



NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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To,
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LICENSE FEE REFUND

FOR RESTAURANTS CLOSING PERMANENTLY DUE TO COVID

Dear Sir,

1. Greetings from the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI). On the above captioned subject, please refer our letter of even reference dated 16.08.2020, and discussions during the meeting held on 04.09.2020. Accordingly, we would like to put up the following points as are given in succeeding paras.
2. The restaurant industry has had a severe negative impact due to the COVID pandemic. Government enforced lock downs and restrictions on service of liquor from the beginning of this financial year – despite some having paid the excise fee in advance – have left many businesses in a state where they cannot recover and will shut down permanently.
3. In order to mitigate the situation to some extent, the following points are put up for urgent implementation:
 - a) 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.
 - b) There should be an option for adjustment of this fee against any other existing or new premise of the same company.



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c) No transfer fee should be charged for the above option.

4. We would like to reiterate that the above actions will go a long way in mitigating the problems faced by businesses due to the COVID pandemic, and will be in line with the government's stated position on the subject. We look forward to an urgent consideration and favourable decision on our suggestions given above.

Thanking you,
Sincerely,

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