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Registration Cancellation Made Easier from 1 December 2026

The **CBIC, vide Notification No. 08/2026-Central Tax dated 25 November 2026,** has amended **Rule 20 of the CGST Rules, 2017** to introduce an **automated GST registration cancellation mechanism** through the GST portal, **effective 1 December 2026.**

Key Highlights:

- GST registration cancellation applications meeting all return-filing and payment requirements will be processed automatically through the GST portal.
- Cancellation will be communicated electronically through FORM GST REG-38 and shall take effect from the date requested by the taxpayer.
- Applications involving pending returns, statements, or outstanding dues will continue to be examined by the jurisdictional officer.
- The amendment aims to reduce procedural delays, eliminate manual intervention in compliant cases, and enhance ease of doing business.



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