102.	Udaipur	Districts of Udaipur, Salumbar, Rajsamand,
		Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh, Dungarpur,
		Banswara, Bundi, Baran, Kota and Jhalawar in
		the state of Rajasthan.";

[For further details please refer the Notification]

ADVISORY

BIOMETRIC-BASED AADHAAR AUTHENTICATION AND DOCUMENT VERIFICATION FOR GST REGISTRATION APPLICANTS OF UTTAR PRADESH

OUR COMMENTS: GSTN vide advisory dated 16.03.2025 has advised that this is to inform taxpayers about recent developments concerning the application process for GST

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registration. It is advised to keep the following key points in mind during the registration process.

- 1. Rule 8 of the CGST Rules, 2017 has been amended to provide 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.
- 2. The above-said functionality has been developed by GSTN. It has been rolled out in Uttar Pradesh on 15th March, 2025.
- 3. The said functionality also provides for the document verification and appointment booking process. After the submission of the application in Form GST REG-01, the applicant will receive either of the following links in the email.
- (a) A Link for OTP-based Aadhaar Authentication OR
- (b) A link for booking an appointment with a message to visit a GST Suvidha Kendra (GSK) along with the details of the GSK and jurisdiction, for Biometric-based Aadhaar Authentication and document verification (the intimation e-mail)
- 4. If the applicant receives the link for OTP-based Aadhaar Authentication as mentioned in point 3(a), she/he can proceed with the application as per the existing process.
- 5. However, if the applicant receives the link as mentioned in point 3(b), she/he will be required to book the appointment to visit the designated GSK, using the link provided in the email.
- The feature of booking an appointment to visit a designated GSK is being enabled for the applicants of Uttar Pradesh and the applicants can book slots from 18/03/2025.
- After booking the appointment, the applicant gets the confirmation of appointment through e-mail appointment confirmation e-mail), she/he will be able to visit the designated GSK as per the chosen schedule.
- 8. At the time of the visit of GSK, the applicant is required to carry the following details/documents
- (a) a copy (hard/soft) of the appointment confirmation email
- (b) the details of jurisdiction as mentioned in the intimation e-mail
- (c) Aadhaar Card and PAN Card (Original Copies)
- (d) the original documents that were uploaded with the application, as communicated by the intimation e-mail.

- The biometric authentication and document verification will be done at the GSK, for all the required individuals as per the GST application Form REG-01.
- 10. The applicant is required to choose an appointment for the biometric verification during the maximum permissible period for the application as indicated in the intimation email. In such cases, ARNs will be generated once the Biometric-based Aadhaar Authentication process document verification are completed.
- 11. The operation days and hours of GSKs will be as per the guidelines provided by the administration in your state.

[For further details please refer the detailed advisory]



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CIRCULAR

UNION (ACU) **MECHANISM** INDO-ASIAN **CLEARING MALDIVES TRADE**

OUR COMMENTS: The Reserve Bank of India vide circular No.22 dated 17.03.2025 clarified that attention of Authorised Dealer Learned counsel for the Union of India has also brought to the Category – I (AD Category-I) banks is invited to Sub-clause (a)(ii) notice of this Court the press release issued by the Reserve Bank of Clause (I) of Sub regulation 2 of Regulations 3 of Foreign of India dated 24.02.2022 and the same reflects that even the Exchange Management (Manner of Receipt and Payment) banking licence of the respondent No.1/writ petitioner has been Regulations, 2023 in terms of which trade transactions between cancelled. ACU member countries are to be routed through the ACU mechanism or as per the directions issued by the Reserve Bank However, as this Court is not dealing with the cancellation of of India.

- 2. In the wake of signing of Memorandum of Understanding petitioner has stated that he does not have a copy of the (MoU) between RBI and Maldives Monetary Authority in aforesaid order and he is not aware of the same. November 2024 for establishing a framework to promote the use of local currencies i.e., Indian Rupee (INR) and Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) for bilateral transactions, it has been decided that India's bilateral trade transactions with Maldives may also be settled in INR and/or MVR in addition to the ACU mechanism, as hitherto.
- 3. The above instructions shall come into force with immediate effect. AD Category-I banks may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents concerned.
- 4. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Management Act (FEMA), 1999 (42 of 1999) and are without prejudice to permissions / approvals, if any, required under any other law.

[For further details please refer the Circular]

CASE LAW

DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT VERSUS P.C. FINANCIAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED AND 3 OTHERS: TELANGANA HIGH **COURT**

OUR COMMENTS: In the instant case Legality and validity of the seizure orders. It has been held that the facts of the case reveal that before the learned Single Judge, though a prayer for quashment of seizure orders dated 26.08.2021, 30.09.2021 and 15.12.2021 was made, an interlocutory application was preferred for release of ₹ 15,35,45,317/- and the learned Single Judge has allowed the application. The writ petition itself has been disposed of by the impugned order dated 11.02.2022.

In the considered opinion of this Court, once the seizure orders were not set aside and no statutory provision was brought to the notice of the learned Single Judge for release of such

amount and the seizure orders have been affirmed by the competent authority under Section 37A (2) of the Act, no such provisional release could have been ordered by disposing of the writ petition itself.

licence, no comment has been offered in respect of such cancellation. Learned counsel for the respondent No.1/writ

Section 37A of the Act provides for a remedy of appeal and therefore, as now an order dated 04.02.2022 is in existence, the respondent No.1/writ petitioner shall certainly be free to prefer an appeal or to avail the other remedies available under the law. Resultantly, the order passed by the learned Single Judge is set aside and the writ appeal stands allowed.





NOTIFICATION SEEKS TO IMPOSE PROVISIONAL ADD ON SOFT FERRITE CORES FROM CHINA PR

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide Notification No. 04/2025-Customs(ADD) dated 18.03.2025 notified that Whereas in the matter of 'Soft Ferrite Cores' (hereinafter referred to as the subject good) falling under tariff item 8505 11 10 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) (hereinafter referred to as the Customs Tariff Act), originating in, or exported from China PR (hereinafter referred to as the subject country), and imported into India, the designated authority in its final findings, issued vide notification No. 6/22/2023-DGTR, dated the 23rd December, 2024, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part I, Section 1, dated the 23rd December, 2024, has inter-alia come to the conclusion that—

- (i) the subject good has been exported to India from the subject country at dumped prices;
- (ii) the domestic industry has suffered material injury on account of subject import from subject country;
- (iii) the material injury has been caused by the dumped imports of subject good from the subject country,

and has recommended imposition of an anti-dumping duty on the imports of subject goods, originating in, or exported from the subject country and imported into India, in order to remove injury to the domestic industry.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by subsections (1) and (5) of section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act read with rules 18 and 20 of the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Antidumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, the Central Government, after considering the aforesaid final findings of the designated authority, hereby imposes on the subject good, the description of which is specified in column (3) of the Table below, falling under tariff item of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act as specified in the corresponding entry in column (2), originating in the country as specified in the corresponding entry in column (4), exported from the countries as specified in the corresponding entry in column (5), produced by the producers as specified in the corresponding entry in column (6), and imported into India, an antidumping duty at the rate as specified in the corresponding entry in column (7) of the said Table, namely:-

	TABLE										
S. No.		Description of Goods	Country of Origin	_	Producer	Duty as % of CIF					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)					
1		Soft Ferrite Cores*	China PR	country including	Huzhou Haotong Electronic Technology Co., Ltd. (producer)	31					
2	-do-	-do-	China PR	country including China PR	Yibin Jinchuan Electronics Co., Ltd. and Hengdian Group DMEGC Magnetics Co., Ltd.	Nil					
3	-do-	-do-	China PR		Any, other than S. No. 1 to 2	35					
4	-do-	-do-	Any country including China PR	China PR	Any	35					

^{*}The product under consideration in the present investigation is limited to Manganese-Zinc-based Soft Ferrite Cores of the following geometries and lengths:

- a) EE/E/EF of length 10 mm to 128 mm
- b) PQ/EQ of length 20 mm to 71 mm
- c) ET of length 24 mm to 35 mm



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- d) Toroid (with and without coating) of length 03 mm to 202 mm
- e) UU/UI of length 10 mm to 141 mm
- f) I Bars of length 20 mm to 245 mm
- g) ER of length 11 mm to 67 mm
- 2. The anti-dumping duty imposed under this notification shall be effective for a period of five years (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier) from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, and shall be payable in Indian currency.

Explanation. – For the purposes of this notification,

- (a) rate of exchange applicable for the purposes of calculation of such anti-dumping duty shall be the rate which is specified in the notification of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), issued from time to time, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), and the relevant date for the determination of the rate of exchange shall be the date of presentation of the bill of entry under section 46 of the said Act.
- (b) "CIF value" means assessable value as determined under section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962).

[For further details please refer the Notification]

NOTIFICATION

SEEKS TO IMPOSE ANTI-DUMPING DUTY ON VACUUM FLASKS FROM CHINA PR

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide Notification No. 03/2025-Customs (ADD) dated 17.03.2025 notified that whereas, in the matter of "vacuum insulated flask and other vacuum vessels, of stainless steel" (hereinafter referred to as the subject goods), falling under tariff items 9617 00 11, 9617 00 12, 9617 00 90 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 1975) (hereinafter referred to as the Customs Tariff Act), originating in, or exported from China PR (hereinafter referred to as the subject country) and imported into India, the designated authority in its final findings vide notification No. 06/10/2023-DGTR, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part I, Section 1, dated the 19th December, 2024, has, inter alia, come to the conclusion that -

- i. the product under consideration has been exported to India at a price below normal value, thus resulting in dumping;
- ii. the dumping of the subject goods has resulted in material injury to the domestic industry in India;
- iii. the landed price of imports is below the level of selling price of the domestic industry and is undercutting the prices of the domestic industry,

and has recommended imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of the subject goods, originating in, or exported from the subject country and imported into India, in order to remove injury to the domestic industry.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by subsections (1) and (5) of section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act read with rules 18 and 20 of the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Antidumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, the Central Government, after considering the aforesaid final findings of the designated authority, hereby imposes on the subject goods, the description of which is specified in column (3) of the Table below, falling under the tariff item of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act as specified in the corresponding entry in column (2), originating in the country as specified in the corresponding entry in column (4), exported from the countries as specified in the corresponding entry in column (5), produced by the producers as specified in the corresponding entry in column (6), and imported into India, an antidumping duty at the rate equal to the amount as specified in the corresponding entry in column (7), in the currency as specified in the corresponding entry in column (9) and as per unit of measurement as specified in the corresponding entry in column (8) of the said Table, namely :-

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- *"Vacuum insulated flask and other vacuum insulated vessels, of stainless steel" such as vacuum insulated cups/ mugs, bottles/ flasks, and carafes/ kettles including vacuum-insulated body of flask and other vacuum-insulated vessels. Vessels and containers like dispensers, casseroles, vacuum lunch boxes/ tiffin, ice buckets and boxes, etc. fall outside the scope of the product under consideration. Further, single walled flask i.e., a flask with no vacuum, electric kettles and other electric vessels are excluded from the scope of the PUC.
- 2. The anti-dumping duty imposed under this notification shall be levied for a period of five years (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier) from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette and shall be payable in Indian currency.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this notification, rate of exchange applicable for the purpose of calculation of such antidumping duty shall be the rate which is specified in the notification of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), issued from time to time, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), and the relevant date for the determination of the rate of exchange shall be the date of presentation of the bill of entry under section 46 of the said Customs Act.

[For further details please refer the Notification]

NOTIFICATION

SEEKS TO IMPOSE PROVISIONAL ADD ON ALUMINIUM FOIL UPTO 80 MICRONS, EXCLUDING ALUMINIUM FOIL BELOW 5.5 MICRON FOR NON-CAPACITOR APPLICATION FROM CHINA PR

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide Notification No. 02/2025-Customs (ADD) dated 17.03.2025 notified that whereas, in the matter of "Aluminium foil upto 80 micron, excluding aluminium foil below 5.5 micron for non-capacitor application" (hereinafter referred to as the subject goods) falling under tariff items 7607 11 10, 7607 11 90, 7607 19 10, 7607 19 91, 7607 19 92, 7607 19 93, 7607 19 94, 7607 19 95, 7607 19 99, 7607 20 10 or 7607 20 90 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) (hereinafter referred to as the Customs Tariff Act), originating in or exported from China PR (hereinafter referred

to as the subject country) and imported into India, the designated authority in its preliminary findings issued vide notification No. 6/35/2023-DGTR, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part I, Section 1, dated the 28th August, 2024, read with Corrigendum dated 11th February, 2025 has provisionally concluded that-

- (i) the subject goods have been exported to India from the subject country at a price below the normal value, resulting in dumping;
- (ii) the domestic industry has suffered material injury;
- (iii) material injury has been caused by the dumped imports of the subject goods from the subject country,

and has recommended imposition of provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of the subject goods, originating in, or exported from the subject country and imported into India, in order to remove injury to the domestic industry.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (2) of section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act read with Tariff rules 13 and 20 of the Customs (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, the Central Government, on the basis of the aforesaid preliminary findings of the designated authority, hereby imposes on the subject goods, the description of which is specified in column (3) of the following Table, falling under tariff items of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act as specified in the corresponding entry in column (2), originating in the countries as specified in the corresponding entry in column (4), exported from the countries as specified in the corresponding entry in column (5), produced by the producers as specified in the corresponding entry in column (6), and imported into India, a provisional anti-dumping duty equal to the amount indicated in the corresponding entry in column (7), in the currency as specified in the corresponding entry in column (9) and as per unit of measurement as specified in the corresponding entry in column (8) of the said Table, namely:-

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- *Note-Customs classification is only indicative, and the determination of anti-dumping duty shall be made as per the description of the PUC.
- ** Excluding the following-
- a. Aluminium foil below 5.5-micron gauge for non-capacitors applications;
- b. Aluminium foil for capacitors below 5 microns, upwards of 5 micron and up to 5.5 microns. It is however clarified that aluminium foil of 5-micron gauge of width below 500mm having 99.35% purity for capacitors and aluminium foil from 5.5 microns to 80 microns for capacitors is included in the scope of the PUC;
- c. Ultra-Light Gauge converted foil meant for use in insulation, spices packing' thermal fluid lines covering and tea bags application - Ultra Light Gauge converted foil is an aluminium foil having thickness of 5.5 micron to 7 micron which is backed with kraft paper and scrim, or glass cloth, whether plain or printed for use in insulation, spices packing, thermal fluid lines covering and tea bags application;
- d. Etched or formed aluminium foils meant for electrolytic capacitor - Etched or formed aluminium foils is aluminium foil meant to be used in the manufacture of Electrolytic Capacitor

- e. Aluminium composite panel meant for facade cladding and signage applications - Aluminium composite panel is a nonaluminium core (often PE) bonded between two thin layers of aluminium, for use in facade cladding and signage.
- f. Clad with compatible non clad aluminium foil Clad with compatible non clad aluminium foil is a corrosion-resistant aluminium sheet formed from aluminium surface layers metallurgically bonded to high-strength aluminium alloy core material for use in engine cooling and air conditioner systems in automotive industry and industrial applications; such as radiator, condenser, evaporator, intercooler, oil cooler and heater.
- g. Aluminium foil for beer bottle aluminium foil of 10.5 micron with rough surface and perforated whether printed or not; to be used in beer bottle.
- h. Aluminium- manganese- silicon based and/ or clad aluminium- manganese silicon-based alloys, whether clad or unclad- with post brazing yield strength greater than 35 MPA, falling under tariff heading 7607 and 7606, for use in heat exchangers including radiators, charge air coolers, condensers, oil coolers, heater cores, evaporators, heat ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and parts thereof.
- i. Adhesive tapes
- j. Colour coated aluminium foil-either one side or both sides, irrespective of colour, shape or coating.
- k. Polyurethane coated aluminium foil- either one side or both sides, irrespective of colour, shape, or coating.
- ***List of Non-Sampled Cooperative Producers
- 1) Shandong Deli Aluminium Technology Co. Ltd
- 2) Jiangsu Zhongji Lamination Materials Co., Ltd.
- 3) Luoyang Longding Aluminium Industries Co. Ltd.
- 4) Xiamen Xiashun Aluminium Foil Co. Ltd.
- 5) Jiangsu Fengyuan Aluminum Mstar Technology Co., Ltd.
- 6) Luoyang Wanji Aluminium Processing Co. Ltd.
- 7) Kunshan Aluminium Co. Ltd.,
- 2. The provisional anti-dumping duty imposed under this notification shall be effective for a period of six months (unless



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revoked, amended or superseded earlier) from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette and shall be payable in Indian currency.

Explanation- For the purposes of this notification, rate of exchange applicable for the purposes of calculation of the antidumping duty shall be the rate which is specified in the notification of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), issued from time to time, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), and the relevant date for the determination of the rate of exchange shall be the date of presentation of the bill of entry under section 46 of the said Customs Act.

[For further details please refer the Notification]

NOTIFICATION

CUSTOMS (ADMINISTRATION OF RULES OF ORIGIN UNDER TRADE AGREEMENTS) AMENDMENT RULES, 2025

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide Notification No. 14/2025-Customs (N.T.) dated 18.03.2025 notified that in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 156 read with section 28DA of the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby amend the Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020, namely:-

- 1. (1) These rules may be called the Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Amendment Rules, 2025.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. In the Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020, -
- (a) in rule 2, in sub-rule (1), in clause (f), for the word "certificate", the word "proof' shall be substituted;
- (b) in rule 3, —
- (i) in sub-rule (1), —
- (A) in clauses (c) and (d), for the word "certificate", the word "proof' shall be substituted;
- (B) in clause (d), in sub-clauses (i), (ii) and (v), for the word "certificate", the word "proof' shall be substituted;

- (ii) in sub-rule (2), for the word "certificate", the word "proof" shall be substituted;
- (c) in rule 6, -
- (i) in sub-rule (1), for the word "certificate", the word "proof' shall be substituted;
- (ii) in sub-rule (1), in clauses (a) and (b), for the word "certificate", the word "proof' shall be substituted;"
- 3. In Form I, in Section III, in Part B, in paragraph 2, at serial number g, for the letters "CoO", the words "proof of origin" shall be substituted.

[For further details please refer the Notification]

NOTIFICATION

SEEKS TO AMEND NOTIFICATION NO. 9/2012-CUSTOMS, DATED THE 9TH MARCH, 2012

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide Notification No. 18/2025-Customs (Tariff) dated 20.03.2025 notified that in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (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. 9/2012-Customs, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, section 3, sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 129(E), dated the 9th March, 2012, namely:-

In the said notification, in condition (v), for the proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: -

"Provided that a variance not exceeding $\pm\,0.05$ mm in diameter for round shape diamonds and $\pm\,0.07$ mm in length and breadth for diamonds of other shapes, variance not exceeding $\pm\,0.01$ mm in height and variance not exceeding $\pm\,1$ cent in weight shall be allowed."

[For further details please refer the Notification]



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NOTIFICATION

EXTENSION OF RODTEP FOR ADVANCE AUTHORIZATIONS (AAS) HOLDERS, SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES (SEZS), AND EXPORT-ORIENTED UNITS (EOUS) UPTO 05.02.2025

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide Notification no. 66/2024-25 dated 20.03.2025 notified that in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, read with Para 1.02 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, the Central Government hereby notifies, in partial super-session of Notification No. 32/2024-25 dated 30.09.2024, the following:

1. The support under the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme for export of products manufactured by Advance Authorizations (AAs) holders, Special Economic Zones (SEZs), and Export-Oriented Units (EOUs) stands extended only up to 05.02.2025.

Effect of this Notification: The Support under the RoDTEP Scheme for exports of products manufactured from AAs, SEZs, and EOUs has been extended up to 05.02.2025. However, from 06.02.2025 onwards, exports from these categories will no longer be eligible for RoDTEP support. The support under the RoDTEP Scheme for other categories (DTA) shall continue as per Notification No. 32/2024-25.

[For further details please refer the Notification]

NOTIFICATION

AMENDMENT IN IMPORT POLICY CONDITION OF UREA [EXIM CODE 31021010] IN THE ITC (HS) 2022, SCHEDULE - I (IMPORT POLICY)

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide Notification no. 65/2024-25 dated 18.03.2025 notified that 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 Nos. continuation of Notification 54/2015-20 24.02.2023, 61/2015-20 dated 22.03.2023 and 79/2023 dated 18.03.2024. the Central Government hereby extends the STE status of Indian Potash Limited (IPL) from 31.03.2025 to 31.03.2026 for import of Urea on Government account, by amendment in Import Policy Condition under ITC(HS) Code 31021010 of Chapter 31 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule - I (Import Policy). All other terms and conditions remains the same as in the Notification No. 79/2023 dated 18.03.2024.

Effect of this Notification:

Import of Urea (Agricultural grade) on Government account is allowed through Indian Potash Limited (IPL) subject to Para 2.21 of FTP 2023, till 31.03.2026.

This issues with the approval of Minister of Commerce & Industry.

[For further details please refer the Notification]

PUBLIC NOTICE

EXTENSION OF THE LAST DATE FOR FILING ANNUAL RODTEP RETURN (ARR) FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide Public Notice no. 51/2024-25 dated 19.03.2025 notified that in exercise of powers conferred under paragraph 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, as amended from time to time, the last date for filing Annual RoDTEP Return (ARR) as provided under Para 4.94 of Handbook of Procedure through Public Notice No. 27 dated 23.10.2024 for the financial year 2023-24 is extended from 31.03.2025 to 30.06.2025. Similarly, the applicable grace period is also extended from 30.06.2025 to 30.09.2025.

Effect of the Public Notice: The last date for filing ARR is extended by three (3) months for RoDTEP availed for exports of Financial Year 2023-24.

[For further details please refer the Public Notice]

TRADE NOTICE

REVIEW THE SIONS PERTAINING TO AUTOMOBILE TYRES

OUR COMMENTS: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide Trade Notice no. 34/2024 dated 20.03.2025 notified that This Directorate is initiating a process to review the existing SIONs of automobile tyres, (A-1722, A-1717, A-1667, A-1666, A1673, A-1665, A1664, A-1663)

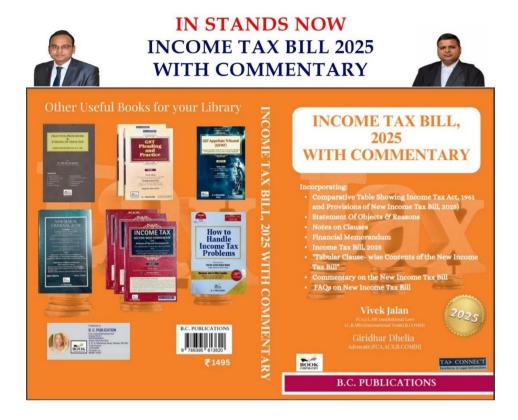
- 2. Therefore, all concerned EPCs, Exporters, Trade bodies and other stakeholders, who are availing the said SIONs, are advised to examine their respective SIONs as it exists today and provide necessary comments/suggestions on why and how such SIONs require modification if any.
- 3. Suggestions for such modification of SION, if any, be accompanied by detailed justification, along with production and consumption data, wastage norms duly certified by Chartered engineer and other relevant documents.
- 4 The same may be sent within 45 days from the date of issuance of this Trade Notice to the email Id, nc7.dgft@gov.in, for further examination by this Directorate.

[For further details please refer the Trade Notice]

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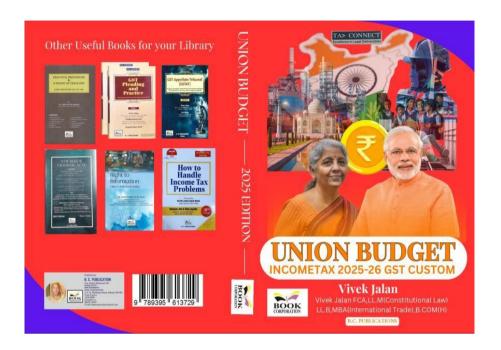
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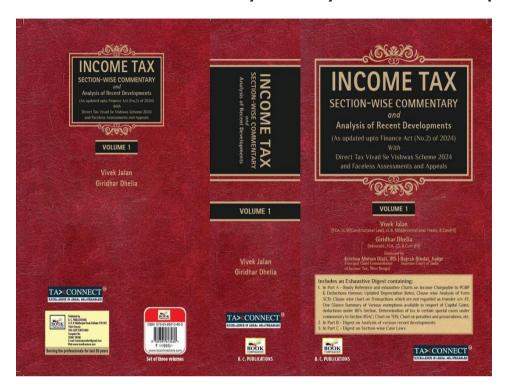
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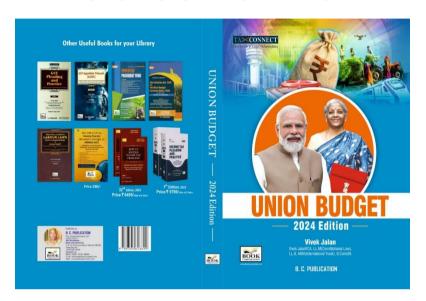
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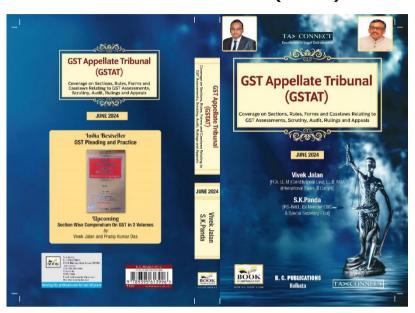
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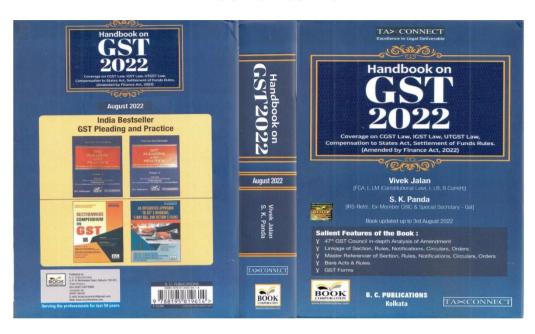
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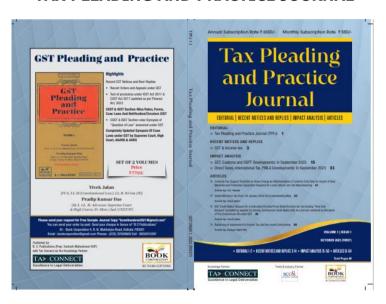
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