

**Significant Notifications and Circulars issued in GST and Customs  
between 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

## **GST**

### **Circulars**

#### **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for implementation of the provision of suspension of registrations under sub-rule (2A) of rule 21A of CGST Rules, 2017**

The CBIC has issued [Circular No. 145/01/2021 GST dated 11th February, 2021](#) to provide the guidelines for implementation of the provision of suspension of registrations under **sub-rule (2A) of rule 21A** of the CGST Rules, 2017, till the time an independent functionality for **FORM REG-31** is developed on the portal.

It has been clarified that the registration of specified taxpayers shall be suspended on the recommendation of the Council and system generated intimation for suspension and notice for cancellation of registration shall be made available to the taxpayer on their dashboard on common portal in **FORM GST REG-17** till the time **FORM REG-31** is made functional on the portal. The taxpayers, whose registrations are suspended, would be required to furnish reply to the jurisdictional tax officer within thirty days from the receipt of such notice / intimation in **FORM GST REG-18** online through Common Portal.

The Proper officer, post examination of the response received from the said person, may pass an order either for dropping the proceedings for suspension/ cancellation of registration in **FORM GST REG-20** or for cancellation of registration in **FORM GST REG-19**. Based on the action taken by the proper officer, the GSTIN status would be changed to “Active” or “Cancelled Suo-moto” as the case maybe.

Such suspension can be revoked by the proper officer by passing an order in **FORM GST REG-20** if he is *prima facie* satisfied by the reply of the taxpayer. Post such revocation, the proper officer can continue with the detailed verification of the documents and recovery of short payment of tax, if any. Further, he can re-initiate the proceeding of cancellation of registration by issuing notice in **FORM GST REG-17** if he finds that the registration of the said person is liable for cancellation.

Detailed guidelines can be accessed from [www.cbic.gov.in](http://www.cbic.gov.in).

## **CUSTOMS**

### **I. Notifications**

#### **Amendments in Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017**

Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 [IGCR Rules] have been amended vide [Notification No. 09/2021-Customs \(N.T.\) dated 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021](#) as under:

- a. to allow job-work of the materials (except gold and jewellery and other precious metals) imported under concessional rate of duty
- b. to allow 100% out-sourcing for manufacture of goods on job-work

- c. to allow imported capital goods that have been used for the specified purpose to be cleared on payment of differential duty, along with interest, on the depreciated value. The depreciation norms would be the same as applied to EOUs, as per Foreign Trade Policy.

## **II. Circulars**

### **Systemic improvements regarding modification in the Bond (B-17) Execution process**

The CBIC has issued [Circular No.03/2021-Customs dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021](#) to clarify that in case of B-17 bond executed by EOU/STP/EHTPs in capacity of proprietorship or partnership firm, surety cannot be given by proprietor/ partner himself. Such sureties must be given by an independent legal entity other than the proprietor/ partner of the concerned proprietorship/ partnership EOU firm.