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1.0 Background

E-invoicing is one of the most significant and major changes that has been witnessed by the trade and industry in the GST regime.

E-invoicing under GST has been implemented in a phased manner on the basis of taxpayers fulfilling the notified aggregate turnover criteria.

E-invoicing has been made effective from 1 October 2020 for persons whose aggregate annual turnover exceeds Rs. 500 crores.

The exemption limit was reduced from Rs. 500 crores to Rs. 100 crores with effect from 1 January 2021 and further brought down to Rs. 50 crores with effect from 1 April 2021.

The threshold exemption prescribed in relation to e-invoicing was further lowered to Rs. 20 crores w.e.f. 1 April 2022, thus requiring all taxpayers whose aggregate annual turnover exceeds Rs 20 crores in any of the preceding financial years to comply with E-invoicing mechanism and rules.

2.0 Amendment

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs vide Notification No. 17/2022 – Central Tax dated 1 August 2022 has further slashed the existing turnover limit for availing exemption from E-invoicing from Rs. 20 crores to Rs. 10 crores and the effective date notified for the said change is 1 October 2022. Thus, all taxpayers whose annual aggregate turnover exceeds Rs. 10 crores during any of the preceding financial years from FY 2017-18 onwards would have to mandatorily undertake E-invoicing from 1 October 2022 onwards.



The relevant notifications giving effect to phased implementation of invoicing is summarized as under:

Phased implementation of E-invoicing			
Notification no.	Notification date.	Aggregate Turnover Criteria (Rs.)	Effective date
61/2020 C.T.	30 July 2020	Exceeding 500 crores	From 1 October 2020
88/2020 C.T.	10 November 2020	Exceeding 100 crores	From 1 January 2021
05/2021 C.T.	08 March 2021	Exceeding 50 crores	From 1 April 2021
01/2022 C.T.	24 February 2022	Exceeding 20 crores	From 1 April 2022
17/2022 C.T.	1 August 2022	Exceeding 10 crores	From 1 October 2022

The taxpayers who would be getting covered in the upcoming phase of E-invoicing would be required to demonstrate preparedness by suitably configuring their ERPs or billing softwares to comply with the process of E-invoicing.

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