



**Newsflash on Statutory and Regulatory  
Compliances  
Relief Measures - India  
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# About Covid -19 – India Updates

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- India has been affected by Corona Virus and there have been several measures taken by Indian Government to control this Corona virus.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister has announced complete lockdown for 21 days of the Country starting from midnight of 24 March 2020
- Hon'ble Finance Minister had also announced several important relief measures taken by the Government of India in view of COVID-19 outbreak, especially on statutory and regulatory compliance matters related to several sectors which has been dealt in this Presentation.
- Hon'ble Finance Minister has stated that necessary legal circulars and legislative amendments for giving effect to the said relief measures shall be issued in due course.

# Income Tax Updates

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- The due date for income tax return for Financial Year 2018-19 extended from 31 March 2020 to 30 June 2020
- The due date for linking AADHAR to PAN extended from 31 March 2020 to 30 June 2020
- The Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme (Dispute Resolution Scheme) has been extended from 31 March 2020 to 30 June 2020 without additional payment of 10% provided payment is made by 30 June 2020.
- Due dates for issue of notice, intimation, notification, approval order, sanction order, filing of appeal, furnishing of return, statements, applications, reports, any other documents and time limit for completion of proceedings by the authority and where the time limit is expiring between 20 March 2020 to 29 June 2020 shall be extended to 30th June 2020.

# Income Tax Updates – Contd...

- Any compliance by the taxpayer including investment in saving instruments or investments for roll over benefit of capital gains under Income-tax Act, Wealth-tax Act, Prohibition of Benami Property Transaction Act, Black Money Act, STT law, CTT Law, Equalization Levy law, Vivad Se Vishwas law (Dispute Resolution Scheme for Indirect taxes) where the time limit is expiring between 20 March 2020 to 29 June 2020 shall be extended to 30th June 2020.
- For delayed payments of advanced tax, self-assessment tax, regular tax, TDS, TCS, equalization levy, STT, CTT made between 20th March 2020 and 30 June 2020, reduced interest rate at 9% instead of 12 %/18 % per annum ( i.e. 0.75% per month instead of 1/1.5 percent per month) will be charged for this period. No late fee/penalty shall be charged for delay relating to this period.

# GST / Indirect Tax Updates

- **Monthly compliance for person having turnover less than Rs. 50 Million**

The GSTR-3B returns due in March, April and May 2020 can be filed by the last week of June, 2020. No interest, late fee, and penalty to be charged.

- **Monthly compliance for others i.e. with turnover of 50 Million or more**

Others can file returns due in March, April and May 2020 by last week of June 2020 but the same would attract reduced rate of interest @9 % per annum from 15 days after due date (current interest rate is 18 % per annum). No late fee and penalty to be charged, if complied before till 30 June 2020.

- Due date for issue of notice, sanction order, filing of appeal, etc. time limit for any compliance under GST law or Customs Act and allied laws where the time limit is expiring between 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 shall be extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

# GST / Indirect Tax – Updates – Contd...

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- Payment date under “Sabka Vishwas Scheme” shall be extended to 30 June, 2020. No interest for this period shall be charged if paid by 30 June, 2020.
- Date for opting for composition scheme is extended till the last week of June, 2020. Further, the last date for making payments for the quarter ending 31 March, 2020 and filing of return for 2019-20 by the composition dealers will be extended till the last week of June, 2020.

**Note-1:** The concerned Notification to be issued shall provide more clarity on this aspect.

# Corporate Affairs Updates

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- No additional fees shall be charged for late filing during a moratorium period from 01st April to 30th September 2020, in respect of any document, return, statement etc., required to be filed in the MCA-21 Registry, irrespective of its due date, which will not only reduce the compliance burden, including financial burden of companies/ LLPs at large, but also enable long-standing noncompliant companies/ LLPs to make a 'fresh start'.
- The mandatory requirement of holding meetings of the Board of the companies within prescribed interval provided in the Companies Act (120 days), 2013, shall be extended by a period of 60 days till next two quarters i.e., till 30th September.

# Corporate Affairs Updates – Contd....

- Applicability of Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 shall be made applicable from the financial year 2020-2021 instead of from 2019-2020 notified earlier. This will significantly ease the burden on companies & their auditors for the year 2019-20.
- As per Schedule 4 to the Companies Act, 2013, Independent Directors are required to hold at least one meeting without the attendance of Non-independent directors and members of management. For the year 2019-20, if the IDs of a company have not been able to hold even one meeting, the same shall not be viewed as a violation.
- Requirement to invest 15% of debentures maturing during a particular year in specified instruments before 30th April 2020, may be done so before 30th June 2020



# Corporate Affairs Updates – Contd....

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- Newly incorporated companies are required to file a declaration for commencement of Business within 6 months of incorporation. An additional time of 6 more months shall be allowed.
- Non-compliance of minimum residency in India for a period of at least 182 days by at least one director of every company, under Section 149 of the Companies Act, shall not be treated as a violation.
- Due to the emerging financial distress faced by most companies on account of the large-scale economic distress caused by COVID 19, it has been decided to raise the threshold of default under section 4 of the IBC 2016 to Rs 10 Million (from the existing threshold of Rs 1 lakh). This will by and large prevent triggering of insolvency proceedings against Medium and Small enterprises. If the current situation continues beyond 30th of April 2020, the government may consider

# Corporate Affairs Updates – Contd....

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- suspending Sections 7, 9 and 10 of the IBC 2016 for a period of 6 months so as to stop companies at large from being forced into insolvency proceedings in such force majeure causes of default.
- Detailed notifications/circulars in this regard shall be issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs separately.

The Finance Minister has stated that necessary legal circulars and legislative amendments for giving effect to the aforesaid relief shall be issued in due course.

# Thank you for your time and attention

Questions and answers?

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