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What shall we talk about?



Indirect Tax : Quick Comparison



Important Taxes subsumed..



IGST instead of CGST and SGST for Interstate Transactions – Destination Based

Taxes which are not subsumed



 Petroleum crude, high speed diesel, motor spirit, natural gas, aviation turbine fuel Entertainment and Amusement tax levied and collected by panchayat/ municipality/ district council

- Basic Custom Duty
- Stamp Duty
- Electricity Duty

Excluded Products Excluded Duties • Securities Transaction Tax/ Commodities Transaction Tax

• Toll Tax

• Property Tax

Other than Indirect Taxes

Dual GST : Scenarios





Levy of Tax:

• Section 9(1) of the CGST Act

- Subject to the provisions of sub section (2), there shall be <u>levied a tax</u> called the Central Goods and Services Tax on <u>all intra-State supplies</u> of <u>goods or services or</u> <u>both</u>, except on the supply of alcoholic liquor for human consumption, on the <u>value</u> determined under section 15 and <u>at such rates not exceeding twenty percent</u>, as may be notified by the Government on the recommendation of the Council and collected in such manner as may be prescribed and shall be paid by the <u>taxable person</u>
- Similarly worded provisions
 - Section 5(1) of the IGST Act
 - Section 7(1) of UTGST Act
 - SGST Act....

Inter-State Supplies - Sec. 7 (IGST)

| S.S. | Situation | Condition |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Location of Supplier and Place of Supply in different States / UT or State & UT (Goods) | Inter-State (IGST) |
| 2 | Supply of Goods imported into the territory of India till they cross customs frontiers | Imports (CVD) |
| 3 | Location of Supplier and Place of Supply in different States/ UT or State & UT (Services) | Inter-State (IGST) |
| 4 | Supply of Services imported into India | Imports (RCM) |
| 5 (a) | Location of Supplier in India and Place of Supply outside India | Exports (Zero Rated) |
| 5 (b) | Supply of Goods and/or Services to/by SEZ Unit/Developer | Deemed Interstate (Zero Rated) |
| 5 (c) | Supply within taxable territory which is not intra-state | Deemed Interstate* |

Intra-State Supplies - Sec. 8 (IGST)

(1) Subject to the provisions of section 10, supply of goods where the location of supplier and the place of supply of goods are in the same State or same Union Territory shall be treated as Intra-State Supply PROVIDED that the intra-State supply of goods shall not include:

(i) supply of goods to or by a SEZ developer or to or by an SEZ unit;

(ii) goods imported into the territory of India till they cross the customs frontiers of India.

(iii) Supplies made to a tourist referred to in section 15

(2) Subject to the provisions of section 12, supply of services where the location of the supplier and the place of supply are in the same State or same Union Territory shall be treated as Intra-State supply.

PROVIDED that the intra-State supply of services shall not include supply of services to or by a SEZ developer or to or by an SEZ unit.

Complex Inter-dependencies



Location of Supplier – Case Study

- CA firm has head office in Mumbai and branch offices in Ahmedabad and Delhi. The Mumbai office has entered into an audit engagement with a client located in Kolkatta. The junior members for the engagement will be deputed from Ahmedabad branch office to the client location in Kolkatta. The audit report will be reviewed by senior members located in Mumbai and ultimately signed off by an audit partner located in Delhi.
- What is the location of supplier?

Location of Supplier ... Place of Supply



Supplier / Location of Supplier

- Section 2(105) of the CGST Act
 - "supplier" in relation to any goods or services or both shall mean the person supplying the said goods or services or both and shall include an agent acting as such on behalf of such supplier in relation to the goods or services or both supplied
- Section 2(71) of the CGST Act
 - "location of supplier of service" means:

(i) where a supply is made from a *place of business* for which registration has been obtained, the location of such place of business ;

(ii) where a supply is made from a place other than the place of business for which registration has been obtained, (*a fixed establishment elsewhere*), the location of such fixed establishment; (iii) where a supply is made from *more than one establishment*, whether the place of business or fixed establishment, the location of the establishment most directly concerned with the provision of the supply; and

(iv) in absence of such places, the location of the usual place of residence of the supplier;

Some Related Definitions...

- Fixed Establishment Section 2(50)
 - "fixed establishment" means a place (other than the registered place of business) which is characterised by a sufficient degree of permanence and suitable structure in terms of human and technical resources to supply services, or to receive and use services for its own needs;

• Place of Business – Section 2(85)

place of business" includes

(a) a place from where the business is ordinarily carried on, and includes a warehouse, a godown or any other place where a taxable person stores his goods, supplies or receives goods or services or both; or

(b) a place where a taxable person maintains his books of account; or

(c) a place where a taxable person is engaged in business through an agent, by whatever name called;

Location of Supplier ... Place of Supply



Location of Recipient – Case Study

- In the earlier example, the client has corporate office in Kolkatta, factory in Guwahati and registered office is located in Indore
- What is the location of recipient?

Location of Recipient



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Recipient / Location of Recipient

• Section 2(93) of CGST Act, "recipient" of supply of goods or services or both means-

(a) where a consideration is payable for the supply of goods or services or both, the person who is liable to pay that consideration,

(b) where no consideration is payable for the supply of goods, the person to whom the goods are delivered or made available, or to whom possession or use of the goods is given or made available, and

(c) where no consideration is payable for the supply of a service, the person to whom the service is rendered,

and any reference to a person to whom a supply is made shall be construed as a reference to the recipient of the supply and shall include an agent acting as such on behalf of the recipient in relation to the goods or services or both supplied

• Section 2(70) of CGST Act, "location of recipient of services" means:

(i) where a supply is received at a place of business for which registration has been obtained, the location of such place of business;

(ii) where a supply is received at a place other than the place of business for which registration has been obtained (a fixed establishment elsewhere), the location of such fixed establishment;

(iii) where a supply is received at more than one establishment, whether the place of business or fixed establishment, the location of the establishment most directly concerned with the receipt of the supply; and

(iv) in absence of such places, the location of the usual place of residence of the recipient;

Location of Recipient



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Supply of services between distinct persons – Creating the dots....



What shall we talk about?



Supply – Section 7(1)

- Supply <u>includes</u>
 - (a) all forms of supply of goods or services or both such as sale, transfer, barter, exchange, license, rental, lease or disposal made or agreed to be made <u>for a</u> <u>consideration</u> by a person in the course or furtherance of business,
 - (b) import of service, <u>for a consideration</u> whether or not in the course or furtherance of business
 - (c) The activities specified in **Schedule I**, made or agreed to be made <u>without a</u> <u>consideration</u> and
 - (d) The activities to be treated as supply of goods or supply of services as referred to in **Schedule II**

Supply - Structure

- Structurally Defective?
 - Supply includes all forms of supply
 - Can services be supplied? Can all services be made?
 - Some examples training, insurance, consultancy
- What is meant by supply?
 - All forms of supply of goods and/or services
 - Made or agreed to be made
 - For a consideration
 - By a person
 - In the course or furtherance of business

Purposive Interpretation...



Supply- Examples

Grandma's flowers



Supply-International Perspective



Supply-International Perspective



Supply – Some Propositions...

Sr. Proposition

- **1** For every supply there is a supplier
- 2 Generally, for every supply there is a recipient and an acquisition
- **3** A supply may be mixed, composite or neither
- 4 A transaction may involve two or more supplies
- 5 To 'make a supply' an entity must do something
- 6 'Supply' usually, but not necessarily, requires something to be passed from one entity to another
- 7 An entity cannot make a supply to itself
- 8 A supply cannot be made by more than one entity

Supply – Some Propositions...

Sr. Proposition

- 9 Creation of expectations alone does not establish a supply
- 10 It is necessary to analyse the transaction that occurs, not a transaction that might have occurred
- 11 The agreement is the logical starting point when working out the entity making the supply and the recipient of that supply
- **12** Transactions that are neither based in an agreement that binds the parties in some way nor involve a supply of goods, services, or some other thing, do not establish a supply
- **13** When A has an agreement with B for B to provide a supply to C, there is a supply made by B to A (contractual flow) that B provides to C (actual flow)
- 14 A third party may pay for a supply but not be the recipient of the supply
- 15 One set of activities may constitute the making of two (or more) supplies
- **16** The total fact situation will determine the nature of a transaction, the entity that makes a supply and the recipient of the supply

Process Steps



For a consideration – Section 2(28)

- "consideration" in relation to the supply of goods or services includes
 - (a) any payment made or to be made, whether in money or otherwise, in respect of, in response to, or for the inducement of, the supply of goods or services, whether by the recipient or by any other person but shall not include any subsidy given by the Central Government or a State Government;
 - (b) the monetary value of any act or forbearance, whether or not voluntary, in respect of, in response to, or for the inducement of, the supply of goods or services, whether by the recipient or by any other person but shall not include any subsidy given by the Central Government or a State Government:

Provided that a deposit, whether refundable or not, given in respect of the supply of goods or services shall not be considered as payment made for the supply unless the supplier applies the deposit as consideration for the supply;

Consideration – International Precedents

Naturally Yours Cosmetics Ltd v . Customs and Excise Commissioners (1988) 3 BVC 428



Obligations that define a supply



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Some more principles

| Principle | Example |
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| Check the transaction that occurs | Lease of property without obligation to repair |
| Dependent Services | Accountant provided premises by client |
| Dependent Goods | Painter provided paint by client |
| Traded in Goods – Classification/Valuation | Supply of refashioned jewellery by adding some own metal content as well |
| Traded in Goods – Buy Back | Buy Back of Laptop |
| No Economic Value when transaction entered into | Waste Oil while repairing a car |
| Associated Promotional Activities | Wholesaler deputing a salesman at a retailer's outlet |
| Acknowledgement of a Free Supply | School acknowledging free supply in its' magazine |
| Unconditional Promotional Give Aways | Resort providing complimentary stay to travel agents in expectation of future recommendations |

In the course or furtherance of business

"business" includes -

(a) any trade, commerce, manufacture, profession, vocation, adventure, wager or any other similar activity, whether or not it is for a pecuniary benefit;

(b) any activity or transaction in connection with or incidental or ancillary to (a) above;

(c) any activity or transaction in the nature of (a) above, whether or not there is volume, frequency, continuity or regularity of such transaction;

commencement or closure of business;

(e) provision by a club, association, society, or any such body (for a subscription or any other consideration) of the facilities or benefits to its members, as the case may be;

(f) admission, for a consideration, of persons to any premises; and

(g) services supplied by a person as the holder of an office which has been accepted by him in the course or furtherance of his trade, profession or vocation

(d) supply or acquisition of goods including capital (h) Services provided by a race club by way of assets and services in connection with totalisator or a licence to book maker in such club
What shall we talk about?



Schedule I : Deemed Supplies

| S | sr. No. | Relevant Provisions | Scope |
|---|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | 1 | Permanent transfer/disposal of business assets where input tax credit has been availed on such assets | Business Assets |
| | 2 | Supply of goods or services or both between related persons, or between distinct persons as specified in section 25, when made in the course or furtherance of business Provided that gifts not exceeding Rs. 50000 by employer to employee shall not be treated as supply | Free Supplies toRelated PersonsBranch Transfer |
| | 3 | Supply of goods: - by a principal to his agent where the agent undertakes to supply such goods on behalf of the principal, or by an agent to his principal where the agent undertakes to receive such goods on behalf of the principal | Only covers supply of goods From Principal to Agent From Agent to Principal |
| | 4 | Import of services by a taxable person from a related person or from any of his other establishments outside India, in the course or furtherance of business | Import of Services |

Supplies though Agents..



Supplies through Agents : Implications

- What is the scope of this deeming fiction?
 - Carries on business of supply or receipt of goods
 - Facilitation of the contract
 - Raising of Invoices
 - Delivery of Product
 - Collection of Consideration

Tax Treatment of Branch Transfers – Section 25

- A person who has obtained or is required to obtain more than one registration, whether in one State or UT or more than one State or UT, shall, in respect of <u>each such registration</u>, be <u>treated as distinct persons</u> for the purposes of this Act.
- Where a person who has obtained or is required to obtain registration in a State or UT in respect of an establishment, has an establishment in another State or UT, then such establishments shall be <u>treated as</u> <u>establishments of distinct persons</u> for the purposes of this Act.

Branch Transfers – Economic Aspect



Branch Transfer - Scope

- Movement of goods for further trade
- Movement of other goods (laptops, promotional materials, furniture, stationery, uniforms, etc.)
- Movement of fixed assets (dumpers, aircraft, buses, transport vehicles)
- Provision of Service (Corporate to Factory/Branch Audit, Inspection, Marketing, Management, Branding, Banking, etc.)

Case Study – Creating the dots....



Consolidated Service Procurement – Possible Resolutions



Input Service Distributor



Deemed Supply by HO to Branches



Direct Split Invoicing by vendor



What shall we talk about?



Nature of Supply

- Relevance
 - Distinct Place of Supply Rules Domestic & International
 - Distinct Time of Supply Rules
 - Input Credit ISD / Reversal
 - Deeming Fiction for P2A and A2P Supplies
 - Classification and Rate of Tax
- Structure
 - Definitions provided
 - Article 366(29A) continues to exist
 - Principles to determine tax treatment of composite and mixed supplies provided

Relevant Definitions

- Section 2(52):
 - "goods" means every kind of movable property other than money and securities but includes actionable claim, growing crops, grass and things attached to or forming part of the land which are agreed to be severed before supply or under the contract of supply;
- Section 2(102):
 - "services" means anything other than goods, money and securities but includes activities relating to the use of money or its conversion by cash or by any other mode, from one form, currency or denomination, to another form, currency or denomination for which a separate consideration is charged

Nature of Supply – Section 7(2) & 7(3)

- Section 7(2):
 - Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1),

(a) activities or transactions specified in schedule III; or

(b) activities or transactions undertaken by the Central Government, a State Government or any local authority in which they are engaged as public authorities as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council

Shall be treated neither as a supply of goods nor a supply of services.

- Section 7(3):
 - Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1) and sub-section (2), the Government may, upon recommendation of the Council, specify, by notification, the transactions that are to be treated as—
 - (a) a supply of goods and not as a supply of services; or
 - (b) a supply of services and not as a supply of goods; or

Principles of Interpretation

- Section 8:
 - The tax liability on a composite or a mixed supply shall be determined in the following manner —

(a) a composite supply comprising two or more supplies, one of which is a principal supply, shall be treated as a supply of such principal supply;

(b) a mixed supply comprising two or more supplies shall be treated as supply of that particular supply which attracts the highest rate of tax.

Supply : Principles of Interpretation

| Variation of Supply | Description | Tax Treatment |
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| Composite Supply | or any combination thereof, which are naturally bundled and supplied in conjunction with each other in the ordinary | Shall be treated as a supply of such Principal Supply ["principal supply" means the supply of goods or services which constitutes the predominant element of a composite supply and to which any other supply forming part of that composite supply is ancillary and does not constitute, for the recipient an aim in itself, but a means for better enjoyment of the principal supply] |
| Mixed Supply | Two or more individual supplies of goods or services, or any combination thereof, made in conjunction with each other by a taxable person for a single price where such supply does not constitute a composite supply | |



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