

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DIRECTORATE OF COMMERCIAL TAXES
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TRADE CIRCULAR No. 02/2024
(Corresponding Central Circular No. 208/02/2024-GST)

DATED: 08.07.2024

Subject: Clarifications on various issues pertaining to special procedure for the manufacturers of the specified commodities as per Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024.

Based on the recommendation of 50th GST Council meeting, a special procedure was notified vide Notification No. 1487-F.T. dated 28.08.2023 to be followed by the registered persons engaged in manufacturing of goods mentioned in the schedule to the said notification. The said notification has been rescinded vide Notification No. 197-F.T. dated 31.01.2024 and a revised special procedure has been notified vide Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024.

2. Representations have been received from various trade associations seeking clarity on some issues pertaining to the said special procedure. To ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law across the field formations, the Commissioner, in exercise of his powers conferred by section 168 of the West Bengal Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the “WBGST Act”), hereby clarifies various issues as under:

S.No.	Issued Raised by Trade	Clarification on the issue
1.	<i>Non availability of make, model number and machine number -</i> The trade bodies have raised the issue that some of the manufacturers of the said goods are using very old	It is clarified that in Table 6 of FORM GST SRM-I as notified vide Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024, make and model number are optional. However, where make of the machine is not available, the year of purchase of the machine may be declared as the make

	<p>packing machines since decades including second hand machines. Therefore, the details of make, model number and machine number of these machines are not readily available.</p>	<p>number. It is also clarified that the machine number is a mandatory field in Table 6 of FORM GST SRM-I to be filled up by the manufacturer. If the machine number is not available either on the machine or as per the available documents/ records, then the manufacturer may assign any numeric number to the said machine and provide the details of the same in Table 6 of FORM GST SRM-I.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>In cases where the electricity consumption rating of the packing machine is not available in the specifications of the said machine or in the documents/record of the same, then how to declare the electricity consumption rating of the said machine in Table 6 of FORM GST SRM-I?</p>	<p>It is clarified that electricity consumption rating of the packing machine is to be declared in Table 6 of FORM GST SRM-I on the basis of details of the same as available either on the machine or in the documents/record of the said machine. However, if the same is not available either on the machine or in the documents/records, then the manufacturer may get such electricity consumption per hour of the said machine calculated through a Chartered Engineer and get the same certified by the said Chartered Engineer in the format prescribed in FORM GST SRM-III, as notified vide Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024. The said electricity consumption rating can be declared in Table 6 of FORM GST SRM-I accordingly. The copy of such certificate of the Chartered Engineer needs to be uploaded along with FORM GST SRM-I. The details of the documents so uploaded needs to be provided in Table 10 of the said form. It is also clarified that in cases where there are certificates of Chartered Engineer for more than one</p>

		machine, then all such certificates may be uploaded in a single PDF file.
3.	Which value has to be reported in Column 8 of Table 9 of FORM GST SRM-II in case of goods having no MRP, for example, goods manufactured for export market?	In cases where there is no MRP of the package, then the sale price of the goods so manufactured shall be entered in Column 8 of Table 9 of FORM GST SRM-II as notified vide Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024.
4.	What should be the qualification and eligibility of the Chartered Engineer for providing Chartered Engineer certificate under the special procedure notified vide Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024?	It is clarified that a Practicing Chartered Engineer having a certificate of practice from the Institute of Engineers India (IEI) is qualified to provide Chartered Engineer certificate under the special procedure notified vide Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024.
5.	Whether the special procedure notified vide Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024 is applicable to the manufacturing units located in Special Economic Zone (SEZ)?	It is clarified that the special procedure as notified vide Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024 is not applicable to the manufacturing units located in Special Economic Zone.
6.	Whether the special procedure notified vide Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024 is applicable to the manual processes using electric operated heat sealer and seamer?	It is clarified that the said special procedure notified vide Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024 is not applicable in respect of manual seamer/ sealer being used for packing operations. Further, it is also clarified that the said special procedure is not applicable in respect of manual packing operations such as those in cases of post-harvest packing of tobacco leaves.
7.	In cases where multiple machines are required for filling, capping and packing of containers, the serial	It is clarified that in a manufacturing process there may be different machines being used such as one for filling of packages, another for

	number of which machine is required to be declared in Table 6 of FORM GST SRM-I ?	putting seal on the packages and another for final packing. The detail of that machine is required to be reported in Table 6 of FORM GST SRM- I which is being used for final packing of the packages of the specified goods.
8.	In case of job work or contract manufacturing, which person shall be required to comply with the special procedure as notified <i>vide</i> Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024?	It is clarified that the special procedure notified <i>vide</i> Notification No. 198-F.T. dated 31.01.2024 shall be applicable to all persons involved in manufacturing process including a job worker / contract manufacturer. However, if the job worker/ contract manufacturer is unregistered, then the liability to comply with the said special procedure will be of the concerned principal manufacturer.

3. Difficulties, if any, in implementation of this Trade Circular may be brought to the notice of the Commissioner.

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