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COMPLIANCE | AUGUST 2021

Compliance Due Date	Compliance Detail	Applicable To
7 th August	Equalization LevyDeposit	All Deductors
	TCS/TDS Deposit	Non- Government deductors.
10 th August	a) GSTR – 7 (TDS return under GST)	a) Person required to deduct TDS under GST
	b) GSTR – 8 (TCS return under GST)	b) Person required to collect TCS under GST
11 th August	a) GSTR – 1 (Outward supply return)	 All taxable persons having turnover > Rs 5 crore.
13 th August	a) GSTR – 6 [Return by input service distributor (ISD)]	a) Input Service Distributor
	 b) Invoice Furnishing Facility- IFF (Details of Outward Supplies of goods or services) 	b) Taxable Persons having turnover< Rs. 5 crore.
15 th August	 a) Deposit of PF & ESI contribution b) TDS Certificate in Form 16A (non-salary) for Q1 	a) All Deductors b) All Deductors
20 th August	 a) GSTR – 5 (Return by Non-residents) b) GSTR – 5A (online information database access and retrieval services return) 	a) Non-resident taxable person b) OIDAR service provider
	c) GSTR 3B (Summary return)	c) All taxable persons (except composition dealer) having annual turnover> Rs. 5crore
25 th August	a) Form GST PMT -o6 (Payment of tax for Quarterly filers)	 a) All taxable persons (except composition dealer) having annual turnover < Rs. 5 crore
31 st August	a) Last date for payment for under Vivad se Vishwas scheme (VSVS) without additional levy.	a) Taxpayers who have filed VSVS declaration upto 31 st March 2021.



GST UPDATES

Notification No. 30/2021- Central Tax Dt: 30th July, 2021.

FORMS	
GSTR-9	Every registered person having turnover above 2 crore shall furnish on or before 31 st December,2021
GSTR-9A	Composition Dealer
GSTR-9B	Electronic Commerce Operator
GSTR-9C	Every Registered Person whose aggregate turnover exceeds 5 crore shall file self-certified reconciliation statement on or before 31 st December, 2021.

Notification No. 31/2021- Central Tax Dt: 30th July, 2021.

Taxpayer having annual aggregate turnover upto Rs. 2 crore are not required to file Annual Return (Form GSTR-9/9A) for FY 2020-21 though they can file it voluntarily.

<u>Circular No. 157/13/2021-GST</u> <u>Clarification regarding extension of limitation under GST Law in terms of Hon'ble Supreme Court's</u> <u>Order dated 27.04.2021.</u>

The Government has issued notifications under Section 168A of the CGST Act, 2017, wherein the time limit for completion of various actions, by any authority or by any person, under the CGST Act, which falls during the specified period, has been extended up to a specific date, subject to some exceptions as specified in the said notifications. In this context, various representations have been received seeking clarification regarding the cognizance for extension of limitation in terms of Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 27.04.2021 in Miscellaneous Application No. 665/2021 in SMW(C) No. 3/2020under the GST law. The issues have been examined and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law across the field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "CGST Act"), hereby clarifies the issues detailed hereunder:

The extract of the Hon'ble Supreme order dated 27th April 2021 is reproduced below for reference:

"We, therefore, restore the order dated 23rd March, 2020 and in continuation of the order dated 8th March, 2021 direct that the period(s) of limitation, as prescribed under any general or special laws in respect of all judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings, whether condonable or not, shall stand extended till further orders. It is further clarified that the period from 14th March, 2021 till further orders shall also stand excluded in computing the periods prescribed under Sections 23 (4) and 29A of the

Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, Section 12A of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 and provisos (b) and (c) of Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and any other laws, which prescribe

period(s) of limitation for instituting proceedings, outer limits (within which the court or tribunal can condone delay) and termination of proceedings

We have passed this order in exercise of our powers under Article 142 read with Article 141 of the Constitution of India. Hence it shall be a binding order within the meaning of Article 141 on all Courts/Tribunals and Authorities."

The matter of extension of period of limitation under Section 168A of the CGST Act, 2017 was deliberated in the 43rd Meeting of GST Council. Council, while providing various relaxations in the compliances for taxpayers, also recommended that wherever the timelines for actions have been extended by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the same would apply.

3. Accordingly, legal opinion was solicited regarding applicability of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to the limitations of time lines under GST Law. The matter has been examined on the basis of the legal opinion received in the matter. The following is observed as per the legal opinion:-

(i) The extension granted by Hon'ble Supreme Court order applies only to quasi-judicial and judicial matters relating to petitions/ applications/ suits/ appeals/ all other proceedings. All other proceedings should be understood in the nature of the earlier used expressions but can be quasi-judicial proceedings. Hon'ble Supreme Court has stepped into to grant extensions only with reference to judicial and quasi-judicial proceedings in the nature of appeals/ suits/ petitions etc. and has not extended it to every action or proceeding under the CGST Act.

(ii) For the purpose of counting the period(s) of limitation for filing of appeals before any appellate authority under the GST Law, the limitation stands extended till further orders as ordered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) 3 of 2020 vide order dated 27th April 2021. Thus, as on date, the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court apply to appeals, reviews, revisions etc., and not to original adjudication.

(iii) Various Orders and extensions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court would apply only to acts and actions which are in nature of judicial, including quasi-judicial exercise of power and discretion. Even under this category, Hon'ble Supreme Court Order, applies only to a lis which needs to be pursued within a time frame fixed by the respective statutes.

(iv) Wherever proceedings are pending, judicial or quasi-judicial which requires to be heard and disposed off, cannot come to a standstill by virtue of these extension orders. Those cases need to be adjudicated or disposed off either physically or through the virtual mode based on the prevailing policies and practices besides instructions if any.

(v) The following actions such as scrutiny of returns, issuance of summons, search, enquiry or investigations and even consequential arrest in accordance with GST law would not be covered by the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(vi) As regards issuance of show cause notice, granting time for replies and passing orders, the present Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court may not cover them even though they are quasi-judicial proceedings as the same has only been made applicable to matters relating to petitions/applications/suits, etc. 4. On the basis of the legal opinion, it is hereby clarified that various actions/compliances under GST can be broadly categorised as follows: -

(a) **Proceedings that need to be initiated or compliances that need to be done by the taxpayers:-**These actions would continue to be governed only by the statutory mechanism and time limit provided/ extensions granted under the statute itself. Various Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court would not apply to the said proceedings/ compliances on part of the taxpayers.

(b) <u>Ouasi-Judicial proceedings by tax authorities:-</u>

The tax authorities can continue to hear and dispose off proceedings where they are performing the functions as quasi-judicial authority. This may interalia include disposal of application for refund, application for revocation of cancellation of registration, adjudication proceedings of demand notices, etc.

Similarly, appeals which are filed and are pending, can continue to be heard and disposed off and the same will be governed by those extensions of time granted by the statutes or notifications, if any.

(c) <u>Appeals by taxpayers/ tax authorities against any quasi- judicial order:-</u>Wherever any appeal is required to filed before Joint/ Additional Commissioner (Appeals), Commissioner (Appeals), Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling, Tribunal and various courts against any quasi-judicial order or where a proceeding for revision or rectification of any order is required to be undertaken, the time line for the same would stand extended as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order.

5. In other words, the extension of timelines granted by Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its Order dated 27.04.2021 is applicable in respect of any appeal which is required to be filed before Joint/ Additional Commissioner (Appeals), Commissioner (Appeals), Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling, Tribunal and various courts against any quasi-judicial order or where proceeding for revision or rectification of any order is required to be undertaken, and is not applicable to any other proceedings under GST Laws.



EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS OF CERTAIN COMPLIANCES TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO TAX PAYERS IN VIEW OF SEVERE PANDEMIC

Particulars	Financial Year	Due Date	Extended due date
Equalization Levy Statement in (Form No. 1)	FY 2020-21	31 st July, 21	31 st August, 21
Statement of Income Tax paid or credited (Form no. 64D)	FY 2020-21	15 th July, 21	15 th September,21
Statement of Income Tax paid or credited (Form no. 64C)	FY 2020-21	31 st July, 21	30 th September, 21
Statement by authorized dealer under Rule 37BB (Form no. 15CC)	1 st Qtr FY 2021-22	15 th July, 21	31 st July, 21
Intimation by Pension Fund (Form no. 10BBB)	1 st Qtr FY 2021-22	31 st July, 21	30 th September, 21
Intimation by Sovereign Wealth Fund (Form II SWF)	1 st Qtr FY 2021-22	31 st July, 21	30 th September, 21

CIRCULAR NO. 15 OF 2021 [F. NO. 225/49/2021-ITA-II], DATED 03-08-2021

Companies Act, 2013

- MCA has extended the due date of eform CFSS-2020 and now it can be filed till 31st August 2021
- MCA has provided the revised e-form MGT-7 and the new MGT-7A e-form. Both forms are available for filing. Also, the department has advised to stakeholder to check the new form before filing.
- MCA notifies Companies (Incorporation) Fifth Amendment Rules, 2021 vide notification no. G.S.R. 503(E) dated 22nd July, 2021. Vide this notification new Rule 33A has been added. Allotment of a new name to the existing company under section 16(3) of the Act is been added after rule 33 of Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 and new Form No.INC-11C is been inserted. Form No.INC-11C is Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name due to Order of Regional Director.

If a company does not change the name of the company on the directions of Central Government within a period of 3 months as specified under section 16 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Central Government shall allot a new name to the company and the Registrar shall enter the same in the Registrar of Companies. Further, Registrar will remove the old name and issue fresh Certificate of Incorporation with new name in **Form- 11C.** Provided that nothing in this subsection shall prevent a company from subsequently changing its name in accordance with the provisions of section 13.



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