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The purpose of this document is to highlight the key changes introduced Indian legal era by way of Notifications and Circular in various tax and regulatory laws.

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Direct Tax Updates

Income Tax Rules, 1962 amended for Form 3CA, 3CB, 3CD

The Central Board of Direct Taxes amended the Income Tax Rules, 1962, to be called as the Income Tax (7th Amendment) Rules, 2014 for Form No. 3CA, 3CB and 3CD and issued the amended forms which shall come into force on the date of publication in official gazette.

Indirect Tax Updates: Custom

A resident private limited company to fall in the preview of Clause iii of section 28E (c)

The Central Government for section 28E (c)(iii) specifies " the resident private limited company" as a class of person for the clause whereby a private limited company would mean the same as in section 2(68) of Companies Act, 2013.

Indirect Tax Updates: Service Tax

Rules to amend Place of Provision of service

The Central Government has amended the place of provision of services rules which shall come into force from 1^{st} October 2014, in Rule 2 (f) for temporary import, Rule 4(a) for intermediary and Rule 9(d) for hiring of all means of transport.

Rate of Interest for delayed payment of service tax

The Central Government has amended section 75 of the Finance Act 1994, to fix the rates of simple interest per annum for delayed payment of

service tax which shall come into force on 1^{st} October 2014.

Alter Service Tax (Valuation) Rules, 2006, in rule 2A, in clause (ii)

Service Tax (Valuation) Rules, 2006, in rule 2A, in clause (ii), sub clause (B) and (C) have been altered.

Foreign Exchange Regulation Updates

Issue of Prepaid Forex Cards- Due diligence and Adherence to KYC norms

RBI has cleared that prepaid foreign currency cards are a form of foreign currency, similar to foreign currency notes or travelers cheque hence, authorized dealers/ FFMC's selling pre-paid foreign currency cards for travel purposes are required to comply with the same rigorous standards of due diligence and KYC.

<u>Constitution of Special Investigating Team –</u> <u>sharing of information</u>

Government of India has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice M.B. Shah. In this regard, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed that all organs agencies, departments and agents of the State, at any level shall extend all the cooperation necessary for the functioning of the Special Investigation Team. The Union of India and where needed the State Government will facilitate the conduct of the investigations, in their fullest measures, by the SIT.

Media

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1. Publication: The Hindu Business Line - 17-July-14

Quote in The Hindu Business Line on CBDT's new panel to reduce litigation at appellate forums.

CBDT sets up panel to reduce tax litigations at appellate forums

The article talks about CBDT's new panel to reduce litigation at appellate forums, with a quote by Mr. Amit Maheshwari, Partner, Ashok Maheshwary & Associates.

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2. Publication: The Economic Times - 17-July-14

Quote in The Economic Times on Arun Jaitley's new panel to reduce tax litigations.

Finance Ministry sets up panel to reduce tax litigations

The article talks about Finance Minister's new panel to reduce tax litigations, with a quote by Mr. Amit Maheshwari, Partner, Ashok Maheshwary & Associates.

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3. Publication: Business Standard - 17-July-14

Quote in Business Standard on Finance Ministers's new panel to reduce tax litigations.

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4. Publication: The Economic Times - 17-July-14

Quote in The Economic Times on Arun Jaitley's new Income Tax rule to kill black money market.

FM Arun Jaitley's new income tax rule has the potential to kill black money market

The article talks about Arun Jaitley's new Income Tax rule to kill black money market, with a quote by Mr. Amit Maheshwari, Partner, Ashok Maheshwary & Associates.

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5. Publication: Business Today - 16-July-14

Quote in Business Today on how over regulation is killing Indian financial markets

Fatal Regulation

The article talks about how over regulation is killing Indian financial markets, with a quote by Mr. Amit Maheshwari, Partner, Ashok Maheshwary & Associates.

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6. The Financial Express – 15 - July - 14

Quote in The Financial Express on new provisions in the Finance Bill, to plug a loophole in the IT law.

FM plugs loophole in the IT Act to check money laundering

The article talks about new provisions in the Finance Bill, to plug a loophole in the IT law, with a quote by Mr. Amit Maheshwari, Partner, Ashok Maheshwary & Associates. <u>read more</u>

7. Publication: Business Today - 11-July-14

Quote in Business Today on impact of budget 2014 on debt mutual funds

Rise in long term capital gains tax is a big blow for non-equity mutual funds

The article talks about impact of budget 2014 on debt mutual funds, with a quote by Mr. Amit Maheshwari, Partner, Ashok Maheshwary & Associates.

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8. The Financial Express – 01 - July - 14

Quote in The Financial Express on I-T department's plans for a reporting system for cross-border transfers.

I-T plans reporting system for cross-border transfers

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Events: Book Launch: "Expatriate Taxation – Decoding the complexity"

Amit Maheshwari's maiden book, "Expatriate Taxation – Decoding the Complexity" has been published by CCH (Wolters Kluwer). The book is co-authored by CA Sumit Gupta and was launched on 23rd July, 2014 at the Indian International Centre among a group of esteemed dignitaries. The book attempts to decode various contentious and commonly encountered tax and regulatory issues and challenges faced by the expatriates and their employers in India. It provides comprehensive view about rules and regulations applicable to expats.



The book is available at www.cchindiastore.com/taxation/ca-amit-maheshwari-ca-sumit-gupta

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