



Income Tax

- Last date for income tax returns for FY 2018-19 to be extended from March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020
- Aadhaar-PAN linking date to be extended from March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020.
- Vivad se Vishwas Scheme – no additional 10% amount will be required, if payment is made by June 30, 2020; addition amount was payable after March 31, 2020
- Due dates for issue of notice, intimation, notification, approval order, sanction order, filing of appeal, furnishing of return, statements, applications, reports, any other documents and time limit for completion of proceedings by the authority and any compliance by the taxpayer including investment in saving instruments or investments for roll over benefit of capital gains under Income Tax Act, Wealth Tax Act, Prohibition of Benami Property Transaction Act, Black Money Act, STT law, CTT Law, Equalization Levy law, Vivad Se Vishwas law where the time limit is expiring between March 20, 2020 to June 29, 2020 to be extended to June 30, 2020.
- For delayed payments of advanced tax, self-assessment tax, regular tax, TDS, TCS, equalization levy, STT, CTT made between March 20, 2020 and June 30, 2020, reduced interest rate at 9% instead of 12%/18% per annum to be charged for this period. No late fee/penalty shall be charged for delay relating to this period.

GST / Indirect Tax

- Last date for filing GSTR-3B for the month of March, April and May 2020 to be extended till the last week of June 2020.
- For those having aggregate annual turnover less than Rs. 5 Crore, no interest, late fee, and penalty to be charged.
- For any delayed payment made between March 20, 2020 and June 30, 2020 reduced rate of interest at 9% per annum instead of 18% per annum will be charged. No late fee and penalty to be charged, if complied before till June 30, 2020.
- Date for opting for composition scheme is extended till the last week of June 2020. Last date for making payments for the quarter ending March 31, 2020 and filing of return for 2019-20 by the composition dealers will be extended till the last week of June 2020.
- Payment date under Sabka Vishwas Scheme to be extended to June 30, 2020. No interest for this period to be charged if paid by June 30, 2020.
- 24x7 Custom clearance till end of June 30, 2020
- Due date for issue of notice, notification, approval order, sanction order, filing of appeal, furnishing of return, statements, applications, reports, any other documents, time limit for any compliance under the GST laws / Customs Act and other allied laws where the time limit is expiring between March 20, 2020 to June 29, 2020 to be extended to June 30, 2020.

Corporate Affairs

- No additional fees to be charged for late filing during a moratorium period from April 1 to September 30, 2020, in respect of any document, return, statement etc., required to be filed in the MCA-21 Registry, irrespective of its due date, which will not only reduce the compliance burden, including financial burden of companies/ LLPs at large, but also enable long-standing non-compliant companies/ LLPs to make a 'fresh start'
- The mandatory requirement of holding meetings of the Board of the companies within prescribed interval (120 days) provided in the Companies Act, 2013, to be extended by a period of 60 days till next two quarters i.e., till September 30th
- Applicability of Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 to be made applicable from the financial year 2020-2021 instead of from 2019-2020 notified earlier.
- As per Schedule 4 to the Companies Act, 2013, Independent Directors are required to hold at least one meeting without the attendance of Non-independent directors and members of management. For the year 2019-20, if the IDs of a company have not been able to hold even one meeting, the same not to be viewed as a violation.
- Requirement to create a Deposit Reserve of 20% of deposits maturing during the financial year 2020-21 before April 30, 2020 to be allowed to be complied with till June 30, 2020.
- Requirement to invest 15% of debentures maturing during a particular year in specified instruments before April 30, 2020, may be done so before June 30, 2020.
- Newly incorporated companies are required to file a declaration for Commencement of Business within 6 months of incorporation. An additional time of 6 more months shall be allowed.
- Non-compliance of minimum residency in India for a period of at least 182 days by at least one director of every company, under Section 149 of the Companies Act, not to be treated as a violation.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code

- Due to the emerging financial distress faced by most companies on account of the large-scale economic distress caused by COVID-19, the threshold of default under section 4 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 to be raised to Rs 1 crore (from the existing threshold of Rs 1 lakh). This will by and large prevent triggering of insolvency proceedings against MSMEs. If the current situation continues beyond April 30, 2020, the Government may consider suspending section 7, 9 and 10 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 for a period of 6 months so as to stop companies at large from being forced into insolvency proceedings in such force majeure causes of default.

Department of Commerce

- Extension of timelines for various compliance and procedures to be given.

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