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We wish to bring to your kind attention that the Central Government has recently issued draft rules on Electronic Way Bill (e-way bill) requirements which provides for obligation of registered persons to generate e-way bills under GST and transporters to carry documents and devices as per section 68 of the CGST Act.

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The key provisions under the said draft rules are as follows:

## Generation of e-way bills for movement of goods

- Every registered supplier shall be required to **furnish information** electronically before movement of goods in Form GST INS-01 where the consignment value of such goods exceeds **INR 50,000**.
- Requirement to generate e-way bill would be required for movement of goods in relation to supply or for reasons other than supply as well.
- Such registered supplier or the recipient may **generate the e-way bill** electronically where the goods are transported in own/ hired vehicle.
- When the goods are handed over to a transporter, the supplier shall furnish the details of transporter in the prescribed form and the transporter shall be required to **generate the e-way bill** on the common portal.
- Further, the registered person shall also be required to furnish the information and generate the eway bill **for all inward supplies** from an unregistered person.
- Suppliers have the option to issue e-way bills even if the value of goods involved in movement is less than INR 50,000

### Details regarding e-way bill

- The e-way bill once generated, shall be **valid** for 1, 3, 5, 10 or 15 days from the date of generation depending upon the **distance** the goods have to be transported.
- Where the e-way bill is generated but the goods are not transported or are not being transported as per details furnished, **within 24 hours**, then such e-way bill shall be **cancelled** electronically, unless such e-way bill has been verified in transit in accordance with these rules
- Where multiple consignments are transported in one conveyance, then the **transporter** should indicate the serial numbers of e-way bills for each consignment and should also generate and **consolidated e-way bill** covering all consignments.
- The registered recipient shall be required to **communicate** his **acceptance or rejection** of the consignment covered by the e-way bill within 72 hours of the details being made available to him on the portal. Otherwise, it shall be deemed that he has accepted the said details.

### Documents and devices to be carried by transporter

- Certain category of transporters may be notified by the Government to obtain a unique Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) and get the said device embedded on to the conveyance and map the e-way bill to the RFID prior to the movement of goods.
- The transporter is required to carry (a) the invoice/ bill of supply/ delivery challan; and (b) copy of eway bill or e-way bill number mapped on the RFID

### Verification of documents and conveyances

- The authorised officers shall have the right to intercept any conveyance to verify or inspect the e-way bill and the conveyance.
- The government shall install RFID readers that would verify the movement of goods and movement of conveyances which have e-way bills mapped on their RFID
- Physical verification of conveyances shall be carried out only upon authorisation of Commissioner on receipt of specific information of evasion of tax or in any other cases as well.

#### **PwC Comments**

- These rules require the registered person to furnish information for inter-State and intra-State movement of consignment exceeding INR 50,000. These additional compliances would have to be evaluated by the industry.
- For ease of doing business, the facility of generation and cancellation of e-way bill may also be made available through SMS. The generation of e-way bills may also be automated upon uploading of invoices raised by the registered dealer. Further details on this are awaited.
- Industry to evaluate the requirement to generate e-way bills for cases such as free of cost supplies, supply of non GST goods, movement for import or export upto port, movement for job-work, works contract, etc.
- Presently, the draft rules are in public domain inviting comments by 21 April, 2017. Industry may represent to the government on various aspects like enhancing the threshold for generation of e-way bills, physical verification of conveyances leading of delays, requirement for intra-state movement, etc.
- The only relief for the industry is the fact that the e-way bills need to be generated either by the supplier or the transporter and not the customer, reducing the dependency for obtaining this from customers.
- The draft Assessment and Audit rules have also been released in public domain, which mainly prescribe the forms to be used in various audit/assessment proceedings.

Trust the above update is useful. Should you need any assistance in this regard, we shall be glad to provide the same. Please click here to access a copy of the draft e-way bill rules.

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