

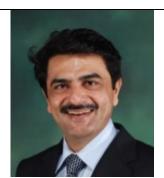
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Dear Members,

Point of Taxation Rules, 2011

Who is affected?

Many of us are "Service Tax payers", whether we will as "Installation Charges", Maintenance Charges, Repair Charges, Consultancy, Design Charges, Chartered Accountants, other fellow Consultants and so on. So, we must know this very important change that has come in.

The change?

For the first time ever since 1994, the law for Accrual has now come in.

Source = Notification No. 18/2011 – Service Tax dated 1st March, 2011, Later amended by notification no 25/2011 dt 31.3.2011

Rule 3. Determination of point of taxation.-

The Law now says:

For the purposes of these rules, unless otherwise provided, 'point of taxation' shall be,-

- (a) the time when the invoice for the service provided or to be provided is issued: (Provided that where the invoice is not issued within fourteen days of the completion of the provision of the service, the point of taxation shall be date of such completion.)
- (b) in a case, where the person providing the service, receives a payment before the time specified in clause (a), the time, when he receives such payment, to the extent of such payment.



Explanation .- For the purpose of this rule, wherever any advance by whatever name known, is received by the service provider towards the provision of taxable service, the point of taxation shall be the date of receipt of each such advance."

>>> The Core idea of this para is

Law has now, taken 3 Events, whichever is earlier

- Invoice Date
- Payment received Date
- 14 days from the Act of provision of service

(earlier it was date of service, now it is 14 days from date of service, rest same)

In practical sense, it will usually be invoice based accrual

- however for its own security, the govt has made a internal provision
- that if you don't bill / bill very late , OR get pymt, or xxxxxx, Govt can ask you for the tax

Good points is

Language is very simple,

Now, it will be at par with the law for Excise, law for Central Sales tax, VAT and so on

This was a compulsory requirement, before we embrace the "GST". GST is based on uniform concept of Accrual for all.

Next

What is the Due date, if I have a "continuous contract"

Example: Monthly charges Quarterly charges Annual Charges

Amendment dt 31 3 2011 (notification no 25) – full replacement of prev rule 6 Law says

"6. Determination of point of taxation in case of continuous supply of service.-Notwithstanding anything contained in rules 3,4 or 8, in case of continuous supply of service, the `point of taxation' shall be,-

(a) the time when the invoice for the service provided or to be provided is issued:

Provided that where the invoice is not issued within fourteen days of the completion of the provision of the service, the point of taxation shall be date of such completion.

(b) in a case, where the person providing the service, receives a payment before the time specified in clause (a), the time, when he receives such payment, to the extent of such payment.

>>> This is for contracts like monthly AMC / retainership charges / monthly design charges / monthly professional contracts. >>> Means for such AMC's Whichever is earlier

- a) Invoice Date
- b) payment
- c) due date of invoice + 14 days (grace period for delay in invoicing)
- d) due date as per contract



Next

I heard that some services will continue on "Cash basis".

Is that true ? Example : Chartered Accountant etc

Amended Law says

"7. Determination of point of taxation in case of specified services or persons.-

Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the point of taxation in respect of,-

- (a) the services covered by sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of Export of Services Rules, 2005;
- (b) the persons required to pay tax as recipients under the rules made in this regard in respect of services notified under sub-section (2) of section 68 of the Finance Act, 1994;
- (c) individuals or proprietary firms or partnership firms providing taxable services referred to in sub-clauses (p), (q),
- (s), (t), (u), (za), (zzzzm) of clause (105) of section 65 of the Finance Act, 1994,

shall be the date on which payment is received or made, as the case may be:

Provided that in case of services referred to in clause (a), where payment is not received within the period specified by the Reserve Bank of India, the point of taxation shall be determined, as if this rule does not exist. Provided further that in case of services referred to in clause (b) where the payment is not made within a period of six months of the date of invoice, the point of taxation shall be determined as if this rule does not exist.

Provided also that in case of "associated enterprises", where the person providing the service is located outside India, the point of taxation shall be the date of credit in the books of account of the person receiving the service or date of making the payment whichever is earlier.

Answer is "Govt has now given this relief to three variety of cases. For these, "Service Tax is payable on Receipt of money only". they are

First= Export of services → It will be cash basis, but time allowed is max 6 months, from date of service/invoice, (or extended period as per RBI, for foreign payments) *conditions apply

2nd = "<u>Representative assessee</u>" / import of services → time allowed is 6 months, from date of service/invoice, (or extended period as per RBI, for foreign payments) ·conditions apply

3rd = "CA / ICWA" type → continue on receipt basis ·conditions apply
These 6 categories of people are covered in clause no (p), (q), (s), (t), (u), (za), (zzzzm). This stands for

P= architect
Q = interior decorator
S = CA
T = ICWA
U = CS
ZA=scientist

So, most of the "businesses" don't come in this exception.

So, Most of the businesses are "not exempted"

Thus, the system of Accrual and new rules are applicable for them regarding service tax on services income on invoice basis.



Next

But

I heard that **Date has been Extended by 3 months?** Is that true?

New Law after amendment dt 31.3.2011 (no 25/2011) says

- "9. Transitional Provisions.- Nothing contained in this sub-rule shall be applicable,-
- (i) where the provision of service is completed; or
- (ii) where invoices are issued

prior to the date on which these rules come into force.

Provided that services for which provision is completed on or before 30th day of June, 2011 or where the invoices are issued upto the 30th day of June, 2011, the point of taxation shall, at the option of the taxpayer, be the date on which the payment is received or made as the case may be.".

Simple Meaning Part 1

- >> means, if <u>service</u> was done before 31.3.2011, don't worry no change for old invoices
- >> means, if invoice was made before 31.3.2011, don't worry no change for old invoices

So, for old invoices (income side)

Pay to govt, when you get the payment

Simple Meaning Part 2

>> important

All companies that have to go in for the "Accrual basis", have an option to choose from receipt basis vs accrual basis for the first April-June quarter 2011.

What You should do?

= either go for immediate accrual

Or go for accrual from 1.7.2011

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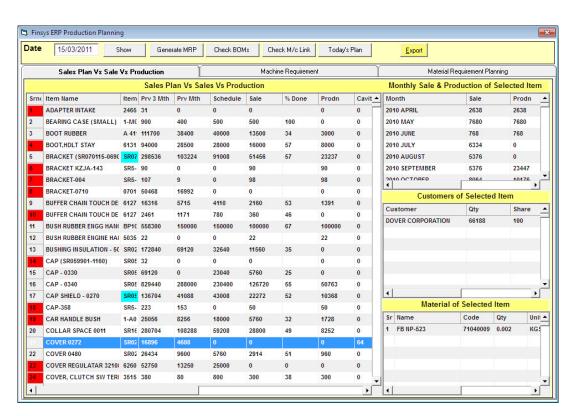
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