

Budget Changes and Negative List



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Excise Duty

Central excise

Key changes in rates

General / across-the board rate increase:

Category	From	To
Standard rate*	10%	12%
Merit rate #	5%	6%
Special rate (130 goods, no CENVAT)	1%	2%
Medicinal and Toilet Preparations under M&TP (Excise Duties) Act	10%	12%

*Other than for fertilizers, articles of jewellery of heading 7113, Mobile hand sets and cellular phones

Coal shall continue to be subjected to 5% excise duty [CH 2701]

Central excise

RSP based valuation, exemptions

- RSP based valuation for certain products with abatement

Products	Abatement %
Various types of cement	30%
Cigarettes	50%
All types of footwear	35%

- Full exemption:
 - Food preparations containing fruits and vegetables falling under Chapter 20, which are prepared and served in a hotel, restaurant or retail outlet whether or not such food is consumed in such a hotel, restaurant or retail outlet
 - Parts and testing equipment for manufacture, repair and overhauling of aircraft falling under heading 8802

Customs Duty

Customs duty

Key changes in rates

- No change in peak rate of customs duty of 10% on non-agricultural products
- Duplication of Education Cess and SHE Cess on imported goods removed
- Effective rate of customs duty increased from 26.85% to 28.85% on account of increase in CVD

Illustrative calculation of customs duty:

Particulars		Amount (₹)
Assessable value		100.000
BCD (A)	10%	10.000
CVD (B)	12%	13.200
3% Cess on total customs duty (C)	3%	0.696
SAD (D)	4%	4.956
Total Customs Duty payable A+B+C+D		28.852

Customs duty

Key changes in rates

- Increase in Basic Customs Duty:

Tariff item	Old rate	New rate
Specified Completely Built Units (CBUs) of large cars/ MUVs/ SUVs	60%	75%
Flat rolled products (HR and CR) of non-alloy steel	5%	7.5%
Standard gold bars and platinum bars	2%	4%
Bicycles	10%	30%
Parts of bicycles	10%	20%
Digital Still Cameras of certain specification	Nil	10%

- Basic customs duty of 2% is being imposed on cut and polished coloured gemstones.
- Duty-free allowance under the Baggage Rules increased from ₹ 25000 to ₹35000 for passengers of Indian origin and from ₹ 12000 to ₹15000 for children up to 10 years of age.

Customs duty

Other important changes

- For availing exemption from SAD on subsequent sale, importer is required to declare the following:
 - State of destination where the goods are intended to be sold for the first time after import and
 - VAT registration number
- Certain classes of importers required to pay Customs duty electronically
- The Customs (Import of goods at concessional rate of duty for manufacture of excisable goods) Rules, 1996 amended to liberalize and simplify the procedure

Service Tax

Service tax

Rate changes w.e.f 1 April 2012

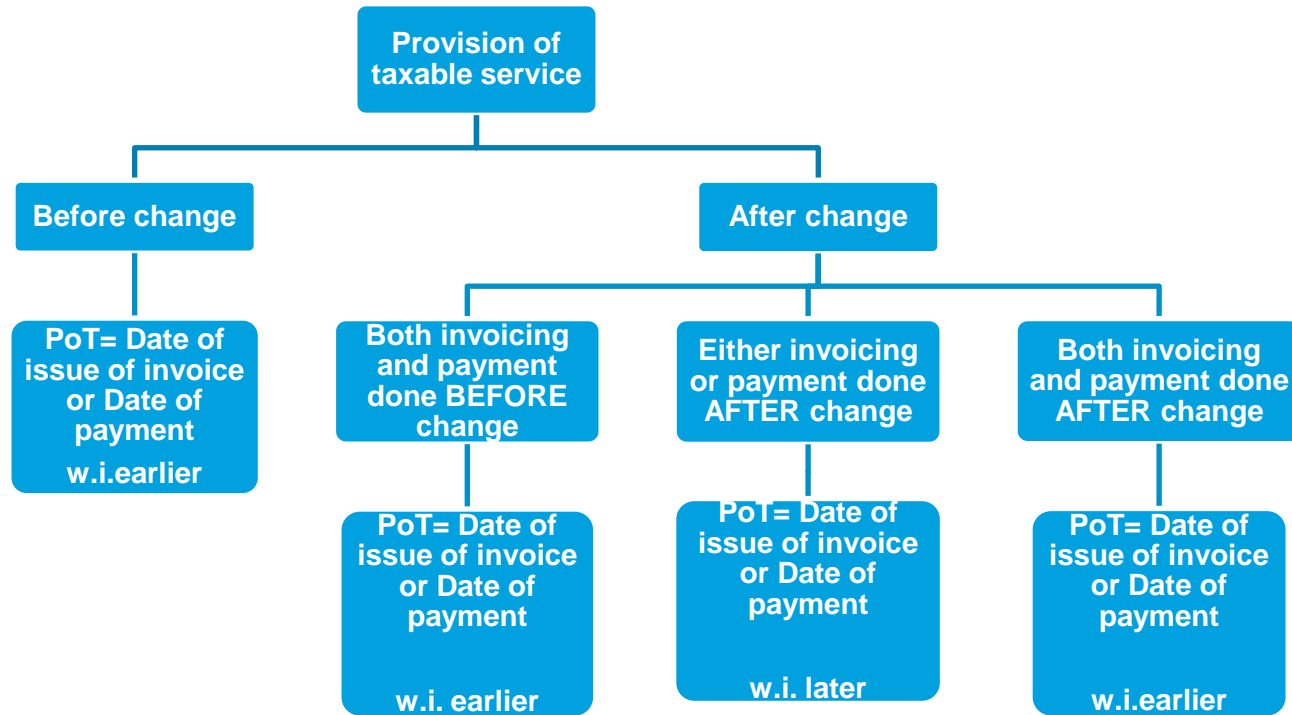
- Rate of Service Tax enhanced from 10% to 12%
- Changes in composition rates:
 - Life insurance : 3% for the first year's premium and 1.5% for the subsequent year's premium (earlier rate: flat 1.5%)
 - Works contract: enhanced from 4% to 4.8%
 - Money changing: Existing rate proportionately increased by 20%
 - Distributors or selling agents of lotteries:

Guaranteed prize payout	Composition rate on every ₹10 lacs (or part thereof) of aggregate face value of lottery tickets printed	
	Existing (₹)	Revised (₹)
More than 80%	6000	7000
Less than 80%	9000	11000

Service tax

Rate changes

- Impact of change in rate:



Notes:

- Date of payment shall be date of entry in books or credit in bank account, whichever is earlier.
- The above chart is based on the assumption that invoice is issued within time prescribed.
- As per CBEC circular, increased rate would be applicable in cases where payment for specified services (on which tax was discharged on payment basis) is received on or after 1 April 2012 for invoices issued before 1 April 2012 and in cases where tax is to be paid under reverse charge mechanism.

Service tax

Procedural Changes

- Limitation period for issuing SCN extended from 12 months to 18 months
- Limitation period for filing appeals:
 - Appeal to Commissioner Appeals: from 3 months to 2 months (for assessee)
 - Appeal to Tribunal: from 3 months to 4 months (for Department)
- Provisions of central excise pertaining to Settlement Commission extended to service tax
- Prosecution provisions applicable for 'evasion of payment of service tax'
- Non-issuance of invoice, unless with mala-fide intent, not to attract prosecution provisions now
- Powers of Special audit by external auditor appointed by Commissioner
- Full penalty waived on payment of Service tax on Renting of Immovable Property due as on 6 March 2012 along with interest, within 6 months

Service tax

Service tax rules- w.e.f. 1 April 2012

- Changes to be applicable w.e.f. 1 April 2012
- Definition of partnership to include LLP
- Increase in time limit for issuance of invoice:
 - 45 days for banks and financial institutions
 - 30 days for others
- Discharging service tax liability on payment basis:
 - Allowed to individuals and partnership firms having aggregate value of taxable services less than ₹ 50 lacs
- Adjustments of excess payment of Service Tax allowed for unlimited amount (earlier up to ₹ 2 lacs) subject to prescribed conditions

Negative List Based Taxation of Services

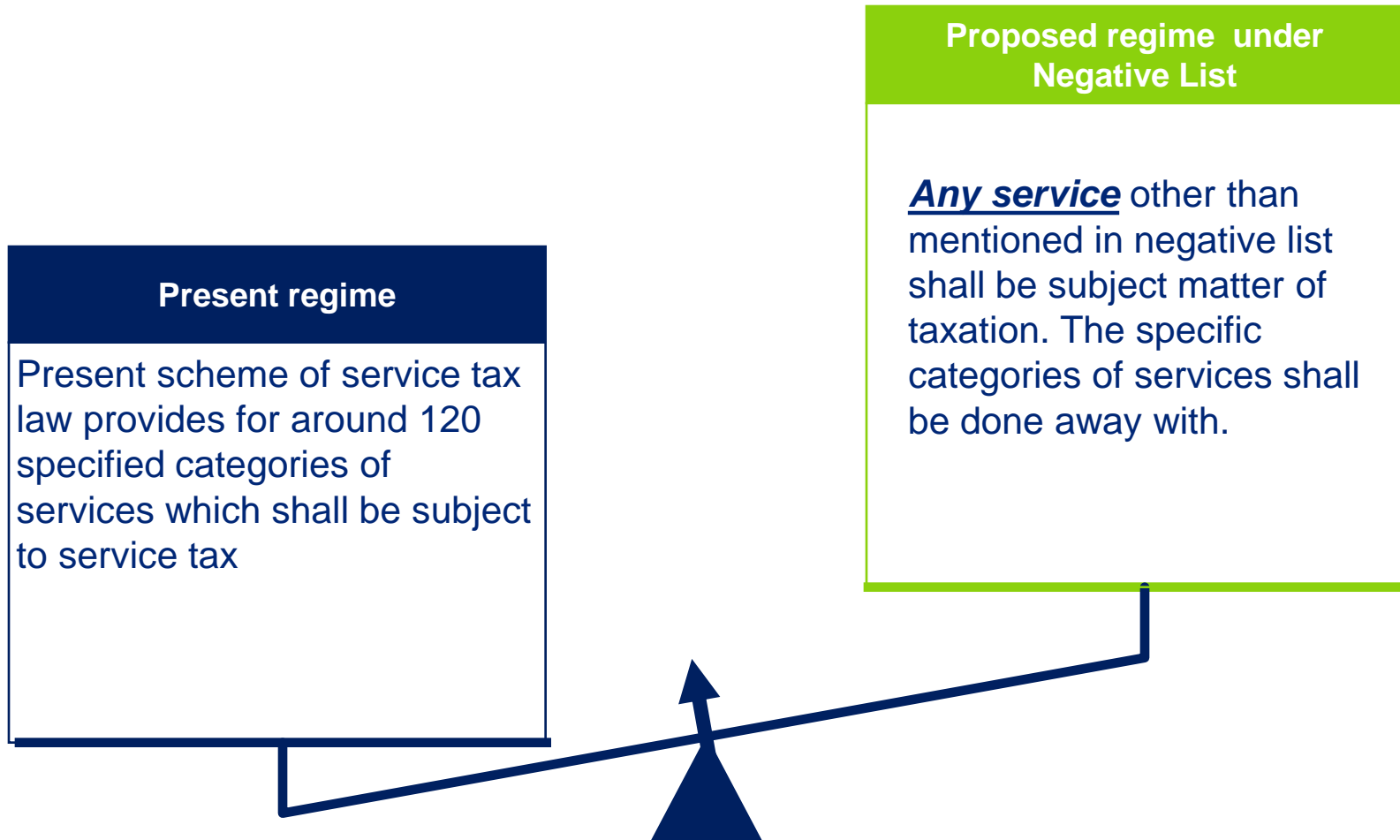
Negative list based taxation of services

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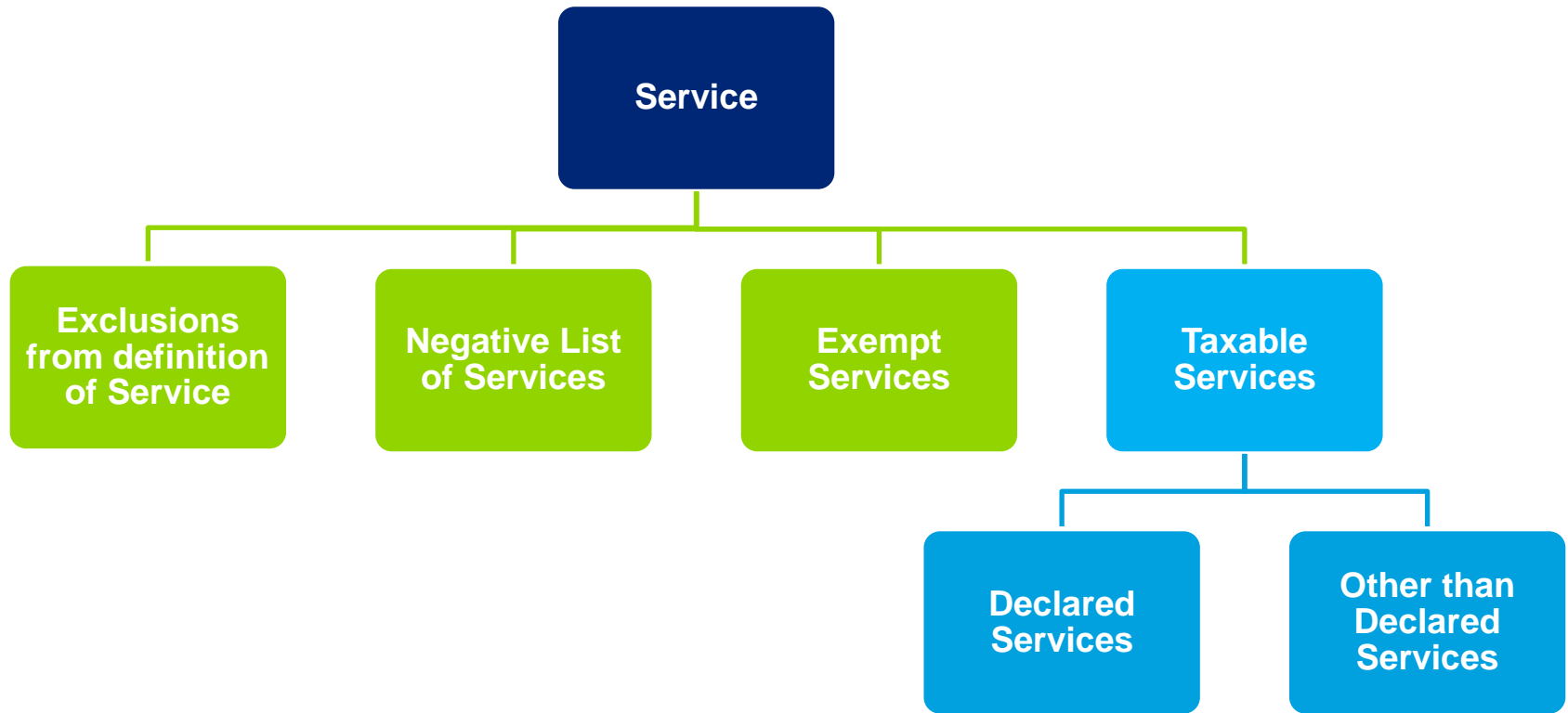


Basic concepts

- Negative list based taxation to be effective from the date to be notified



Basic concepts



'Service'

- Definition of service:

Service Sec
65B(44)

- any activity
- carried out by a person for another
- for consideration
- and includes a declared service



'Service'

Service Does not Include

any activity that constitutes only a transfer in title of goods or immovable property by way of sale, gift or in any other manner

such transfer, delivery or supply of any goods which is deemed to be a sale within the meaning of clause (29A) of article 366 of the Constitution

a transaction only in money or actionable claim

any service provided by an employee to an employer in the course of the employment

fees payable to a court or a tribunal set up under a law for the time being in force

'Service'

Activity

- The term 'activity' not defined
- Activity could be active or passive
- Activity includes forbearance to act
 - Agreeing to refrain from an act or tolerate an act or situation : declared service
- No distinction between revenue vs. capital nature of transactions

'Service'

Consideration

- Not defined under the Act
- TRU alludes definition of consideration under the Indian Contract Act, 1872:
 - *“When, at the desire of the promisor, the promisee or any other person has done or abstained from doing, or does or abstains from doing, or promises to do or to abstain from doing, something, such act or abstinence or promise is called a consideration for the promise.”*
- Element of 'consideration' essential for construing service
- Activity without consideration: Not a service
- Consideration may flow from the receiver or any other person

'Service'

Consideration

- Consideration includes:
 - Monetary payment
 - Received in the form of money
 - Any consideration of non- monetary nature
 - Barter of goods or services
 - Refraining to do an act in return of provision of service
 - Doing or agreeing to do an act in return for provision of service
 - Deferred consideration



'Service'

Consideration

Illustrations

Subject	Consideration	Not consideration
Grants	Counter obligation on the researcher to provide IPR rights on the outcome of research	Conditions stipulating merely proper usage of fund and furnishing of account
	Help undertake specific activity	Given for a research where the researcher is under no obligation to carry out a particular research
Donations	To a charitable organization where charity is obligated to provide something in return	Unconditional donations to a charitable organization
Dispute	Amounts received as settlement where dispute relates to consideration	Amounts received in settlements of other disputes
Advance	To perform a service	Other advances

'Service'?

Consideration

Illustrations

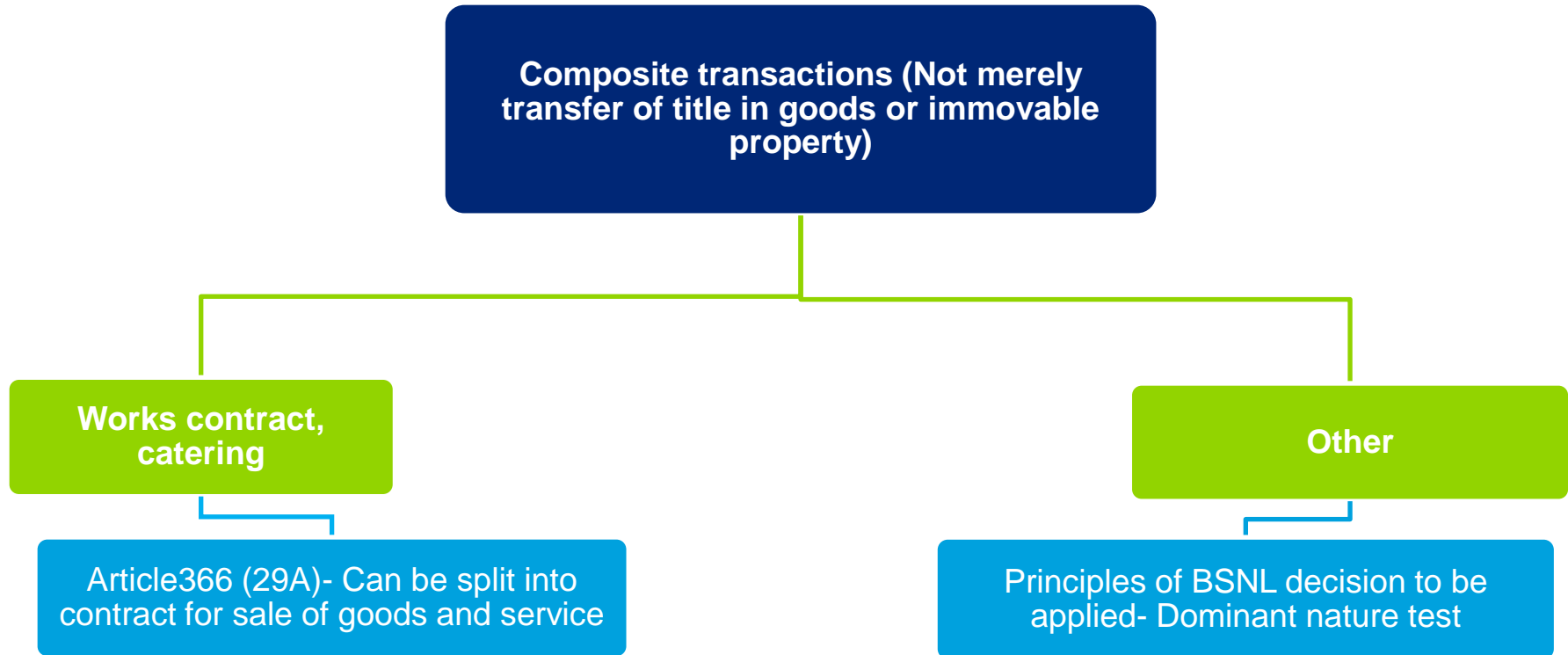
Subject	Consideration	Not consideration
Deposit	If for provision of service- Refund entitlement in case the amount is returned/ refunded	Refundable deposits
Forfeiture	Forfeited deposits in pursuance of agreements entered into for provision of service	Forfeiture relate to accidental damages due to unforeseen actions not relatable to provision of service
Others	Demurrage charges payable for use of services beyond period initially agreed upon	Fines and penalties paid in violation of provisions of law Excess payment made as a result of mistake

'Service'

Exclusions

- Mere transfer of title in goods or immovable property, by way of :
 - Sale
 - Gift
 - Any other mannerdoes not constitute service
- Mere transfer of custody or possession over goods or immovable property is not sale
- Definition of goods- Same as under SOGA, 1930- Except for inclusion of 'securities' in the definition of goods
- Securities as per SCRA included in the definition of goods
 - activities that are in the nature of only transfer of title by way of sale, redemption, purchase or acquisition of securities on principal-to-principal basis, excluding services of dealers, brokers or agents in relation to such transactions, are outside the ambit of 'services.

'Service' Exclusions



- Notification No. 12/2003 – ST proposed for deletion

'Service'

Exclusions

- Deemed sale as per clause (29A) of article 366 of the Constitution excluded from definition of service vide amendment to Finance Bill, 2012
- Transfer of right to use goods
 - Without effective possession and control – to be service
- Hire Purchase
 - Financial Services that accompany a hire purchase constitute declared services
 - Different from normal hiring where there is no option or obligation to purchase the goods
 - All kinds of leases covered under this head if there is a transfer of possession and an option or obligation to purchase the goods
 - Decision of Association of Leasing and Financial Service Companies Vs. UOI affirming levy of tax on service element to hold good

'Service'

Exclusions

- Only services provided in the course of employment are excluded
 - Employee providing services on contract basis to an associate company is a provision of service
 - Services provided by casual worker to the employer are provided in the course of employment
 - Casual workers providing services to contractor – not service
 - Contractors providing casual workers - service

Taxability of Services

Taxability of services

- A service is taxable if it is:
 - Provided or agreed to be provided
 - In the taxable territory
 - Not specified in the negative list
- Implications of the phrase ‘agreed to be provided’:
 - Service becomes taxable on agreement to provide service
 - Receipt of advances for services agreed to be provided : Taxable
 - Advances retained on cancellation of contract of service : Taxable

Taxability of Services

- Point of taxation – to be as per POTR
- Taxable territory (Sec 65 B)
 - India excluding J & K
 - Place of Provision of Services Rules, 2012 (POPOSR) determine place of provision

Negative List

Negative list

Service Provided by Specified Persons

- By government or a local authority excluding certain select prescribed services
- Reserve Bank of India;
- Foreign diplomatic mission located in India;

Specified Services related to

- Agriculture or agricultural produce
- Education
- Financial services
- Transportation of passenger, with or without accompanied belongings, by specified persons
- Transport of goods

Other

- Trading of goods
- Any process amounting to manufacture or production of goods
- Selling of space or time slots for advertisements other than advertisements broadcast by radio or television;
- Access to a road or a bridge on payment of toll charges;
- Betting, gambling or lottery;
- Admission to entertainment events or access to amusement facilities
- Transmission or distribution of electricity by an electricity transmission or distribution utility;
- Renting of residential dwelling for use as residence
- Funeral, burial, crematorium or mortuary services including transportation of the deceased

Declared Services

Declared services

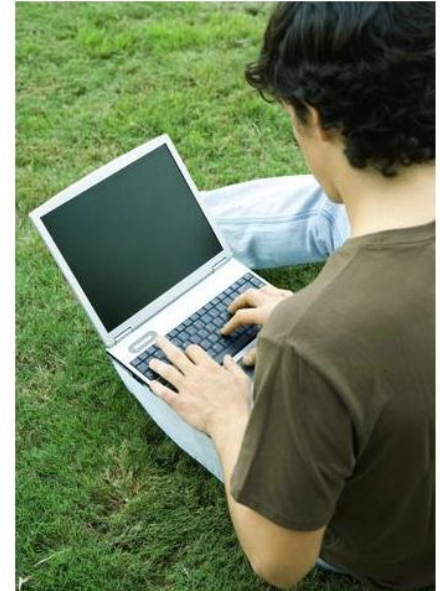
- **Renting of Immovable Property**
 - Definition under Section 65B
 - *‘allowing, permitting or granting access, entry, occupation, usage or any such facility, wholly or partly, in an immovable property, with or without the transfer of possession or control of the said immovable property and includes letting, leasing, licensing or other similar arrangements in respect of immovable property’*
 - Permitting usage of a property for a temporary purpose: Taxable
 - Examples: Renting for conduct of marriage or any other social function
- **Construction of a complex, building, civil structure or a part thereof except where the entire consideration is received after issuance of certificate of completion by a competent authority**
 - Covers services provided by builders or developers

Declared services

- **Temporary transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of any IPR**
 - No condition regarding the law under which IPR should be registered
 - Temporary transfer of patent registered in any country is taxable subject to the determination of place of provision
 - Exclusion from definition of service: 'Transfer of right to use goods'
- **Activities in relation to delivery of goods on hire purchase or any system of payment by installments**
- **Transfer of goods by way of hiring, leasing, licensing or any such manner without transfer of right to use goods**
 - Right to use= effective possession and control
- **Agreeing to the obligation to refrain from an act or to tolerate an act or a situation or to do an act**
 - Non compete agreements result in provision of service

Declared services

- **Development, design, programming, customization, adaptation, up gradation, enhancement, implementation of IT software**
 - Sale of pre packaged or canned software not to attract service tax
 - Onsite development also covered
 - Advice, consultancy or technical assistance in relation to IT software: Taxable
 - Providing license to use pre packaged software
 - Need to examine from documents whether it amounts to transfer of right to use goods. If so, no tax.



Declared services

- **Services portion in execution of a works contract**

- Work contract differs from works contract
- Works mean in relation to any buildings or structure on land
- Works contract may relate to movable or immovable property
- Specific valuation provisions to exclude value of goods
- Else, deemed value of total amount

Where Works Contract is for	Value of Service portion*
Execution of original works	40 %
Execution of Original Works and includes value of Land	25%
Others	60%

* Subject to restrictions in respect of Cenvat credit

Declared services

- **Service portion in an activity wherein goods, being food or any other article of human consumption or any drink (whether or not intoxicating) is supplied in any manner**
 - Services of AC Restaurants which has license to serve alcoholic beverage only covered- Exemption in other cases
 - Value to be determined as under:
 - Restaurant – 40% of the total amount
 - Outdoor caterer – 60% of the total amount
 - Any goods falling under Chapters 1 to 22 of the Central Excise Tariff are not inputs.



Exempted Services

Exempted services

- Services provided to the United Nations or a specified international organization.
- Health care services by a clinical establishment, an authorized medical practitioner or para-medics
- Services by a veterinary clinic in relation to health care of animals or birds
- Services by an entity registered under Section 12AA of the IT Act by way of charitable activities
- Services by a person by way of -
 - (a) renting of precincts of a religious place meant for general public; or
 - (b) conduct of any religious ceremony
- Services provided to any person other than a business entity by -
 - (a) an individual as an advocate; or
 - (b) a person represented on and as arbitral tribunals

Exempted services

- Services of technical testing or analysis of newly developed drugs, including vaccines and herbal remedies, on human participants by an approved clinical research organization
- Services by way of training or coaching in recreational activities relating to arts, culture or sports
- Specified services:
 - (a) Catering under any Government sponsored mid-day meal scheme;
 - (b) To or by an institution providing exempted education services, in relation to:
 - Transportation of students or staff
 - Admission to such education
- Services provided to a recognised sports body by specified entities
- Services by way of sponsorship of tournaments or championships organized by specified entities

Exempted services

- Services provided to the Government or local authority by way of erection, construction, maintenance, repair, alteration, renovation or restoration of specified structures, works etc.
- Services provided by way of erection, construction, maintenance, repair, alteration, renovation or restoration of,-
 - (a) road, bridge, tunnel, or terminal for road transportation for use by general public;
 - (b) building owned by an entity registered under section 12AA of the Income tax Act, 1961 and meant predominantly for religious use by general public;
 - (c) pollution control or effluent treatment plant, except located as a part of a factory; or
 - (d) electric crematorium
- Services by way of erection or construction of original works pertaining to airport, port, railways, specified low cost houses, agricultural infrastructure for post harvest storage, machinery for agricultural processing etc.

Exempted services

- Temporary transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of a copyright relating to original literary, dramatic, musical, artistic works or cinematograph films
- Services by a performing artist in folk or classical art forms of (i) music, or (ii) dance, or (iii) theatre, excluding services provided as a brand Ambassador
- Services by way of collecting or providing news by an independent journalist, Press Trust of India or United News of India
- Services by way of renting of a hotel, inn, guest house, club, campsite or other commercial places meant for residential or lodging purposes, having declared tariff of a room below INR 1000 per day or equivalent
- Services provided in relation to serving of food or beverages by a restaurant, other than those having
 - the facility of air-conditioning and
 - which has a license to serve alcoholic beverages

Exempted services

- Services by way of transportation by rail or a vessel from one port in India to another of the 9 specified varieties of goods such as foodstuff, agricultural produce, petroleum products, newspaper etc.
- Services provided by a GTA by way of transportation of
 - fruits, vegetables, milk, food grains etc. *or*
 - where gross amount charged on-
 - a consignment transported in a single goods carriage does not exceed ₹1,500; or
 - all such goods for a single consignee in the goods carriage does not exceed ₹ 750
- Renting of motor vehicles
 - to State transport undertaking meant to carry more than twelve passengers
 - to a goods transport agency, a means of transportation of goods
- Services by way of motor vehicle parking to general public excluding leasing of space to an entity for providing such parking facility
- Services by way of slaughtering of bovine animals

Exempted services

- Specified services provided to the Government or local authority in relation to drinking water, effluents and sewage treatment, waste collection or disposal, repair of a ship, boat or vessel
- Services of general insurance business provided under specified schemes
- Services provided by an incubatee up to total business turnover of Rs. 50 lakh in a FY, subject to the specified conditions
- Service by an unincorporated body or an entity registered as a society to own members by way of reimbursement of charges or share of contribution –
 - (a) as a trade union;
 - (b) for the provision of exempt services by the entity to third persons; or
 - (c) up to an amount of Rs. 5000 per month per member for sourcing of goods or services from a third person for common use of its members in a housing society or residential complex

Exempted services

- Transport of passengers by-
 - (i) air (when embarking or terminating in an airport located in specified states); or
 - (ii) a contract carriage for the transportation of passengers, excluding tourism, conducted tour, charter or hire
- Carrying out an intermediate production process as job work in relation to specified items
- Services by an organizer to any person in respect of a business exhibition held outside India
- Services of specified persons such as sub-broker, mutual fund agent, a selling or marketing agent of lottery tickets, a selling agent or a distributor of SIM cards or recharge coupon vouchers etc. in their respective capacities
- Services by way of making telephone calls from departmentally run public telephones, free telephone at airport and hospitals where no bills are issued

Exempted services

- Services received from a service provider located in a non- taxable territory by:
 - (a) the Government, a local authority or an individual in relation to any purpose other than industry, business or commerce; or
 - (b) an entity registered under section 12AA of the Income tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) for the purposes of providing charitable activities.



Rules of Interpretation

Origin & need for rules of interpretation

Sec 66F lays down the principles of interpretation of specified description of services and bundled services

Essential for clarifying certain services in the following areas

- In the negative list of services
- In the declared list of services
- In exemption notifications
- In the Place of Provision of Service Rules 2012
- In few other rules and notifications



Rule 1 – Rules of interpretation

Reference to a service (main service) shall not include reference to a service which is used for providing the main service

Illustration:

- Exempt under the negative list

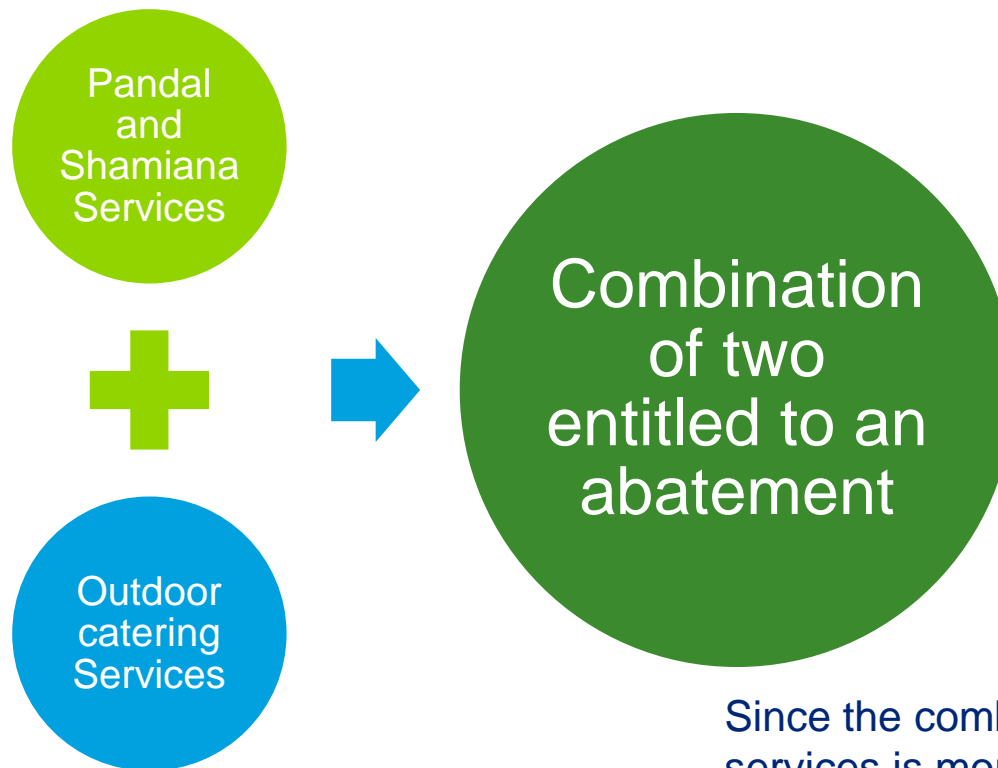
Transport of Goods on Inland Water Way Service

- Reference to a service for provision of the main service (i.e. Transport of Goods on Inland Water way service) shall not be entitled to the negative list entry

Services of an Agent for booking goods to be transported on an inland waterway

Rule 2 – Rules of interpretation

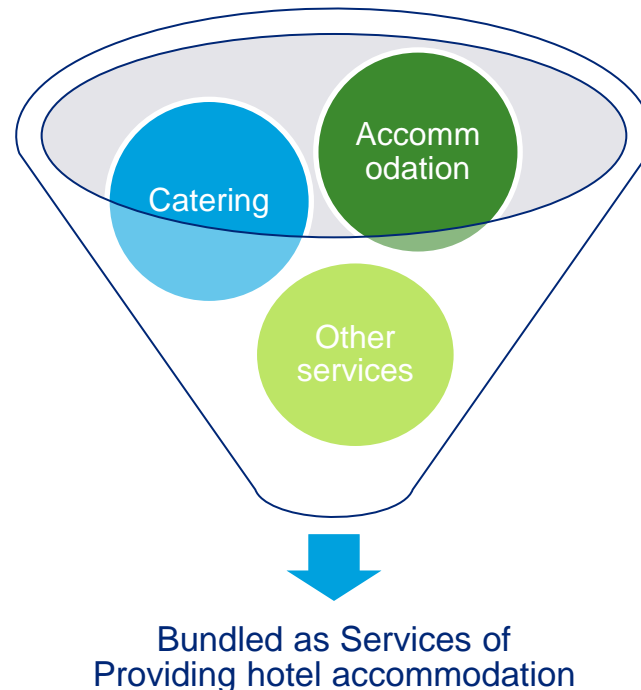
Where a service is capable of differential treatment for any purpose based on its description, the most preferred description shall be preferred over a more general description



Since the combination of the two services is more of a specific entry than the two provided individually, there is no need to apply Rule 2

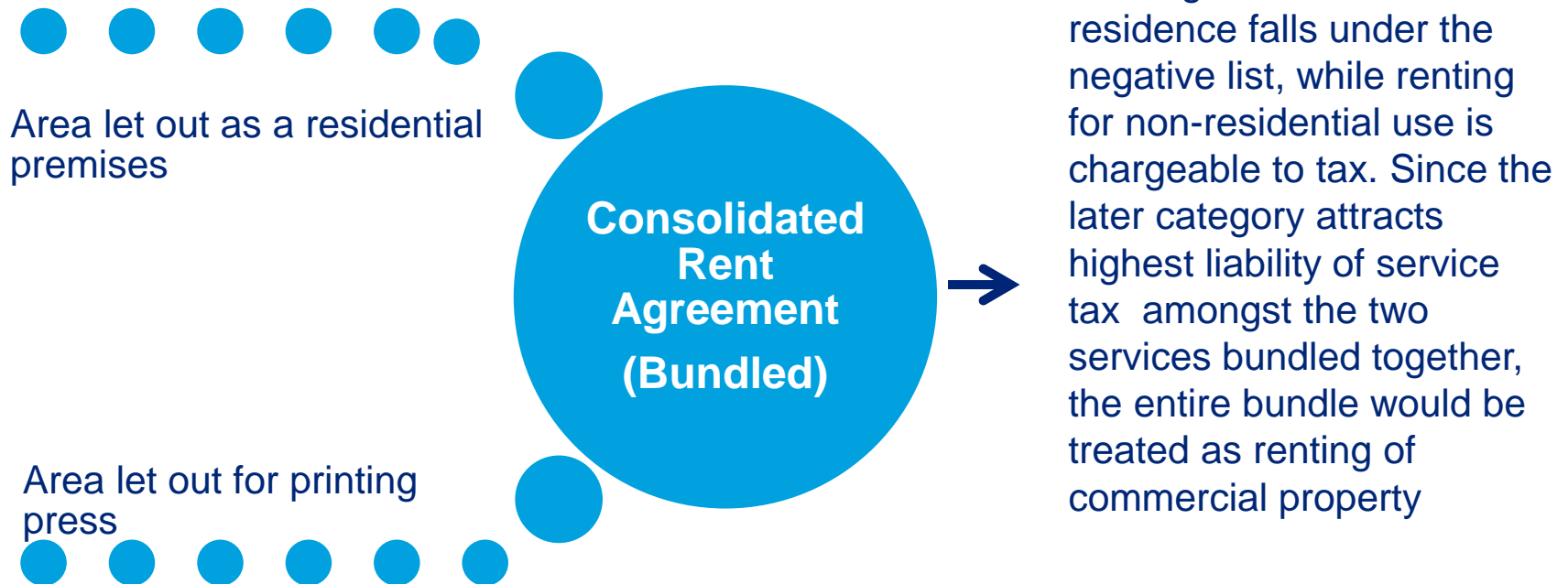
Rule 3 (a) – Bundled services

- Bundled services means a bundle of provision of various services wherein an element of provision of one service is combined with an element of provision of any other service.
- If various elements of a bundled service are naturally bundled in the ordinary course of business, it shall be treated as provision of a single service which gives such bundle its essential character



Rule 3 (b) – Bundled services

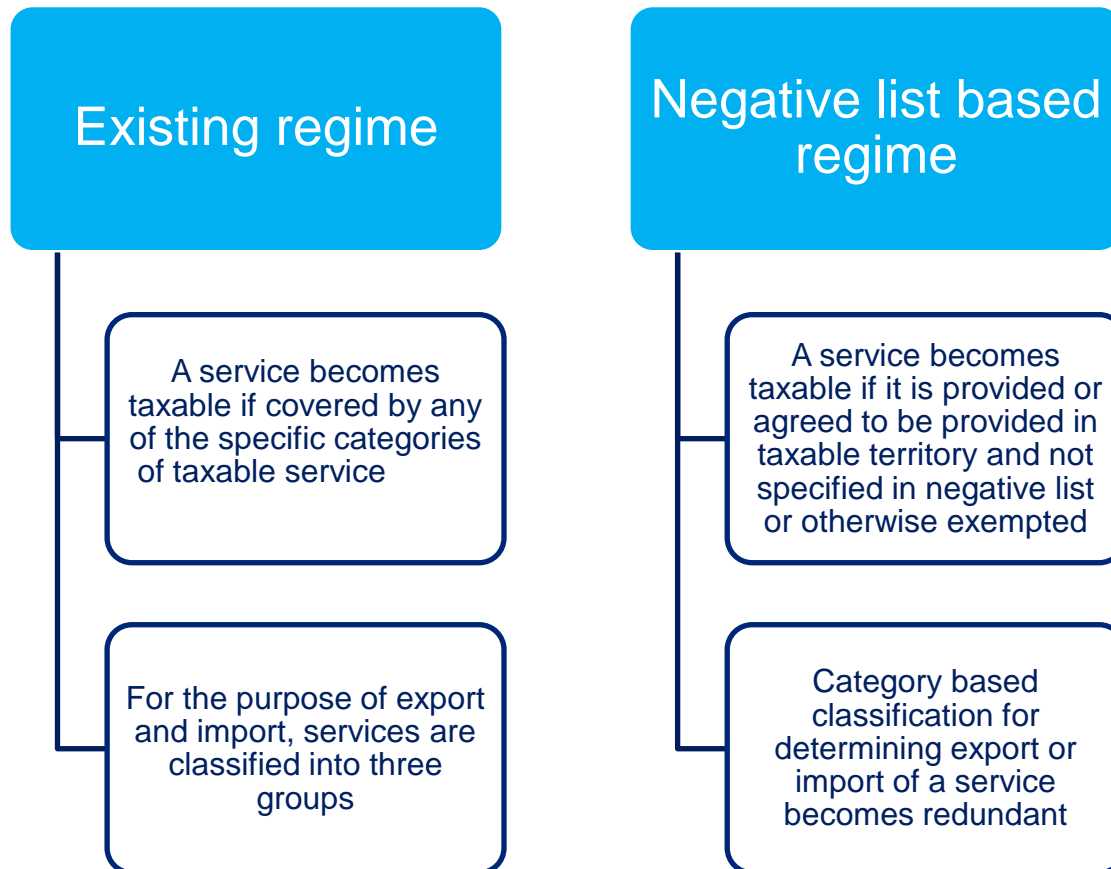
- If various elements of a bundled service are not naturally bundled in the ordinary course of business, it shall be treated as provision of a service which attracts the highest amount of service tax.



Place of Provision of Service Rules, 2012

Place of Provision of Service Rules, 2012 (POPOSR)

- Introduction of POPOSR to determine place of provision of service which will determine taxability of a service



POPOSR

Basic framework

- POPOSR to determine:
 - Place of provision of service
 - Taxability of cross border service transactions
 - Taxability of service transactions between taxable and non taxable territory
 - Applicable taxable jurisdiction in case of service providers operating from multiple locations
- The POPOSR will replace the 'Export of Services, Rules, 2005' and 'Taxation of Services (Provided from outside India and received in India) Rules, 2006'
- Taxable territory ('TT') to include whole of India except the state of J&K

POPOSR

Basic framework

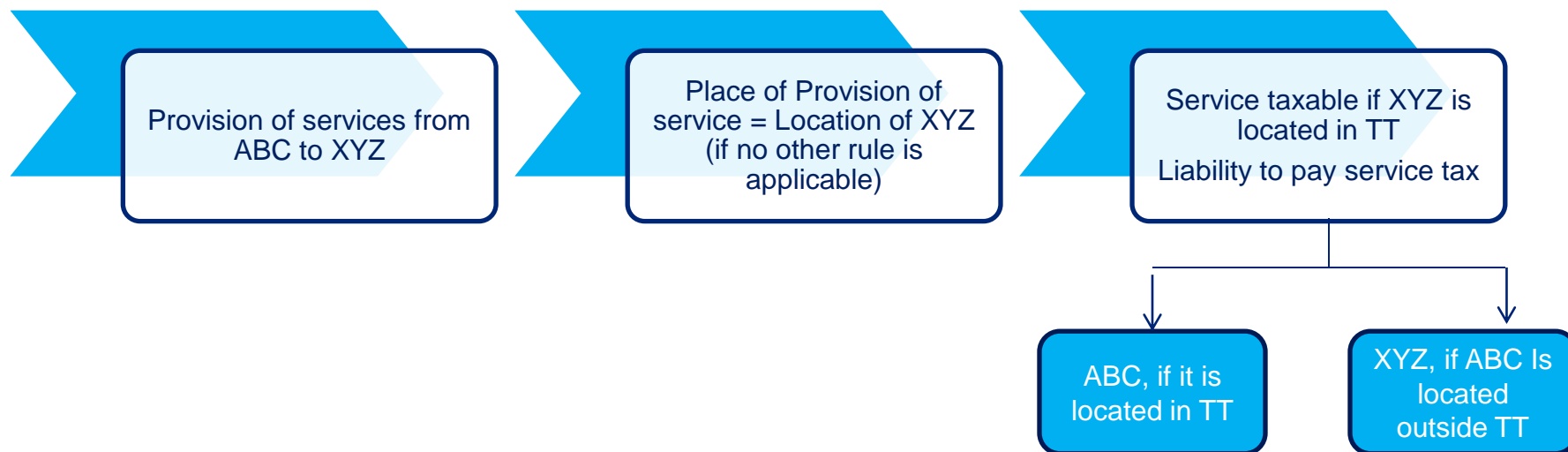
- Location of a service provider or receiver to be determined based on
 - registration
 - business establishment
 - fixed establishment
 - usual place of residence
- Relevance of determining location:
 - an establishment of a person outside the taxable territory is a person distinct from an establishment in a taxable territory



POPOSR

Residuary rule

- Determination of place of provision of service on basis of location of service receiver
 - Service shall be deemed to be provided where the receiver is located
 - Applicable only if no other rule is applicable
 - The service receiver means, “person who is obliged to make payment, even if he does not pay”
 - In case, the location of service receiver is not ascertainable, the place of provision of service would be location of service provider



POPOSR

Performance based criteria

- Applicability of this rule:
 - Services provided in respect of goods that are required to be made physically available by the service receiver to the service provider, in order to provide the service
 - Services provided in conjunction with the supply of goods under another contract by the service provider
 - Services provided entirely or predominantly, in the ordinary course of business, in the physical presence of an individual, represented either as the service receiver or a person acting on behalf of the receiver
- Place of provision of service = Location where services are actually performed
- Place of provision of service in case where the services are provided from a remote location by way of electronic means: Location where the goods are situated at the time of provision of service

POPOSR

Performance based criteria

- Examples of services covered:
 - courier services
 - cargo handling services
 - warehousing services
 - dry cleaning services
 - AMC bundled with sale of goods



POPOSR

Location of immovable property

- Criteria to fall under the said rule:
 - Services performed on specific immovable property or
 - Direct object of service is immovable property or
 - Purpose of service is transfer or conveyance of property or
 - Determination of title of property
 - The services must be directly related to immovable property
 - Any indirect relation to property would not tantamount a service to fall under immovable property based service
- Examples of services directly related to immovable property:
 - Renting of immovable property
 - Real estate agent
 - Architect services
 - Services related to construction, reconstruction
- Example of services indirectly related to immovable property
 - Repair & maintenance services of machinery which are not permanently installed

POPOSR

Services relating to events

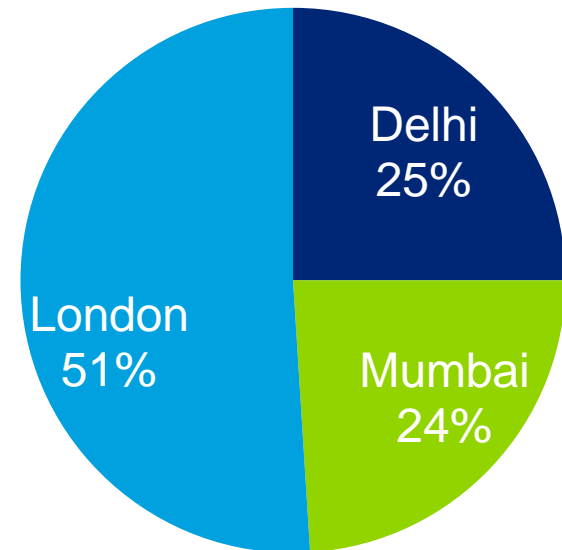
- Criteria to fall under this rule:
 - Services provided by way of admission to or organization of cultural, artistic, sporting, scientific, educational, entertainment event or;
 - Any services ancillary to such admission
- Example of service directly related to event : Event management services

POPOSR

Part performance of service in TT

- This rule applies in case where actual performance of service is
 - At more than one location and
 - One or more location is outside TT
- Place of provision shall be the location in the taxable territory where the greatest proportion of the service is provided
- Existing law- Part performance of service outside India amounts to export

Performance of a service

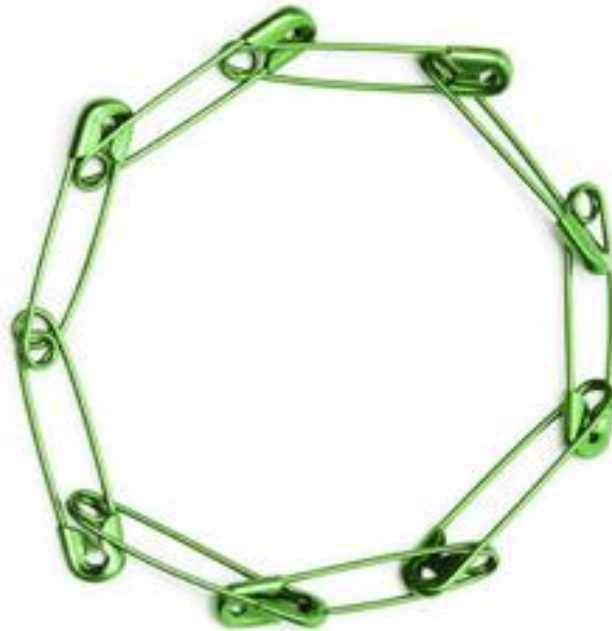


Place of provision for
entire service provision =
Delhi

POPOSR

Determination of place of provision of service in case location of both service provider & receiver is in TT

- The place of provision of service in such case would be location of service receiver
- This rule has overriding power over all the rules discussed above



POPOSR

Specified services : Place of provision is location of service provider

- Specified services:
 - Services by a banking company/ financial institution/ non banking financial company to account holders i.e. Interest receiving depositors
 - Telecommunication services to subscribers
 - Online information and database access or retrieval services (Does not include e-commerce, repair of hardware/ software through internet, telecom services provided over on internet such as videoconferencing etc.)
 - Hiring of means of transport up to a period of one month
 - Intermediary services:
 - Person who arranges or facilitates supply of goods or provision of service
 - Includes travel agent, tour operator, stockbroker, commission agent (other than agent for buy-sale of goods) or recovery agent
- Place of provision of service = Location of service provider

POPOSR

Miscellaneous provisions

- Central Government's power to notify place of effective use and enjoyment of a service to be place of provision of such service:
 - To overcome situations leading to double taxation or double non-taxation or
 - For uniform application of rules
- If a service is classifiable under more than one rule, 'later the better' be the principle to be followed

Other Changes

Other changes

- Consequential amendments in various provisions to do away with service specific references
- Significant amendments in Service Tax Rules including in respect of persons liable to pay tax
- Liability to pay service tax on both- service provider (individual/ firm/ LLP) and service receiver in respect of specified services:

Services	Service recipient- taxable value	Service provider – taxable value
Hiring of passenger motor vehicle		
• With abatement	100%	Nil
• Without abatement	40%	60%
Supply of manpower for any purpose	75%	25%
Works Contract Services	50%	50%

Other changes

Valuation of services

- Valuation of services under proposed regime:
- Excluded from value:
 - Accidental damages due to unforeseen actions not relatable to provision of service
 - Interest towards delayed payment of any consideration
- Included in value:
 - The amount realised as demurrage or by any other name whatever called for the provision of a service beyond the period originally contracted or in any other manner relatable to the provision of service

Announcements on Goods and Services Tax

Goods and Services Tax

- Structure of GST network approved by empowered committee of State FMs
- Recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Parliament on the Constitution Amendment Bill for introducing Goods and Services Tax awaited
- Drafting of the model GST legislations is in progress
- GST Network (GSTN) to be set up as a National Information Utility and will become operational by August 2012
- GSTN will implement common PAN-based registration, returns filing and payments processing for all States on a shared platform

Thank You