



NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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To,
The Commissioner
Department of Excise, Entertainment & Luxury Tax
Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Vikas Bhawan
New Delhi – 110002
Email: cexcise@nic.in

REQUEST FOR LICENSE FEE ADJUSTMENT
DUE TO LOCK DOWN

Dear Sir,

1. Greetings from the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI). We write to you on the above captioned subject and would like to put up the following points as are given in succeeding paras.
2. All restaurants have not yet been able to start operations related to their excise licenses since the beginning of the financial year – despite many having paid the excise fee in advance. It is still not clear when will these operations be permitted to start by the government. It is also not clear as to how many licensees will be able to restart their businesses – if at all.
3. In view of the above, we request the following:
 - a) The license fees for the lockdown period should be waived completely. Thereafter it should be at the rate of 50% for the rest of the year up to 31st March 2021, as the industry will not be utilizing full capacity due to social distancing norms, time restrictions, and subdued business expected after reopening.
 - b) Necessary credit of the amount already paid as excise fees for the year 2020-21 should be given to the respective restaurant.
 - c) Restaurants should also be given credit for the excise duty paid on those stocks of beer/breezers etc which have expired due to lockdown, or will be expiring within 30 days from opening up of the bars.
 - d) Those restaurants which close down permanently due to the COVID pandemic, should be given a full refund of the fees deposited by them in advance before the lockdown.

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4. Because of the unprecedented crisis situation caused by the pandemic, we humbly request you for your kind consideration and favourable action on our suggestions as given above. These are critical steps which are essential for the immediate survival and subsequent revival of the restaurant industry.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

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