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### Increase in Compensation cess on cigarettes proposed in the 19th meeting of the GST Council

The GST Council, in its 19th meeting, decided to increase the rate of compensation cess on cigarettes. The revised rates of compensation cess on cigarettes are as follows:

Compensation Cess Rates				
Tariff Item		<b>Present Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Increase</b>	New Rates
Non-filter				
2402 20 10	Not exceeding 65 mm	5% + INR 1591 per thousand	INR 485 per thousand	5% + INR 2076 per thousand
2402 20 20	Exceeding 65 mm but not 70 mm	5% + INR 2876 per thousand	INR 792 per thousand	5% + INR 3668 per thousand
Filter				
2402 20 30	Not exceeding 65 mm	5% + INR 1591 per thousand	INR 485 per thousand	5% + INR 2076 per thousand
2402 20 40	Exceeding 65 mm but not 70 mm	5% + INR 2126 per thousand	INR 621 per thousand	5% + INR 2747 per thousand
2402 20 50	Exceeding 70 mm but not 75 mm	5% + INR 2876 per thousand	INR 792 per thousand	5% + INR 3668 per thousand
2402 20 90	Others	5% + INR 4170 per thousand	31%	36% + INR 4170 per thousand

In the Press conference post the Council meeting, the Finance Minister also mentioned that:

- 7 million registrations have been migrated to GST and 0.5 million new registrations have been granted, in addition to another 0.25 million registration applications which were under approval process.
- The Central and the State Government have been responding to the queries raised by the trade.
- The GSTN portal is also functioning appropriately.

#### **PwC comments**

The GST Council meeting shows the intent of the Government and its flexibility to take quick decisions. While the Government has been quickly issuing clarifications on some of the procedural and operational issues relating to documentation and movement of goods, there are quite a few areas that need clarity and are subject to interpretation, such as GST rate on existing car leases etc. The Government may consider these and issue a revised FAQ, which will go a long way to promote the objective of 'ease of doing business' in GST.

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