

GST FREQUENTLY ASKED ISSUES (FAI)

ITEM 1:

What type of newspapers fall under the GST (Zero-Rated Supply) Order 2014

- (i) Newspapers listed in the Appendix to the First Schedule under the GST (Zero-Rated Supply) Order 2014 **only** covers daily or weekly, in the form of unbound sheets of printed matter consisting mainly of current news of general interest, together usually with literary articles on subjects of current, historical, biographical, etc., interest. They also generally devote a considerable amount of space to illustrations and advertisements.
- (ii) The zero rating **does not** include journals and other periodicals, issued weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly or half-yearly, either in the form of newspapers or as paperbound publications. They may be mainly devoted to the publications of intelligence on subject of a specialised nature or sectional interest (e.g., legal, medical, financial, commercial, fashion or sporting), in which case they are frequently published by or for organizations of the interest concerned. Or they may be of more general interest, such as the ordinary fiction magazines. These include periodicals published by or for named industrial concerns (e.g., motor car manufacturers) to promote interest in their products, staff journals normally having circulation only within the industrial, etc., organisations concerned and periodicals such as fashion magazines which may be issued by a trader or an association for publicity purposes.
- (iii) The difference between newspapers and journals is the content, frequency, circulation and expiry date as shown below:

TYPES	CONTENT	FREQUENCY	CIRCULATION	EXPIRY DATE
Newspaper E.g. NST, The Star, Utusan Malaysia, Berita Harian, Sin Chew Jit Poh, Malaysia Nanban, Utusan Borneo or Utusan Sarawak	Mainly of current news of general interest	Daily or weekly	Society at large	Expires at the time of purchase
Journal/periodicals E.g. The Edge, SME, The Times, Reader's Digests,	Mainly devoted to the publications	Any frequency <i>(Amended 7/7/2015)</i>	Specific segment of the society e.g., industrial,	Not applicable

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Solusi, Mangga or The Focus	of intelligence on subject of a specialised nature or sectional interest (e.g., legal, medical, financial, commercial, fashion or sporting),		medical practitioners, businesses or automotive within the industrial, political , etc., organisations concerned and periodicals such as fashion magazines which may be issued by a trader or an association for publicity purposes.	

- (iv) Old newspaper is not considered as newspaper. Sale of old newspapers is a standard rated supply because newspaper done for the day would not be sold as a newspaper but more as paper (ordinary meaning i.e. scrap). It can be used as input (recycle) to produce other products (e.g. carton boxes, toilet roll or serviettes). There is also a difference in the tariff code number where the old newspaper falls under the tariff code 4707.30.000 and the tariff code for newspaper is 4902.10.