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Sub: Extension of due date for filing of GST annual return and reconciliation statement (FORM GSTR-9 and 9C) for F.Y.2020-21.

Respected Madam,

Greetings from the Guiarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI).

We thank you madam for extending the due date for filing audit reports under the Income Tax Act 1961 for F.Y.2020-21 up to 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

Madam, the last date for filing FORM GSTR-9 and 9C under the GST Acts for the year 2020-21 is 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. In our humble submission, FORM GSTR-9 and 9C under the GST Acts can be practically filed only after the audited financial statements and report under the Income Tax Act are finalized. Since the date for filing of audit report under Income Tax Act was extended up to 15th February 2022, the taxpayers are left with only 15 days time to submit the annual return and reconciliation statement under GST Acts.

We believe that in order to provide reasonable time period to the tax payers to file FORM GSTR9 and 9C under the GST Acts and prevent undesired non compliance on the part of taxpayers, it is necessary to extend the due date for submitting returns in FORM GSTR 9 and GSTR 9C up to 31st March, 2022. It is needless to say that such extension of time for filing returns will not result into any revenue loss to the Government. Instead, it will promote ease of doing business.

We therefore humbly pray that the time limit for submitting FORM GSTR 9 and 9C under the GST Acts may please be extended to 31.3.2022.

With warm regards,

Hemant Shah President.