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Office of the Commissioner, State Tax, Uttar Pradesh (GST Section)

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To,

All Zonal Additional Commissioner Grade -1, Additional Commissioner Grade -2 (S.I.B.) Joint Commissioner (Executive/Corporate Circle/ S.I.B) State Tax, Uttar Pradesh.

Subject: Clarification on availability of ITC in respect of warranty replacement of parts and repair services during warranty period.

Representations have been received from trade and industry that as a common trade practice, the original equipment manufacturers/suppliers offer warranty for the goods/services supplied by them. During the warranty period, replacement goods/services are supplied to customers free of charge and as such no separate consideration is charged and received at the time of replacement. It has been represented that suitable clarification may be issued in the matter as unnecessary litigation is being caused due to contrary interpretations by the investigation wings and field formations in respect of GST liability as well as liability to reverse ITC against such supplies of replacement of parts and repair services during the warranty period without any consideration from the customers.

2. The matter has been examined. 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 Uttar Pradesh Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the UPGST Act), hereby clarifies as follows:

S. No.	Issue	Clarification
1.	There are cases where the original equipment manufacturer offers warranty for the goods supplied by him to the customer and provides	The value of original supply of goods (provided along with warranty) by the manufacturer to the customer includes the likely cost of replacement of parts and / or repair services to be incurred during the warranty period, on which tax would have
	replacement of parts and/ or repair services to the customer during the warranty period, without separately charging any consideration at the time of such replacement/	already been paid at the time of original supply of goods. As such, where the manufacturer provides replacement of parts and/ or repair services to the

	repair services.	such replacement/ repair services, no further GST
	Whether GST would be	is chargeable on such replacement of parts and/ or
	payable on such replacement	repair service during warranty period.
	of parts or supply of repair	However, if any additional consideration is charged
	services, without any	by the manufacturer from the customer, either for
	consideration from the	replacement of any part or for any service, then
	customer, as part of	GST will be payable on such supply with respect to
	warranty?	such additional consideration.
2.	Whether in such cases, the	In such cases, the value of original supply of goods
	manufacturer is required to	(provided along with warranty) by the
	reverse the input tax credit in	manufacturer to the customer includes the likely
	respect of such replacement	cost of replacement of parts and/ or repair services
	of parts or supply of repair	to be incurred during the warranty period.
	services as part of warranty,	Therefore, these supplies cannot be considered as
	in respect of which no	exempt supply and accordingly, the manufacturer,
	additional consideration is	who provides replacement of parts and/ or repair
	charged from the customer?	services to the customer during the warranty
		period, is not required to reverse the input tax
		credit in respect of the said replacement parts or on
	the state of the state of the state of	the repair services provided.
3.	Whether GST would be	There may be instances where a distributor of a
	payable on replacement of	company provides replacement of parts and/ or
	parts and/ or repair services	repair services to the customer as part of warranty
	provided by a distributor	on behalf of the manufacturer and no separate
	without any consideration	consideration is charged by such distributor in
	from the customer, as part of	respect of the said replacement and/ or repair
	warranty on behalf of the	services from the customer.
	manufacturer?	In such cases, as no consideration is being charged
		by the distributor from the customer, no GST
		would be payable by the distributor on the said
		activity of providing replacement of parts and/ or
		repair services to the customer.
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		by the distributor from the customer, either for
		replacement of any part or for any service, then
		GST will be payable on such supply with respect to
		such additional consideration.
4.	In the above scenario where	(a) There may be cases where the distributor
	the distributor provides	replaces the part(s) to the customer under warranty
	replacement of parts to the	either by using his stock or by purchasing from a
	customer as part of warranty	third party and charges the consideration for the
	on behalf of the manufacturer,	part(s) so replaced from the manufacturer, by
	whether any supply is	issuance of a tax invoice, for the said supply made
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involved between the distributor and the manufacturer and whether the distributor would be required to reverse the input tax credit in respect of such replacement of parts?

by him to the manufacturer. In such a case, GST would be payable by the distributor on the said supply by him to the manufacturer and the manufacturer would be entitled to avail the input tax credit of the same, subject to other conditions of UPGST Act. In such case, no reversal of input tax credit by the distributor is required in respect of the same.

(b) There may be cases where the distributor raises a requisition to the manufacturer for the part(s) to be replaced by him under warranty and the manufacturer then provides the said part(s) to the distributor for the purpose of such replacement to the customer as part of warranty.

In such a case, where the manufacturer is providing such part(s) to the distributor for replacement to the customer during the warranty period, without separately charging any consideration at the time of such replacement, no GST is payable on such replacement of parts by the manufacturer. Further, no reversal of ITC is required to be made by the manufacturer in respect of the parts so replaced by the distributor under warranty.

(c) There may be cases where the distributor replaces the part(s) to the customer under warranty out of the supply already received by him from the manufacturer and the manufacturer issues a credit note in respect of the parts so replaced subject to provisions of sub-section (2) of section 34 of the UPGST Act. Accordingly, the tax liability may be adjusted by the manufacturer, subject to the condition that the said distributor has reversed the ITC availed against the parts so replaced.

Where the distributor provides repair service, in addition to replacement of parts or otherwise, to the customer without any consideration, as part of warranty, on behalf of the manufacturer but charges the manufacturer for such repair services either by way of

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In such scenario, there is a supply of service by the distributor and the manufacturer is the recipient of such supply of repair services in accordance with the provisions of sub-clause (a) of clause (93) to section 2 of the UPGST Act, 2017.

Hence, GST would be payable on such provision of service by the distributor to the manufacturer and the manufacturer would be entitled to avail the input tax credit of the same, subject to other conditions of UPGST Act.

	issue of tax invoice or a debit note, whether GST would be payable on such activity by the distributor?	(a) If a customer enters in to an agreement of
6.	Sometimes companies provide offers of Extended warranty to the customers which can be availed at the time of original supply or just before the expiry of the standard warranty period. Whether GST would be payable in both the cases?	extended warranty with the manufacturer at the time of original supply, then the consideration for such extended warranty becomes part of the value of the composite supply, the principal supply being the supply of goods, and GST would be payable accordingly.

- 3. It is requested that suitable trade notices may be issued to publicize the contents of this Circular.
- 4. Difficulty, if any, in implementation of this Circular may please be brought to the notice of the Board. Hindi version would follow.

By Order,

(Ministhy S.)

Commissioner, State Tax, U.P.

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Joint Commissioner (GST)

State Tax HQ, Lucknow.