

CBIC issues guidance document on Customs Tariff correlation between 2021 and 2022

The WCO Convention on Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (the HS convention) came out with the Harmonised System (HS) Nomenclature in order to facilitate the standardization of trade documentation and the transmission of data. The HS nomenclature forms the basis of national Customs Tariff of over 200 nations, including India. The new (seventh) edition of the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature, HS-2022, shall come into force from 1st January, 2022. This edition has introduced some significant changes to the Harmonized System with a total of 351 of amendments at the six-digit level, covering a wide range of goods moving across borders. Being a party to the HS convention, in order to align the first schedule of Customs Tariff Act, 1975 with the HS 2022, necessary changes were brought in through the Fifth Schedule to the Finance Act, 2021, with effect from 01.01.2022. For ease of transition to the HS 2022, an exercise to correlate the tariffs at the eight digit level has been undertaken by this office. You can use the manual [here](#) to check whether there is any change in the classification of the products you are importing post implementation of HSN 2022.

46th GST Council decision on rates

The 46th GST Council was held on December 31st, 2021. The council has recommended to defer the decision to enhance the rate on textiles from 5% to 12% as recommended in the 45th Meeting. Existing rates in textile sector shall continue beyond January 01, 2022. Please refer to the press release [here](#).

E-commerce operators to report 'Restaurant service' supplies in Form GSTR-3B

The Goods and Services Tax Network has released an advisory to implement GST Council's decision taken during its 45th meeting to classify 'Restaurant Service' u/s 9(5) of CGST Act, 2017 requiring payment of tax on such supplies by e-commerce operator (ECO) w.e.f. January 01, 2022. Please refer to the CBIC circular [here](#).

CBIC extends due date for filing annual return/ reconciliation statement and restricts ITC eligibility only to the extent of matched credit-

In a series of notifications, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has amended the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (CGST Rules) bringing in the following key changes.

- The due date for filing GSTR-9 (annual return) and GSTR-9C (self-certified reconciliation statement) for the financial year 2020-21 has been extended by 2 months i.e., from 31 December 2021 till 28 February 2022.
- Rule 36(4) of CGST Rules has been amended to allow input tax credit (ITC) only on the invoice or debit note details of which has been furnished by the

supplier in its GSTR-1 or using invoice furnishing facility (IFF) and such details have been communicated to the recipient in GSTR-2B.

- With retrospective effect from 1 April 2021, where Unique Identification Number (UIN) is not mentioned in a tax invoice, the applicant has to submit attested copy of such invoice along with the refund application.
- Rule 144A has been inserted to provide mechanism for recovery of penalty under section 129 of Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (CGST Act) by way sale of goods or conveyance detained or seized in transit. Suitable amendment has also been carried out in rule 154.
- Form GST DRC-22A has been prescribed for filing objection against provisional attachment of property under section 83 of CGST Act.

Please refer to the relevant press releases [here](#) along with the notifications [here](#).

Central Board of Direct Taxes has Notified Faceless Appeal Scheme, 2021

The income tax department has brought in changes to the existing faceless appeal scheme, easing the process for taxpayers wanting a personal hearing through video conference while appealing against a tax demand by the department. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on December 28, notified the 'Faceless Appeal Scheme, 2021' and said that the Commissioner (Appeals) shall allow the request for personal hearing via video conference and communicate the date and time of hearing to the appellant through the National Faceless Appeal Centre. Please refer to the relevant office orders along with the notifications [here](#).

CBDT issues guidelines for priority disposal of appeals by CIT(A)/AUs

CBDT has issued guidelines to address the request of priority/out of turn hearing of appeals by CIT(A)/Appeal Units.

Click here to read and download CBDT Guidelines. Please refer to the guidelines [here](#).