

Clarification in respect of applicability of Dynamic Quick Response (QR) Code on B2C invoices and compliance of notification 14/2020- Central Tax dated 21st March, 2020 - Reg.

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Subject: Clarification in respect of applicability of Dynamic Quick Response (QR) Code on B2C invoices and compliance of notification 14/2020- Central Tax dated 21st March, 2020 - Reg.

Notification No. 14/2020-Central Tax, dated 21st March 2020 had been issued which requires Dynamic QR Code on B2C invoice issued by taxpayers having aggregate turnover more than 500 crore rupees, w.e.f. 01.12.2020. Further, vide notification No. 06/2021-Central Tax, dated 30th March 2021, penalty has been waived for noncompliance of the provisions of notification No.14/2020 – Central Tax for the period from 01st December, 2020 to 30th June, 2021, subject to the condition that the said person complies with the provisions of the said notification from 1st July, 2021. Further, various issues on Dynamic QR Code have been clarified vide Circular No. 146/2/2021-GST, dated 23.02.2021.

2. Various references have been received from trade and industry seeking clarification on applicability of Dynamic Quick Response (QR) Code on B2C (Registered person to Customer) invoices and compliance of notification 14/2020-Central Tax, dated 21st March, 2020 as amended. The issues have been examined and in order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across the field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred under section 168(1) of the CGST Act, 2017, hereby clarifies the issues in the table below:

1. Whether Dynamic QR Code is to be provided on an invoice, issued to a person, who has obtained a Unique Identity Number as per the provisions of Sub-Section 9 of Section 25 of CGST Act 2017, is not a "registered person" as per the definition of registered person provided in section 2(94) of the

Any person, who has obtained a Unique Identity Number (UIN) as per the provisions of Sub-Section 9 of Section 25 of CGST Act 2017, is not a "registered person" as per the definition of registered person provided in section 2(94) of the CGST Act 2017. Therefore, any invoice, issued to such person having a UIN, shall be considered as invoice issued for a B2C supply and shall be required to comply with the requirement of Dynamic QR Code.

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| 2. | UPI ID is linked to the bank account of the payee/ person collecting money. Whether bank account and IFSC details also need to be provided separately in the Dynamic QR Code along with UPI ID? | Given that UPI ID is linked to a specific bank account of the payee/ person collecting money, separate details of bank account and IFSC may not be provided in the Dynamic QR Code. |
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| 3. | _ = | Yes. In such cases where the payment is collected by some person, authorized by the supplier on his/ her behalf, the UPI ID of such person may be provided in the Dynamic QR Code, instead of UPI ID of the supplier. |
| 4. | In cases, where receiver of services is located outside India, and payment is being received by the supplier of services in foreign exchange, through RBI approved modes of payment, but | No. Wherever an invoice is issued to a recipient located outside India, for supply of services, for which the place of supply is in India, as per the provisions of IGST Act 2017, and the payment is received by |
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in received on the payment counter by displaying dynamic QR code on digital display, whereas the invoice, along with invoices are generated after receipt of invoice number, is generated on the processing system being used by supplier/ merchant after receiving the payment. In such cases, it may not be possible for the merchant/ supplier to dynamic QR code displayed to the customer on payment counter. However, invoice are available on the processing each transaction i.e. receipt of payment from a customer is having a unique Order ID/ sales reference number, which unique order ID/ sales reference number is linked with the invoice for the said transaction. Whether in such cases, the order ID/ reference number of such transaction can be provided in the dynamic QR code displayed digitally, instead of invoice number.

In some instances of retail sales over the In such cases, where the invoice number is counter, the payment from the customer not available at the time of digital display of dynamic OR code in case of over the counter sales and the invoice number and payment, the unique order ID/ unique sales reference number, which is uniquely linked to the invoice issued for the said transaction, may be provided in the Dynamic QR Code for digital display, as provide details of invoice number in the long as the details of such unique order ID/ sales reference number linkage with the system of the merchant/ supplier and the cross reference of such payment along with are also provided on the invoice.

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6. When part-payment has already been received by the merchant/ supplier, either in advance or by adjustment (e.g. using a voucher, discount coupon etc), before the dynamic QR Code is generated, what amount should be provided in the Dynamic QR Code for "invoice value"?

The purpose of dynamic QR Code is to enable the recipient/ customer to scan and pay the amount to be paid to the merchant/ supplier in respect of the said supply. When the part-payment for any supply has already been received from the customer/ recipient, in form of either advance or adjustment through voucher/ discount coupon etc., then the dynamic QR code may provide only the remaining amount payable by the customer/ recipient against "invoice value". The details of total invoice value, along with details/ cross reference of the part- payment/ advance/ adjustment done, and the remaining amount to be paid, should be provided on the invoice.

- 3. Circular No. 146/2/2021-GST, dated 23.02.2021 stands modified to this extent.
- 4. It is requested that suitable trade notices may be issued to publicize the contents of this circular.
- 5. Difficulty, if any, in the implementation of the above instructions may please be brought to the notice of the Board. Hindi version would follow.