

**Rule 96 : Refund of integrated tax paid on goods <sup>1</sup>[or services] exported out of India**

- (1) The shipping bill filed by <sup>2</sup>[an exporter of goods] shall be deemed to be an application for refund of integrated tax paid on the goods exported out of India and such application shall be deemed to have been filed only when:-
- (a) The person in charge of the conveyance carrying the export goods duly files <sup>3</sup>[a departure manifest or] an export manifest or an export report covering the number and the date of shipping bills or bills of export; and
- <sup>4</sup>[(b) the applicant has furnished a valid return in **FORM GSTR-3B**:  
**Provided that** if there is any mismatch between the data furnished by the exporter of goods in Shipping Bill and those furnished in statement of outward supplies in **FORM GSTR-1** <sup>5</sup>[, as amended in **FORM GSTR-1A** if any,], such application for refund of integrated tax paid on the goods exported out of India shall be deemed to have been filed on such date when such mismatch in respect of the said shipping bill is rectified by the exporter;]
- <sup>6</sup>[(c) the applicant has undergone Aadhaar authentication in the manner provided in rule 10B;]
- <sup>7</sup>[**Provided** that the exporter of goods may file an application electronically in **FORM GST RFD-01** through the common portal for refund of additional integrated tax paid on account of upward revision in price of goods subsequent to export of such goods, and

---

<sup>1</sup> Inserted by Noti. No. 75/2017–Central Tax, dt. 29-12-2017 w.e.f. 23-10-2017.

<sup>2</sup> Substituted for "an exporter" by [N. No. 3/2018–Central Tax, dt. 23-01-2018](#) w.e.f. 23-10-2017.

<sup>3</sup> Inserted by Noti. No. 74/2018–Central Tax, dt. 31-12-2018 w.e.f. 31-12-2018.

<sup>4</sup> Clause (b) substituted by [Noti. No. 14/2022–Central Tax, dt. 05-07-2022](#) w.e.f. 01-07-2017. Earlier to substitution it read as under:

"(b) the applicant has furnished a valid return in **FORM GSTR-3** <sup>A</sup>[or **FORM GSTR-3B**, as the case may be];"

A Earlier inserted by [N. N. 15/2017–Central Tax, dt. 01-07-2017 w.e.f. 01-07-2017](#).

<sup>5</sup> Inserted by Noti. No. 12/2024–Central Tax, dt. 10-07-2024 w.e.f. 10-07-2024.

<sup>6</sup> Clause (c) inserted by [Noti. No. 35/2021–Central Tax, dt. 24-09-2021](#). It is made effective from 01-01-2022 by Noti. No. 38/2021–Central Tax, dt. 21-12-2021.

<sup>7</sup> Proviso inserted by [Noti. No. 12/2024–Central Tax, dt. 10-07-2024 w.e.f. 10-07-2024](#).

## Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017

on which the amount of integrated tax paid at the time of export of such goods has already been refunded in accordance with provisions of sub-rule (3) of this rule, and such application shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of rule 89.]

- (2) The details of the <sup>8</sup>[relevant export invoices in respect of export of goods] contained in **FORM GSTR-1** <sup>9</sup>[, as amended in **FORM GSTR-1A** if any,] shall be transmitted electronically by the common portal to the system designated by the Customs and the said system shall electronically transmit to the common portal, a confirmation that the goods covered by the said invoices have been exported out of India.

<sup>10</sup>[\*\*\*\*\*]

- (3) Upon the receipt of the information regarding the furnishing of a valid return in <sup>11</sup>[**FORM GSTR-3B**] from the common portal, <sup>12</sup>[the system designated by the Customs or the proper officer of Customs, as the case may be, shall process the claim of refund in respect of export of goods] and an amount equal to the integrated tax paid in respect of each shipping bill or bill of export shall be electronically credited to the bank account of the applicant mentioned in his registration particulars and as intimated to the Customs authorities.
- (4) The claim for refund shall be withheld where,-

---

<sup>8</sup> Substituted for "relevant export invoices" by Noti. No. 3/2018-Central Tax, dt. 23-01-2018 w.e.f. 23-10-2017.

<sup>9</sup> Inserted by Noti. No. 12/2024-Central Tax, dt. 10-07-2024 w.e.f. 10-07-2024.

<sup>10</sup> Proviso(s) omitted by Noti. No. 38/2023-Central Tax, dt. 04-08-2023 w.e.f. 04-08-2023. Earlier to substitution it read as under:

"<sup>A</sup>[**Provided that** where the date for furnishing the details of outward supplies in **FORM GSTR-1** for a tax period has been extended in exercise of the powers conferred under section 37 of the Act, the supplier shall furnish the information relating to exports as specified in Table 6A of **FORM GSTR-1** after the return in **FORM GSTR-3B** has been furnished and the same shall be transmitted electronically by the common portal to the system designated by the Customs: **Provided further** that the information in Table 6A furnished under the first proviso shall be auto-drafted in **FORM GSTR-1** for the said tax period.]

<sup>A</sup> Earlier provisos inserted by Noti. No. 51/2017-Central Tax, dt. 28-10-2017 w.e.f. 28-10-2017.

<sup>11</sup> Subs by Noti. No. 19/2022-Central Tax, dt. 28-09-2022 w.e.f. 01-10-2022. Earlier it read as, "**FORM GSTR-3** <sup>A</sup>[or **FORM GSTR-3B**, as the case may be]"

<sup>A</sup> Inserted by Noti. No. 15/2017-Central tax, dt. 01-07-2017 w.e.f. 01-07-2017.

<sup>12</sup> Substituted for "the system designated by the Customs shall process the claim for refund" by Noti. No. 3/2018-Central Tax, dt. 23-01-2018 w.e.f. 23-10-2017.

**Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017**

- (a) A request has been received from the jurisdictional Commissioner of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax to withhold the payment of refund due to the person claiming refund in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (10) or sub-section (11) of section 54; or
  - (b) The proper officer of Customs determines that the goods were exported in violation of the provisions of the Customs Act, <sup>13</sup>[1962; or].
  - <sup>14</sup>[(c) the Commissioner in the Board or an officer authorised by the Board, on the basis of data analysis and risk parameters, is of the opinion that verification of credentials of the exporter, including the availment of ITC by the exporter, is considered essential before grant of refund, in order to safeguard the interest of revenue.]
- (5) <sup>15</sup>[\*\*\*\*\*]
- <sup>16</sup>[(5A) Where refund is withheld in accordance with the provisions of clause (a) or clause (c) of sub-rule (4), such claim shall be transmitted to the proper officer of Central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, electronically through the common portal in a system generated **FORM GST RFD-01** and the intimation of such transmission shall also be sent to the exporter electronically through the common portal, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other rule, the said system generated form shall be deemed to be the application for refund in such cases and shall be deemed to have been filed on the date of such transmission.
- (5B) Where refund is withheld in accordance with the provisions of clause (b) of sub-rule (4) and the proper officer of the Customs passes an order

---

<sup>13</sup> Substituted for "1962" by Noti. No. 14/2022-Central Tax, dt. 05-07-2022 w.e.f. 01-07-2017.

<sup>14</sup> Clause (c) inserted by N.N. 14/2022-Central Tax, dt. 05-07-2022 w.e.f. 01-07-2017.

<sup>15</sup> Sub-rule (5) omitted by Noti. No. 14/2022-Central Tax, dt. 05-07-2022 w.e.f. 01-07-2017. Earlier to omission it read as under:

"(5) Where refund is withheld in accordance with the provisions of clause (a) of sub-rule (4), the proper officer of integrated tax at the Customs station shall intimate the applicant and the jurisdictional Commissioner of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, and a copy of such intimation shall be transmitted to the common portal."

<sup>16</sup> Sub-rule (5A), (5B) and (5C) inserted by Noti. No. 14/2022-Central Tax, dt. 05-07-2022 w.e.f. 01-07-2017.

### Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017

that the goods have been exported in violation of the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), then, such claim shall be transmitted to the proper officer of Central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, electronically through the common portal in a system generated **FORM GST RFD-01** and the intimation of such transmission shall also be sent to the exporter electronically through the common portal, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other rule, the said system generated form shall be deemed to be the application for refund in such cases and shall be deemed to have been filed on the date of such transmission.

- (5C) The application for refund in **FORM GST RFD-01** transmitted electronically through the common portal in terms of sub-rules (5A) and (5B) shall be dealt in accordance with the provisions of rule 89.]

(6) & (7) <sup>17</sup>[\*\*\*\*\*]

- (8) The Central Government may pay refund of the integrated tax to the Government of Bhutan on the exports to Bhutan for such class of goods as may be notified in this behalf and where such refund is paid to the Government of Bhutan, the exporter shall not be paid any refund of the integrated tax.

---

<sup>17</sup> Sub-rule (6) and (7) omitted by Noti. No. 14/2022–Central Tax, dt. 05-07-2022 w.e.f. 01-07-2017. Earlier to omission it read as under:

"(6) Upon transmission of the intimation under sub-rule (5), the proper officer of central tax or State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, shall pass an order in <sup>A</sup>[Part A] of **FORM GST RFD-07**.

(7) Where the applicant becomes entitled to refund of the amount withheld under clause (a) of sub-rule (4), the concerned jurisdictional officer of central tax, State tax or Union territory tax, as the case may be, shall proceed to refund the amount <sup>B</sup>[by passing an order in **FORM GST RFD-06** after passing an order for release of withheld refund in Part B of **FORM GST RFD-07**]."

A Earlier substituted for "Part B" by Noti. No. 15/2021–Central Tax, dt. 18-05-2021 w.e.f. 18-05-2021.

B Earlier substituted for "after passing an order in **FORM GST RFD-06**" by Noti. No. 15 /2021–Central Tax, dt. 18-05-2021 w.e.f. 18-05-2021.

## Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017

<sup>18</sup>[(9) The application for refund of integrated tax paid on the services exported out of India shall be filed in **FORM GST RFD-01** and shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of rule 89].

<sup>19</sup>[\*\*\*\*\*]

---

<sup>18</sup> Sub-rule (9) substituted by Noti. No. 3/2018-Central Tax, dt. 23-01-2018 w.e.f. 23-10-2017. Earlier inserted by Noti. No. 75/2017-Central Tax, dt. 29-12-2017 w.e.f. 23-10-2017. As, amendment dt. 23-01-2018 has been made effective from 23-10-2017, hence earlier provisions have not been reproduced.

<sup>19</sup> Sub-rule (10) omitted by Noti. No. 20/2024-Central Tax, dt. 08-10-2024 w.e.f. 08-10-2024. Earlier to omission it read as under:

<sup>A</sup>[(10) The persons claiming refund of integrated tax paid on exports of goods or services should not have -

(a) received supplies on which the benefit of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance notification No. 48/2017-Central Tax, dated the 18th October, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1305 (E), dated the 18th October, 2017 except so far it relates to receipt of capital goods by such person against Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme or notification No. 40/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated the 23rd October, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1320 (E), dated the 23rd October, 2017 or notification No. 41/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate), dated the 23rd October, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1321 (E), dated the 23rd October, 2017 has been availed; or

(b) availed the benefit under notification No. 78/2017-Customs, dated the 13th October, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1272(E), dated the 13th October, 2017 or notification No. 79/2017-Customs, dated the 13th October, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1299 (E), dated the 13th October, 2017 except so far it relates to receipt of capital goods by such person against Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme.]]

<sup>B</sup>[**Explanation-** For the purpose of this sub-rule, the benefit of the notifications mentioned therein shall not be considered to have been availed only where the registered person has paid Integrated Goods and Services Tax and Compensation Cess on inputs and has availed exemption of only Basic Customs Duty (BCD) under the said

## Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017

---

notifications.]

A. Earlier sub-rule (10) substituted by [Noti. No. 54/2018-Central Tax, dt. 09-10-2018](#) w.e.f. 09-10-2018. Earlier it has been substituted by Noti. No. 53/2018-Central Tax, dt. 09-10-2018 w.e.f. 23-10-2017. Between 23-10-2017 to 08-10-2018 it read as under:

“(10) The persons claiming refund of integrated tax paid on exports of goods or services should not have -

- (a) received supplies on which the benefit of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance notification No. 48/2017-Central Tax, dated the 18th October, 2017 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1305 (E), dated the 18th October, 2017 or notification No. 40/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated the 23rd October, 2017 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1320 (E), dated the 23rd October, 2017 or notification No. 41/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate), dated the 23rd October, 2017 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1321 (E), dated the 23rd October, 2017 has been availed; or
- (b) availed the benefit under notification No. 78/2017-Customs, dated the 13th October, 2017 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1272(E), dated the 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 or notification No. 79/2017-Customs, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 1299 (E), dated the 13th October, 2017.”

C. Earlier also sub-rule (10) substituted by Noti. No. 39/2018-Central Tax, dt. 04-09-2018 w.e.f. 23-10-2017 and by Noti. No. 3/2018-Central Tax, dt. 23-01-2018. But, amendment made by Noti. No. 53/2018-Central Tax, dt. 09-10-2018 has been made effective from 23-10-2017, hence earlier provisions have not been reproduced.

B. Explanation inserted by [Noti. No. 16/2020-Central Tax, dt. 23-03-2020](#) w.e.f. 23-10-2017.

**Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017**