GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL DIRECTORATE OF COMMERCIAL TAXES 14, BELIAGHATA ROAD, KOLKATA-700015

TRADE CIRCULAR No. 16/2021

(Corresponding Central Circular No. 156/12/2021-GST)

DATED: 30.06.2021

Subject: Clarification in respect of applicability of Dynamic Quick Response (QR) Code on B2C invoices and compliance of notification 442-F.T. dated 3rd April, 2020.

Notification No. 442-F.T. dated 3rd April, 2020 had been issued which requires Dynamic QR Code on B2C invoice issued by taxpayers having aggregate turnover more than 500 crore rupees, **w.e.f. 01.12.2020.** Further, vide notification No. 602-F.T., dated 3rd June, 2021, penalty has been waived for non-compliance of the provisions of notification 442-F.T. for the period from 01st December, 2020 to 30th June, 2021, subject to the condition that the said person complies with the provisions of the said notification from 1st July, 2021. Further, various issues on Dynamic QR Code have been clarified vide Trade Circular No. 02/2021, dated 25.02.2021.

- 2. Various references have been received from trade and industry seeking clarification on applicability of Dynamic Quick Response (QR) Code on B2C (Registered person to Customer) invoices and compliance of notification 442-F.T. dated 3rd April, 2020 as amended. The issues have been examined and in order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across the field formations, the Commissioner, in exercise of its powers conferred under section 168 of the WBGST Act, 2017, hereby clarifies the issues in the table below:
 - 1. Whether Dynamic QR Code is to be provided on an invoice, issued to a person, who has obtained a Unique Identity Number as per the provisions of Sub-Section 9 of Section 25 of WBGST Act 2017?

Any person, who has obtained a Unique Identity Number (UIN) as per the provisions of Sub-Section 9 of Section 25 of WBGST Act 2017, is not a "registered person" as per the definition of registered person provided in section 2(94) of the WBGST Act 2017. Therefore, any

invoice, issued to such person having a UIN, shall be considered as invoice issued for a B2C supply and shall be required to comply with the requirement of Dynamic QR Code. UPI ID is linked to the bank account of 2. Given that UPI ID is linked to a specific the payee/ person collecting money. bank account of the payee/ person Whether bank account and IFSC details collecting money, separate details of bank also need to be provided separately in account and IFSC may not be provided in the Dynamic QR Code along with UPI the Dynamic QR Code. ID? Yes. In such cases where the payment is In cases where the payment is collected by some person other than the supplier collected by some person, authorized by (ECO or any other person authorized the supplier on his/ her behalf, the UPI ID by the supplier on his/ her behalf), of such person may be provided in the whether in such cases, in place of UPI Dynamic QR Code, instead of UPI ID of ID of the supplier, the UPI ID of such the supplier. person, who is authorized to collect the payment on behalf of the supplier, may be provided? 4. In cases, where receiver of services is No. Wherever an invoice is issued to a located outside India, and payment is recipient located outside India, for supply being received by the supplier of of services, for which the place of supply services in foreign exchange, through is in India, as per the provisions of IGST RBI approved modes of payment, but Act 2017, and the payment is received by as per provisions of the IGST Act the supplier in foreign currency, through 2017, the place of supply of such RBI approved mediums, such invoice may be issued without having a Dynamic QR services is in India, then such supply of services is not considered as export of Code, as such dynamic QR code cannot be services as per the IGST Act 2017; used by the recipient located outside India whether in such cases, the Dynamic for making payment to the supplier. QR Code is required on the invoice

issued, for such supply of services, to such recipient located outside India?

In some instances of retail sales over the counter, the payment from the customer in received on the payment counter by displaying dynamic QR code on digital display, whereas the invoice, along with invoice number, is generated on the processing system being used by supplier/ merchant after receiving the payment. In such cases, it may not be possible for the merchant/ supplier to provide details of invoice number in the dynamic QR code displayed to the customer on payment counter. However, each transaction i.e. receipt of payment from a customer is having a unique Order ID/ sales reference number, which is linked with the invoice for the said transaction. Whether in such cases, the order ID/ reference number of such transaction can be provided in the dynamic QR code displayed digitally, instead of invoice number.

In such cases, where the invoice number is not available at the time of digital display of dynamic QR code in case of over the counter sales and the invoice number and invoices are generated after receipt of payment, the unique order ID/ unique sales reference number, which is uniquely linked to the invoice issued for the said transaction, may be provided in the Dynamic QR Code for digital display, as long as the details of such unique order ID/ sales reference number linkage with the invoice are available on the processing system of the merchant/ supplier and the cross reference of such payment along with unique order ID/ sales reference number are also provided on the invoice.

When part-payment has already been received by the merchant/ supplier, either in advance or by adjustment (e.g. using a voucher, discount coupon etc), before the dynamic QR Code is generated, what amount should be provided in the Dynamic QR Code for "invoice value"?

The purpose of dynamic QR Code is to enable the recipient/ customer to scan and pay the amount to be paid to the merchant/ supplier in respect of the said supply. When the part-payment for any supply has already been received from the customer/ recipient, in form of either advance or adjustment through voucher/ discount

coupon etc., then the dynamic QR code may provide only the remaining amount payable by the customer/ recipient against "invoice value". The details of total invoice value, along with details/ cross reference of the part-payment/ advance/ adjustment done, and the remaining amount to be paid, should be provided on the invoice.

- 3. Trade Circular No. 02/2021, dated 25.02.2021 stands modified to this extent.
- **4.** Difficulty, if any, in the implementation of the above instructions may please be brought to the notice of the Commissioner.
- **5.** This Trade Circular shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 21.06.2021.

Sd/-(Khalid Aizaz Anwar) Commissioner, State Tax, West Bengal

Memo. <u>- 150 CT/PRO</u> Date: 30.06.2021 3C/PRO/2021

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