

Chapter III - Adjudication as to Stamps

Mapped: S.31, S.32

Two-minute rule

Use pre-execution or pre-reliance adjudication where classification, rate, exemption or market value is uncertain.

Decision sequence

1. Instrument substance and linked documents. 2. State/UT and execution/place/property. 3. Article, value, rate, surcharge and concession. 4. Adjudication/payment mode. 5. Execution/cancellation/registration. 6. Cure/refund/remedy.

Practical scenario

A transaction is ready to sign before the instrument class, State schedule, value, execution location and payment mode are confirmed. Stamp analysis must be completed as a legal closing condition.

Evidence pack

Act/Schedule/Gazette; State amendments; value working; authority; final instrument; certificate verification; registration; accounting; deficit/refund/appeal chronology.

Red flags

Wrong State; outdated online rate; document splitting; hidden consideration; invalid e-stamp; execution before stamping; uncanceled adhesive; missing adjudication; assumed exemption; missing original.

Legal-use note

Verify current signed Gazette, State rate schedule, market-value rule and authorised payment method.