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MEGHALAYA ACT 19 OF 1972

THE MEGHALAYA (SALES OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INCLUDING MOTOR SPIRIT AND LUBRICANTS) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1972

(As passed by the Assembly)

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Act

further to amend the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation Act, 1955 (Assam Act IX of 1956), in its application to the State of Meghalaya

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Meghalaya in the Twenty-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1972.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on 13th December, 1971.

2. After Section 3 of the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation Act, 1955, the following shall be inserted as section 3A, namely:-

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, every dealer shall be liable to pay, in addition to tax under section 3 and any other dues payable under any law for the time being in force, a surcharge, hereinafter referred to as Sales Surcharge, on his sales of taxable goods.

(2) The rate of Sales Surcharge on any sale shall be one per centum of the amount of tax payable under this Act in respect of the said sale:
Provided that this Surcharge shall not apply in respect of goods declared to be of special importance under section 14 of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956, if the ceiling rates as prescribed under section 15(A) of the aforesaid Act has been reached:

Provided further that the amount of Sales Surcharge payable by a dealer for any return period as prescribed under sub-section (1) of section 16 shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee.

(3) The Sales Surcharge shall be payable as if it were a tax under section 3, and the provisions of this Act including the rules thereunder but not including the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 4 and sub-section (2) of section 37A of the Act shall accordingly apply; and the authorities for the time being empowered to collect and enforce payment of the said tax accordingly collect and enforce payment of Sales Surcharge;

Provided that the State Government may, for facilitating implementation, by notification, direct that in any case or class or cases the provisions of the Act including the rules thereunder shall apply subject to such indications not inconsistent with the provisions of this section and as may be specified in such notification.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (3), the State Government may make rules generally for securing the payment of the Sales Surcharge and carrying into effect the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) and in particular for ensuring the proper maintenance and rendering or accounts of the Sales Surcharge.”
MEGHALAYA ACT 3 OF 1973

THE MEGHALAYA (SALES OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INCLUDING MOTOR SPIRIT AND LUBRICANTS) TAXATION (SECOND AMENDMENT) ACT, 1972

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Act

further to amend the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation Act, 1955 (Assam Act IX of 1956), in its application to Meghalaya.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Meghalaya in the Twenty-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Second Amendment) Act, 1972.

(2) It shall have the like extent as the principal Act in Meghalaya.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. After sub-section (12) of section 2 of the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation Act, 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) the following shall be deemed always to have been inserted as sub-section (13), namely:-

“(13) For the purposes of sections 15A and 15B any sum due under the Act, include any tax assessed, any penalty imposed or any sum charged or levied under this Act and any arrear thereof.”
3. After section 15 of the principal Act, the following shall be and shall be deemed always to have been, inserted as sections 15 A and 15 B, namely :-

"15 A. Where the dealer is a firm, the firm and all its partners shall be jointly and severally liable for any sum due under this Act from the firm and such sum may be recovered from all or any of them.

15 B. (1) Where the firm who is a dealer is dissolved or when its business is discontinued, the firm and all its partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of any sum due under this Act from the firm for any period prior to the dissolution or discontinuance of its business when such sum has been found to be due in the course of any proceeding before the date of the dissolution of the firm or discontinuance of its business, and any such sum may be recovered from all or any of them at any time even after the dissolution of the firm or discontinuance of its business.

(2) For the purpose of this Act, notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) no firm shall be deemed to have been dissolved or to have discontinued its business until all or any of the persons who were partners of the firm at the time of dissolution or discontinuance of business have served on the Commissioners a notice intimating with full particulars the fact of its dissolution or discontinuance of its business and all such partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of any sum due under this Act from the firm up to the date of such notice and such sum may be recovered from all or any of them at any time even after the notice has been served on the authority concerned."
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MEGHALAYA ACT NO. 8 OF 2021.

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THE MEGHALAYA (SALES OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS INCLUDING MOTOR SPIRIT) TAXATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021

An Act

further to amend the Meghalaya (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit) Taxation Act (Assam Act No. IX of 1956 as adapted and amended by Meghalaya).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Seventy-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit) Taxation (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Meghalaya.

(3) It shall come into force with effect from 1st April, 2021.

2. In the Meghalaya (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit) Taxation Act (Assam Act No. IX of 1956 as adapted and amended by Meghalaya) hererinafter referred to as the principal Act, for the existing sub-section (1) of Section 3 the following shall be substituted,-

"(1) There shall be levied and collected from every dealer a tax on sales of the following goods at rates to be prescribed by the State Government by notification from time to time:­

(i) Motor Spirit (except diesel oil and internal combustion oil other than petrol).

(ii) Diesel oil and other combustion oil other than petrol.

(iii) Crude oil.

(iv) Petroleum coke.

(v) Petroleum gas and natural gas.

(vi) Aviation turbine fuel."

3. The existing Section 3A as inserted by clause (ii) of para 3 of the Meghalaya Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 1998 (Meghalaya Act No.4 of 1998) shall be omitted and further Section 3A as inserted by para 2 of the Meghalaya (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1973 (Meghalaya Act 22 of 1973) shall be substituted by new Section 3 A in the principal Act as follows,-

"3A. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, every dealer shall be liable to pay, in addition to tax under Section 3 and any other dues payable under any law for the time being in force, a surcharge, hereinafter referred to as "Pollution Surcharge" on his sales of taxable goods.

(2) The rate of Pollution Surcharge shall be as prescribed by the State Government by way of a notification:"
Provided that the amount of Pollution Surcharge payable by a dealer for any return period as prescribed under this Act shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee.

(3) The Pollution Surcharge shall be payable as if it were a tax under Section 3 of this Act, and the provisions of this Act including the rules thereunder shall accordingly apply and the authorities for the time being empowered to collect and enforce payment of the said tax under Section 3 shall, unless otherwise provided for by or under this Act, within their respective jurisdiction of the purpose of the said tax, accordingly collect and enforce payment of the Pollution Surcharge:

Provided that the State Government may, for facilitating implementation, by notification, direct that in any case or class of cases, the provisions of this Act including the rules thereunder shall apply subject to such indications not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section and as may be specified in such notification.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (3), the State Government may make rules generally for securing the payment of the Pollution Surcharge and carrying into effect the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) and in particular for ensuring the proper maintenance and rendering of accounts of the Pollution Surcharge.

Explanation- For the purpose of this Section the word "Pollution Surcharge" shall mean the additional levy on retail sale of Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel."

Insertion of new Section 44A.

In the principal Act, after the existing Section 44 the following new Section 44A shall be inserted:-

"44A. Notwithstanding anything contained in any notifications issued or purported to have been issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of this Act, the tax and surcharge thereof shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be and to have always been validly levied and collected under the provisions of the said principal Act and all actions taken, done and orders made or issued as a consequent of such notifications, were taken, done and orders issued under the provisions of the principal Act."

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