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For the canvas called life, we wish you colours of happiness, joy, love and success. Team IRIS wishes you a very happy Holi!

In this issue, we'll be covering the highlights of implementation of new simplified forms effective 1april, the penal provisions on non generation of EWB, new feature released in IRIS Sapphire and, GST updates effective April1, 2019.

Regards, Team IRIS GST

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New Simplified Tax Forms under GST

The GST council announced the implementation of new simplified forms on a pilot basis from April 1, 2019. The same shall be made mandatory from July 1, 2019. Businesses with an annual turnover up to Rs.5 crores shall be able to choose between 3 types of simplified returns.

- Sahaj (for B2B outward supplies)
- Sugam (for both B2B and B2C outward supplies)
- Quarterly return

Key points:

- Periodicity of filing return will be deemed to be monthly for all taxpayers unless quarterly filing of the return is opted for.
- For newly registered taxpayers, turnover will be considered as zero and hence they will have the option to file monthly – Saha/Sugam or Quarterly (Normal) return.
- Change in periodicity of the return filing (from quarterly to monthly and vice versa) would be allowed only once at the time of filing the first return by a taxpayer.
- The taxpayers may make Nil rated, exempted or Non-GST supplies which need not be declared in the said return.

The GST council announced the implementation What are the advantages of these Simplified of new simplified forms on a pilot basis from return forms?

- The taxpayer shall be able to upload invoices to the GST Portal 24x7.
- Recipient would be able to accept or reject invoice on a real-time basis.
- Filing of Nil returns can be done via SMS
- Recipient will get credit during a tax period on the basis of the details of documents uploaded by the supplier upto the 10th of the month following the month for which the return is being filed for. There may be following two scenarios:
- a. If the recipient files his return on a monthly basis, say, for the month of January, 2019 on 20th February, 2019, he shall be eligible to take credit in his return based on the documents uploaded by the supplier upto the 10th of February, 2019.
- b. 2.If the recipient files his return on a quarterly basis (Normal, Sahaj or Sugam), say for the quarter January – March, 2019 on 25th April, 2019, he shall be eligible to take credit in his return based on the documents uploaded by the supplier upto the 10th of April, 2019.



Nil GSTR9 Return Filing: Do You Need to Do That?

A registered person under GST is required to file his/her return, irrespective of business turnover or profitability.

Hence, even if there were no invoices issued by or to the given business throughout the year, the taxpayer will have to log in to the GSTN portal and submit a NIL return.

A registered taxpayer can file NIL return if the following conditions are met for the given fiscal year:

- The business made no Inward (Purchase) or Outward supplies (Sale);
- The taxpayer has no Liability (of any kind);
- No Credit was claimed by the taxpayer;
- No Demand to create order was received;
- The taxpayer claimed no Refund.

Failure to file Nil returns before the given due date is liable to be penalised with Rs 100/day until the filing is complete.

Before filing nil GSTR 9 return, it is mandatory to file nil GSTR1 and GSTR 3B of all the months of the FY.

Read the complete article here

Penalties and Confiscation for Non Generation of EWB

The basic premise of generating eWay Bill for inter-state and intra-state transportation of Goods is to eliminate the chances of tax evasion. The Eway bill lowers the chances of bribery and corruption and ensures smoother and efficient transition of goods across the nation.

However, many a times, businesses either fail to generate EWB or do it in a wrongful manner which attracts penal action as given below:



Penalties:

The authorised personnel can penalise a registered person or the consigner with a fine of Rs. 10,000 or the amount of the tax being evaded, (whichever is greater) if the person was caught

- Transporting any taxable goods without the cover of prescribed documents;
- Tampering or destroying any material evidence or document;
- Disposing off or tampering with any goods that have been detained, seized, or attached.

Detention and Seizure

The authorised officer, upon the observance of any discrepancy in the E-way bill or the absence of a valid E-way bill, has the rights to detain the vehicle and seize the goods.

The goods can be released upon the payment of appropriate taxes and penalties, which can be accomplished in the below given ways:

- Owner Accepts Ownership and pays the applicable tax and penalty equal to 100% of the tax payable or an amount equal to 2% of the value of exempted goods or Rs 25000, whichever is less.
- If the Owner is unidentified, the consignor
 has to pay the applicable tax and penalty
 equal to the 50% of the value of the goods
 reduced by the tax amount paid thereon.
 While an amount equal to 5% of the value of
 exempted goods or Rs 25000, whichever is
 less

Confiscation

If the registered person or the transporter fails to pay the implied penalty within 7 days, the authorised personnel can seize goods and/or the vehicle, and begin legal proceedings for the same. Upon confiscation of the goods, the ownership of the seized goods will be transferred to the central government, which on 3 months of confiscation can be auctioned by the authorised personnel and give the proceeds to the central government.

What you can do?

In the event of confiscation, the officer adjudging the confiscation shall give an option to the owner of the goods to pay in lieu of confiscation, such fine as the said officer thinks fit. However, the fine levied shall not exceed the market value of the goods confiscated nor below the penalty levied. under the provisions of Detention and Seizure.

But as they say, "Prevention is better than cure", we recommend timely generation of EWay bills to avoid future penalties and fines.

Read the complete article here

Tax Scams Around the Nation

- Mumbai: 40-year-old accused allegedly issued fake invoice of more than ₹650 crore and availed input tax credit of ₹110 crore, without the actual supply of goods
- CHENNAI: The GST commissionerate in Chennai has arrested the accused for claiming input tax to the tune of Rs 265 crore using fake invoices.
- Chattisgarh: (DGGSTI) has unearthed a fraud worth a whopping Rs 1,000 crore in the state.
- Hyderabad: Officials have unearthed an alleged tax fraud of Rs 224 crore by a group of eight companies, which generated fake invoices worth Rs 1,289 crore.

Here is what you can do.

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FEATURE HIGHLIGHT

IRIS Sapphire: Auto-Drafted GSTR 9

IRIS Sapphire has been incorporated with an Auto Drafting feature for the annual return Form GSTR 9. The Auto-draft feature auto-populates form GSTR 9 from the details filed by the user in his/her form GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B and account ledgers. With the Auto-Draft feature, IRIS Sapphire will be able to calculate the following columns in form GSTR 9:

Table 4 - From GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B;

Table 5 - From GSTR 1;

Table 9 - From GSTR 3B;

Table 6 (Partially) – 6A and 6G from GSTR 3B, 6K, 6L, 6M from ledgers

To get auto-drafted data,

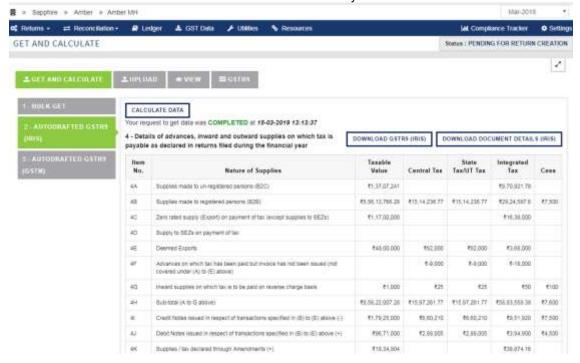
- Access the dashboard at GSTIN level;
- Choose GSTR 9 from Returns tab;
- Bulk get GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B data
- Get auto-drated data (from IRIS or GSTN as preffered by the user)

Points to remember

The user is required to fetch GSTR 1 and 3B data before autodrafting.

The user can auto-draft data from both IRIS portal and GSTN portal.

The auto-draft facility is available at GSTN level only.



ITC -04 Enhancements

- Form ITC 04 support in IRIS Sapphire has been optimized for better efficiency.
- Resolved- minor bugs while managing/saving invoices.

Miscellaneous

- Utilities HSN Search by code and description.
- Faster Dashboard loading for complex company hierarchy
- Advance reconciliation rule related filter

IRIS Sapphire is an application built with a highly scalable, available and secure architecture that will help you to file with GST. With built-in analytics and dashboards, IRIS Sapphire will ensure that you stay compliant, while always having a pulse on the process. Book your free demo



GSTR 5A – 20th March

Extended Due Dates

GSTR 1 - before 31st march (for period from July 2017 to March 2018)

GSTR 3B - before 31st march (for period from July 2017 to March 2018)

GSTR 4 – before 31st march (for period from July 2017 to March 2018)

ITC-04 -31st March (Quarterly returns for July 2017 to December 2018)

TRAN-1 – 31st March (extended for certain taxpayers who could not complete filing due to tech glitch)

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GST Updates effective April 1, 2019

CBIC has recently announced many updates to the existing GST rules in various meetings and through notifications. These are going to be in effect within 15 days (from April 1, 2019). We have brought a compilation of all the updates for our users:

GST Registration Exemption: W.e.f. April 1, 2019, any person who is engaged in exclusive supply of goods and whose aggregate turnover in the financial year does not exceed forty lakh rupees is exempt from obtaining the registration under GST Act

Due Date of filing GSTR-1:The due date for filing GSTR 1 has been notified as follows:

- Quarterly returns (April 19' to June 19') July 31, 2019.
- Monthly returns 11th day of the succeeding month.

Due date of filing GSTR-3B: The due date to file GSTR 3B for all the registered person is notified as 20th day of the succeeding month.

Threshold limit of composition scheme: The threshold limit of composition scheme has been increased as follows:

 75 lacs - For a taxable person located in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand.

1.50 crores - for a taxable person located in states other than above state.

New composition scheme for SME and

MSME: First supplies of goods or services or both upto an aggregate turnover of fifty lakh rupees made on or after the 1st day of April in any financial year, by a registered person.

Sales Promotions Schemes:

Following clarification has been issued w.r.t. doubts related to treatment of sales promotion scheme under GST:

UPDATES

Transaction Type	Supply	ITC
Free Samples and	No Supply	No ITC to be
Gifts given to other		availed and
than distinct entity		reversal 42, 43
and related person		needs to be made
Free Samples and	Supply	ITC to be availed
Gifts given to		on all the inputs,
distinct		input services and
entity and related		capital goods
person	0 0 1 /04: 1	170. 1 11.1
Buy one get one	One Supply /Mixed	ITC to be availed
free	Supply /Composite	on all the inputs,
offer when goods	Supply as the case may be	input services and capital goods
services are	illay be	Capital goods
different		
or same		
Discounts including	Supply	ITC to be availed
'Buy more,save	Supply	on all the inputs,
more' offers ((if		input services and
shown		capital goods
on invoice itself)		
'		
Staggered Discount	Supply	ITC to be availed
Determined		on all the inputs,
established before		input services and
or		capital goods
at the time of		
supply		
Discount offered by	Original Supply	
way of Credit note		
after time of supply		
Secondary	Original Supplies	No impact on
Discounts		availability or
offered		otherwise of ITC
subsequently		in the hands of
even if not known		supplier in this
prior to supply		case.

Nature of supply of Priority Sector Lending Certificates (PSLC): GST on PSLCs for the period 1.7.2017 to 27.05.2018 will be paid by the seller bank on forward charge basis and GST rate of 12% will be applicable on the supply.

TCS Exclusion to compute GST liability:

TCS amount would be excluded from the value of goods for computing GST liability.

For detailed coverage, read the article here.

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