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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE) NOTIFICATION No. 16/2017-Service Tax

New Delhi, the 13th April, 2017

- G.S.R.... (E). In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1), read with sub-section (2) of section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994 (32 of 1994), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Service Tax Rules, 1994,namely:-
- 1. (1) These rules may be called the Service Tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2017.
 - (2) Save as otherwise provided, they shall come into force on the 23rd day of April, 2017.
- 2. In the Service Tax Rules, 1994,-
 - (i) in rule 2, in sub-rule (1), in clause (d), in sub-clause(i), for item (EEC), the following shall be substituted, namely:-
 - "(EEC) in relation to services provided or agreed to be provided by a person located in non-taxable territory to a person located in non-taxable territory by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the customs station of clearance in India, the importer as defined under clause (26) of section 2 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) of such goods;";
 - (ii) in rule 6,-
 - (a) after sub-rule (7C), the following sub-rule shall be inserted with effect from 22nd January, 2017, namely:-
 - "(7CA) The person liable for paying service tax for the taxable services provided or agreed to be provided by a person located in non-taxable territory to a person located in non-taxable territory by way of transportation of goods by a vessel from a place outside India up to the customs station of clearance in India, shall have the option to pay an amount calculated at the rate of 1.4% of the sum of cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value of such imported goods."
 - (b) in sub-rule (7D) and (7E), for the brackets, words and figures "(7B) or 7(C)" wherever they occur, the brackets, word and figures "(7B), (7C) or (7CA)" shall be substituted with effect from 22nd January, 2017."

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Note:- The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) *vide* notification No. 2/94-Service Tax, dated the 28th June, 1994 *vide* number G.S.R. 546 (E), dated the 28th June, 1994 and last amended *vide* notification No. 6/2017-Service Tax, dated the 30th January, 2017 *vide* number G.S.R. 73 (E), dated the 30th January, 2017.