Advisory for Enhancements in the e-Way Bill (EWB) Portal

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Background

The Goods and Services Tax Network ("GSTN") has issued an advisory dated 20 May 2026 introducing certain important enhancements in the e-Way Bill ("EWB") system with the objective of strengthening data integrity, improving traceability of goods movement, and enabling system-driven closure of transactions.

1. Mandatory Capture of "Ship To GSTIN" in Bill-To / Ship-To Transactions

- GSTN has now made it mandatory to capture the "Ship To GSTIN" field while generating e-Way Bills in Bill-To / Ship-To transactions.
- Further, in cases where the consignee is an unregistered person, taxpayers are required to mention "URP" in the "Ship To GSTIN" field.
- This change is expected to improve traceability and accuracy in movement of goods, particularly in multi-party transaction structures

2. Introduction of Voluntary e-Way Bill Closure Facility

- GSTN has introduced a new voluntary e-Way Bill Closure facility enabling closure of the EWB once delivery of goods is completed.
- The e-Way Bill may be closed by the following persons:
  1. Supplier
  2. Recipient
  3. Transporter involved in the transaction
  4. Driver or authorized person whose mobile number has been provided for closure purposes
- For suppliers, recipients, and transporters, the closure option shall be available after login under the e-Way Bill section of the portal
- Further, closure can be carried out either:
  1. e-Way Bill-wise; or
  2. Date-wise

3. Mobile Number Based Closure Mechanism

- A mobile number may be entered at the time of e-Way Bill generation specifically for closure purposes. Currently, this option is voluntary in nature.
- If required, the mobile number can also be updated during:
  1. Vehicle updation
  2. Consolidated e-Way Bill operations
  3. Extension of validity
- Under this mechanism, all active e-Way Bills linked to the concerned mobile number can be viewed and closed by the authorized person through the Search option on the EWB portal. Further, e-Way Bills can be closed either on the same day of delivery or on the immediately succeeding day.

4. API and ERP System Readiness

- GSTN has informed that the necessary API changes have already been released in the Sandbox environment and the proposed changes are scheduled to be deployed in production by 15 June 2026.

  Accordingly, ERP vendors, GSPs, ASPs, and API/system integrators have been advised to:

  1. Access the updated API specifications
  2. Undertake Sandbox testing
  3. Carry out necessary configuration changes
  4. Ensure seamless transition before production rollout

5. Action Points for Taxpayers and Stakeholders

GSTN has advised all stakeholders to undertake the following actions:

- Familiarize themselves with the revised data entry requirements and closure workflow
- Update internal SOPs, ERP configurations, and user manuals
- Conduct internal testing and awareness sessions
- Ensure timely compliance from the notified implementation date