

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ON GST RATE CHANGES**

In the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, the GST Council had recommended major relief in GST rates on certain goods. These rate changes have been brought into effect from the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. On 178 items the GST rate has been brought down from 28% to 18%. Broadly these items are grouped as follows:

- ❖ Wires, cables, insulated conductors, electrical insulators, electrical plugs, switches, sockets, fuses, relays, electrical connectors
- ❖ Electrical boards, panels, consoles, cabinets etc for electric control or distribution
- ❖ Particle/fibre boards and ply wood; articles of wood, wooden frame, paving block
- ❖ Furniture, mattress, bedding and similar furnishing
- ❖ Trunk, suitcase, vanity cases, brief cases, travelling bags and other hand bags, cases
- ❖ Detergents, washing and cleaning preparations
- ❖ Liquid or cream for washing the skin
- ❖ Shampoos; Hair cream, Hair dyes (natural, herbal or synthetic) and similar other goods; henna powder or paste, not mixed with any other ingredient;
- ❖ Pre-shave, shaving or after-shave preparations, personal deodorants, bath preparations, perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations, room deodorisers
- ❖ Perfumes and toilet waters
- ❖ Beauty or make-up preparations
- ❖ Fans, pumps, compressors
- ❖ Lamp and light fitting
- ❖ Primary cell and primary batteries
- ❖ Sanitary ware and parts thereof, of all kinds
- ❖ Articles of plastic, floor covering, baths, shower, sinks, washbasins, seats, sanitary ware of plastic
- ❖ Slabs of marbles and granite
- ❖ Goods of marble and granite such as tiles
- ❖ Ceramic tiles of all kinds
- ❖ Miscellaneous articles such as vacuum flasks, lighters
- ❖ Wrist watches, clocks, watch movements, watch cases, straps, parts
- ❖ Articles of apparel & clothing, accessories of leather, guts, furskin, artificial fur and other articles such as saddlery and harness for any animal
- ❖ Articles of cutlery, stoves, cookers and similar non electric domestic appliances
- ❖ Razor and razor blades
- ❖ Multi-functional printers, cartridges
- ❖ Office or desk equipment
- ❖ Doors, windows and frames of aluminium
- ❖ Articles of plaster such as board, sheet

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- ❖ Articles of cement or concrete or stone and artificial stone
- ❖ Articles of asphalt or slate
- ❖ Articles of mica
- ❖ Ceramic flooring blocks, pipes, conduit, pipe fittings
- ❖ Wall paper and wall covering
- ❖ Glass of all kinds and articles thereof such as mirror, safety glass, sheets, glassware
- ❖ Electrical, electronic weighing machinery
- ❖ Fire extinguishers and charges for fire extinguishers
- ❖ Fork lifts, lifting and handling equipment
- ❖ Bull dozers, excavators, loaders, road rollers
- ❖ Earth moving and levelling machinery
- ❖ Escalators
- ❖ Cooling towers, pressure vessels, reactors
- ❖ Crankshaft for sewing machine, tailor's dummies, bearing housings, gears and gearing; ball or roller screws; gaskets
- ❖ Electrical apparatus for radio and television broadcasting
- ❖ Sound recording or reproducing apparatus
- ❖ Signalling, safety or traffic control equipment for transports
- ❖ Physical exercise equipment, festival and carnival equipment, swings, shooting galleries, roundabouts, gymnastic and athletic equipment
- ❖ All musical instruments and their parts
- ❖ Artificial flowers, foliage and artificial fruits
- ❖ Explosive, anti-knocking preparation, fireworks
- ❖ Cocoa butter, fat, oil powder
- ❖ Extract, essence and concentrates of coffee, miscellaneous food preparations
- ❖ Chocolates, chewing gum / bubble gum
- ❖ Malt extract and food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract
- ❖ Waffles and wafers coated with chocolate or containing chocolate
- ❖ Rubber tubes and miscellaneous articles of rubber
- ❖ Goggles, binoculars, telescope
- ❖ Cinematographic cameras and projectors, image projector
- ❖ Microscope, specified laboratory equipment, specified scientific equipment such as for meteorology, hydrology, oceanography, geology
- ❖ Solvent, thinners, hydraulic fluids, anti-freezing preparation

With reduction of rate coming into effect a consumer shall be charged the revised reduced rates of 18% on these items with effect from the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. Accordingly, there would be a corresponding reduction in price/MRP on these goods. Consumers may take note of these reduction while making purchases.

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