

**Excise exemption to Aviation turbine fuel drawn by operators or cargo operators**

In the recent budget, Central Government has made changes in the exemption notification with regard to aviation turbine fuel specifying that ATF falling under tariff item 2710 19 20 removed for supply to Scheduled Commuter Airlines (SCA) from Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) airports is exempted from the excise duty leviable in excess of 8%.

Now, the same has been amended further to clarify that ATF drawn by the operators and cargo operators from Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) airports is also exempted. However, the said exemption is provided only for a period of 3 years and the same will become ineffective after 25.08.2019.

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