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SUBJECT	DATE	BRIEF SUMMARY	IMPACT ANALYSIS
Fixing monetary limits of the Tax Authorities in respect of reduction or waiver of interest paid or payable. Circular No :- 15/2024	4 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>The CBDT has set monetary limits for income-tax authorities to reduce or waive interest under Section 220(2) of the Income-tax Act.</li> <li>Interest under Section 220(2): Taxpayers who fails to pay amounts due under a demand notice are liable for 1% interest per month.</li> <li>Conditions: Hardship, circumstances beyond the taxpayer's control, and co-operation in proceedings.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Monetary limits set for tax authorities to reduce or waive interest under Section 220(2).</li> <li>Relief for taxpayers facing hardship or uncontrollable circumstances.</li> <li>Greater authority discretion to grant relief</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Monetary Limits:</li> <li>Pr.CCIT: Above Rs. 1.5 crore</li> <li>CCIT: Rs. 50 lakh to Rs. 1.5 crore</li> <li>CIT: Up to Rs. 50 lakh</li> <li>Effective Date: effective immediately.</li> </ul>	based on specified conditions. Standardized and transparent process for interest waiver or reduction.
Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) for Exemption under Section 10(46A) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 for Assessment Year 2024-25 Notification No :- 118/2024	12 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)Tax Exemption under Section 10(46A):</li> <li>Notified for exemption under Section 10(46A).</li> <li>Applicable from AY 2024-25.</li> <li>Valid as long as PNGRB fulfills its purpose under the PNGRB Act, 2006.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduce its tax burden.</li> <li>Lowering costs for businesses in the petroleum and natural gas sector.</li> </ul>



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Condonation of delay	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Forms Affected</b> : Forms 9A, 10, and 11 for AY 2018-	
under section 119(2)(b) of	NOVEMBER,	19 and beyond.	delegation of delay handling
the Income-tax Act, 1961	2024	Delay Handling:	improves speed and focus.
in filing of Form No.		Up to 365 days: Handled by CsIT.	Clarity for Taxpayers: Provides
<u>9A110/10B/I0BB</u> for		• Over 365 days: Handled by CCsIT or DGsIT.	clear instructions on where to file
Assessment Year 2018-19		<b>Conditions</b> : Delay must have a valid reason,	
and subsequent		compliance with Form 10 investment requirements	-
assessment years		must be verified.	adherence to Form 10 investment
<u> Circular No :- 16/2024</u>	l -	<b>Time Limit</b> : Applications must be filed within 3	
		years from the assessment year.	<b>Urgency</b> : The 3-year filing
		<b>Processing Time</b> : completed within 6 months.	window encourages timely
			submissions.
Condonation of delay for	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Forms Affected:</b> Forms 10-IC and 10-JD for AY	
filing Form 10-IC/10-ID	NOVEMBER,	2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-2:	for addressing delays with valid
for AY 2020-21 to 2022-	2024	Delay Handling:	reasons.
23 is allowed under		Up to 365 days: Handled by CsIT	<b>Clearer Process</b> : Streamlined
section 119(2)(b) with a 3-		Over 365 days: Handled by CCsIT.	delegation of responsibilities for
<u>year limit.</u>	[	<b>Conditions</b> : The applicant must file the income	delay handling.
		return on time and must have valid reasons for	Encourages Timely Filing: Three-
<u> Circular No :- 17/2024</u>		delay.	year filing window promotes
	[	<b>Application Time Limit</b> : Filed within three years	prompt submissions.
		from the end of the assessment year.	<b>Gaster Resolution</b> : Six-month
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		within six months.	decisions. 5
<u>Circular NO :- 17/2024</u>		<ul> <li>Application Time Limit: Filed within three years from the end of the assessment year.</li> <li>Processing Time: Applications must be processed</li> </ul>	prompt submissions. <b>Faster Resolution</b> : Six-month processing time ensures quicker

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Specifying Forms in Appendix-II of the Income Tax Rules 1962 to be filed electronically under Rule 131(1) and (2).	19 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Forms specified:         <ul> <li>Form 42: Appeal against refusal to recognize or withdraw recognition from a provident fund.</li> <li>Form 43: Appeal against refusal to approve or withdraw approval from a superannuation fund.</li> <li>Form 44: Appeal against refusal to approve or withdraw approval from a gratuity fund.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>funds, and gratuity funds must be filed electronically.</li> <li>Ensures compliance with digital submission</li> </ul>
Notification no :- 06 /2024		<ul> <li>Requirement: These forms must be filed electronically and verified as per Rule 131 of the Income Tax Rules, 1962.</li> <li>Effective Date: The requirement comes into effect from 22.11.2024.</li> </ul>	efficiency. <ul> <li>Increases transparency</li> </ul>
Tax Exemption for DistrictLegalServiceAuthorities(DLSAs)inHaryanaunderSection10(46) of the Income-tax Act,1961	19 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Exemption: DLSAs in Haryana exempt from income tax.</li> <li>Applicable Income: Grants from Punjab &amp; Haryana High Court, National Legal Services Authority(NALSA), and Haryana State Authority, Grants/donations from Central or Haryana Government, Court ordered</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Haryana are exempt from tax on specified incomes.</li> <li>Financial Relief: More resources available for</li> </ul>
Notification no :- 119 /2024		<ul> <li>amounts, Recruitment application fees, Interest on bank deposits.</li> <li>Conditions: No commercial activities, Consistent income and activities, Must file income returns.</li> <li>Applicable for assessment years: 2024-2029.</li> </ul>	<b>Compliance</b> : DLSAs must



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TheNationalAviationSecurityFeeTrust is exemptfrom income tax on specifiedincomes.Notification no :- 120 /2024	19 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Specified Income:         <ul> <li>Grants/subsidies from the Ministry of Civil Aviation.</li> <li>Aviation Security Fees.</li> <li>Amounts from escrow accounts for passenger service fees.</li> <li>Interest on bank deposits.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Conditions:         <ul> <li>No commercial activities.</li> <li>Consistent activities and income.</li> <li>Must file income tax returns.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Applicable Assessment Years: 2025-2030 (for financial years 2024-2029).</li> </ul>	trust's operations. <b>Compliance</b> : Must avoid commercial
Approval ofSKANResearchTrustasaResearchAssociationforScientificResearchunderSection35(1)(ii)oftheIncome-taxAct, 1961Act, 1961Notification no :- 121 / 2024	25 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Approval: SKAN Research Trust , Bengaluru, is approved as a 'Research Association for Scientific Research under Section 35(1)(ii) of the Income-tax Act, 1961.</li> <li>Effective: From Previous Year 2024-25 and applicable for Assessment Years 2025-26 to 2029-30.</li> </ul>	under the relevant section and



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Notification for Transfer of Capital Assets from NLC India Limited to NLC India Renewables Ltd. under Section 47(viiaf) of the Income-tax Act, 1961Notification no :- 122/2024	27 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Purpose: The Central Government has notified the transfer of a capital asset from NLC India Limited (NLCIL) to NLC India Renewables Ltd (NIRL) under the approved plan.</li> <li>Legal Basis: The transfer is made under clause (vii(af)) of section 47 of the Incometax Act, 1961.</li> <li>Effective Date: The notification is effective from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.</li> <li>Tax Exemption: Capital gains tax is exempt on asset transfer between NLCIL and NIRL.</li> <li>Supports Restructuring: Aids NLCIL's restructuring and NIRL's growth in renewables.</li> <li>Enhances Efficiency: Promotes better operations within public sector companies.</li> </ul>
Exemption of Foreign Representations and International Organizations from Section 194N of the Income-tax Act, 1961. Notification no :- 123/2024	28 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Exemption from Section 194N: Applies to Foreign Representations, including Diplomatic Missions, UN agencies, Consulates, and Honorary Consuls.</li> <li>Conditions: Must be exempt from taxes in India under the Vienna Convention Act, 1972, and UN (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947.</li> <li>Effective Date: December 1, 2024.</li> <li>Keuced Compliance: No need to adhere to tax deduction rules for cash withdrawals.</li> <li>Aligned with International Agreements: Follows provisions of the Vienna Convention and UN Immunities Act.</li> </ul>



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Income-tax(TenthAmendment)Rules, 2024 –SafeHarbourProvisionsforForeignDiamondMiningCompanies	29 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Applies to foreign companies in the diamond mining business.</li> <li>Profits must be at least 4% of gross receipts to qualify.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>diamond mining can opt for a simplified tax regime if they declare 4% profit on gross receipts.</li> <li><b>No Extra Deductions</b>: No additional</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Companies must submit Form 3CEFC to opt for Safe Harbour before filing their income return.</li> <li>Retrospective Effect: From April 1, 2024, and do not adversely affect any taxpayer.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>must file Form 3CEFC to opt for Safe Harbour.</li><li>These changes simplify tax</li></ul>
Extension of due date for furnishing return of income in the case of an assessee who is required to furnish a report referred to in section 92E for the A Y 2024-25 Circular No :- 18/2024	30 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the due date for filing the Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2024-25.</li> <li>The new due date for assessees specified in section 139(1) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, is now 15th December 2024, instead of the previously set 30th November 2024.</li> </ul>	Returns for AY 2024-25 is extended to 15th December 2024, benefiting eligible assessees by providing more time to file and avoid

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Investments in Overseas Mutual Funds/ Unit Trusts by Indian Mutual	4 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Indian Mutual Funds in Overseas MF/UTs:</li> <li>Exposure Limit: Up to 25% of Indian securities.</li> <li>Fund Requirements: Common pool, independent</li> </ul>	· ·
<u>Funds</u> <u>Circular No :- 149/2024</u>		<ul> <li>management, quarterly disclosures.</li> <li>Exceeding 25%: No new investments, If exceeds 25% monitor adjustment within 6 months.</li> <li>Non-Compliance: Restrictions on subscriptions</li> </ul>	no side-vehicles or advisory agreements allowed.
		and new schemes.	Risk Management: Funds must monitor and act if exposure exceeds 25%, with a 12-month period to rebalance.
Disclosure of expenses, half yearly returns, yield and risk-o-meter of schemes of Mutual Funds	5 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Separate Disclosures: Expenses, returns, and yields must be disclosed separately for direct and regular plans.</li> <li>Risk-o-meter: A color-coded system to indicate risk levels:</li> </ul>	disclosure of expenses, returns, and risks for direct and regular
<u>Circular No :- 150/2024</u>		<ul> <li>Green = Low risk</li> <li>Red = Very High risk</li> <li>Risk Level Changes: Investors must be notified if a scheme's risk level changes.</li> <li>Effective Date: The rules take effect on December 5, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>for easy understanding of risk levels.</li> <li>Investor Notification: Investors will be informed of any risk level</li> </ul>
		,	protection and clarity.

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Procedurefor reclassificationof FPIinvestment to FDICircular No :- 152/2024	11 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Reclassifying an FPI investment to FDI if it reaches 10% of a company's equity. The FPI must follow FEMA rules, and the custodian will freeze further purchases and handle the transfer of shares to an FDI demat account once the reclassification is complete.</li> <li>Effective: Rules apply immediately.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>purchases during reclassification.</li> <li>Better Control: Increases regulatory oversight and transparency.</li> </ul>
TradingsupportedbyBlockedAmountinSecondaryMarketCircular No :- 152/2024	NOVEMBER,	<ul> <li>New System: SEBI allows trading with blocked funds via UPI for better collateral protection.</li> <li>Start Date: Available from January 1, 2024, optional for brokers.</li> <li>Broker Requirement: From February 1, 2025, qualified brokers must offer UPI block or 3-in-1 accounts.</li> <li>Investor Choice: Investors can choose between new options or traditional fund transfers.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>funds in bank accounts during trades to reduce risk from broker defaults.</li> <li>Flexibility: Investors can choose between the new system or the traditional method.</li> </ul>

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SimplifiedregistrationforForeignPortfolioInvestors (FPIs)Circular No :- 154/2024	12 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Simplified Registration: SEBI makes the FPI registration process easier.</li> <li>Abridged Common Application Form(CAF): Existing SEBI-registered funds can use a shortened application form.</li> <li>Auto-Population: Common details auto-fill, requiring only unique information.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>up the onboarding process.</li> <li>Applicants fill in only unique fields in the CAF.</li> <li>Common information is auto-filled,</li> </ul>
Relaxation of Provisions for Employee Benefit Trust Units, REIT Distribution Timelines, and Standardized Quarterly Report FormatCircular No :- 158/2024	13 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	lock-in and allotment restrictions.	<ul> <li>Employee benefit trusts face fewer restrictions on receiving units.</li> <li>New format for quarterly reports ensures consistency.</li> <li>Updated rules improve efficiency in handling unclaimed amounts.</li> <li>Changes aim to enhance REITs and build investor trust.</li> </ul>

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Relaxation of Provisions for Employee Benefit Trust Units, InvIT Distribution Timelines, and Standardized Reporting Format Circular No :- 159/2024	NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Employee Benefit Trust Relaxation: Units allotted to employee benefit trusts for unit-based schemes are exempt from typical lock-in and allotment restrictions.</li> <li>Quarterly Report Standardization: Bharat InvITs Association (BIA)will standardize the format for REITs' quarterly reports and compliance certificates.</li> <li>Distribution Timelines: Unclaimed distributions must be transferred to an Unpaid Distribution Account within 7 working days.</li> <li>Effective Date: from November 27, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New format for consistent quarterly reports and compliance certificates.</li> <li>Faster handling of unclaimed amounts.</li> </ul>
Amendment to Para 15 of Master Circular for Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs) dated May 16, 2024 ("Master Circular") Circular No :- 160/2024	NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>No "Technical Default": SEBI removes the term "technical default" for Credit Rating Agencies(CRAs).</li> <li>Verification: CRAs must verify reasons for missed payments and ensure funds are available.</li> <li>Escrow Requirement: Missed payments to be deposited in an escrow account.</li> <li>Reporting: CRAs must report payment failures to Stock Exchanges and Debenture Trustees.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>and remove "technical default" for better clarity.</li> <li>Ensures issuers take responsibility for missed payments.</li> <li>Public disclosure of failures and use of verification tools improve investor</li> </ul>

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Withdrawal of Master Circular on issuance of No Objection Certificate (NOC) for release of 1% of Issue Amount Circular No :- 161/2024	NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Requirement Removed: No need for issuer companies to deposit 1% of issue size with stock exchange.</li> <li>ICDR Amendment: Change follows the May 17, 2024 ICDR amendment.</li> <li>New Procedure: Stock exchange will set a process for releasing prior 1% deposits.</li> <li>Immediate Effect: Circular effective immediately.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>for issuers.</li> <li>Streamlines the issuance process.</li> <li>Stock exchanges will set procedures for prior deposits.</li> </ul>
GuidelinestoStockExchanges,ClearingCorporationsandDepositoriesCircular No:- 162/2024	NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Reporting: Market Infrastructure Institutions(MIIs) to submit quarterly/half-yearly reports to SEBI and disclose board meetings.</li> <li>Key Management Personnel (KMP) Policies: Implement disciplinary actions and whistleblower mechanisms for KMPs.</li> <li>Tech &amp; Monitoring: Use RegTech for member oversight and secure data-sharing.</li> <li>Director Training: Mandatory annual training and simplified director appointments.</li> <li>Effective Date: Rules apply from April 1, 2025.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>KMP policies, whistleblower systems, and director training ensure better compliance and leadership.</li> <li>Increased Transparency: Regular reporting and board meeting disclosures promote accountability.</li> <li>Efficient Monitoring: Adoption of</li> </ul>

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Valuation of repurchase (repo) transactions by Mutual Funds Circular No:- 163/2024	26 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Repo Valuation:         <ul> <li>Repo transactions (including TREPS) with up to 30 days tenor will now be valued markto-market, instead of cost plus accrual.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Changes to Master Circular:         <ul> <li>Short-term bank deposits remain valued on a cost plus accrual basis.</li> <li>Repo transactions up to 30 days are now mark-to-market.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Effective Date:         <ul> <li>Changes take effect from January 1, 2025.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Valuation of Securities:         <ul> <li>Money market and debt securities valued at average prices from valuation agencies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>mark-to-market valuation.</li> <li>Uniformity: Ensures consistent valuation methods across money market and debt instruments.</li> <li>Investor Protection: Reduces overvaluation risks, boosting investor confidence.</li> </ul>

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Business Continuity for Interoperable Segments of Stock Exchanges Circular No:- 167/2024	NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Hedging: Use alternative exchanges for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>by allowing alternative venues during outages.</li> <li><b>Risk Mitigation</b>: Enables hedging and reduces financial risk.</li> <li><b>Investor Protection</b>: Safeguards positions during technical failures.</li> <li><b>Infrastructure Upgrades</b>: Exchanges must enhance systems by April 2025.</li> <li><b>Collaboration</b>: Encourages exchanges to work together for stability.</li> </ul>



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Amendment to the Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016 Notification No :-87/2024	6 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>The Master Direction on KYC has been amended to:</li> <li>Align with recent changes to PMLA Rules (July 19, 2024).</li> <li>Incorporate the Government's corrigendum on Section 51A of the UAPA (April 22, 2024).</li> <li>Revise existing KYC instructions.</li> <li>These changes are effective immediately.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>laundering and UAPA rules.</li> <li>Enhances customer due diligence.</li> <li>Quick implementation for regulated entities.</li> </ul>
Fully Accessible Route for InvestmentInvestmentbyNon- residentsinGovernmentSecurities-Inclusionof SovereignSovereignGreenBonds	7 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Sovereign Green Bonds Included: 10-year bonds now eligible under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR).</li> <li>No Restrictions for Non-residents: FAR opens specified government securities to non-residents.</li> <li>Effective Immediately: The update is effective right away.</li> <li>Legal Basis: Issued under Section 45W of the RBI Act, 1934.</li> </ul>	Sovereign Green Bonds.  FAR attracts more foreign capital.



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ReportingofForeignExchangeTransactionstoTradeRepositoryNotificationno:-89/2024	8 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>More Reporting: Banks must report additional FX transactions to CCIL.</li> <li>Deadlines: Reporting starts in February 2025, with thresholds of USD 1 million+ by May 2025 and USD 50,000+ by November 2025.</li> <li>No Foreign Confirmation: No need for foreign confirmation, but accuracy is required.</li> <li>RBI Formats: Reports must follow RBI-approved formats.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>transactions.</li> <li>Deadlines set for 2025 reporting thresholds.</li> <li>No reliance on foreign confirmation.</li> <li>Banks may need to adjust</li> </ul>
Operational framework for reclassification of Foreign Portfolio Investment to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)Notification no:- 90/2024		<ul> <li>Reclassification Option: FPIs holding over 10% equity can reclassify their investment as FDI instead of selling.</li> <li>Role of Banks: AD Category-I banks will assist in reporting these changes.</li> <li>Immediate Effect: The new rules are effective immediately.</li> </ul>	the investment. AD Category-I banks will manage



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Extension of the due date for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month of October Notification No :-26/2024	18 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER , 2024	<ul> <li>The due date for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for October 2024 has been extended to November 21, 2024.</li> <li>This extension applies to registered taxpayers whose principal place of business is in the states of Maharashtra and Jharkhand.</li> <li>The return is required to be filed as per Section 39(1) of the CGST Act and Rule 61(1)(i) of the CGST Rules, 2017.</li> </ul>	penalties and interest for late submission.
Amendment to Notification No. 02/2017-Central Tax Regarding Powers of Additional/Joint Commissioner for GST Intelligence Notices Notification No :-27/2024	25 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER , 2024	<ul> <li>Powers Update: Amends Table V of Notification No. 02/2017-Central Tax, detailing the powers of Additional and Joint Commissioners for DGGSTI notices.</li> <li>Affected Offices: Lists Principal Commissioners and Commissioners from various regions.</li> <li>Effective Date: From December 1, 2024.</li> </ul>	More officers can handle DGGSTI notices.



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AppointmentofAdjudicatingOfficersunder CGST and IGST Acts,2017Notification No :-27/2024	27 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Notification Objective: Appoints adjudicating officers for GST-related matters under CGST and IGST Acts.</li> <li>Issuing Authority: Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DGGI).</li> <li>Cases Listed: Show cause notices issued between September and October 2023.</li> <li>Adjudicating Officers: Primarily Joint Commissioners and Additional Commissioners of CGST.</li> <li>Jurisdictions: Various locations across India listed with their corresponding show cause notices.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Designates specific officers to speed up GST-related adjudications.</li> <li>Stronger Compliance: Enhances enforcement against GST fraud and non-compliance.</li> <li>Delegated Authority: Empowers DGGI and CGST officials to make timely</li> </ul>
Extension of Due Date for Filing GSTR-3B for October 2024 for Businesses in ManipurNotification No :-28/2024	27 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Purpose: Extends the due date for filing GSTR-3B return for October 2024.</li> <li>Extended Deadline: The new deadline is 30th November 2024.</li> <li>Scope: Applies to registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Manipur.</li> <li>Legal Basis: Issued under section 39(6) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.</li> <li>Effective Date: The notification is effective from 20th November 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>in Manipur now have until 30th November 2024 to file GSTR- 3B for October 2024.</li> <li>Compliance Relief: Offers extra time for businesses to meet GST filing requirements.</li> <li>Effective Retrospectively: The</li> </ul>

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ClarificationonInsuranceAmount andBondValueforCCSPsand validity ofAEO-LO-reg.Circular No : 22/2024	8 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Insurance: The insurance for Customs Cargo Service Providers(CCSPs) is now based on 5 days of storage (reduced from 10 days).</li> <li>Bond: Custodian bond reduced to cover 5 days of storage (reduce from 10 days).</li> <li>AEO-LO: Bond validity for AEO-LO CCSPs matches the validity of their AEO approval.</li> <li>Action: Public notices to be issued and implementation issues reported to the Board.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>and bond values for CCSPs.</li> <li>Simplified Compliance: Bond validity for AEO-LOs aligned with AEO approval.</li> </ul>
Classification of Clear Float Glass Circular No : 23/2024	14 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Issue: Clarification sought on whether the tin layer on clear float glass qualifies as an "absorbent, reflective, or non-reflecting layer."</li> <li>Clarification: The tin layer, a byproduct of the Pilkington process, is not considered an absorbent layer.</li> <li>Conclusion: Clear float glass with only a tin layer should be classified under CTH 7005 29 90 (Other non-wired glass).</li> <li>Action: Report any implementation issues to the Board.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>with a tin layer is classified under CTH 7005 29 90, ensuring uniformity.</li> <li>Simplified Customs: Clearer classification reduces customs delays.</li> <li>Cost Reduction: Avoids incorrect classification, reducing duties</li> </ul>

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Mandatory additional qualifiers in import declarations in respect of coking/ non-coking coal w.e.f 15.12.2024 Circular No : 24/2024	20 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Issue: The import declaration for coking/non-coking coal under tariff heading 2701 has been inadequate, leading to delays in cargo clearance and policy formulation due to lack of detailed information.</li> <li>Additional Requirements: Starting from 15th December 2024, importers will be required to declare additional qualifiers in their import declarations for coking coal (based on ash percentage) and non-coking coal (based on Gross Calorific Value - GCV).</li> </ul>	improve assessment efficiency, reduce queries, and enhance clearance facilitation.
ImplementationofautomationintheCustoms(ImportofGoodsatConcessionalRateofDutyorforSpecifiedEndUseRules, 2022CircularNo:25/2024	21 <sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Background: The Circular No. 04/2022-Customs on automation under IGCR Rules, 2017, has been superseded by IGCRS Rules, 2022.</li> <li>Issue: Importers are facing difficulties in filing the IGCR-3 monthly statement electronically.</li> <li>Decision: Importers facing issues can file the IGCR-3 monthly statement manually until 31st January 2025. After this date, electronic filing will be mandatory from February 2025.</li> <li>Additional Support: An Excel utility will be provided by DG Systems, CBIC by 15th December 2024, for electronic filing of IGCR-3 statements, which should be completed by 31st January 2025.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Importers can manually file IGCR-3 statements until January 31, 2025, easing immediate compliance issues.</li> <li>Mandatory Online Filing: From February 2025, online filing will streamline processes and reduce errors.</li> <li>Improved Efficiency: Automation will enhance data management,</li> </ul>

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ClarificationsontheapplicabilityofconcessionaldutyunderIGCRRules,2022incertaininstances-regCircularNo:24/2024	21 <sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>The circular clarifies the application of concessional duty under IGCR Rules, 2022 for MOOWR (Manufacture and Other Operations in Warehouse) units.</li> <li>Simultaneous Availment: <ul> <li>MOOWR units can avail both IGCR exemption and duty deferment, if they comply with the conditions of both schemes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>IGCR Benefit for Mobile Phone Components: <ul> <li>Components imported by a MOOWR unit for value addition and supplied to mobile phone manufacturers are eligible for IGCR concessional duty.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul><li>both IGCR exemption and duty deferment together.</li><li>Cost Benefits for Mobile.</li></ul>
Seekstoamendcondition48ofNotification50/2017-Customs.NotificationNo: 47/2024	13 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>A Public Notice will be issued for further guidance.</li> <li>Amendment to Condition No. 48: Condition (d) of Notification No. 50/2017 now includes supplying goods directly to the armed forces or government departments.</li> <li>Effective Date: The amendment takes effect from 14th November 2024.</li> <li>This change relates to the exemption of customs duties for goods supplied to the armed forces or government departments.</li> </ul>	Goods supplied directly to armed forces or government departments now qualify for duty exemptions.

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Amend notification No. 18/2021-Customs (ADD), dated the 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021. Notification No : 83/2024	21 <sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>A new entry is added for Rajasthan in Notification No. 12/97-Customs (N.T.), listing Dhanakya for unloading imported goods and loading export goods.</li> <li>Effective Date: The amendment is effective from 21st November 2024.</li> </ul>	Dhanakya, Rajasthan is now
Amendment in Notification No. 18/2021-Customs (ADD) regarding Anti-Dumping Duty for SL No. 2 Notification No : 25/2024	22 <sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Legal Authority: The notification is issued under the powers of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, and the Anti-dumping Duty Rules, 1995.</li> <li>Amendment: It amends Notification No. 18/2021-Customs (ADD) dated March 27, 2021.</li> <li>Specific Change: The entry against Sl. No. 2 in the table of the original notification is updated. The value in column 7 is changed to "40.41."</li> </ul>	anti-dumping duty related to certain goods as specified



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Amendment of Tariff Values for Certain Goods under the Customs Act, 1962 – Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.) Dated November 30, 2024. Notification No : 84/2024	29 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>The notification amends the 2001 Customs notification by updating tariff values for certain goods:</li> <li><b>Table-1</b>:Updated the tariff values for palm oil, palmolein, soya bean oil, and brass scrap.</li> <li><b>Table-2</b>: Tariff values for gold and silver (gold at \$850 per 10 grams, silver at \$978 per kg).</li> <li><b>Table-3</b>: Tariff value for areca nuts (\$6552 per metric tonne).</li> <li>Effective from November 30, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The amendments may impact import costs and pricing for palm oil, palmolein, gold, silver, and areca nuts.</li> <li>Businesses will need to adjust to the new tariff values,</li> </ul>

# **EXCISE DUTY**

SUBJECT	DATE	BRIEF SUMMARY	IMPACT ANALYSIS
Subject: Amendment in Notification No. 11/2017- Central Excise, Dated 30th June 2017 Notification No :-28/2024	19 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Amendment: The CG has amended Notification No. 11/2017-Central Excise dated 30th June 2017.</li> <li>Change in Proviso: In the first proviso of the opening paragraph, the reference to "goods specified against Sl. No. 7" is replaced with "goods specified against Sl. No. 7 and 7C".</li> <li>Effective Date: Effect from 20th November, 2024.</li> <li>Issued by: The notification is issued under the powers of the Central Excise Act, 1944, and is signed by Amreeta Titus, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>goods under both Sl. No. 7 and 7C for Central Excise.</li> <li>Compliance: Affects businesses dealing with goods under Sl. No. 7C, requiring updated filings.</li> <li>Immediate Implementation: Effective from 20th November</li> </ul>



SUBJECT	DATE	BRIEF SUMMARY	IMPACT ANALYSIS
Amendment in 4.59 Handbook of Procedures, 2023 and modification in Standard Input Output (SION) M-1 to M-8 for export of jewelry Public Notice no :- 30/2024-25	NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Wastage Limits for Plain Jewellery:</li> <li>Handcrafted: 2.25% for gold, 3% for silver</li> <li>Mechanized: 0.45% for gold, 0.50% for silver</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improve efficiency.</li> <li>Ensure regulatory compliance.</li> <li>Better management of production costs.</li> <li>Boosting their competitiveness in global markets.</li> </ul>
FurtherabeyanceofPublicNoticeNo.05/2024dated27.05.2024until 31.12.2024.Public Notice no :- 29/2024-25	1 <sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Extension of the suspension of Public Notice No. 05/2024 until 31st December 2024.</li> <li>The previous wastage norms and SION for gold, platinum, and silver exports will remain in effect.</li> </ul>	continue following the

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SUBJECT	DATE	BRIEF SUMMARY	IMPACT ANALYSIS
Enabling provisions for import of inputs that are subjected to mandatory Quality Control Orders (QCOs) by Advance Authorization holders, EOU and SEZ – regarding Public Notice no :- 31/2024-25		<ul> <li>Ministry Involved: Ministry of Heavy Industries</li> <li>Change: Addition to the list of ministries whose mandatory Quality Control Orders (QCOs) are exempted for goods used in manufacturing export products</li> <li>Effective Date: Immediate</li> <li>Related Notification: In line with Notification No. 71/2023</li> </ul>	Ministry of Heavy Industries without restrictions on
Amendment in Para 4.71 of Handbook of Procedures, 2023 Public Notice no :- 32/2024-25	13 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>New Export Port: Amritsar Airport added for gold, silver, and platinum jewelry exports</li> <li>Export Options: Exports can now be made through Amritsar Airport along with other existing ports</li> <li>Courier Exports: Allowed with a FOB value limit of Rs. 20 lakh per consignment</li> <li>Purpose: Simplifies the export process for jewelry exporters.</li> </ul>	The addition of Amritsar Airport as an export port for gold, silver, and platinum jewelry, along with the allowance for courier exports up to Rs. 20 lakh per consignment, simplifies and enhances the export process.



SUBJECT	DATE	BRIEF SUMMARY	IMPACT ANALYSIS
Fixation of SION at A-3682 under Chemical & Allied Product Public Notice no :- 33/2024-25	14 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>New SION Introduced: A-3682 for the export of Clobetasol Propionate</li> <li>Category: Chemical and Allied Products</li> <li>Input Material Allowed: 1 kg of Betamethasone for this export product</li> <li>Purpose: Establishes the input-output norm for exporting Clobetasol Propionate.</li> </ul>	Betamethasone as an input, ensuring easier compliance for exporters.
Syncing of ITC (HS), 2022- Schedule-1 (Import Policy) with Finance Act 2024 (No.2 of 2024) dated 16.08.2024 - reg. Notification No :- 40/2024-25	26 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Amendment: Updates ITC (HS) 2022 - Schedule-1 (Import Policy) to align with the Finance Act 2024 (No. 2 of 2024).</li> <li>Amendments to Import Policy: Updates to the list of ITC(HS) codes and related policy conditions, including additions, deletions, and modifications in the import policy.</li> <li>Revisions in Section and Chapter Notes: Changes to definitions, notes, and tariff item descriptions to sync with the Finance Act.</li> <li>Effective Immediately: Immediate effect from 26th November 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>and ITC(HS) codes.</li> <li>Businesses must adjust to new import conditions.</li> <li>Potential changes in customs procedures.</li> <li>Immediate implementation requires</li> </ul>



SUBJECT	DATE	BRIEF SUMMARY	IMPACT ANALYSIS
Amendment to the Import	29 <sup>th</sup>	Affected ITC (HS) Codes:	CHIMS Registration
Policy Conditions for certain	NOVEMBER,	85423100 (Processors and controllers)	<b>Discontinued</b> for specified
ITC (HS) codes under <b>Chapter</b>	2024	85423200 (Memories)	ITC (HS) codes.
<b>85</b> of ITC (HS) 2022.		85423300 (Amplifiers)	Simplified Import Process
		85423900 (Other electronic integrated circuits)	for affected electronic
Notification No :-41/2024-25		85429000 (Parts)	components.
		Change:	□ Immediate Effect from the
		<b>Revised Policy</b> : Compulsory registration under the	notification date.
		Chip Imports Monitoring System (CHIMS) is now	,
		required for all listed codes.	
		<b>Effect</b> : <b>Discontinuation</b> of the previous requirement	
		for compulsory registration under CHIMS, effective	
		immediately from 29th November 2024.	



SUBJECT	DATE	BRIEF SUMMARY	IMPACT ANALYSIS
Denial/Refusal of Applications of Registration and Renewal - Reasons for denial/refusal reg.	5 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul> <li>Common Denial Reasons:         <ul> <li>No activity or defunct association (Section 12(4)(b)).</li> <li>Pending prosecution/conviction (Section 12(4)(e)).</li> <li>Incomplete application or failure to respond (Section 16(2)).</li> <li>False information or fictitious office bearers (Section 12(4)(a)).</li> <li>Use of funds for illegal or harmful activities (Section 12(4)(f)).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Renewal-Specific Reasons:         <ul> <li>No FC utilization in 5 years (Section 12(4)(b)).</li> <li>Missing Annual Returns for 6 years (Section 12(4)(a)).</li> <li>Violating FCRA rules (Section 12(4)(a)).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Registration-Specific Reasons:         <ul> <li>Less than ₽15 lakh spent on activities in 3 years(Section 12(2)).</li> <li>Less than 3 years of existence (Section 12(2)).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>legally receive foreign funding, affecting their financial sustainability.</li> <li>Loss of Credibility: The association may face reputational damage, reducing trust among donors and partners.</li> <li>Financial Strain: Projects may be halted, leading to operational and financial challenges.</li> <li>Legal Consequences: Noncompliance could result in fines, investigations, or registration cancellation.</li> <li>Disqualification for Reapplication: Some associations may be barred from reapplying for 3 years.</li> <li>These combined effects can severely</li> </ul>

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