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COVID -19 SPECIAL ISSUE

The country is under lockdown 4.0 – it is one of a kind phase that we are all going through amidst the global pandemic. Now that we are settling in the WFH routine, the Finance Ministry is also releasing several relief measures to tackle this situation and support businesses because the show must go on! Since this is expected to continue for a few more months, all of us must adapt to the new scenario and work towards a better tomorrow.

In this issue, we'll be covering Six Reports that can help you maximize your ITC Claim, we also cover New Relief measures - COVID-19. Feature Highlight: IRIS Credixo and June Compliance Calendar which comes with multiple due dates.

*Regards,
Team IRIS GST*

Master these 6 Reports to Maximize Your Input Tax Credit

Amidst the lockdown, the government has been constantly trying to provide relief both by announcing stimulus and even by announcing relaxations for compliance under both direct and indirect taxes. In GST, there has been release of new notifications and Relief Measures in the past month in respect of various returns to be filed for the months of Feb 2020 to May 2020 providing some relief if filed within the extended dates.

One more very important relaxation that was provided via inserting a provision under rule 36(4) of GST Rules as under:

“Provided that the said condition shall apply cumulatively for the period February, March, April, May, June, July and August, 2020 and the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the tax period September, 2020 shall be furnished with the cumulative adjustment of input tax credit for the said months in accordance with the condition above.”

This implies that the condition of 10% provisional ITC rule will apply cumulatively for Feb to Aug 2020. And any cumulative adjustment for input tax credit for these months can be reported in 3B of Sept 2020. For details of this rule which was earlier 20% and now 10%, refer our blog on 10% ITC Rule. The usual flow of claiming Input Tax Credit in 3B is based on the amount of ITC available in GSTR 2A of the taxpayer and also based on the purchase register of the taxpayer.

Similarly there are a few preconditions that need to be met while claiming ITC. Let us understand in detail these preconditions that you need to take care while claiming ITC:

- Taxpayer should be in possession of the tax invoice or debit note or relevant tax paying documents.
- He should have received the goods and services.
- Payment of such tax is made to the government by the vendor.
- Taxpayer has furnished return under section 39.
- Payment of invoice to the supplier should be done within 180 days from the date of issue of invoice. If payment is not done within 180 days then the ITC so availed by the recipient. (taxpayer) shall be added to his output tax liability, along with interest thereon, in such manner as may be prescribed.
- No ITC will be allowed if depreciation has been claimed on tax component of a capital goods.
- There is a time limit for claiming ITC which is earlier of Return filing due date of September of next financial year OR Actual annual return filing for current financial year.
- Where the goods or services both are used partly for business and non-business purposes, credit attributable to business purpose only can be claimed as ITC.

Based upon the reconciliation results, there are several reports to maximize your ITC claim.

To read all the reports in detail with images, click here: [6 Reports to Maximize Your ITC Claim](#)

GST & Excise Related Hearings Made Virtual Via WhatsApp!

Authorities in Thane, Mumbai tax zone stated in a notice dated May 18 that virtual hearings will now be conducted for personal hearings of all demand notices. Since the government has released strict social distancing norms due to COVID-19, a decision has been taken to conduct hearings via WhatsApp.

Considering WhatsApp has 'end to end encryption' and has a huge reach, it is convenient for people to use. As per the notice, the hearings will be conducted via video conferencing. It will be used till any other better and secure facility is made available.

The video conference will be held after the consent of the appellant/ respondent. The field officers will follow the guidelines of the CBIC. The authorities will confirm the date & time a day in advance. The authorities will also send PDF memos of the personal hearings to the respondents after the hearing session. This has to be signed by the notice/ noticees concerned; they also ensure to revert back by the same WhatsApp number within 15 mins with the signed documents.

COVID-19: New relief measures issued amidst Lockdown

The country is under lockdown 4.0 citing the Corona Virus outbreak. Lockdown 3.0 was announced and implemented from 3rd May onwards and continued until 17th May 2020. Considering the rapid spread of COVID-19, the government took measures in all areas for the well-being of the citizens. The finance ministry has been updating the new norms in multiple areas including GST. In the 39th Council Meeting, several rules had been laid down and further the Finance Ministry made new announcements and notifications amidst COVID-19.

Here are the new relief measures released by CBIC via latest notifications and circulars. These recent updates with regards to COVID-19 serve as relief measures and will prove to be beneficial for the taxpayers:

SN	Source	Notification Description
1	Notification: 42/2020- Central Tax ,dt. 05-05- 2020	GSTR 3B due date extended to 24th March 2020 for periods November 2019 to February 2020 for the taxpayers of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. GSTR 3B due date extended to 24th March 2020 for periods November 2019 to December 2019 for the taxpayers of Union Territory of Ladakh. Extended GSTR 3B due date to 20th May 2020 for periods January 2020 to March 2020 for the taxpayers of Union Territory of Ladakh.
2	Notification: 41/2020- Central Tax ,dt. 05-05- 2020	Due date to file GSTR-9 & GSTR-9C for the FY 2018-19 further extended up to 30th September 2020.
3	Notification: 40/2020- Central Tax ,dt. 05-05- 2020	E-way bill generated upto 24th March 2020 and if its validity period expires anytime between 20th March 2020 and 15th April 2020, shall remain valid until 31st May 2020,
4	Notification: 39/2020- Central Tax ,dt. 05-05- 2020	The Interim Resolution Professional (IRP) must obtain separate GST registration in every state/Union Territory, where the corporate debtor was earlier registered. The time limit allowed is later of thirty days of his appointment or by 30th June 2020. The special procedure under GST notified via CGST notification number 11/2020 dated 21st March 2020 shall not apply to those corporate debtors who have filed GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B returns for all the tax periods prior to the appointment of the IRP.
5	Notification: 38/2020- Central Tax ,dt. 05-05- 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil GSTR-3B may be filed by just sending out an SMS from the registered mobile number and verified using a One-time password (OTP). However, the date of implementation of this rule is yet to be notified. • Person registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) shall, during the period from the 21st April to 30 June, 2020, also be allowed to furnish FORM GSTR 3B verified through electronic verification code (EVC)."
6	Circular - 138/08/2020	The requirement of exporting the goods by the merchant exporter within 90 days from the date of issue of tax invoice by the registered supplier gets extended to 30th June, 2020, provided the completion of such 90 days period falls within 20.03.2020 to 29.06.2020
7	Circular - 138/08/2020	The due date of furnishing of FORM GST ITC-04 for the quarter ending March, 2020 stands extended up to 30.06.2020

IRIS Credixo

Dicey Suppliers & Exporters will be held accountable by GST Analytics

There were several cases of fraudulent GST Refund claim last year for Integrated Goods and Services Tax on exports of goods. Since then CBIC has taken strict measures to lessen the risk by applying stringent risk parameters based checks.

The consignments of such exporters who appear dicey are subject to 100% Customs examinations. Reports suggest that their refunds will be kept in abeyance.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs had issued a SOP - Standard Operating Procedure that needs to be followed by such exporters.

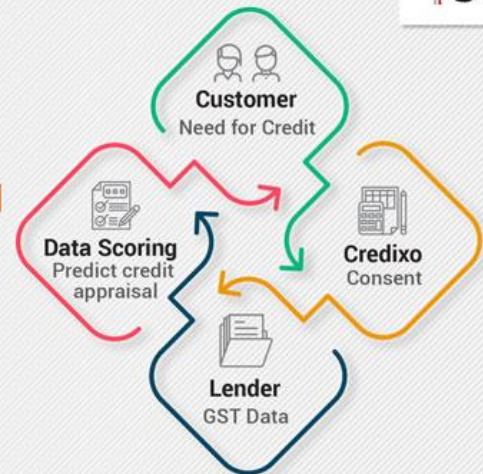
By June 5, the CBIC has asked the GST and Customs Zonal principal chief commissioners to advance all pending verification reports and send to Directorate General of Analytics & Risk Management (DGARM) by speeding up the process.

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- Take mandate either digitally or physically based on the customer for repayments

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June Compliance Calendar



Alert to taxpayers on fake messages on GST Refund

It has come to notice that fake messages on GST Refund have been circulating across social media asking for personal information citing new updates amidst COVID-19. IRIS GST would like to make all our readers aware of the fraud websites and fake messages with links promising GST Refund. We would like to extend a request to all our readers that they should not fall prey to such fraudulent messages and not click on any links on WhatsApp messages, Email or on social media.

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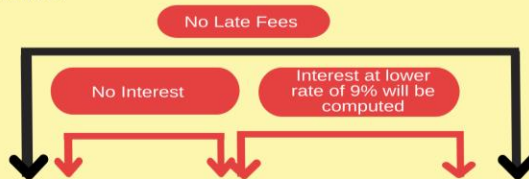
GST Updates in GSTR 3B

Post extended dates, interest @18% and late fees shall be levied from the original due date till date of compliance

Taxpayer type	Update Area	Relevant period	Actual Due dates	Extended dates
For turnover up to 1.5 crores	1)Due date is not extended 2)But Interest and late fees waived off till extended dates	Feb	**22nd & 24th March 2020	30-06-2020
		Mar	**22nd & 24th April 2020	03-07-2020
		Apr	**22nd & 24th May 2020	06-07-2020
For turnover from 1.5 crores to 5 crores	1)Due date is not extended 2)But Interest and late fees waived off till extended dates	Feb	**22nd & 24th March 2020	29-06-2020
		Mar	**22nd & 24th April 2020	29-06-2020
		Apr	**22nd & 24th May 2020	30-06-2020
For turnover up to 5 crores	Due date extended	May	**22nd & 24th March 2020	12-06-2020 14-06-2020
For turnover above 5 crores	Due date extended	May	20th July 2020	27-06-2020

** filing based on Statewise classification

For turnover above 5 crores



GSTR 3b period	Original Due Date	No Interest Upto	Extended Date
Feb	20th March 2020	04th April 2020	24-06-2020
Mar	20th April 2020	05th May 2020	24-06-2020
Apr	20th May 2020	04th June 2020	24-06-2020

Note: Post extended dates interest @18% and late fees shall be levied from the original due date till date of compliance

GST Updates in GSTR 1

Late fees will be computed from original due date, if compliance done after extended dates

Taxpayer type	Update Area	Relevant	Actual Due dates	Extended dates
For turnover above 1.5 crores	1) Due date is not extended 2) But late fees waived off till extended dates	Mar	11-04-2020	30-06-2020
		Apr	11-05-2020	
		May	11-06-2020	
For turnover upto 1.5 crores	1) Due date is not extended 2) But late fees waived off till extended dates	Jan to March Quarter	30-04-2020	30-06-2020

GST Updates in Annual Returns

Taxpayer type	Update Area	Relevant period	Actual Due dates	Extended dates
GSTR 9, 9A & 9C		FY 18-19	30-06-2020	30-09-2020

Other Updates



- Every taxpayer registered as normal taxpayer needs to file annual return i.e. GSTR 9
- GSTR 9C to be filed by taxpayers having aggregate turnover up to Rs. 2 Cr.
- The turnover limit will be increased from Rs 2 crore to Rs 5 crore for mandatory annual return filing. Hence, filing GSTR-9C is optional for the taxpayers having the turnover less than Rs 5 crore for FY 18-19
- The taxpayers with an aggregate annual turnover of less than Rs 2 crore in FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 will not pay any late fee for delayed filing of GSTR-9.

Other Returns

30th Jun	GSTR 5 (Monthly) - Feb, Mar, Apr, & May'20 - Summary stating outward taxable supplies and tax payable by the non-resident taxable person.	20th Jun	GSTR 5A (Monthly) Summary of goods sent to/received from a job-worker.
30th Jun	GSTR 6 (Monthly) Apr, & May'20 - Details of ITC received and distributed by an ISD.	30th Jun	GSTR 7 (Monthly) Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) and deposited under GST laws Summary.
30th Jun	GSTR 8 (Monthly) - Mar, Apr, & May'20 - Tax Collected at Source (TCS) by e-commerce operators under GST laws Summary.	30th Jun	ITC-04 (Quarterly) Summary of goods sent to/received from a job-worker.
30th Jun	CMP-02 (Yearly) Form to opt into the composition scheme under section 10 of the CGST Act and the CGST (Rate) notification no. 2/2019 dated 7th March 2019.	30th Jun	GSTR 4 (Yearly) Due date for FY 2019-20 original Date is 30-04-2020 is extended to 15-07-2020 Notification 34/2020

Miscellaneous Due Dates

30th June 2020

Time limit of TDS & TCS Deposit extended (Circular number 137/07/2020)

The requirement of exporting the goods by the merchant exporter within 90 days from the date of issue of tax invoice by the registered supplier, provided the completion of such 90 days period falls within 20.03.2020 to 29.06.2020

Extension of the two-year time limit for claiming GST refund that expired on 31 March 2020. The circular explicitly states that such taxpayers may apply in Form RFD-01 by 30 June 2020

RFD-11/LUT (Yearly) FY 2020-21 - Letter of Undertaking to make exports without payment of IGST by the GST registered exporters.

Due date for issue of notice, notification, approval order, sanction order, filing of appeal, furnishing of return, statements, applications, reports, any other documents, time limit for any compliance under the GST laws where the time limit is expiring between 20th March 2020 to 29th June 2020

Payment date under SabkaVishwas Scheme. No interest for this period shall be charged if paid by 30th June, 2020

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