

Attention - Advisory on IMS

Oct 14th, 2024

Invoice Management System (IMS) is made available to taxpayers from Today, 14th Oct, 2024. The new system shall facilitate taxpayers in matching their records/invoices vis a vis issued by their suppliers for availing the correct Input Tax Credit (ITC). Taxpayers can make use of this system to take action on the invoices reflecting on IMS from 14th Oct, 2024. The first GSTR-2B would be generated for the return period Oct'24 on 14th November, 2024 considering action taken on Invoice Management System. It may be noted that it is not mandatory to take action on invoices in IMS dashboard for GSTR-2B generation.

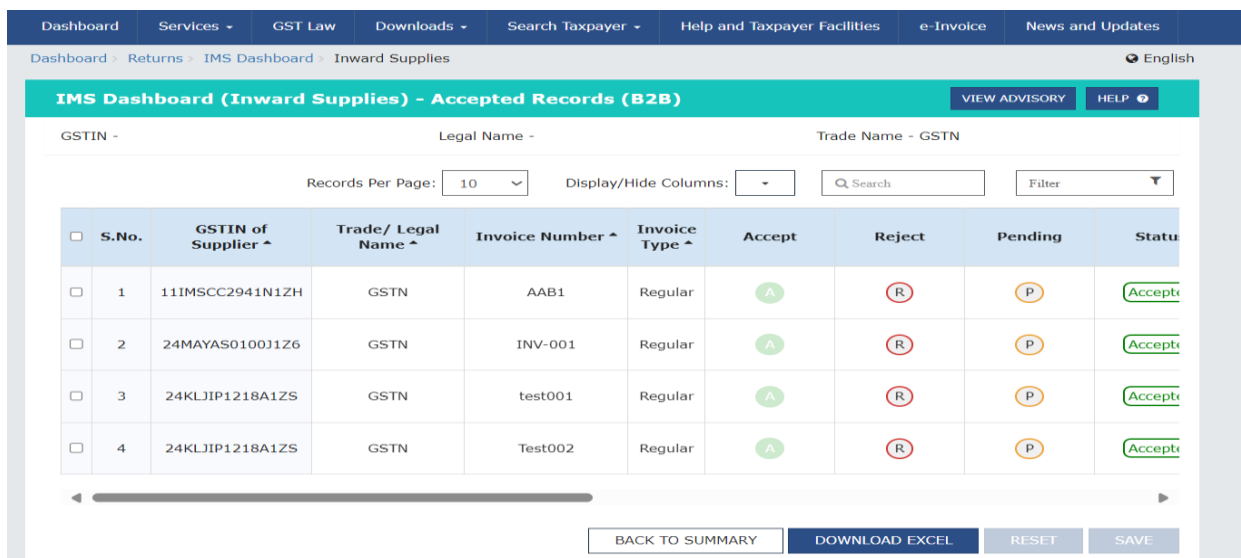
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Invoice Management System

To enable taxpayers to efficiently address invoice corrections/amendments with their suppliers through the portal, a new communication process is being brought at portal. This will also facilitate taxpayer in matching of their records/invoices vis a vis issued by their suppliers for availing the correct Input Tax Credit (ITC). GSTN is in the process of developing a new functionality called **Invoice Management System (IMS)** which will allow the recipient taxpayers to either accept or reject an invoice or to keep it pending in the system, which can be availed later.

2. This facility shall be available to the taxpayer from 1st October onwards on the GST portal.

The said functionality would be a major enhancement in the ITC ecosystem of GST. Now, only the accepted invoices by the recipients would become part of their GSTR-2B as their eligible ITC. Therefore IMS will provide the taxpayers an opportunity to review the genuineness and authenticity of the received invoices. Once the suppliers save any invoice in GSTR 1 / IFF / 1A /the same invoice would be reflected in the IMS dashboard of the recipient. A sample screenshot of the same is provided below.



The screenshot displays the IMS Dashboard (Inward Supplies) - Accepted Records (B2B) interface. The dashboard includes a navigation bar with options like Dashboard, Services, GST Law, Downloads, Search Taxpayer, Help and Taxpayer Facilities, e-Invoice, and News and Updates. The main content area shows the IMS Dashboard (Inward Supplies) - Accepted Records (B2B) with a search bar and filters. Below the search bar is a table with the following columns: S.No., GSTIN of Supplier, Trade/ Legal Name, Invoice Number, Invoice Type, Accept, Reject, Pending, and Status. The table contains four rows of data, each with a checkbox in the S.No. column and a green 'Accept' button in the Status column.

<input type="checkbox"/>	S.No.	GSTIN of Supplier	Trade/ Legal Name	Invoice Number	Invoice Type	Accept	Reject	Pending	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	11IMSCC2941N1ZH	GSTN	AAB1	Regular	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Accept
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	24MAYAS0100J1Z6	GSTN	INV-001	Regular	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Accept
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	24KLJIP1218A1ZS	GSTN	test001	Regular	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Accept
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	24KLJIP1218A1ZS	GSTN	Test002	Regular	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Accept

3. The invoices reflect in the IMS dashboard as shown in the picture above. The recipient can accept or reject an invoice or can simply keep it pending in the system. These actions can be taken from the time of saving the records in GSTR 1 / IFF / 1A by the supplier taxpayer till the recipient taxpayer files his/her corresponding GSTR-3B. If recipient doesn't take any action on an invoice in IMS then it will be deemed accepted and will move to GSTR-2B as an accepted invoice. In case, the supplier amends the details of a saved invoices in the GSTR-1 before filling the GSTR-1, in such cases the amended invoice will replace the original invoice in IMS, irrespective of the action taken by the recipient on the original invoice.

4. In case supplier has amended any invoice filed in GSTR-1 through GSTR-1A then same will also flow to IMS, however, ITC corresponding to the same will flow in GSTR-2B of the recipient, generated for the subsequent month only. The invoices which would be kept pending can be availed by taxpayers at any future point of time but not later than the limits prescribed by Section 16(4) of the CGST Act, 2017. All the invoices/ records reported or saved by the supplier taxpayer in their GSTR-1 or IFF or

GSTR 1A will be available in the IMS dashboard of the recipient taxpayer for taking the actions. Supplier will also be able to see, what action his recipient has taken on invoices in IMS.

5. Further, at the time of generation of GSTR-2B only the filed invoices/records by the supplier, will be considered for the computation of ITC. Based on the current cut-off dates and action taken by the recipient, a draft GSTR-2B will be made available to recipient on 14th of the subsequent month as currently being generated. However, the recipient will be free to take actions of accept/reject or keep pending even after generation of GSTR-2B till the filing of GSTR-3B. If recipient taxpayers have taken an action on any invoice after 14th of the month, then he would be required to recompute their GSTR-2B. However, they will not be able to take any action after filing of GSTR-3B for the same month. It may be noted that till GSTR-3B is filed by the taxpayer, GSTR-2B for subsequent month will not be generated.

6. On the basis of action taken by the taxpayer, invoices/records can be categorized as mentioned below :

- i. No action taken: These are the invoices/records where no action has been taken by the recipient these will be treated as deemed accepted at the time of GSTR-2B generation;
- ii. Accepted: There are the accepted records and will be part of GSTR-2B generation;
- iii. Rejected: These records will not be considered for GSTR-2B generation;
- iv. Pending: These records will not be considered for GSTR-2B generation for the month, same will be carried forward in IMS itself for further action in subsequent months.

This functionality is a facilitation for the taxpayers and will not add any compliance burden on the taxpayers as *No Action* records shall be considered as *Deemed Accepted* and the taxpayer's intervention will only be required in case a record need to be *Rejected* or kept *Pending*.

QRMP Taxpayers:

The records/invoices saved or filed through IFF by a QRMP taxpayer will flow to IMS for the recipient, and will become part of GSTR-2B, as per action taken by the recipient in IMS on the same. The GSTR-2B of the recipient will be generated monthly, unless the recipient is a QRMP taxpayer. It may be noted that GSTR-2B will not be generated for Month M-1 and M-2 for QRMP taxpayer. GSTR-2B for a QRMP taxpayer will be generated on Quarterly basis only.

Flow of IMS:

All the outward supplies reported in the GSTR 1 / IFF / 1A shall populate in the IMS of recipients for taking the actions.

1. **Accept** –Accepted records will become part of 'ITC Available' section of respective GSTR 2B. GST on accepted records will auto-populate in GSTR 3B as eligible ITC.
2. **Reject** –Rejected records will become part of 'ITC Rejected' section of respective GSTR 2B. ITC of rejected records will not auto-populate in GSTR 3B.
3. **Pending** –Pending records will not become part of GSTR 2B and GSTR 3B. Such records will remain on IMS dashboard till the time same is accepted or rejected. '**Pending**' action shall not be allowed in following scenarios:
 - a. Original Credit note
 - b. Upward amendment of the credit note irrespective of the action taken by recipient on the original credit note
 - c. Downward amendment of the credit-note if original credit note was rejected by recipient,

- d. Downward amendment of Invoice/ Debit note where original Invoice/ Debit note was accepted by *recipient* and respective GSTR 3B has also been filed.

Below is a screenshot of IMS dashboard showing summary of all inwards records and action taken thereon:

The screenshot displays the IMS Dashboard for Inward Supplies. It includes a navigation bar with options like Dashboard, Services, GST Law, Downloads, Search Taxpayer, Help and Taxpayer Facilities, e-Invoice, and News and Updates. The main content area shows a summary for 'All other ITC' with a total of 676 records. A table provides a breakdown of these records by heading and their status.

S.No.	Heading	Number of Records			
		No Action	Accepted	Rejected	Pending
I	B2B - Invoices	6	4	5	3
II	B2B - Invoices (Amendments)	5	2	2	3
III	B2B - Debit Notes	342	0	1	2
IV	B2B - Debit Notes (Amendments)	2	1	2	1
V	B2B - Credit Notes	248	3	3	0
VI	B2B - Credit Notes (Amendments)	2	5	4	0
VII	Eco [9(5)] Invoices	7	3	5	3
VIII	Eco [9(5)] Invoices (Amendments)	3	5	1	3

Key points on IMS:

1. Deemed accepted: At the time of GSTR 2B generation, a record will be considered as 'Deemed Accepted' if no action is taken on that record in IMS.
2. It is mandatory to recompute GSTR 2B from IMS dashboard in case of any change in action already taken on concerned records or any action is taken after 14th of the month i.e. date of generation of Draft GSTR-2B.
3. Following supplies will not go to IMS and will be directly populated in the GSTR 3B -
 - a. Inward RCM supplies where supplier has reported in the Table 4B of IFF / GSTR 1 or GSTR 1A and
 - b. supplies where ITC is not eligible due to section 16(4) of CGST Act or on account of POS rule.
4. Records will flow to IMS dashboard at the time of saving of record by supplier in respective form and recipient can take action on such record in IMS. However, such records will be populated in the GSTR 2B after filing of return in GSTR-1/IFF/1A by the supplier.
5. All the accepted/ deemed accepted/ rejected records will move out of IMS dashboard after filing of respective GSTR 3B.
6. Pending records will remain on IMS dashboard and these records can be accepted or rejected in future months.
7. It is mandatory to take action on original record and file the respective GSTR 3B before taking action on amended record (amended through GSTR-1A/GSTR-1) *when original and amended record belongs to 2 different GSTR 2B return period*. If both the records belong to same period's 2B, only amended record will be considered for ITC calculation of GSTR 2B.
8. Any change made in a record/invoice before filing GSTR-1/1A/IFF by the supplier will reset the record's status on recipient's IMS dashboard.
9. GSTR 2B will be sequential now. i.e. system will generate GSTR 2B of a return period only if GSTR 3B of previous return period is filed.

10. The liability of supplier will be increased in GSTR 3B for the subsequent tax period, for the invoices/records which have been rejected by the recipient in the IMS for the following transactions
- a. Original Credit note rejected by the recipient
 - b. Upward amendment of the credit note rejected by the recipient irrespective of the action taken by recipient on the original credit note
 - c. Downward amendment of the credit note rejected by the recipient if original credit note was rejected by him,
 - d. Downward amendment of Invoice/ Debit note rejected by the recipient where original Invoice/ Debit note was accepted by *him* and respective GSTR 3B has also been filed.