

Circular No. 1026/14/2016-CX, dated 23.04.2016

Extension of time-limit to jewellers for registration and payment of excise duty

CBEC has announced extension of time for taking registration of an establishment by a jeweller up to 01.07.2016. Though, the liability for payment of central excise duty will be with effect from 1st March, 2016, the assessee jewellers may make the payment of excise duty for the months of March, 2016, April, 2016 and May, 2016 along with the payment of excise duty for the month of June, 2016 by 06.07.2016. However, it is not clarified whether interest will also be waived for such relaxation in payment. Ideally, interest must not be levied as the circular itself stipulates to make the payment for all the past months by 06.07.2016. But there is no corresponding amendment in the service tax rules in this regard to back this view and also there is no mention of the waiver of interest in the said circular.