Recent Contentious amendments under GST

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Agenda

- Restriction on availing ITC
- Restriction on use of ITC
- Blocking of GSTR-1/IFF
- Suspension and Cancellation of registration
- Changes in validity of E-way Bill
- Changes in Registration process



Amendment in Rule 36(4)

- ITC can be availed only up to 105% of eligible ITC in GSTR 2A.
- 105% to be computed on invoices uploaded AND returns furnished + invoices furnished by quarterly taxpayer.
- Violation of the above could lead to suspension of registration.
- Restriction applicable for GSTR-3B of December 2020.

Sample Calculation

Actual ITC of tax charged by Domestic Suppliers (Based on invoices)

	IGST	CGST	SGST
ITC of domestic suppliers intended to be claimed (A)	130	230	230
GSTR-2B – ITC of tax charged by Domestic Suppliers			
ITC of domestic suppliers appearing in GSTR-2B	120	240	240
Less: Ineligible ITC as per GSTR-2B	-5	-25	-25
Net Eligible ITC	115	215	215
Add: 5% ITC under Rule 36(4)	+6	+11	+11
Total domestic ITC for comparing with Actual ITC (B)	121	226	226
Restricted ITC as per Rule 36(4) - Can be claimed when missing invoice are reflected	9	4	4



Rule 86(B) introduced

- ITC in credit ledger can be used only to pay 99% of output tax liability.
- Applicable to taxpayers having monthly taxable supply exceeding Rs. 50 lacs.
- Exempt Supplies and Zero Rated supplies not to be considered for computing Rs 50 Lakhs.
- 1% tax liability should relate to outward supplies and not RCM.
 - TDS deducted will not be considered as tax paid.

Non-applicability of Rule

Taxpayer, proprietor, Karta, MD or two partners, Whole Time Directors paid Income tax exceeding Rs. One lac in each of the last two financial years.

Claimed refund of more than Rs. 1 lac on zero rated supplies (LUT only) or inverted duty structure in the preceding financial year.

- Discharged tax
 liability
 cumulatively in
 cash in excess of
 1% in the current
 financial year
- Govt. department, PSU, local authority or statutory body.



Rule 59(5)

Taxpayer filing monthly return

On default of GSTR-3B for two months.

Taxpayers filing quarterly return

On default of GSTR-3B of one month.

Taxpayers eligible to use ITC of 99%

On default of GSTR-3B of one month.



Suspension and Cancellation of registration

Rule 21 - Cancellation

- ITC availed in violation of section 16 GSTR-2B+5%,
 180 days, beyond Sept, non-business expenses etc.
- Outward supply in GSTR 1 of one or more months is greater as compared to GSTR 3B.
- Violate provisions of rule 86B use ITC exceeding 99% of the outward tax liability.
- Comparison of any Data which indicates contravention
 of provisions of GST Outward and ITC Reco.

Rule 21A - Suspension

- Registration shall be suspended if significant differences or anomalies are found in comparison of
 - GSTR 3B & GSTR 1 (outward supplies).
 - GSTR 3B & GSTR 1 furnished by his supplier (Inward supplies).

- No opportunity of being heard before suspending registration.
- Intimation in GST REG-31 on common portal or to e-mail
 address highlighting the differences and giving 30 days notice.

Implications and Solutions

Implications

- Raising tax invoice not possible.
- Refunds on hold.
- E-way bill blocked.
- May lead to cancellation.

Solutions

- Meet officer and understand the reason of suspension.
- Written submissions.
- Follow up for revocation of suspension.
- Raise revised invoice and file returns.



Validity of E-way Bill

Rule 138 and 138(E)

- W.e.f 01.01.2021, for distance upto 200 kms e-way bill would be valid for one day.
- For every 200 kms or part thereof validity would be one day.
- E-way bill would be blocked if GST registration is suspended under rule 21A.
- Two tax periods for QRMP persons introduced.



Amendments in Rule 8 & 9 (date to be notified)

- Aadhar based registration
 - Biometric based Aadhar authentication;
 - No physical verification;
 - Taking photograph of specified individual;
 - Verification of original copy of documents uploaded in registration application at Facilitation Centre.

Registration to be granted in 7 days, as against 3 days earlier. Deemed Approval.

Amendments in Rule 8 & 9 (date to be notified)

- Non-Aadhar based registration
 - Biometric information;
 - Physical verification mandatory;
 - Taking photograph of specified individual;
 - Verification of original copy of documents uploaded in registration application at Facilitation Centre.
- Registration to be granted in 30 days from submitting complete application. Deemed Approval.
 - Where physical verification is deemed fit same process.



Changes in Composition Scheme

- Not allowed to supply exempt services (except services by way of extending loans, deposits or advances).
- Not allowed to do inter-state supply of services.
- Not allowed to do supply services through E-Commerce operator collecting TCS.

ITC qua debit note – section 16(4)

 Previously, time limit to avail ITC with respect to the tax charged on the debit note was also linked to the invoice date.

 Now, time limit for availing ITC with respect to the debit note would be linked with the date of debit note.

Penalty for beneficiaries

- Person who retains the benefit of following transactions or at whose instance such transactions are conducted shall also be liable to the penalty equivalent to the tax evaded or ITC availed of or passed on.
 - Supplies goods or services or both without invoice/with incorrect or false invoice.
 - Issues any invoice or bill without supply of goods or services or both.
 - takes or utilises ITC without actual receipt of goods or services.
 - takes or distributes input tax credit in contravention of section 20.

Prosecution provisions also applicable.

Thanks!

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