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Subject: Manual filing and processing of refund claims in respect of zero-rated supplies - reg.

Kind attention of all the suppliers of goods and services, members of trade and industry and others concerned is invited to Circular No 17/17/2017-GST dated 15.11.2017 issued by the Central Board of Excise & Customs vide F. No. 349/169/2017-GST on the subject above which is as under;

Due to the non-availability of the refund module on the common portal, it has been decided by the competent authority, on the recommendations of the Council, that the applications/documents/forms pertaining to refund claims on account of zero-rated supplies shall be filed and processed manually till further orders. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 168 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the CGST Act') and for the purpose of ensuring uniformity, the following conditions and procedure are laid down for the manual filing and processing of the refund claims:

2.1 As per sub-section (3) of section 16 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the IGST Act') read with clause (i) of subsection (3) and sub-section (6) of section 54 of the CGST Act and rules 89 to 96A of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the CGST Rules'), a registered person may make zero-rated supplies of goods or services or both on payment of integrated tax and claim refund of the tax so paid, or make zero-rated supplies of goods or services or both under bond or Letter of Undertaking without payment of integrated tax and claim refund of unutilized input tax credit in relation to such zero rated supplies.

2.2 The refund of integrated tax paid on goods exported out of India is governed by rule 96 of the CGST Rules. The shipping bill filed by an exporter shall be deemed to be an application for refund in such cases. The application shall be deemed to have been filed only when export manifest or export report is filed and the applicant has furnished a valid return in **FORM GSTR-3** or **FORM GSTR-3B**, as the case may be. Upon receipt of the information regarding furnishing of a valid return in **FORM GSTR-3** or **FORM GSTR-3B**, as the case may be, from the common portal, the system designated by the Customs shall process the claim for refund and an amount equal to the integrated tax paid in respect of such export shall be electronically credited to the bank account of the applicant. Any order regarding withholding of such refund or its further sanction respectively in **PART-B** of **FORM GST RFD-07** or **FORM GST RFD-06** shall be done manually till the refund module is operational on the common portal.

2.3 The application for refund of integrated tax paid on zero-rated supply of goods to a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit or in case of zero-rated supply of services (that is, except the cases covered in paragraph 2.2 above and para 2.4 below) is required to be filed in **FORM GST RFD-01A** (as notified in the CGST Rules vide notification No. 55/2017 – Central Tax dated 15.11.2017) by the supplier on the common portal and a print out of the said form shall be submitted before the jurisdictional proper officer along with all necessary documentary evidences as applicable (as per the details in statement 2 or 4 of Annexure to **FORM GST RFD - 01**), within the time stipulated for filing of such refund under the CGST Act.

2.4 The application for refund of unutilized input tax credit on inputs or input services used in making such zero-rated supplies shall be filed in **FORM GST RFD-01A** on the common portal and the amount claimed as refund shall get debited in accordance with sub-rule (3) of rule 86 of the CGST Rules from the amount in the electronic credit ledger to the extent of the claim. The common portal shall generate a proof of debit (ARN-Acknowledgement Receipt Number) which would be mentioned in the **FORM GST RFD-01A** submitted manually, along with the print out of **FORM GST RFD-01A** to the jurisdictional proper officer, and with all necessary documentary evidences as applicable (as per details in statement 3 or 5 of Annexure to **FORM GST RFD-01**), within the time stipulated for filing of such refund under the CGST Act.

2.5 The registered person needs to file the refund claim with the jurisdictional tax authority to which the taxpayer has been assigned as per the administrative order issued in this regard by the Chief Commissioner of Central Tax and the Commissioner of State Tax. In case such an order has not been issued in the State, the registered person is at liberty to apply for refund before the Central Tax Authority or State Tax Authority till the administrative mechanism for assigning of taxpayers to respective authority is implemented. However, in the latter case, an undertaking is required to be submitted stating that the claim for sanction of refund has been made to only one of the authorities. It is reiterated that the Central Tax officers shall facilitate the processing of the refund claims of all registered persons whether or not such person was registered with the Central Government in the earlier regime.

2.6 Once such a refund application in **FORM GST RFD-01A** is received in the office of the jurisdictional proper officer, an entry shall be made in a refund register to be maintained for this purpose with the following details –

Table 1

Sl. No.	Applicant's name	GSTIN	Date of receipt of application	Period to which the claim pertains	Nature of Refund of integrated tax paid/Refund of unutilized ITC	Amount of refund claimed	Date of issue of acknowledgment in FORM GST RFD-02	Date of receipt of complete application (as mentioned in FORM GST RFD-02)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

2.7 Further, all communication in regard to the FORMS mentioned below shall be done manually, within the timelines as specified in the relevant rules, till the module is

2.10 After the refund claim is processed in accordance with the provisions of the CGST Act and the rules made thereunder and where any amount claimed as refund is rejected under rule 92 of the CGST Rules, either fully or partly, the amount debited, to the extent of rejection, shall be re-credited to the electronic credit ledger by an order made in **FORM GST PMT-03**. The amount would be credited by the proper officer using **FORM GST RFD-01B** (as notified in the CGST Rules vide notification No. 55/2017 – Central Tax dated 15.11.2017) subject to the provisions of rule 93 of the CGST Rules.

3. For the sake of clarity and uniformity, the entire process of filing and processing of refunds manually is tabulated as below:

3.1 Filing of Refund Claims:

Sl. No.	Category of Refund	Process of Filing
1.	Refund of IGST paid on export of goods	No separate application is required as shipping bill itself will be treated as application for refund.
2.	Refund of IGST paid on export of services / zero rated supplies to SEZ units or SEZ developers	Printout of FORM GST RFD-01A needs to be filed manually with the jurisdictional GST officer (only at one place - Centre or State) along with relevant documentary evidences, wherever applicable.
3.	Refund of unutilized input tax credit due to the accumulation of credit of tax paid on inputs or input services used in making zero-rated supplies of goods or services or both	FORM GST RFD-01A needs to be filed on the common portal. The amount of credit claimed as refund would be debited in the electronic credit ledger and proof of debit needs to be generated on the common portal. Printout of the

3.2 Steps to be followed for processing of Refund Claims:

Three different refund registers are to be maintained for record keeping of the manually sanctioned refunds – for receipts, sanction of provisional refunds and sanction of final refunds. The steps are as follows:

Step No.	Action to be Taken
Step-1	Entry to be made in the Refund register for receipt of refund applications
Step-2	Check for completeness of application as well as availability of the supporting documents in totality. Once completeness in all respects is ascertained, acknowledgement in FORM GST RFD-02 shall be issued within 15 days from the date of filing of the application and entry shall be made in the Refund register for receipt of refund applications
Step-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All communications (issuance of deficiency memo, issuance of provisional and final refund orders, payment advice etc.) shall be done in the format prescribed in the Forms appended to the CGST Rules, and shall be done manually (i.e. not on the common portal) within the timelines prescribed in the rules; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing for grant of provisional refund shall be completed within 7 days as per the CGST Rules and details to be maintained in the register for provisional refunds. Bifurcation of the taxes to be refunded under CGST (CT) /SGST (ST) /UTGST (UT) /IGST (IT) /Cess shall be maintained in the register mandatorily; <input type="checkbox"/> After the sanction of the provisional refund, final order is to be issued within sixty days (after due verification of the documentary evidences) of the date of

	<p>receipt of the complete application form. The details of the finally sanctioned refund and rejected portion of the refund along with the breakup (CT / ST / UT / IT/ Cess) to be maintained in the final refund register;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount not sanctioned and eligible for re-credit is to be re-credited to the electronic credit ledger by an order made in FORM GST PMT-03. The actual credit of this amount will be done by the proper officer in FORM GST RFD-01B.</p>
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3.3 Detailed procedure for manual processing of refund claims:

The detailed procedure for disposal of Refund claims filed manually is as under:

MANUAL PROCESSING OF REFUND		
STEPS	REMARKS	LEGAL PROVISIONS
Filing of refund application in FORM GST RFD- 01A online on the common portal (only when refund of unutilized ITC is claimed)	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The corresponding electronic credit ledger of CT / ST / UT / IT/ Cess would get debited and an ARN number would get generated.</p>	Rule 89
Filing of printout of FORM GST RFD-01A	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The printout of the ARN along with application of refund shall be submitted manually in the appropriate jurisdiction.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This form needs to be accompanied with the requisite documentary evidences. This Form shall contain the debit entry in the electronic credit ledger of the amount claimed as refund in FORM GST RFD-01A.</p>	<p>Rule 89(1) – Application</p> <p>Rule 89(2) – Requisite Documents</p> <p>Rule 89(3) – Debiting of electronic credit ledger</p>
Initial scrutiny of the Documents by the proper officer	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The proper officer shall validate the GSTIN details on the portal to validate whether return in FORM GSTR-3 or FORM GSTR- 3B, as the case may be, has been filed. A declaration is required to be submitted by the claimant that no refund has been claimed against the relevant invoices.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deficiencies, if any, in documentary evidences are to be ascertained and communicated in FORM GST RFD-03 within 15 days of filing of the refund application.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deficiency Memo should be complete in all respects and only one Deficiency Memo shall be given.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Submission of application after Deficiency Memo shall</p>	<p>Rule 90(2) – 15 day time for scrutiny</p> <p>Rule 90(3) – Issuance of Deficiency memo</p> <p>Rule 90(3) – Fresh refund application requirement</p> <p>Rule 93(1) – re-credit of refund amount applied for</p>

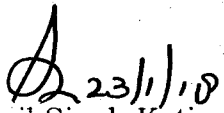
	<p>be treated as a fresh application.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission of the application, after rectifying the deficiencies pointed out in the Deficiency memo, shall be made by using the ARN and debit entry number generated originally.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If the application is not filed afresh within thirty days of the communication of the deficiency memo, the proper officer shall pass an order in FORM GST PMT-03 and re-credit the amount claimed as refund through FORM GST RFD-01B.</p>	
<p>Issue acknowledgement manually within 15 days in FORM GST RFD-02</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The date of submission of application for which acknowledgement has been given will be considered as the date for ensuring whether the refund application has been sanctioned within the stipulated time period.</p>	<p>Rule 90(2) Acknowledgement</p>
<p>Grant of provisional refund within seven days of issue of acknowledgement</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount of provisional refund shall be calculated taking into account the total input tax credit, without making any reduction for credit being provisionally accepted.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provisional refund shall be granted separately for each head CT / ST / UT / IT/ Cess within 7 days of acknowledgement in FORM GST RFD-04.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Before sanction of the refund a declaration shall be obtained that the applicant has not contravened rule 91(1).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment advice to be issued in FORM GST RFD-05.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refund would be made directly in the bank account mentioned in the registration.</p>	<p>Rule 91(1) – Requirement of no prosecution for last 5 years</p> <p>Rule 91(2) – Prima facie satisfaction, seven day requirement</p> <p>Rule 91(3) – Payment advice, electronic credit to bank account</p>
<p>Detailed scrutiny of the refund application along with submitted documents</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The officer shall validate refund statement details with details in FORM GSTR 1 (or Table 6A of FORM GSTR-1) available on the common</p>	<p>Rule 89(4) – Refund Amount Calculation</p> <p>Rule 92(1) – Any adjustments made in the amount against existing demands</p>

	<p>portal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Shipping bill details shall be checked by officer through ICEGATE SITE (www.icegate.gov.in) wherein the officer would be able to check details of EGM and shipping bill by keying in port name, Shipping bill number and date. <input type="checkbox"/> Further, details of IGST paid also needs to be verified from FORM GSTR- 3 or FORM GSTR- 3B, as the case may be, filed by the applicant and it needs to be verified that the refund amount claimed shall be less than the tax paid on account of zero rated supplies as per FORM GSTR-3 or FORM GSTR- 3B, as the case may be. <input type="checkbox"/> Ascertain what amount may be sanctioned finally and see whether any adjustments against any outstanding liability is required (FORM GST RFD-07 – Part A). <input type="checkbox"/> Ascertain what amount of the input tax credit is sanction-able, and amount of refund, if any, liable to be withheld. <input type="checkbox"/> Order needs to be passed in FORM GST RFD-07 – Part B. 	<p>Rule 92(2) – reasons for withholding of refunds</p>
<p>If the sanction-able amount is less than the applied amount</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Notice has to be issued to the applicant in FORM GST RFD-08. <input type="checkbox"/> The applicant has to reply within 15 days of receipt of the notice in FORM GST RFD-09. <input type="checkbox"/> Principles of natural justice to be followed before making the final decision. <input type="checkbox"/> Final order to be made in FORM GST RFD-06. 	<p>Rule 92(3) – Notice for refund not admissible / payable Rule 92(3) – Requirement of reply to the notice within 15 days Rule 92(3), 92(4), 92(5) – Sanction of Refund order</p>
<p>Pre-Audit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-audit of the manually processed refund applications is not required to be carried out, irrespective of the amount involved, till 	

	<p>separate detailed guidelines are issued.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Post-audit of the orders may however continue on the basis of extant guidelines.</p>	
Final sanction of refund	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The proper officer shall issue the refund order manually for each head i.e. CT / ST / UT / IT/ Cess.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amount paid provisionally needs to be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment advice is to be made in FORM GST RFD-05.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount of credit rejected has to be re-credited to the credit ledger by an order in FORM GST PMT- 03 and shall be intimated to the common portal in FORM GST RFD- 01B.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refund, if any, will be paid by an order with payment advice in FORM GST RFD-05.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The details of the refund along with taxpayer bank account details shall be manually submitted in PFMS/[States'] system by the jurisdictional Division's DDO and a signed copy of the sanction order shall be sent to PAO office for release of payment.</p>	<p>Rule 92(3), 92(4), 92(5) – Sanction of Refund order</p> <p>Rule 92(4), 92(5) – Payment advice issue</p>
Payment of interest if any	<p>Amount, if any, will be paid by an order with payment advice in FORM GST RFD-05.</p>	<p>Rule 94</p>

4. The refund application for various taxes i.e. CT / ST / UT / IT/ Cess can be filed with any one of the tax authorities and shall be processed by the said authority, however the payment of the sanctioned refund amount shall be made only by the respective tax authority of the Centre or State government. In other words, the payment of the sanctioned refund amount in relation to CT / IT / Cess shall be made by the Central Tax authority while payment of the sanctioned refund amount in relation to ST / UT would be made by the State Tax/Union Territory Tax Authority. It therefore becomes necessary that the refund order issued either by the Central Tax authority or the State Tax/UT Tax Authority is communicated to the concerned Counter-Part Tax Authority within three days for the purpose of payment of the relevant sanctioned refund amount of tax or cess, as the case may be.

2. All the Trade Associations/Chambers of Commerce and Members of RAC/PGRC are requested to publicize the contents of this Public/Trade Notice amongst their Members/constituents, for information and necessary action.

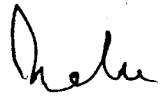

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