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Standing Committee to advise utilisation of Consumer Welfare Fund

Constitution of Standing Committee under Rule 97(4) of CGST Rules, 2017 read with Section 168 of CGST Act, 2017

Section 168 deals with the power of the Board to issue instructions or directions.

Rule 97(4) states that the Government shall, by an order, constitute a Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee') with a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Member Secretary and such other members as it may deem fit and the Committee shall make recommendations for proper utilisation of the money credited to the Fund for welfare of the consumers.

Consumer Welfare Fund is constituted by the government as per Section 57 of CGST Act, 2017 wherein all refunds as per Section 54(5) are credited.

The Committee shall consist of the following members:

Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Member Secretary	Other Members
•The Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, shall be the Chairman of the committee.	•Secretary, Department of Expenditure in the Ministry of Finance or the Financial Adviser, Department of Consumer Affairs in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, shall be the Vice Chairman of the committee.	•The Additional Secretary/ Joint Secretary in charge of Consumer Welfare Fund in the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution shall be the Member Secretary of the Committee.	•Chairman, CBIC or an officer not below the rank of a Joint Secretary in the Department of Revenue of the Ministry of Finance; •Member (GST) of the CBIC; •Secretary/ Joint Secretary/ Economic Advisor, Department of Rural Development; •Chief Executive Officer, FSSAI; •Secretary or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; •Secretary or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD; and •Director General/ Additional Director General, BIS

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