

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
DIRECTORATE OF COMMERCIAL TAXES  
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**TRADE CIRCULAR NO. 16/2017  
DATED: 21.12.2017**

**Sub: Manual filing of applications for Advance Ruling and appeals before Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling.**

As per rules 104 and 106 of the WBGST Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as “the WBGST Rules”) the application for obtaining an advance ruling and filing an appeal against an advance ruling shall be made by the applicant on the common portal. However, due to the unavailability of the requisite forms on the common portal, a new rule 107A has been inserted vide notification No. 2031-F.T., dated 15.11.2017, which states that in respect of any process or procedure prescribed in Chapter XII, any reference to electronic filing of an application, intimation, reply, declaration, statement or electronic issuance of a notice, order or certificate on the common portal shall, in respect of that process or procedure, include the manual filing of the said application, intimation, reply, declaration, statement or issuance of the said notice, order or certificate in such Forms as appended to the WBGST Rules.

2. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 168 of the West Bengal Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as ‘the WBGST Act’) on the recommendations of the Council and for the purpose of ensuring uniformity in the processing of such manual applications till the advance ruling module is made available on the common portal, the following conditions and procedure are prescribed for the manual filing and processing of the applications.

**Form and Manner of Application to the Authority for Advance Ruling**

3. An application for obtaining an advance ruling under sub-section (1) of section 97 of the WBGST Act and the rules made thereunder, shall be made in quadruplicate, in **FORM GST ARA-01**. The application shall clearly state the question on which the advance ruling is sought. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of five thousand rupees which is to be deposited online by the applicant, in the manner specified under section 49 of the WBGST Act. It is reiterated that though the application shall be filed manually till the advance ruling module is made available on the common portal, the fee is required to be deposited online in terms of section 49 of the WBGST Act.
4. In order to make the payment of fee for filing an application for Advance Ruling on the common portal, the applicant has to fill his details using “Generate User ID for Advance Ruling” under “User Services”. After entering the email id and mobile number, a One Time Password (OTP) shall be sent to the email id. Upon submission of OTP, Systems shall generate a temporary ID and send it to the declared email and mobile number of the applicant. On the basis of this ID, the applicant can make the payment of the fee of Rs.5,000/- each under the WBGST and the CGST Act. The applicant is then required to

download and take a print of the challan and file the application with the Authority for Advance Ruling.

5. The application, the verification contained therein and all the relevant documents accompanying such application shall be signed-
  - (a) in the case of an individual, by the individual himself or where he is absent from India, by some other person duly authorised by him in this behalf, and where the individual is mentally incapacitated from attending to his affairs, by his guardian or by any other person competent to act on his behalf;
  - (b) in the case of a Hindu Undivided Family, by a Karta and where the Karta is absent from India or is mentally incapacitated from attending to his affairs, by any other adult member of such family or by the authorised signatory of such Karta;
  - (c) in the case of a company, by the Chief Executive Officer or the authorised signatory thereof;
  - (d) in the case of a Government or any Governmental agency or local authority, by an officer authorised in this behalf;
  - (e) in the case of a firm, by any partner thereof, not being a minor or the authorised signatory thereof;
  - (f) in the case of any other association, by any member of the association or persons or the authorised signatory thereof;
  - (g) in the case of a trust, by the trustee or any trustee or the authorised signatory thereof; or
  - (h) in the case of any other person, by some person competent to act on his behalf, or by a person authorised in accordance with the provisions of section 48 of the WBGST Act.

### **Form and Manner of Appeal to the Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling**

6. An appeal against the advance ruling issued under sub-section (6) of section 98 of the WBGST Act and the rules made thereunder shall be made by an applicant in quadruplicate, in **FORM GST ARA-02** and shall be accompanied by a fee of ten thousand rupees to be deposited online, in the manner specified in section 49 of the WBGST Act. It is reiterated that though the application shall be filed manually till the advance ruling module is made available on the common portal, the fee is required to be deposited online in terms of section 49 of the WBGST Act. The payment of fee shall be made as detailed in para 4 above.
7. An appeal made by the concerned officer or the jurisdictional officer referred to in section 100 of the WBGST Act and the rules made thereunder shall be filed in quadruplicate, in **FORM GST ARA-03** and no fee shall be payable by the said officer for filing the appeal. As per section 100 (2) of the WBGST Act, the appeal shall be filed within a period of thirty days from the date on which the ruling sought to be appealed against is

communicated to the applicant or the concerned officer or the jurisdictional officer, as the case maybe.

8. The appeal, the verification contained therein and all the relevant documents accompanying such appeal shall be signed-
  - (a) in the case of the concerned officer or jurisdictional officer, by an officer authorised in writing by such officer; and
  - (b) in the case of an applicant, in the manner specified in Para 5 above.
9. The application for advance ruling or the appeal before the Appellate Authority shall be filed in the jurisdictional office of the respective State Authority for Advance Ruling or the State Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling respectively.
10. If the space provided for answering any item in the Forms is found to be insufficient, separate sheets may be used. Further, the application, the verification appended thereto, the Annexures to the application and the statements and documents accompanying the Annexures must be self-attested.
11. Difficulty, if any, in implementation of this Circular may please be brought to the notice of the Commissioner.

Sd/-  
(Smaraki Mahapatra)  
Commissioner,  
State Tax, West Bengal

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