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Excise & Taxation Commissioner,
Haryana, Panchkula.

To

All the Dy. Excise & Taxation Commissioner (ST),
in the State of Haryana.

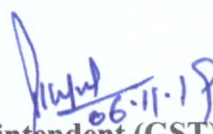
Memo No. 2893 /GST-2
Panchkula, date the 07-11-19

Subject: Clarification regarding determination of place of supply in case of software/design services related to Electronics Semi-conductor and Design Manufacturing (ESDM) Industry- Reg.

MEMORANDUM

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of circular on the captioned subject.

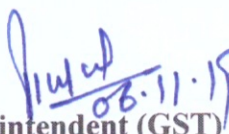
It is requested to bring this to the knowledge of all the officers working under your control for their information and necessary action.


06.11.19
Superintendent (GST)
for Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Haryana

Endst. No. 2894 /GST-2, Panchkula, dated the 07-11-19

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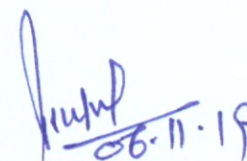
1. All the Jt. Excise & Taxation Commissioner (Division/Range) in the State of Haryana.
2. All the Jt. Excise & Taxation Commissioner (Appeals) in the State of Haryana.
3. PS/ ACSET.
4. PS/ETC.


06.11.19
Superintendent (GST)
for Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Haryana

Endst. No. 2895 /GST-2, Panchkula, dated the 07-11-19

A copy of the Circular is forwarded to the following in the Head Office for information and necessary action:-

1. All the Addl. Excise & Taxation Commissioners.
2. All the Jt. Excise & Taxation Commissioners.
3. The Jt. Director (L) -I and II.
4. The Dy. Excise & Taxation Commissioners.
5. DA-I & II.
6. DDA-I & II.


06.11.19
Superintendent (GST)
for Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Haryana

**HARYANA GOVERNMENT
EXCISE AND TAXATION DEPARTMENT**

Subject: Clarification regarding determination of place of supply in case of software/design services related to Electronics Semi-conductor and Design Manufacturing (ESDM) industry – reg.

The circular seeks to clarify the determination of place of supply in case of supply of software/design services by a supplier located in taxable territory to a service recipient located in non-taxable territory by using the sample hardware kits provided by the service recipient.

2. It is stated that a number of companies that are part of the growing Electronics Semi-conductor and Design Manufacturing (ESDM) industry in India are engaged in the process of developing software and designing integrated circuits electronically for customers located overseas. The client/customer electronically provides Indian development and design companies with design requirements and Intellectual Property blocks (“IP blocks”, reusable units of software logic and design layouts that can be combined to form newer designs). Based on these, the Indian company digitally integrates the various IP blocks to develop the software and the silicon or hardware design. These designs are communicated abroad (in industry standard electronic formats) either to the customer or (on behest of the customer) a manufacturing facility for the manufacture of hardware based on such designs.

2.1 In addition, the software developed is also integrated upon or customized to this hardware. On some occasions, samples of such prototype hardware are then provided back to the Indian development and design companies to test and validate the software and design that has been developed to ensure that it is error free.

2.2 The trade has requested clarification on whether provision of hardware prototypes and samples and testing thereon lends these services the character of performance-based services in respect of “goods required to be made physically available by the recipient to the provider”.

3. The provisions relating to determination of place of supply as contained in the Integrated Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as “the IGST Act”) have been examined. In order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law, the Commissioner of State Tax, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 of the

Haryana Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the HGST Act") clarifies the same as below.

4. In contracts where service provider is involved in a composite supply of software development and design for integrated circuits electronically, testing of software on sample prototype hardware is often an ancillary supply, whereas, chip design/software development is the principal supply of the service provider. The service provider is not involved in software testing alone as a separate service. The testing of software/design is aimed at improving the quality of software/design and is an ancillary activity. The entire activity needs to be viewed as one supply and accordingly treated for the purposes of taxation. Artificial vivisection of the contract of a composite supply is not provided in law. These cases are fact based and each case should be examined for the nature of supply contracted.

4.1 Therefore, it is clarified that the place of supply of software/design by supplier located in taxable territory to service recipient located in non-taxable territory by using sample prototype hardware / test kits in a composite supply, where such testing is an ancillary supply, is the location of the service recipient as per Section 13(2) of the IGST Act. Provisions of Section 13(3)(a) of IGST Act do not apply separately for determining the place of supply for ancillary supply in such cases.

5. Difficulties faced, if any, in implementation of the above circular may please be brought to the notice of the Department.

Dated: 02.11.2019
Panchkula

Amit Kumar Agrawal
Excise & Taxation Commissioner-cum-
Commissioner of State Tax, Haryana