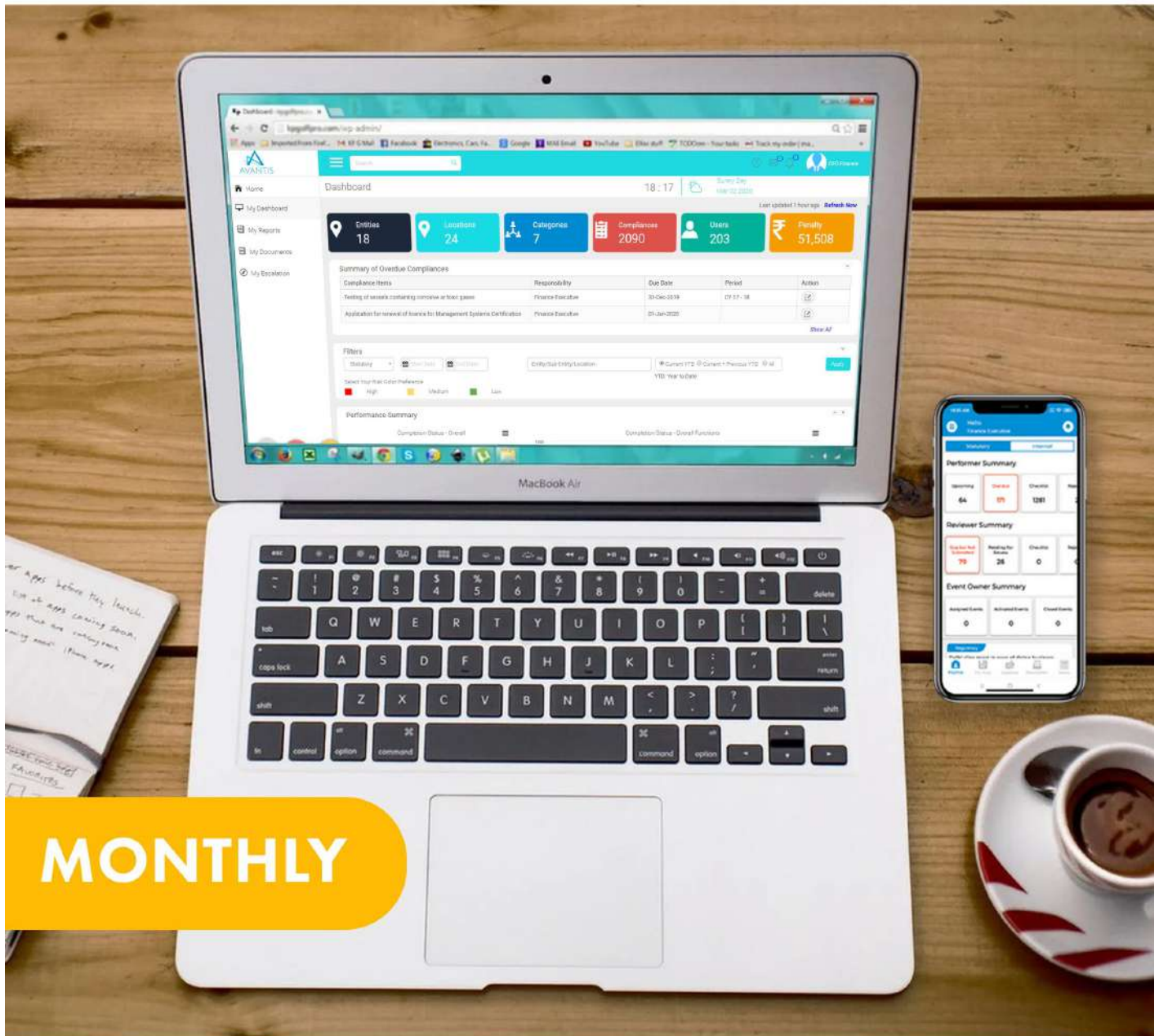


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EHS

MHA issues Unlock 4 guidelines amid Covid-19

Aug 31, 2020 | Central | EHS



The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on August 29, 2020 has issued Unlock 4 guidelines for opening more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones up to September 30, 2020. Lockdown in containment zone would continue to be in force up to September 30, 2020.

Important guidelines are as follows:-

- All the schools, colleges and coaching institutions will remain closed till September 30, 2020.
- States/UTs may permit up to 50% of teaching and non teaching staff to be called to schools at a time for online teaching and related work in areas outside the containment zones only, with effect from September 31, 2020
- Skill training will be permitted in National Skill Training Institutes, Industrial Training Institutes and other short-term training centre.
- All activities, except the Cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places, shall be permitted outside containment zones.
- Students of Class 9 to 12 may be permitted to visit their schools, in areas outside containment zone on voluntary basis. This will be subject to written consent of parents.
- International air travel of passengers except as permitted by Ministry of Home Affairs
- Arogya Setu is mandatory for all employees working in offices
- Use of face covers and masks would be mandatory.
- Social/academic/cultural and other such functions shall be permitted with a ceiling of 100 persons.
- Any person violating these measures would be liable to be penalized under Disaster Management Act, 2005.

[Order no 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)]

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MHA issues order directing all States and UTs to remove restrictions on movement of goods and persons

Aug 26, 2020 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on August 22, 2020 has issued an order directing authorities at state and district level to allow inter-state and intra-state movement of persons and goods without any restrictions. This includes movement of persons and goods across land border trade under Treaties with neighboring countries. No separate permission or e-permit will be required for movement of persons and goods.

[Order no D.O 40-3/2020- DM-I (A)]

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Finance & Taxation

CBIC has introduced a new Form GSTR-2B for the month of July

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The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 29, 2020 has issued a notification making some enhancements in the tax administration and implementing the incremental approach of filing GST. The council has introduced the auto-drafted input-tax credit statement which will help in determining the input tax credit that is available for every taxpayer.

GSTR-2B has been introduced by the council which shall be generated for every taxpayer on the 12th of every month and is an auto-drafted tax credit input statement.

The following are the key features of GSTR-2B:

- GSTR-2B will contain information related to the import of goods from the ICEGATE system which shall include inward supplies as well of goods and services received from Special Economic Zones Units/Developers. This shall not be available for the month of July but the council is planning to introduce it shortly.
- The statement will contain a summary of which shall showcase all the ITC available and non-available.
- Documents of all the invoices, credit notes, debit notes etc is available for viewing and downloading.

GSTR-2B is available online on the portal. All the users shall go through the form for the month of July, and shall provide their feedback for the same on www.selfservice.gstsystem.in by raising a ticket.

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CBIC releases import data in GSTR-2A

Aug 31, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 29, 2020 has issued a press release for import data in GSTR-2A. CBIC has introduced two new tables in Form-GSTR-2A for the purpose of display of details of import of goods from overseas and inward supplies made from SEZ units and developers.

CBIC has currently issued the data till August 06, 2020 which shall be checked by all the taxpayers and the taxpayers shall forward their feedbacks for the same. This has been done on a trial basis to check the functionality of the system and get the feedback of the taxpayers.

The feedback shall be raised by the taxpayers on the self-service portal by raising a ticket for the same.

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Jammu and Kashmir Government amends the Jammu and Kashmir Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017

Aug 27, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Jammu and Kashmir on August 25, 2020 has amended the Jammu and Kashmir Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Rule 26(1), which specifies the method of authentication has been substituted, namely:

“Provided further that a person registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) shall, during the period from April 21, 2020 to September 30, 2020, also be allowed to furnish the return under Section 39 in Form GSTR-3B verified through electronic verification code (EVC).”

■ Further, the person shall also furnish the details of the outward supplies in the Form GSTR-1 between the period of May 27, 2020 to September 30, 2020 that shall be verified through electronic verification code.

[Notification No. S.O. 266]

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DGFT amends the export policy for Personal Protection Equipment or Masks as on August 25, 2020

Aug 26, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 25, 2020 has issued a notification amending the export policy for Personal Protection Equipment or Masks which was issued vide [Notification No. 21](#) dated July 28, 2020.

The following amendments have been made:

- Medical coveralls of all classes and categories are freely exportable.
- Medical goggles have a monthly quota of 20 Lakh for the purpose of export.
- N95/ FFP2 masks or its equivalent has a monthly export quota of 50 Lakh units.
- All masks (except N95/ FFP2 masks or its equivalent) are freely exportable.
- Nitrile/NBR Gloves are prohibited for export.
- Face shields are freely exportable.

[Notification No. 29/2015-2020]

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RBI issues guidelines for Ad-hoc, Short Review, Renewal of Credit Facilities

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 21, 2020 has issued a circular on Ad-hoc, Short Review, Renewal of Credit Facilities. It has been seen that the credit facilities were not renewed timely. Further, the banks are now expected to have a detailed Board Policy formulating a methodology for periodic renewal of the credit facilities, according to the regulatory guidelines, adhering to the rules and regulations provided under [master circular no. DCBR.BPD. \(PCB\) MC No. 12/09.14.000/2015-16](#) dated July 01, 2015.

Further, the Board has stated that the timely renewal of the credit facilities shall be there in the loan approval policy of the banks and without any justifiable reason, the banks should not fall short on the renewal of the credit facilities. In addition to this, banks are required to record all the data relating to the renewal of the credit facilities and shall furnish it for inspection or audit as and when required.

[Circular No. DOS.CO.PPG.BC.1/11.01.005/2020-21]

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NHB provides additional Special Liquidity Facility to ASRF Scheme

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The National Housing Bank (NHB) on August 20, 2020 has issued a notification for the additional special refinance Facility (ASRF) Scheme. The scheme was launched on April 29, 2020 with the aim to provide short term refinance support to Housing Facility Companies and to enhance the liquidity in the housing finance structure.

Further, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has provided additional Special Liquidity Facility (ASLF) to NHB of Rs. 5,000 crores. The additional facility has been provided so that the HFC can deal with the financial downturn caused due to COVID-19.

[Notification No. NHB (ND)/R&PFD/2020]

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Ministry of Finance appoints a date for enforcement of sections of International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Department of Economic Affairs on August 21, 2020 has appointed August 21, 2020 as the date for enforcement of **Section 12, 17 to 26 (both inclusive), 28, 31, 32** of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019.

[Notification no S.O. 2844(E)]

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RBI issues clarifications on definition of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 21, 2020 has issued a circular stating new definitions for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Classification of Enterprises as per new definition:

- Classification of the enterprises as per the provisions of the MSMED Act, 2006.
- All the enterprises are required to register under Udyam Registration Certificate, via online portal.

Validity of EM Part II and UAM's issued till June 30, 2020:

- All the entrepreneurs who have obtained Entrepreneurs Memorandum (EM) and Udyog Aadhar Memorandum (UAM) before June 30, 2020 shall remain valid till March 31, 2021.
- All those entrepreneurs who have filed for the UAM registration before June 30, 2020 shall do a new filing before March 31, 2021.
- Udyam Registration certificate that has been self-attested shall be exempted for GSTR filing till March 31, 2021.

Value of Plant and Machinery or Equipment:

- A new filing for Udyam Registration has started the plant and machinery or equipment shall be filed on written down value for the present financial year. None of the enterprise shall file the value for plant and machinery or equipment based on the original price or acquisition price.

[Circular No. FIDD.MSME&NFS.BC.No.4/06.02.31/2020-21]

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CBIC imposes import duty on Phosphoric Acid for 5 years

Aug 24, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 21, 2020 has issued a notification to impose anti-dumping duty on the imports of **Phosphoric Acid** of all grades and concentration (excluding fertiliser or grade or agricultural grade) under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. The anti-dumping duty shall be imposed for a period of five years on the imports of Phosphoric Acid from Korea. The duty shall be paid in Indian Currency.

[Notification No. 26/2020- Customs (ADD)]

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Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020

Aug 24, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 21, 2020 has issued the Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020. These regulations shall come into force from September 21, 2020. These regulations shall apply to the import of goods in India where the importer makes claim of preferential rate duty in terms of a trade agreement.

■ If the importer or his agent wants to claim the preferential rate of duty under a trade agreement, they shall provide following documents while filing the bill of entry:

1. They need to make a declaration in the bill of entry stating that the goods qualify as originating goods as stated in the trade agreement.
2. They should indicate the respective tariff duty for the respective articles in the bill of entry, for the claim of preferential duty.
3. They need to produce a certificate of origin for each item for which the preferential duty is being claimed.
4. Enter all the details of the certificate of origin in the bill of entry.

■ The importer should possess the information for the origin of the product, the content of the product, the value of the product, criteria, and rules of origin.

■ All the documents shall be preserved for the period of five years.

■ Importer must ascertain the origin of goods and that the rules of origin are being met. This shall be ascertained based on the documents to be provided by the importer.

■ Where the claims have been accepted, the acceptance shall be informed to the importer within 15 days of presentation of all the documents.

■ If all the documents are not presented by the importer, the officer shall pass the items for the verification proposal.

[Notification No. 81/2020- Customs (N.T.)]

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Secretarial

Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2020

Aug 31, 2020 | Central | Secretarial



The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on August 28, 2020 has issued the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2020 to further amend the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014.

The following amendments have been made under the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014:-

■ A new Rule 12(1) has been inserted which specifies that the companies shall not attach extract of annual return with the Board's report, namely:

"Provided that a company shall not be required to attach the extract of the annual return with the Board's report in Form No. MGT.9, in case the web link of such annual return has been disclosed in the Board's report in accordance with Section 92(3) of the Companies Act, 2013."

[Notification No. G.S.R. 538 (E)]

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SEBI extends the timeline for compliance for Grievance resolution between the listed entities and the proxy advisors

Aug 28, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 27, 2020 has issued a circular for Grievance Resolution between the listed entities and proxy advisers and have further extended the timeline for the implementation. The timeline for compliance was issued by SEBI circular no. [SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/157](#) dated August 27, 2020 which has been extended for four months.

Additionally, SEBI [Circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/119](#) dated August 04, 2020 which specifies the guidelines for Grievance resolution between the listed entities and advisors shall come into force from January 01, 2021.

[Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/159]

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IBBI invites comments on Corporate Liquidation Process

Aug 27, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on August 26, 2020 invites public comments on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2020 to amend Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation process) Regulations, 2016. In the amendment, new Regulations 30A and 38A have been inserted.

■ Regulation 30A refers to transfer of debt due to creditors stating that in the event a creditor assigns or transfers the debt due to such creditor to any other person during the liquidation process, both parties shall provide the liquidator the terms of such assignment or transfer and the identity of the assignee or transferee. The liquidator shall apply to the Adjudicating Authority to modify an entry in the list of stakeholders filed with the Adjudicating Authority.

■ Regulations 38A refers to assignment of not readily realizable assets specifying that where the liquidation estate has any beneficial interest including any right to sue that is conferred on the liquidator that is not readily or advantageously realizable, the liquidator may assign such interest under this regulation.

■ The liquidator may assign such interest with or without any recompense arrangement.

■ The liquidator shall not assign such interest to a person who is not eligible under the Code to submit a resolution plan for insolvency resolution of the corporate debtor.

The proposals in the preceding paragraphs aim at achieving the objectives of the Code by expediting the liquidation process and balancing the interest of all stakeholders. Comments may be submitted electronically by **September 16, 2020** at the IBBI website.

[Notification no IBBI/2020-21/GN/REG]

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SEBI issues the master circular for Mutual Funds

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 24, 2020 has issued the master circular for Mutual Funds superseding the previous Master Circular No. [SEBI/HO/IMD/DF5/CIR/P/2018/109](#) dated July 10, 2018.

The Salient Features of this circular are as follows:-

1. Offer document for the scheme
2. Conversion and consolidation of scheme and launch of additional plan
3. New Products
4. Risk Management System
5. Disclosure and Reporting Norms
6. Governance Norms
7. Secondary Market Issue
8. Net Asset Value
9. Valuation
10. Loads, Fees and Expenses
11. Dividend Distribution Procedures
12. Investment by Foreign Investors in Scheme
13. Advertisements
14. Investor Rights and Obligation
15. Certification and registration of intermediaries
16. Transaction in mutual funds units

[Master Circular No. SEBI/HOIMD/DF2/CIR/P/2020/156]

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Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Amendment Rules, 2020

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on August 24, 2020 has issued the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Amendment Rules, 2020 to further amend the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014.

The following amendment have been made in the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014:

■ A new Rule 2 (1) (e) has been inserted, which specifies the definitions, namely:

“Provided that any company engaged in research and development activity of new vaccine, drugs and medical devices in their normal course of business may undertake research and development activity of new vaccine, drugs and medical devices related to COVID-19 for financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 subject to the conditions that:

1. such research and development activities shall be carried out in collaboration with any of the institutes or organisations mentioned in item (ix) of Schedule VII to the Act.
2. details of such activity shall be disclosed separately in the Annual Report on CSR included in the Board's Report.”

[Notification No. G.S.R. 526 (E)]

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Labour

MoLE extends the timeline for consideration of Food Stuff industry as Public Utility Service

Aug 31, 2020 | Central | Labour



The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 20, 2020 has issued a notification extending the timeline for the industries engaged in food stuff business to be a public utility service. The Central government had issued a notification for the same on February 17, 2020 vide no. Notification [S.O. 742 \(E\)](#) for six months. The Government has further extended the timeline for the consideration of such industries as public utility service for another **six months**.

[Notification No. S.O. 2918 (E)]

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MoLE extends the status of Public Utility services for the industries engaged in manufacturing of Aluminium and mining of Bauxite

Aug 27, 2020 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 26, 2020 has declared the services of the industries engaged in manufacturing of Alumina and Aluminium and mining of Bauxite, which are covered under item 30 and 31, respectively, of the First Schedule to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 to be a public utility service for the purposes of the said Act for a further period of six months with effect from the date of publication of this notification.

[Notification no S.O. 2866(E)]

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MoLE extends the services of the industries engaged in manufacture of different types of oils to be a Public Utility services

Aug 27, 2020 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 26, 2020 has declared the services of the industry engaged in the manufacture or production of mineral oil (crude oil), motor and aviation spirit, diesel oil, kerosene oil, fuel oil, diverse hydrocarbon oils and their blends including synthetic fuels, lubricating oils and the like which is covered under items 26 of the First Schedule to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 to be a public utility service for the purposes of the said Act for a further period of six months with effect from August 28, 2020.

[Notification no S.O. 2865(E)]

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Ministry of Mines extends the last date for submission of project proposals on SATYABHAMA Portal

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Mines on August 21, 2020 has decided to extend the last date for submission of project proposals under Science and Technology Programme Scheme of Ministry of Mines on SATYABHAMA Portal. The last date for submission of project proposals under Science and Technology Programme Scheme of Ministry of Mines on [SATYABHAMA Portal](#) is extended up to August 22, 2020.

A soft copy of the project proposal generated from the Portal in PDF format needs to be sent to the e-mail address: met4-mines@gov.in. For further queries or clarification, feel free to contact us at: 01123385187 (Metal-IV Section, Ministry of Mines) or met4-mines@gov.in.

[Notification no Met4-14/1/2020]

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Industry Specific

NPPA fixes the retail price of formulations of Vildagliptin and Metformin HCL Tablet

Aug 28, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific



The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 27, 2020 has passed an order to fix the retail price of formulations of 'Vildagliptin + Metformin HCL Tablet' under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

Strength	Unit	Manufacturer and Marketing company	Retail Price (Rs.)
Each film coated tablet contains: Vildagliptin 50mg, Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500mg	1 Tablet	M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals / M/s Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Limited	6.17

The manufacturer may add goods and services tax only if they have paid actually or it is payable to the Government on the retail price. The retail price for a pack of the aforesaid formulation shall be arrived at by the concerned manufacturer in accordance with the retail price in the above table. The manufacturer shall issue a price list in Form-V from date of Notification to NPPA through IPDMS and submit a copy to State Drug Controller and dealers.

In case the retail price of any of the aforesaid formulations is not complied with, as per instant price notification and notes specified hereinabove, then the concerned manufacturer or marketing company shall be liable to deposit the overcharged amount along with the interest thereon under the provisions of the DPCO, 2013 read with the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

[Notification No. S.O. 2896(E)]

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SEBI extends the timeline for implementation of procedural guidelines for proxy advisors

Aug 28, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 27, 2020 has issued a Circular extending the timeline for implementation of the procedural guidelines for proxy advisors. The guidelines for proxy advisors were issued vide SEBI Circular no. [SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/147](#) dated August 03, 2020.

After proper considerations and reasons given by the stakeholders, the Board has decided to extend the timeline for implementation for four months, due to the ongoing condition of COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, the provisions of the circular shall be applicable from January 01, 2021.

[Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/157]

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Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Amendment Order, 2020

Aug 28, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Revenue on August 22, 2020 has issued the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Amendment Order, 2020 to further amend the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Order, 2013.

The amendments made in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Order, 2013 are as follows:-

■ In Schedule A (Those substances whose manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, possession, storage and consumption is subject to controls as specified in this Order), two new entries have been inserted specifying (i) 4-Anilino-N-phenethylpiperidine (ANPP) (ii) N-Phenethyl-4-piperidone (NPP) respectively.

■ In Schedule B and Schedule C (Those controlled substance whose export from India is subject to controls as specified in this Order), serial no 20 to 23 have been inserted which are as follow:

- 3, 4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidate (PMK glycidate) (all stereoisomers)
- 3, 4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidic acid (PMK glycidic acid) (all stereoisomers)
- alpha-phenylacetoacetamide (APAA) (including its optical isomers)
- methyl alpha-phenylacetoacetate (MAPA) (including its optical isomers)

[Notification no G.S.R. 536(E)]

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NPPA adopts procedure for development of Eco System for timely disposal and monitoring of various applications filed

Aug 28, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 26, 2020 has introduced procedure for implementation and development of Eco System for timely disposal and monitoring of various applications filed. NPPA has decided to switch to an online time-bound system for addressing applications received under various provisions of DPCO, 2013 from Pharmaceutical Companies.

According following procedure has been established and adopted:

- The applicant companies can submit application with required document on email id: pricing-nppa@gov.in. Applicant can check the status of their application on NPPA website.
- Form-II (revised prices for scheduled formulations), Form-III (Quarterly return relating to production/import and sale of NLEM drugs), and Form- V (price list) should be submitted by pharmaceutical companies on Integrated Pharmaceuticals Database Management System (IPDMS).
- The applicant company can submit Form-IV relating to application for discontinuation of production of scheduled formulation with required document on email id: nppa@gov.in.
- The authority meeting would be held every month for achieving the objective of the procedure.
- All Indian pharmaceutical companies should upload voluntary code of marketing practices known as Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP) on their website. All the associations should provide on their website for uploading of complaint, nature of complaint, details of company against whom complaint is made. All such details should be there for a period of 3 years on the website.
- A quarterly report mentioning details of the complaint received and decision taken thereon shall be submitted by the concerned association to NPPA within 30 days of the end of the quarter via email on email ID: monitoring-nppa@gov.in.
- A helpdesk for dealing with the problems of applicants while submitting their applications has been set up. Applicants facing any documentary or technical issue in submitting their applications can email or contact helpdesk between 10 AM to 6 PM (excluding holidays).

[Office Memorandum No. 20 (08)/17/2020/Div.II/NPPA]

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SEBI issues clarification regarding execution of POA by the client in favour of the stockbroker and the depository participant

Aug 28, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 27, 2020 has issued a circular for the execution of Power of Attorney (POA) by the client in the favour of the Stockbroker and the depository participant. SEBI had issued the guidelines for the execution of POA vide [Circular no. CIR/MRD/DMS/28/2010](#) dated August 31, 2010.

Further, SEBI has observed that POA is being obtained from the investors as a KYC process in regards with the opening process. Additionally, the stockbrokers are misusing the POA obtained from the client for the authorization of certain activities. Thus, it has been reiterated:

- SEBI has clarified that the POA execution is not mandatory for the purpose of the opening process.
- POA that has been executed by the client shall be used for the following services:
 1. For the purpose of transfer of securities held in the beneficiaries account for stock trade agreements and deliveries and settlement obligations.
 2. For the pledging/ re-pledging of securities in favour of the trading member.
 3. For limited purposes as specified in the guidelines.

This circular shall be applicable from November 01, 2020.

[SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP/CIR/P/2020/158]

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IRDAI amends the guidelines for solvency margins for crop insurance

Aug 28, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on August 27, 2020 has issued a circular for solvency margin for Crop Insurance Business. The Authorities have amended the circular no [IRDAI/ACT/CIR/SLM/066/03/2017](#) dated March 28, 2017 which specifies the determinants of solvency margins.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Para 6.1.1 which specifies the concessions in the determination of solvency margins, has been revised, namely:

1. "Premium receivables related to State or Central Government sponsored schemes for the Q1 and Q2 of the FY 2020-21 to the extent they are not realized within a period of one year should be placed with value zero."
2. "Premium receivables related to State or Central Government sponsored schemes for the Q3 and Q4 of the FY 2020-21 to the extent they are not realized within a period of 270 days should be placed with value zero."

■ Further, the provisions of para 6.2, 6.3 and 6.3.1 which specifies the determinants for crop insurance shall be effective for one-more financial year that is April 01, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

[Circular No. IRDAI/ACT/CIR/SLM/220/08/2020]

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Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2020

Aug 27, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on August 25, 2020 has issued the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2020 to further amend the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019.

The following amendments have been made:

■ A new Regulation 3(5a) has been inserted, which specifies the auxiliary energy consumption for emission control system, namely:

“Auxiliary energy consumption for emission control system ' or 'AUXe' in relation to a period in case of coal or lignite based thermal generating station means the quantum of energy consumed by auxiliary equipment of the emission control system of the coal or lignite based thermal generating station in addition to the auxiliary energy consumption under clause (5) of this Regulation.”

■ A new Regulation 3 (15a) has been inserted, which specifies the date of operation for emission control system, namely:

“In respect of an emission control system means the date of putting the emission control system into use after meeting all applicable technical and environmental standards, certified through the Management Certificate duly signed by an authorised person, not below the level of Director of the generating company”.

■ A new Regulation 3(20a) has been inserted which specifies the meaning of the emission control system, namely:

“Emission control system” means a set of equipment or devices required to be installed in coal or lignite based thermal generating station or unit thereof to meet the revised emission standard.”

■ A new proviso has been inserted in Regulation 9, which specifies that the generating company shall file an application, namely:

“Provided also that the generating company shall file an application for determination of supplementary tariff for the emission control system installed in coal or lignite based thermal generating station in accordance with these regulations not later than 60 days from the date of operation of such emission control system.”

■ A new Regulation 18 (6) has been inserted, which specifies the details of expenses incurred from emission control system, namely:

“Any expenditure incurred for the emission control system during the tariff period as may be admitted by the Commission as additional capital expenditure for determination of supplementary tariff, shall be serviced in the manner specified in clause (1) of this Regulation”.

[Notification No. L-1/236/2018/CERC]

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RBI extends timeline for furnishing of accounts and balance sheet due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic

Aug 27, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 21, 2020 has decided to extend the timeline for furnishing returns (accounts and balance sheet) for the financial year ended on March 31, 2020 under Section 31 of the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 by a further period of three months due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. All UCBs shall ensure submission of the aforesaid returns to Reserve Bank on or before September 30, 2020.

[Circular no DoR (PCB).BPD.Cir.No.2/12.05.001/2020-21]

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IRDAI issues clarification regarding valid PUC certificate at the time of renewal of motor vehicle insurance

Aug 27, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on August 26, 2020 has clarified that not holding a valid PUC certificate cannot be a valid reason for denying any claim under a motor insurance policy. However, the authority has also clarified that the vehicle must have a valid PUC certificate at the time of renewal of motor vehicle insurance.

[IRDAI Press Release No. 2020]

* This document is available at [IRDAI website](#).

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MIB issues Standard Operating Procedure for Media Production to contain spread of COVID-19

Aug 26, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) on August 21, 2020 has issued Standard Operating Procedure for Media Production to contain the spread of COVID-19.

The following guidelines have been given:

- Physical distancing of 6 feet is to be followed as per the places of shoot, set-ups and camera.
- Minimum number of crew members shall be involved in the shooting.
- Visitors and outdoors are not allowed on the set.
- Outdoor shooting shall be done after obtaining permissions from the competent authorities.
- Designated entry and exit points shall be there for all sets.
- Equipment, vanity vans, camera, washrooms etc. are to be sanitised before using.
- Face cover and masks are mandatory for the crew members, except for actors in front of the camera.
- Make-up artist and hair stylists shall wear PPE coveralls.
- All the people should install Arogya Setu App.
- A record of travel history and medical history shall be preserved.
- Travel related guidelines shall be followed.

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IRDAI invites comments on the sandbox approach for regulatory framework

Aug 26, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on August 25, 2020 has issued a press release for the regulatory sandbox approach. IRDAI has created a regulatory sandbox approach which shall help in formulating innovative solutions in the regulatory framework, thus helping in the progressive growth of the companies.

Objectives:

- There is a need to bring in balance in the regulatory framework by protecting the interest of the stakeholders as well as development of the insurance sector. At the same time, bringing in new technologies in the administrative structure.
- To relax certain provision if the sandbox approach proves to be successful.

The guidelines of the sandbox approach can be accessed on the official website of IRDAI. Applications are invited from the stakeholders opening from September 15, 2020 to October 14, 2020.

Guidelines for the applicants:

- Applicants should be well versed with the guidelines of the insurance act.
- Should not file products that are already there in the market.
- Policyholder's interest shall be protected, and innovation shall be brought in accordingly.
- Clear implementation policy and methodology shall be furnished.
- Success metrics shall be furnished to evaluate the success on different parameters of the sector.

The application can be made by visiting the following login www.reg.irdai.gov.in/sandbox/. Further applicants are required to deposit Rupees 10,000/- as a non-refundable fee to the IRDAI.

[Press Release No. IRDAI/INT/RS/2nd/08/2020]

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UGC deploys RT-PCR testing machines for carrying out Covid-19 test

Aug 26, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grant Commission (UGC) on August 17, 2020 has requested all higher educational institutes and research institutions to facilitate temporary deployment of RT-PCR testing machines in consultation with Department of Health Research in District hospitals and Government labs performing Covid-19 test by August 31, 2020 as there are large number of un-used machines which are available with educational and research institutions under various departments and are capable of performing test.

[Order no.-D.O. NO- 1-4/2020 (CPP)]

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Draft FSS (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations, 2020

Aug 26, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on August 20, 2020 has issued the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations, 2020 to further amend Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, toxins, and Residues) Regulations, 2011. These Regulations shall come into force from January 01 or July 01, subject to minimum of 180 days from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Regulation 2.2.1, which relates to crop contaminants and naturally occurring toxic substances has been substituted.

■ Regulation 2.3.2 which relates to use of antibiotics or veterinary drugs has been substituted, namely:

“Following antibiotics and veterinary drugs are not permitted to be used at any stage of production of meat and meat products, milk and milk products, poultry and eggs, sea foods including shrimps, prawns or any variety of fish and fishery products. The EMRL of 0.001 mg/kg will be applicable except for Chloramphenicol for which it shall be 0.0003 mg/kg (0.3 ug/kg):

1. Carbadox
2. Chloramphenicol
3. Chlorpromazine
4. Clenbuterol
5. Colistin
6. Crystal Violet (Sum of Crystal Violet and Leucocrystal Violet)
7. Glycopeptides
8. Malachite Green (Sum of Malachite green and Leucomalachite green)
9. Nitrofurans
10. Streptomycin and its metabolite dihydrostreptomycin
11. Nitroimidazoles
12. Steroids
13. Stilbenes
14. Sulphamethoxazole

■ Clause 2.3.3 which specifies that antibiotics shall not be used during honey production has been substituted, namely:

“The use of any antibiotic is not permitted during the honey production. However, in order to test the misuse of antibiotics, the antibiotics specified in column (2) shall not exceed the Maximum Residue Performance Level (MRPL) specified in column (3) of the Table.”

All persons likely to be affected thereby are invited for objections and suggestions within 60 days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing this notification is published are made available to the public. The objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002 or sent on email at regulation@fssai.gov.in.

[Notification No. 01-SP (PAR) Notification-Pesticides/StdS-FSSAI/2017]

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IRDAI announces Dividend Criteria for Equity Investment under Approved Investment

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on August 21, 2020 has decided to permit insurers to classify investments in Preference Shares and Equity Shares as a part of “Approved Investment” if such shares have paid dividend for at least 2 years out of 3 consecutive years immediately preceding for the period from April 01,2020 to March 31,2021.

[IRDAI Circular no-IRDAI/F&I/CIR/INV/216/08/2020]

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Ministry of Mines seeks proposals on draft reforms in mineral sector

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Mines has decided to introduce certain reforms for enhancing private investments in the mineral sector. In order to introduce reforms in the sector, legislative amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and other proposals are being considered by the Ministry of Mines.

The objective of the reforms proposed is to accelerate growth and employment generation in the sector. The reforms proposed in this regard are as follows:

- Increasing mineral production and employment generation by redefining the norms of exploration for auction of mineral blocks and ensuring seamless transition from exploration to production
- Resolving legacy issues to move towards an auction only regime for allocation of mineral resources
- Removing distinction between captive and non-captive mines
- Clarifying the definition of illegal mining
- Bringing unusual mineral blocks into production to generate employment
- Reforms also aim at rationalisation of stamp duty

The Comments or suggestions are invited from the general public, mining industry, stakeholders, Government of State and Union Territories on the draft proposed mining reforms. The last date for sending comments or suggestion is September 03, 2020. Comments can be sent to the following email id: veena.kumarid@gov.in.

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MoHFW issues guidelines on Safe Ophthalmology Practices in Covid-19

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on August 19, 2020 has issued guidelines on Safe Ophthalmology Practices in Covid-19 Scenario. These guidelines are aimed to minimize the spread of Covid-19 infection among Ophthalmologist, Ophthalmic assistants, technicians, nurses, support staff, patients and their attendants.

The detailed guidelines are as follows:

- Tele-counseling and tele-consultation should be encouraged to lessen patient visits and/or appointment system can be followed to call patients needing eye examination.
- No eye ball retrieval from homes to be undertaken, only Hospital Cornea Retrieval Program can be continued in non-Covid-19 cadavers, for utilization of corneas for therapeutic purposes only.
- The screening of patients for Cataract and other eye diseases in outreach areas may be undertaken only after duly following social distancing, hand hygiene and personal protective measures.
- Specific markings may be made with sufficient distance to manage the queue and ensure social distancing in the premises.
- Entrance to hospital/clinic to have mandatory hand hygiene and thermal screening provisions
- The patients should be queried about Covid-19 like symptoms and contact history.
- Posters/standees/AV media on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed prominently
- Proper disposal of face covers / masks / gloves left over by visitors and/or employees should be ensured in the premises, in accordance with the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules.
- Effective and frequent sanitation within the premises shall be maintained with particular focus on lavatories, drinking and hand washing stations/areas.
- OPD Services should promote digital or app-based registration system
- Only one Attendant is to be allowed with one patient.
- Seating arrangement to be made in such a way that social distancing is maintained.
- OPD premises should be disinfected with 1% hypochlorite frequently and after all the patients have been seen.
- In case a Covid-19 patient with Eye condition is to be admitted, a separate room or an isolation ward should be used
- While performing any contact procedure like Tonometry, Gonioscopy, Keratometry, A- Scan, B-Scan, UBM, OCT, FFA etc., the instruments should be cleaned with 70% alcohol swab, before and after every new case.
- In case of a suspect or confirmed case in the premises, the protocols for attending to suspect or confirmed case and disinfection available at:

■ [Guidelines](#) for Covid-19 shall also be followed strictly.

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Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) First Amendment Regulations, 2020

Aug 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on August 21, 2020 has issued the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) First Amendment Regulations, 2020 to further amend Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011. These Regulations shall be complied by the food operators by January 1, 2022.

The following amendments have been made to the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011:

■ A new Regulation 2.4.6 has been inserted which specifies the display of information in the food service establishments, namely:

“Food Service Establishments having central license or outlets at ten or more locations shall mention the calorific value (in kcal per serving and serving size) against the food items displayed on the menu cards or boards or booklets and the reference information on calorie requirements shall also be displayed clearly and prominently as “An average active adult requires 2,000 kcal energy per day, however, calorie needs may vary.”

■ Further, food establishments are required to furnish certain information related to the food items listed on the menu, regarding allergies:

1. Cereals containing gluten i.e., wheat, rye, barley, oats, spelt or their hybridized strains and products of these
2. Crustacean and their products
3. Milk and milk products
4. Egg and egg products
5. Fish and fish products
6. Ground nut tree nuts and their products
7. Soybeans and their products
8. Sulphite in concentrations of 10mg/kg or more

■ Provided further, there shall be a logo for vegetarian and non-vegetarian.

■ The provisions of these regulations shall not apply to the following:

1. event caterers and food service premises that operate for less than sixty days in a calendar year (consecutively or non-consecutively).
2. self-serve condiments that are free of charge and not listed on the menu; and
3. special-order items or modified meals and menu items as per request of the customer.

[Notification No. REG-18/Menu Labelling/FSSAI-2018]

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Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) (Amendment) Rules, 2020

Aug 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial



The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on August 26, 2020, has issued the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) (Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Rules, 2002.

The following amendments to the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Rules, 2002 are as under:

- Rule 56 which specifies the procedure to make an application for registration as an authorised users of the registered geographical indication, has been substituted, namely:

56 - Authorised User: (1) An application for registration of authorized user under section 17 may be made to the Registrar in Form GI-3 accompanied by a statement of case as to how the applicant claims to be the producer of the registered geographical indication.

(2) A copy of application made under sub-rule (1) shall be forwarded to the registered proprietor of geographical indication and intimate the same to the Registrar.

- Rule 59 has been substituted through which the requirement for making request for issuance of registration certificate in FORM GI-3 together with the prescribed fee is omitted.

- In First Schedule:

i. The application fee for the registration of an authorised user of a registered geographical indication has been reduced to Rs 10. Earlier it was Rs 500.

ii. Entry 3B of the Schedule which is related to request for issuance of a registration certificate as an authorised user has been omitted and entry 3C has been numbered as 3B which is related to an application for renewal of an authorised user

- In Second Schedule from 3C for renewal of an authorised user has been renumbered as Form 3B

- Form GI 3 has been substituted:

i. Form GI 3A: Application for the Registration of an Authorized User

- ii. Form GI 3B: Application for Renewal of Registration of an Authorized User.

They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (August 26, 2020).

[Notification No. G.S.R. 528(E)]

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Transaction of Business of the Government of Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir Rules, 2019

Aug 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on August 27, 2020 issued the Transaction of Business of the Government of Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir Rules, 2019. The rule describes the details of work allocation, distribution of work among departments, their powers etc. The Rules provides detail of work assigned to 39 different departments of the Government of Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The Secretary of the Department concerned shall be responsible for the proper transaction of business and careful observance of these rules and if he considers that there has been any material departure from these rules, he shall personally bring it to the notice of the Chief Secretary, Minister-in-charge, Chief Minister and the Lieutenant Governor.

[Notification No. G.S.R. 534(E)]

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MNRE extends validity of Biomass based Cogeneration Scheme

Aug 27, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on August 24, 2020 has decided to extend the validity of biomass based cogeneration scheme namely "Scheme to Support Promotion of Biomass based Cogeneration in Sugar Mills and Other Industries" up to **March 31, 2021** or till the date the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission come into effect without changing the scope, nature, coverage and without creating additional post. The details of the programme component, implementation methodology, financial assistance and monitoring mechanism will be the same as per [OM No. 3/141/2017-CPG](#) dated May 11, 2018.

The expenditure of the scheme would be met from the Budget provisions given under Bio-Power Head.

[F.No 19/276/2017-Biomass Power Division]

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FSSAI waives off the penalties for non-submission of Annual and Half yearly returns in previous years amid Covid-19

Aug 26, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on August 24, 2020 has decided to waive off the penalties imposed on Food Business Operators (FBO) during Covid-19 pandemic due to non-submission of Annual or Half yearly returns (Form D1 and D2 respectively) in previous years. Earlier FSSAI had extended the date of submission of Form D1 (Annual returns) for financial year 2019-20 and Form D2 (Half yearly returns) for October 2019 to March 2020 and April 2020 to September 2020 till December 31, 2020.

Upon requests received from FBOs, the FSSAI has now decided to not count the period of March 22, 2020 to December 31, 2020 for further accumulation of penalties under Clause 2.1.13(3) of FSS (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 due to non-submission of returns of previous financial years.

[Order No. 15(6) 2020/FLRS/RCD/FSSAI]

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FSSAI re-operationalise amendments related to limit of naturally occurring formaldehyde in fresh water and marine fish

Aug 26, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on August 21, 2020 has decided to re-operationalise provisions of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations 2020 and FSS (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations 2020 to ensure food safety and fair practices in food business operations with effect from August 11, 2020. The Food Business Operators should follow these regulations with immediate effect. The FBO should ensure that the limit of formaldehyde in fish does not cross the limit mention in newly inserted Clause 2.6.2 of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations 2020.

[FSSAI Direction No. Std/SP-10/T (Formaldehyde)]

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Malleable Iron Shots and Grits (Quality Control) Order, 2020

Aug 26, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) on August 13, 2020 has issued the Malleable Iron Shots and Grits (Quality Control) Order, 2020 and shall come into force from February 16, 2021. The “Malleable Iron Shots and Grits IS 9139:1979” shall bear the Standard Mark confirming to the Indian Standards of the goods as per the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. Further, this shall not apply to goods and articles meant for the purpose of export.

The Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying authority for Malleable iron shots and grits.

[Notification No. S.O. 2767 (E)]

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BIS notifies amendments to the Indian Standards for Single Phase Induction Motors

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 03, 2020 notifies amendments to Indian Standards of “IS 996: 2009 Single Phase A.C. Induction Motors for General Purpose (Third Revision)” established on July 31, 2020 and which shall remain in force till July 30, 2021 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

[Notification no- PUB/3/4/2020-21(55)]

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BIS notifies Indian Standards of automotive vehicle under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 11, 2020 has notified certain Indian Standards established on August 04, 2020 and which shall remain in force till September 03, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The Indian Standards are as follows:

1. IS 2302: 1989- Tables for Alcoholometry by Hydrometer Method (First Revision)
2. IS 9168: 2018- Automotive Vehicle ■ All Rubber Flaps for Pneumatic Tyres ■ Specification (Second Revision)

[Notification no- Pub 3/5/2020-21 (56)]

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FSSAI mandates GM free certificate for imported food products

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on August 21, 2020 has issued an order stating that the food imported into India should be Non- Genetically Modified (GM) and every consignment of the imported food products mentioned in [Annexure-1](#) should be accompanied with a Non-GM origin cum GM free certificate as per format in [Annexure-2](#) issued by competent authority of the exporting country.

This order will be valid from January 01, 2021.

[Order no-1-1764/FSSAI/Imports/2018(Part-1)]

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BIS notifies certain Indian Standards of Heat Pumps and Brake Lining under the BIS Rules, 2018

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 11, 2020 has notified certain Indian Standards established on August 10, 2020 and which shall remain in force till September 09, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The Indian Standards are as follows:

1. IS 16678 (Part 1): 2018/ISO 5149-1: 2014- Refrigerating Systems and Heat Pumps ■ Safety and Environmental Requirements Part 1 Definitions, Classification and Selection Criteria
2. IS 17132: 2019 Guideline Specifications for Replacement Brake Lining Assemblies and Drum Brake Linings for Power Driven Vehicles and Their Trailers

[Notification no- Pub 3/5/2020-21 (57)]

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BIS notifies withdrawal of various Indian Standards of Foodstuffs under the BIS Rules, 2018

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 03, 2020 notifies withdrawal of certain Indian Standards along with their date of withdrawal as February 26, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The Indian Standards are as follows:

1. IS 15955: 2010/ISO/TS 21098: 2005 Foodstuffs ■ Nucleic Acid Based Methods of Analysis of Genetically Modified Organisms and Derived Products ■ Information to be Supplied and Procedure for the Addition of Methods to IS/ISO 21569, IS/ISO 21570 or IS/ISO 21571
2. IS 16026: 2012 Tobacco ■ Determination of the Content of Total Alkaloids as Nicotine ■ Continuous ■ Flow Analysis Method
3. IS 16430: 2016/ISO 21807: 2004 Microbiology of Food and Animal Feeding Stuffs ■ Determination of Water Activity
4. IS/ISO/TS 22004: 2005 Food Safety Management Systems ■ Guidance on the Application of ISO 22000: 2005

[Notification no Pub/GN-3(59)]

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BIS notifies amendments to the Indian Standards for High Density Polyethylene

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 03, 2020 notifies amendments to Indian Standards of “IS 16352: 2020 Geo synthetics – High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Geo membranes for Lining – Specification (First Revision)” established on July 31, 2020 and which shall remain in force till January 30, 2021 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

[Notification no- PUB/3/2/2020-21 (51)]

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BIS notifies certain Indian Standards of paints under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 19, 2020 notifies certain Indian Standards, established on August 13, 2020 and which shall remain in force till September 12, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The list of Indian Standards are as follows:

1. IS 101 (Part 1/Sec 7) : 2020/ISO 2811-1 : 2016 Methods of Sampling and Test for Paints, Varnishes and Related Products Part 1 Test on Liquid Paints (General and Physical) Section 7 Mass per 10 Litres – Determination of Density – Pycnometer Method (Fourth Revision)
2. IS 101 (Part 4/Sec 4) : 2020/ISO 2813 : 2014 Methods of Sampling and Test for Paints, Varnishes and Related Products Part 4 Optical Test Section 4 Gloss – Determination of Gloss Value at 20°, 60° and 85° (Fourth Revision)
3. IS 101 (Part 7/Sec 3) : 2020/ISO 3248 : 2016 Methods of Sampling and Test for Paints, Varnishes and Related Products Part 7 Environment Tests on Paint Films Section 3 Determination of the Effect of Heat (Fourth Revision)
4. IS 516 (Part 5/Sec 4) : 2020 Hardened Concrete ■ Method of Test Part 5 Non-Destructive Testing of Concrete Section 4 Rebound Hammer Test (First Revision)
5. IS 516 (Part 8/Sec 1) : 2020 Hardened Concrete ■ Method of Test Part 8 Determination of Modulus of Elasticity Section 1 Static Modulus of Elasticity and Poisson's Ratio in Compression (First Revision)
6. IS 1168 : 2020 Cube Sugar – Specification (Second Revision)
7. IS 1493 (Part 5) : 2020/ISO 5418-2 : 2006 Methods of Chemical Analysis of Iron Ores Part 5 Determination of Copper Content ■ Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometric Method (First Revision)
8. IS 1493 (Part 6) : 2020/ISO 13313 : 2017 Methods of Chemical Analysis of Iron Ores Part 6 Determination of Sodium Content ■ Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometric Method (First Revision)
9. IS 1493 (Part 9) : 2020/ISO 13312 : 2017 Methods of Chemical Analysis of Iron Ores Part 9 Determination of Potassium Content ■ Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometric Method (First Revision)
10. IS 1528 (Part 19) : 2020/ISO 16835 : 2014 Methods of Sampling and Physical Tests for Refractory Materials Part 19 Determination of Thermal Expansion (First Revision)
11. IS 2631 : 2020 Iso Propyl Alcohol ■ Specification (Second Revision)
12. IS 3069 : 2020 Glossary of Terms, Symbols and Units Relating to Thermal Insulation Materials (Second Revision)
13. IS 3972 (Part 2/Sec 1) : 2020 ISO 28706-1 : 2008- Methods of test for Vitreous Enamelware Part 2 Test Methods Section 1 Resistance to corrosion by dilute acids at room temperature (Second Revision)

14. IS 3972 (Part 2/Sec 3) : 2020 ISO 28706-1 : 2008 Methods of test for Vitreous Enamelware Part 2 Test Methods Section 3 Resistance to boiling acids, boiling liquids, alkaline liquids and their vapours (Second Revision)
15. IS 3972 (Part 2/Sec 5) : 2020 ISO 28706-4 : 2016 Methods of test for Vitreous Enamelware Part 2 Test methods Section 5 Resistance to hot alkali (Second Revision)
16. IS 4955 : 2020 Household laundry Detergent Powders ■ Specification (Fifth Revision)
17. IS 6566 : 2020/ISO 668 : 2020 Series 1 Freight Containers – Classification, Dimensions and Ratings (Fourth Revision)
18. IS 8180 : 2020 Household laundry detergent bars – Specification (Third Revision)
19. IS 9154 : 2020 Method for Determination of Alkali Resistance of Glass (First Revision)
20. IS 9255 : 2020 After-Shave Lotion – Specification (Second Revision)
21. IS 9458 : 2020 Synthetic Detergents for washing woolen and Silk Fabrics – Specification (Second Revision)
22. IS 9749 : 2020 Potash Feldspar and Soda Feldspar for Glass and Ceramic Industry – Specification (Second Revision)
23. IS 11420 (Part 1 to 9) : 2020 Specification for Coir Mats (First Revision)
24. IS 11479 (Part 2) : 2020 Antibacterial Toilet Soap – Specification Part 2 liquid (Second Revision)
25. IS/ISO 12636 : 2018 Graphic Technology – Blankets for Offset Printing (First Revision)
26. IS/ISO 28591 : 2017 Sequential Sampling Plans by Attributes
27. IS/IEC 60079-0 : 2017 Explosive Atmospheres Part 0 Equipment – General Requirements (Third Revision)

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BIS notifies several Indian Standards of Refractory Materials under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 11, 2020, notifies certain Indian Standards, established on August 10, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The Indian Standards are as follows:

1. IS 1528(Part 24) : 2020/ISO 16334 : 2013 Methods of Sampling and Physical Tests for Refractory Materials Part 24 Monolithic Refractory Products – Determination of Resistance to Explosive Spalling
2. IS 1528(Part 25) : 2020/ISO 16349 : 2015 Methods of Sampling and Physical Tests for Refractory Materials Part 25 Determination of Abrasion Resistance at Elevated Temperature
3. IS 16792 (Part 2) : 2020/IEC TS 62788-2 : 2017 Measurement Procedures for Materials Used in Photovoltaic Modules Part 2 Polymeric Materials – Frontsheets and Backsheets
4. IS 16792 (Part 7/Sec 2) : 2020/IEC TS 62788-7-2 : 2017 Measurement Procedures for Materials Used in Photovoltaic Modules Part 7 Environment Exposures Section 2 Accelerated Weathering Tests of Polymeric Materials
5. IS 17174 : 2020/ISO 16574 : 2015 Determination of Percentage of Resolvable Pearlite in High Carbon Steel Wire Rod
6. IS 17175 : 2020/ISO 16573 : 2015 Steel – Measurement Method for the Evaluation of Hydrogen Embrittlement Resistance of High Strength Steels
7. IS 17413 (Part 1) : 2020/ISO 26203-1 : 2018 Metallic Materials – Tensile Testing at High Strain Rates Part 1 Elastic-Bar-Type Systems
8. IS 17413 (Part 2) : 2020/ISO 26203-2 : 2011 Metallic Materials – Tensile Testing at High Strain Rates Part 2 Servo-Hydraulic and Other Systems
9. IS 17415 : 2020/ISO 18338 : 2015 Metallic Materials – Torsion Test at Ambient Temperature
10. IS 17416 : 2020/ISO 14556 : 2015 Metallic Materials – Charpy V-notch Pendulum Impact Test – Instrumented Test Method
11. IS 17417 (Part 2) : 2020/ISO 4965-2 : 2012 Metallic Materials – Dynamic Force Calibration for Uniaxial Fatigue Testing Part 2 Dynamic Calibration Device (DCD) Instrumentation
12. IS 17418 : 2020/ISO 16842 : 2014 Metallic Materials – Sheet and Strip – Biaxial Tensile Testing Method Using a Cruciform Test Piece
13. IS 17419 : 2020/ISO 17340 : 2014 Metallic Materials – Ductility Testing – High Speed Compression Test for Porous and Cellular Metals
14. IS/ISO 28004-1 : 2007 Security Management Systems for the Supply Chain Guidelines for the Implementation of ISO 28000 Part 1 General Principles

15. IS/IEC 61400-25-1 : 2017 Wind Turbines Part 25 Communications for Monitoring and Control of Wind Power Plants Section 1 Overall Description of Principles and Models
16. IS/IEC 61400-25-2 : 2015 Wind Turbines Part 25 Communications for Monitoring and Control of Wind Power Plants Section 2 Information Model
17. IS/IEC 61400-25-3 : 2015 Wind Turbines Part 25 Communications for Monitoring and Control of Wind Power Plants Section 3 Information Exchange Models
18. IS/IEC 61400-25-4 : 2016 Wind Turbines Part 25 Communications for Monitoring and Control of Wind Power Plants Section 4 Mapping to Communication Profile
19. IS/IEC 61400-25-5 : 2017 Wind Turbines Part 25 Communications for Monitoring and Control of Wind Power Plants Section 5 Compliance Testing
20. IS/IEC 61400-25-6 : 2016 Wind Turbines Part 25 Communications for Monitoring and Control Power Plants Section 6 Logical node Classes and Data Classes for Condition Monitoring
21. IS/IEC 62688 : 2017 Concentrator Photovoltaic CPV Modules and Assemblies – Safety Qualification
22. IS/IEC TS 62738 : 2018 Ground-Mounted Photovoltaic Power Plants – Design Guidelines and Recommendations
23. IS/IEC TS 62782 : 2016- Photovoltaic (PV) Modules – Cyclic (Dynamic) Mechanical Load Testing
24. IS/IEC TS 62789 : 2014 Photovoltaic Concentrator Cell Documentation
25. IS/IEC TS 62915 : 2018 Photovoltaic (PV) Modules –Type Approval, Design and Safety Qualification – Retesting
26. IS/IEC 62920 : 2017 Photovoltaic Power Generating Systems – EMC Requirements and Test Methods for Power Conversion Equipment
27. IS/IEC 62925 : 2016 Concentrator Photovoltaic (CPV) Modules – Thermal Cycling Test to Differentiate Increased Thermal Fatigue Durability
28. IS/IEC TS 62989 : 2018 Primary Optics for Concentrator Photovoltaic Systems
29. IS/IEC TS 62994 : 2019 Photovoltaic PV Modules Through the Life Cycle – Environment Health and Safety EHS Risk Assessment – General Principles and Nomenclature
30. IS/IEC 63049 : 2017 Terrestrial Photovoltaic (PV) Systems – Guidelines for Effective Quality Assurance in PV Systems Installation Operation and Maintenance
31. IS/IEC 63202-1 : 2019 Photovoltaic Cells Part 1 Measurement of Light-Induced Degradation of Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells

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BIS notifies various Indian Standards of Industrial Valves under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 03, 2020 notifies certain Indian Standards, established on July 31, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The Indian Standards are as follows:

- 1.IS/ISO 5210 : 2017 Industrial Valves – Multi-Turn Valve Actuator Attachments
- 2.IS/ISO 5211 : 2017 Industrial Valves – Part-Turn Actuator Attachments
- 3.IS 16197 (Part 8) : 2020/IEC 62321-8 : 2017 Determination of Certain Substances in Electro technical Products Part 8 Phthalates in Polymers by Gas Chromatography ■ Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS), Gas Chromatography ■ Mass Spectrometry Using a Pyrolyzer/Thermal Desorption Accessory
- 4.IS 17017 (Part 2/Sec 3) : 2020 Electric Vehicle Conductive Charging System Part 2 Plugs, Socket ■ Outlets, Vehicle Connectors and Vehicle Inlets Section 3 Dimensional Compatibility and Interchangeability Requirements for d.c. and a.c./d.c. pin and Contact-Tube Vehicle Couplers
- 5.IS 17384 : 2020/ISO 18451-1 : 2019 Pigments, Dyestuffs and Extenders ■ Terminology ■ General Terms
- 6.IS 17385 : 2020/ISO 22117 : 2019 Microbiology of the Food Chain – Specific Requirements and Guidance for Proficiency Testing by Inter laboratory Comparison
- 7.IS 17408 (Part 1) : 2020/ISO 16231-1 : 2013 Self-Propelled Agricultural Machinery ■ Assessment of Stability Part 1 Principles
- 8.IS 17409 (Part 2) : 2020/ISO 16231-2 : 2015 Self-Propelled Agricultural Machinery ■ Assessment of Stability Part 2 Determination of Static Stability and Test Procedures
- 9.IS 17411 (Part 2) : 2020/ISO 9912-2 : 2013 Agricultural Irrigation Equipment ■ Filters for Micro irrigation Part 2 Strainer-type Filters and Disc Filters
- 10.IS 17412 : 2020 Trimethyl Phosphite ■ Technical Grade
- 11.IS 17424 (Part 1) : 2020 Glossary of Ayurvedic Terminology Part 1 Standardized Terminology for Fundamental Principles
- 12.IS 17424 (Part 2) : 2020 Glossary of Ayurvedic Terminology Part 2 Standardized Terminology for Diagnosis and Etiological Factors
- 13.IS/ISO 22109 : 2020 Industrial Valves – Gearbox for Valve
- 14.IS/ISO 22153 : 2020 Electric Actuators for Industrial Valves – General Requirements

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BIS withdraws of various Indian Standards of radio and associated sound equipment under BIS Rules, 2018

Aug 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 03, 2020, notifies withdrawal of certain Indian Standards along with their date of withdrawal as October 17, 2016 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The Indian Standards are as follows:

1. IS 2628 (Part 1) : 1964 Rotary wafer switches (Low Current Rating): Part 1 Tests and General Requirements
2. IS 2628 (Part 2): 1967 Rotary wafer switches (Low current rating) Part 2 Rotary wafer switches with central mounting
3. IS 3452 (Part 1): 1966 Toggle switches Part 1 General requirements and tests
4. IS 3452 (Part 2): 1970 Toggle switches Part 2 Toggle switches, Type 1 and Type 2
5. IS 4794 (Part 1): 1968 Push-button switches Part 1 General requirements and tests
6. IS 6089 (Part 1): 1971 Sensitive switches Part 1 General requirements and tests
7. IS 4586 (Part 1/Sec 1):1987 Dimensions of spindles and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 1 Spindles Sec 1 General and definitions
8. IS 4586 (Part 1/Sec 2):1987 Dimensions of spindles and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 1 Spindles, Sec 2 Plain round spindle (Second Revision)
9. IS 4586 (Part 1/Sec 3):1987 Dimensions of spindles and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 1 Spindles Sec 3 Flatted spindle (Second Revision)
10. IS 4586 (Part 1/Sec 4):1987 Dimensions of spindles and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 1 Spindles Sec 4 Slotted spindle (Second Revision)
11. IS 4586 (Part 1/Sec 5):1987 Dimensions of spindles and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 1 Spindles Sec 5 Hollow spindle (Second Revision)
12. IS 4586 (Part 1/Sec 6):1987 Dimensions of spindles and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 1 Spindles Sec 6 Coupling spindle (Second Revision)
13. IS 4586 (Part 1/Sec 7): 1987 Dimensions of spindles and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 1 Spindles Sec 7 Concentric spindle (Second Revision)
14. IS 4586 (Part 1/Sec 8): 1987 Dimensions of spindles and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 1 Spindles Sec 8 Double flatted spindle (Second Revision)
15. IS 4586(Part 1/Sec 9):1987 Dimensions of spindles and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 1 Spindles Sec 9 Knurled spindle (Second Revision)

16. IS 4586 (Part 1/Sec 10): 1978 Dimensions of spindle and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 1 Spindles Sec 10 Slotted and knurled spindle (First Revision)
17. IS 4586(Part 2/Sec 1):1980 Dimensions of spindles and mounting arrangements for spindle operated electronic components Part 2 Mounting arrangements Sec 1 Components and panels cut-outs (First Revision)
18. IS 9606:1980 Dimensions of panels and racks (482.6 mm systems)
19. IS 9647:1986 General requirements and methods of tests for low frequency connectors below 3 MHz including dc (First Revision)
20. IS 11777(Part 2):1986 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 2 Free three-pin connector for microphone, Type 11777 IS-01
21. IS 11777(Part 3):1986 Circular Connectors for Radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 3 Fixed three-socket connector for sound equipment, Type 11777 IS-02
22. IS 11777(Part 4):1986 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 4 Free five-pin connector for record player and Tape Recorder, Type 11777 IS-03
23. IS 11777(Part 5):1986 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 5 Fixed five-socket connector for record player and Tape Recorder, Type 11777 IS-04
24. IS 11777 (Part 6): 1987 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 6 Free seven-pin connector for stereo tape player with car radio Type 11777 IS-05
25. IS 11777 (Part 7): 1987 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 7 Fixed seven-socket connector for stereo tape player with car radio, Type 11777 IS-06
26. IS 11777 (Part 8): 1987 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 8 Free Seven-pin connector for micro phone with remote control, Type 11777 IS-07
27. IS 11777 (Part 9): 1987 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 9 Fixed seven-socket connector for microphone with remote control, Type 11777 IS-08
28. IS 11777(Part 10):1987 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 10 Free six-pin connector for various applications, Type 11777 IS-09
29. IS 11777(Part 11):1987 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 11 Fixed six-socket connector for various applications, Type 11777 IS-10
30. IS 11777(Part 12):1987 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 12 Free six-socket connector for various applications, Type 11777 IS-11

31. IS 11777(Part 13):1987 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 13 Fixed six-pin connector for various applications, Type 11777 IS-12

32. IS 11777(Part 14):1987 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 14 Free eight-pin connector for microphone and other various applications, Type 11777 IS-13

33. IS 11777(Part 15):1987 Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment for frequencies below 3 MHz including dc Part 15 Fixed eight-socket connector for microphone and other applications, Type 11777 IS-14

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Meghalaya

Meghalaya Government revises guidelines for Meghalaya Environment Protection and Restoration Fund

Aug 31, 2020 | Meghalaya | EHS

The Meghalaya Mining and Geology Department on August 20, 2020 has revised guidelines of the Meghalaya Environment Protection and Restoration Fund (MEPRF).

The following guidelines have been given:

- All the funds that are being collected shall be deposited in a savings account of a Nationalised Bank. The account shall be operated by the Secretary of the State Government of Mining and Geology Department.
- The accrued funds shall be utilised for 1-2 fixed deposits that shall be made within the period of 6 months to 3 years.

Utilisation of Funds:

- The funds shall be utilised for pilot projects for the purpose of the reclamation of the abandoned coal mines.
- A proper consultant shall be hired so that a proper mining plan can be chalked out for the restoration of the coal mines.
- All the coal mines, that have been exhausted shall be closed after proper reconsideration and after usage of proper technologies so that there is no threat of fire and other natural calamities later.
- All the mines that have the potential but are not being used currently, shall be sealed off.
- Provision of funds for the compensation of loss of property and loss of life due to coal mining.
- Rehabilitation of people who have been affected due to the coal mining activities.
- The regulatory framework and the legal structure for the coal mines shall be strengthened.

[Office Memorandum No. MG.61/2018/149]

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MSPCB allows Dairy Farms and Gaushalas to obtain Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate in Meghalaya

Aug 24, 2020 | Meghalaya | EHS

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) on August 20, 2020 has issued a public notice stating that all the Dairy Farms (establishment which in-house mulching animals to produce milk for distribution and processing dairy products in milk processing plants) and Gaushalas (establishment which in-house weak, sick, injured, handicapped, and abandoned homeless cattle/cows to rehabilitate them), and have animal population of 10 and above animals shall obtain consent to operate and Consent to Establish under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

The consent can be obtained from the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) within 30 days, online by visiting megocmms.nic.in or visiting the office of MSPCB at Lumpyngad Motinagar, Shillong.

[Notice No. MPSCB/LEGAL-188/2019/2020-21/121]

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Maharashtra

MLWB extends the date of contribution payment till September 15, 2020

Aug 31, 2020 | Maharashtra | Labour

The Maharashtra Labour Welfare Board (MLWB) on August 29, 2020 has decided to provide relaxations to all establishments and has extended the last date for online Maharashtra Labour Welfare fund contribution payment till **September 15, 2020** due to lockdown across the state during COVID-19 pandemic.

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MPCB issues services to be provided under Maharashtra Right to Public Services Act, 2015

Aug 25, 2020 | Maharashtra | EHS

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) on August 24, 2020 has issued a circular for services to be provided under Section 3 of the Maharashtra Right to Public Services Act, 2015 by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board working under the environment department.

The following services shall be delivered to public and industries:

- Registration under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 and amendment thereto shall be done within 90 days from the receipt of application and the fee shall be Rupees 500.
- Authorisation/ Registration under E-Waste Management Rules, 2016 and amendment thereto shall be done within 120 days from the date of receipt of application and no fee shall be charged according to the provisions of E-waste management rules.
- Authorisation for processing, recycling and recovery of Hazardous waste under Hazardous and Other Waste (Management & Transboundary Movement) rules, 2016 and amendment thereto shall be done within 120 days from the date of receipt of application and no fee shall be charged for the same.
- One-time Authorisation for import of Hazardous Waste as per Part-D Schedule-III of Hazardous and Other Waste (Management & Transboundary Movement) rules, 2016 and amendment thereto shall be completed within 120 days with no fee.

[Circular No. MPCB/RO (HQ)/B-200824-FTS-0034]

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Pondicherry

Puducherry Labour Department formulates the Self Certification cum Online Inspection Scheme

Aug 31, 2020 | Pondicherry | Labour

The Puducherry Labour Department on August 07, 2020 has proposed the Self-Certification-cum-online Inspection Scheme for the purpose of enforcement of Labour Laws in the Union Territory to implement the Business Reform Action Plan- Ease of Doing Business. The main objective is to bring transparency in the inspection procedures by introducing Computerized system of Risk Assessment based inspection with random allocation of inspecting officers.

The following Acts are covered under the Scheme:

- The Puducherry Shops and Establishments Act, 1964 and Rules made thereunder.
- The Puducherry Catering Estt. Act, 1964 and Rules made thereunder.
- The Inter-State Migrant Workman (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 and the Rules made thereunder.
- The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 and Rules made thereunder.
- The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and the Rules made thereunder.
- The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and Rules made thereunder.
- The Payment of Wages Act, 1936 and Rules made thereunder.
- The Payment of Bonus Act, 1965.
- The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 and Rules made thereunder.
- The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 and the Rules made thereunder.
- The Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961 and Rules made thereunder.
- The Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.
- The Sexual Harassment of women at workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.
- The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976.
- The Puducherry Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Act, 1964.
- The Industrial Employment Standing Orders Act, 1946.
- The Working Journalists and other newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1955.
- The Sales Promotion Employees (Conditions of Services) Act, 1976.

The identification of establishments shall be done for the purpose of inspection that shall be carried out based on the computerized risk-based assessment. The following conditions shall be considered while choosing the establishments for inspection:

1. Number of workers
2. Nature of activity of the establishment.
3. Status of compliances in the establishment
4. If an establishment has been inspected in a year, it shall not be inspected for another two years.
5. The inspection shall be divided in two categories i.e. medium risks and high risks. The medium risk establishments shall be inspected once in every 2 years and the high risks establishments shall be inspected once a year.

The inspections shall be scheduled through the online portal. The establishments for inspection shall be selected every month and shall be randomly selected. The inspection report shall be uploaded on the online portal by the inspection officer within 48 hours of inspection. Further, the report shall be sent to the establishment owner as well. In case of compliance default a notice shall be issued to the owner of the establishment and the default is to be corrected within 15 days of the notice received.

Establishments exempted from the inspection:

- All the start-up establishments shall be exempted for 3 years.
- Establishments where there are no employees.
- Establishments that have submitted the annual return and have no default for consecutively three years.

[Order No. G.O. Ms No. 05/Lab/AIL/G/2020]

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West Bengal

West Bengal Government mandates e-invoicing for all the businesses having turnover of 500 crores and above

Aug 31, 2020 | West Bengal | Commercial

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) has stated that it shall be mandatory for all the businesses having turnover of 500 crores and above to switch to e-invoicing from October 01, 2020. Bengal Chamber is hosting an online session on e-invoicing for the same. All the interested persons shall register by forwarding an email to Ms. Sarbani Sett, sarbani@bengalchamber.com.

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Goa

Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) (Goa Amendment) Bill, 2020

Aug 31, 2020 | Goa | Labour

The State Government of Goa on August 10, 2020 issued the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) (Goa Amendment) Bill, 2020 further amending the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.

Following amendments have been made in the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970

- A new section 25A has been inserted which specifies compounding of offences, "(1) Any offence punishable under sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 22 and section 24 may, either before or after the institution of the prosecution, on an application by the alleged offender, be compounded by such officer or authority as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify in this behalf for the amount as specified in the table below."
- The composition amount for 50-100 workmen shall be 20,000 Rupees. For 101 to 500 workmen the amount shall be 35,000 Rupees and for more than 500 workmen the composition amount shall be 50,000 Rupees.
- Such offences shall be compounded only after there is the satisfaction that the alleged offender has acted in such degree for the compounding of the offence.

[Notification No. LA/LEGN/2020/636]

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Goa (Recovery of Arrears of Tax through settlement) (Amendment) Bill, 2020

Aug 31, 2020 | Goa | Industry Specific

The State Government of Goa on August 10, 2020 publishes the Goa (Recovery of Arrears of Tax through settlement) (Amendment) Bill, 2020 to further amend the Goa (Recovery of Arrears of Tax through Settlement) Act, 2009.

The following amendments are as under:

- Ø Under section 2 which specifies definitions, clause (j) “specified period” which states the period of assessment before the ending of the financial year, has been substituted.
- Ø Further, section 4 has been substituted which states the eligibility for settlement providing that no appeals shall be filed wherein the case has been taken to the revisional authority or the Court. Further, the cases that have been settled already in the courts shall not be taken into consideration.
- Ø Further, section 7 has been substituted specifying the rate applicable in determining the amount payable. If the rate applicable has been determined the forms shall be filed for the purpose.

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The Factories (Goa Amendment) Bill 2020

Aug 31, 2020 | Goa | Labour

The Goa Labour Department on August 10, 2020 publishes the Factories (Goa Amendment) Bill, 2020, to further amend the Goa Factories Act, 1948.

Following amendments have been done to Goa Factories Act, 1948:

- Section 2 of the said act which specifies the applicability of the Factories Act, 1948 to an establishment with specific number of the workers has been amended with 20 or more workers.
- Sub-clause 2 of section 2 has been amended with 40 or more workers.
- Section 85 which talks about the applicability of the act to certain premises, sub-clauses (i) and (ii) has been substituted with the words “twenty” and “forty” instead of words “ten” or “twenty”.

The Factories (Goa Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 is hereby repealed.

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Goa Government notifies the dealers to file returns by August 31, 2020

Aug 27, 2020 | Goa | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Goa on August 24, 2020 has notified all the dealers who have not filed the tax returns due to the financial conditions surfacing in the country because of the global pandemic shall file the return and pay the tax on or before August 31, 2020 under the Goa Value Added Tax Rules, 2005.

Following dealers are notified:

- Registered dealers required to pay tax as per sub-rule (6) of rule 6 (Composition Dealers).
- Registered dealers having turnover up to 5 crores in the preceding financial year and are required to pay tax as per sub-rule (1) and (2) of Rule 24.

[Notification No. 4/5/2005-Fin (R&C)(437)]

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Government of Goa issues guidelines on travel permit required to enter Goa

Aug 26, 2020 | Goa | EHS

The Goa Collector and District Magistrate on August 25, 2020 issued an order specifying that no travel permit would be required to enter the State of Goa. The Health Screening Protocols for all entrants is as under:

- To travel with Covid-19 negative test report valid for 48 hours from the date of test.
- To opt for home isolation
- To opt for Covid-19 test by paying Rs 2000

[Order No. 37/19/2020/L&O/MAG/10123]

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Goa JERC issues rebate for consumers due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Aug 26, 2020 | Goa | Industry Specific

The Goa Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (Goa JERC) on August 20, 2020 has issued a notification stating rebate to be given to the consumers due to the financial crisis during the times of COVID-19.

The following conditions of rebate have been provided:

- There shall be a rebate on the difference in the maximum demand charges of the billed and actual recorded maximum demand charges for the month of April 2020 and May 2020 for all the HT Consumers.
- 50% of bill charges shall be waived off for all the LT consumers for the month of April 2020 and May 2020.
- Delayed payment charges shall not be levied on consumers for the billing due date cycle of March 24, 2020 to July 31, 2020, if the payment for these bills has been received by August 31, 2020.

[Notification No. CEE/Tech/PLG/JERC/2020-21]

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Goa Government de-notifies Usgao Ganjem and Arlem of Raia village as containment zone

Aug 25, 2020 | Goa | EHS

The Goa Collector and District Magistrate on August 24, 2020 has repealed categorization of Usgao Ganjem village of Ponda Taluka and Arlem of Raia village of Salceta Taluka as containment zone and buffer zone. This order would come into immediate effect.

[Notification no 37/19/2020/L&O/MAG/10085 and 10066]

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Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020

Aug 24, 2020 | Goa | Industry Specific

The State Government of Goa on August 22, 2020 has issued the Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020. This policy aims to encourage establishment of modern telecommunication infrastructure and ensure good quality Internet networks across Goa, especially remote and hilly areas. Innovative strategies such as Work from Home, virtual meetings, utilisation of e-services, OTT platforms, e-commerce, e-governance e-learning, telemedicine, etc. also depend upon ubiquitous telecom connectivity. Therefore, in order to secure the economic progress of the State, this policy attempts to facilitate creation of a robust and resilient telecom infrastructure in the State of Goa.

The following provisions have been given in the Goa Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2020:

- The applications shall be collected by the Authorities in the specified format from TSP/IP with proper documents and the fees.
- The application shall be scrutinized if it meets the provisions or not.
- Any additional requirement in the application shall be informed to the applicant.
- The application shall be processed within 30 days of the receipt of the complete application.
- An online application process shall be developed within 3 months. Till then there shall be physical submission of the application.
- A non-refundable fee of Rupees 1000 shall be chargeable.
- User rights for the infrastructure of the telecom shall be given to the applicant with competent authority.
- For establishing a tower, an application shall be submitted in the specifies format.
- All the documents and the license shall be submitted.
- Data sheet as prescribed in the law shall be submitted.
- Consent of the owner of the building or the land shall be submitted.
- SACFA clearance copy shall be submitted as well.
- Structural stability copy shall be submitted.
- Type test certificate shall be submitted issued by the Automotive Research Association of India.
- Fire safety department clearance shall be submitted.
- If the application is not completed, the defects shall be completed within 15 days of furnishing the defects.
- The permission shall be issued within 30 days of the receipt of the complete application.
- A fixed deposit shall be collected by the authorities once the permission has been granted.
- All the dues shall be payable, before the permission is granted.

[Notification No. 22-24/PWD/PCE-EO/2020-21/20]

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Assam

Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Payment of Fees etc.) Regulations, 2020

Aug 30, 2020 | Assam | Commercial

The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC), on March 11, 2020, has published a draft Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Payment of Fees etc.) Regulations, 2020 in supersession of Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Payment of Fees etc.) Regulations, 2015. It will extend to the whole of the State of Assam. Further, it will also come into force from the date of their publication in the official Gazette of Government of Assam.

The highlights of the Regulations are as follows:

- Fees on petition, application for grant of license or grievance shall be payable as per “Schedule of Fees” (Page 6). Further, the fees received by the Commission shall be credited to the fund.
- Annual fees on license commencing from the Financial Year 2020-21 will be paid by June 30 of each financial year and in case of late payment, interest will be payable on the delayed amount at the rate of 1.25 % per month or part thereof.
- Payment of fees can be done by Account payee draft / pay order / banker’s cheque / e-Transfer. Also, payment in cash is limited to Rs. 2,000.
- Fee payable to State Load Dispatch Centre will be decided by the Commission from time to time.
- Payment of fines and charges will be as per provisions provided in AERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004 (Regulations 30, 31 and 32).
- Licensee will be entitled to take into account any fee and/or charges paid under these Regulations as an expense in the determination of Aggregate Revenue Requirement.
- Commission is entitled to utilise the Fund created through receipt of various Fees for the discharge of its functions and unutilised amount can be utilized in the succeeding financial year.

[Notification No. AERC.479//2014/Pt.1/19]

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Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020

Aug 30, 2020 | Assam | Commercial

The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC), has published the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) (Second Amendment) Regulation, 2020 to further amend Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulation 2017. It will come into force on the date of their publication in the Assam Gazette (May 26, 2020).

The following amendments to the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulation 2017 are as under:

- In Regulation 2.2.3(a) which specifies Contract Demand for LT consumers without Maximum Demand (MD) based tariff & LT consumers with Maximum Demand (MD) based tariff (includes all HT and EHT consumers). Consumer in case of seasonal industries, such as Tea, Coffee, Rubber etc. will declare maximum of two seasonal contract demands in a year, i.e for seasonal & off seasonal period. Further, declaration to be made to the licensee only once in a year. The Contract Demand will be effective within 3 months from the date of declaration and will be applicable for 12 months from the date of effect. However, in case of revised agreement for change of Connected Load, the consumer can have the option to change their Contract Demand.
- In Regulation 6.3.7.3 of the principal Regulation which specifies billing in case of defective/stuck/stopped/burnt meter, a new sub-clause (e) has been incorporated which specifies the replacement of the defective meter and its revised bill as per the regulation is limited to a period of six months immediately preceding the date of detection.

[Notification No. AERC.280/2007/Part-I/82]

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Draft Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Transmission Licensees Standards of Performance), Regulations, 2020

Aug 30, 2020 | Assam | Commercial

The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC), on August 19, 2020, has published a draft Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Transmission Licensees Standards of Performance) Regulations, 2020 to replace the AERC (Transmission Licensees' Standards of Performance)' Regulations, 2004. It will be applicable to all Intra State Transmission Licensees authorized to establish, operate and maintain transmission systems. Further, these Regulations extends to the whole State of Assam.

Following are the highlights of the Regulations:

- Ø The objective is to ensure compliance of the Standards of Performance by the intra-State transmission licensees and to provide for an efficient, reliable, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission, non-adherence of which would entitle the affected parties to compensation.
- Ø All intra-State transmission licensees shall comply with the Standards of Performance specified in these regulations such as Transmission System Availability, Restoration time,
- Ø An affected person who has suffered a loss on account of nonadherence to the Standard of Performance by any intra transmission licensee, can make an appropriate application to the Commission for award of compensation. Further, no claim for compensation will be entertained if the application for the claim is filed after expiry of a period of ninety days from the end of the month when the availability of the transmission system falls short or from the date of restoration of transmission element.
- Ø Information regarding level of performance achieved, number of cases in which compensation payable and already paid and aggregate amount of the compensation payable and already paid are required to be furnished to the Commission by the intra-State Transmission Licensees as stated in the Regulation twice during the financial year, i.e by 1st week of October for the period April 01 to September 30 and by 1st week of April for the period October 01 to March 31.

These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their notification in the Assam Gazette.

[Notification No. AERC/750/2020]

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Delhi

Delhi Government issues the procedure for corporate insolvency resolution process

Aug 28, 2020 | Delhi | Finance & Taxation

The State Government of Delhi on August 20, 2020 has issued a notification stating that all the corporate debtors under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and are undergoing the process of corporate insolvency resolution shall follow a special procedure from the date of appointment of the interim resolution professionals and resolution professionals till the period they undergo the corporate insolvency resolution process.

The following procedure is to be followed:

- The corporate debtors shall be treated as a distinct person and shall go through a new registration process. This registration process shall be completed within 30 days.
- The individual shall then file the first return under Section 40 of the act and this shall happen from the date of registration till the registration is granted.
- The person shall be liable to receive input tax credit on the filing of the first return which shall be completed after they have filed all the details of the supplies carrying the old GSTIN.

[Notification No. 11/2020- State Tax]

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Delhi Government amends the special procedure for corporate insolvency resolution process

Aug 27, 2020 | Delhi | Finance & Taxation

The State Government of Delhi on August 26, 2020 has amended the [Notification no. 11/2020](#) issued on August 20, 2020 which specifies the special procedure to be followed by class of persons for the corporate insolvency resolution process.

The following amendments have been made:

■ A new proviso has been inserted, which specifies that the corporate debtors shall not be included who have furnished the statements, namely:

“Provided that the said class of persons shall not include those corporate debtors who have furnished the statements under Section 37 and the returns under Section 39 of the said Act for all the Tax periods prior to the appointment of IRP/RP.”

■ Proviso 2, which specifies the registration process has been substituted, namely:

“The said class of persons shall, with effect from the date of appointment of IRP/RP, be treated as a distinct person of the corporate debtor, and shall be liable to take a new registration (hereinafter referred to as the new registration) in each of the State or the Union Territories where the corporate debtor was registered earlier, within 30 days of the appointment of the IRP/RP or by June 30, 2020, whichever is later.”

[Notification No. 39/2020-State Tax]

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Delhi Government issues an alternative for authentication under Rule 9 of Delhi Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017

Aug 27, 2020 | Delhi | Finance & Taxation

The State Government of Delhi on August 20, 2020 has issued a notification stating that according to Rule 8 of the Delhi Goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017, the person needs to have an Aadhar card for the verification and the authentication and then only shall be eligible for registration.

Further, the Government has stated that in case, the person does not have Aadhar card, the individual shall be offered another viable means of authentication and identification for the purpose of registration under Rule 9.

[Notification No. 18/2020- State Tax]

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Kerala

Kerala PCB categorizes certain industries into red, orange, green and white categories based on pollution potential

Aug 28, 2020 | Kerala | EHS

The Kerala State Pollution Control Board (Kerala PCB) on August 25, 2020 has categorized certain industries into Red, Orange, Green and White categories based on pollution potential.

The list of newly included industries is given below:

Item categorized	Category
Automobile body dismantling	Orange
Catering Unit	Green
Insulation tape/Cello tape unit (Cutting and Packing only)	White
Polyethylene flex Printing unit	Green
Compostable substitute including (i) Paper cups with PLA coating (ii) Compostable plastic garbage bag	White Green
Compressed Biogas (CBG) Plant outlets	White

For Automobile body dismantling units, a minimum setback of 10m and minimum distance to residences and other establishments of 25m are to be followed. Proper enclosures, noise control measures and necessary exhaust cum scrubber facilities shall be implemented in these units to control noise and dust pollution.

[Circular no PCB/T4/115/97(A)]

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Kerala PCB categorizes Rubwood seasoning plant industries based on pollution potential

Aug 28, 2020 | Kerala | EHS

The Kerala State Pollution Control Board (Kerala PCB) on August 25, 2020 has categorized additional industries into Red, Orange, Green and White categories based on pollution potential which are not included in categorization. A total of 185 industries were included by the KPCB.

The list of newly included industries is given below:

Item categorized	Category
Rubwood seasoning plant	Orange
Plate and spoon making using Areca leaf	White

The Circular shall come into effect from August 28, 2020.

[Circular no PCB/T4/115/97 (C)]

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Government of Kerala issues guidelines to issue bonus to employees of public sector institutions

Aug 27, 2020 | Kerala | Labour

The Kerala Labour and Skills Department on August 14, 2020 has issued guidelines to issue bonus to employees of public sector institutions in Kerala.

1. All public sector institutions must pay bonus to its employees according to the Amendments made in the Payment of Bonus Act. 8.33% minimum bonus must be paid to employees of companies where Government holds the majority of shares. Companies paying more than 8.33% bonus must ensure that they have completed the audit for revenue and expenditure calculation for the Financial Year 2019-20.
2. For any firm that has started production in the previous five accounting years, including 2019-20 may issue minimum bonus.
3. For firms that operated at a profit during the FY 2019-2020 must pay the Bonus as per the Payment of Bonus Act while ensuring that there is no violation of Section 11 of the Act prohibiting payment of more than 20% as bonus.
4. For firms operating at a loss continuously or on grants by the Government or budgetary support must limit the payment of bonus to the minimum payment of 8.33%.
5. For firms that suffered a loss in the FY 2019-20 must not issue bonus of more than 8.33%.
6. Only employees (not including apprentice) drawing salary of up to Rs. 24000 in public sector institutions may be paid bonus.
7. For workers engaged in Coir and Cashew industry, the bonus must be paid as per the decisions of the concerned committees.
8. For employees drawing salaries of more than 24,000 no other ex gratia payment or bonus must be paid other than festive bonus.
9. No public sector institutions, boards or cooperatives may do anything in violation of these orders.
10. If there is a need to deviate from any order, the same must be produced before the Government for review at least 15 days before Onam.
11. This order is applicable on all public sector initiatives under the State Government.
12. This order is applicable on all cooperatives involved in the production sector.
13. For other cooperatives special guidelines will be issued by the cooperative's registrar.
14. Decisions taken on matters of bonus payment during the Tripartite Conference organized by the Labour minister must be implemented only after it receives the approval of the ministry.
15. Any amount paid in contravention of these orders will be collected from the concerned public sector institution.
16. Ex gratia, performance linked incentive, festival gift, and any other names by which it might be known should all be made as per the order.

17. Ex gratia, performance linked incentive, festival gift given to public sector employees in 2019-20 must not be accounted for in 2018-19 audit.

18. If while determining bonus, the amount is lower than the previous year, the same amount paid during the previous year must be paid.

19. Bonus amount should not be higher than the amount paid in the previous year.

20. All new Ex gratia, performance linked incentive, festival gift issued must be according to 2019-20 Guidelines.

[Order No. 67/2020/Labour]

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Punjab

Punjab Pollution Control Board revises the procedure and documentations for obtaining the one-time authorization for a specified quantity of waste

Aug 28, 2020 | Punjab | EHS

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) on August 21, 2020, has decided to revise the procedure and documentations for obtaining one-time authorization mentioned under Rule 13 of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

The procedure for obtaining one-time authorization by a trader, who intend to import other wastes listed in Part-D of Schedule-III, on behalf of actual user(s) as under:

■ Authority will grant one-time authorization for a specified quantity instead of per month and if specified quantity of waste is imported than the authorization will come to an end.

■ The validity of one-time authorization shall be for a period of 18 months or till the specified quantity of waste is imported, whichever is earlier.

■ Authorization granted after January 31, 2019 shall be considered as expired after the completion of 18 months from the date of issue of such authorization.

■ If there is violation of conditions, PPCB may suspend or cancel such authorization after giving an opportunity of hearing and after recording the reasons thereof.

■ PPCB revises processing fee as per new procedure.

■ Trader have to obtain suitability certificate of the area for storing scrap / waste from Concerned Municipal Authority or Concerned District Town Planner, as the case may be.

■ Revised documentation and format for issuance of one-time authorization are given in Annexure – A (Page 4) and Annexure – B (Page 8) of this Order.

This Order will come into force with immediate effect.

[Order No. SEE(HQ-2)/2020/475]

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Industrial Disputes (Punjab Amendment) Ordinance, 2020

Aug 26, 2020 | Punjab | Labour

The Labour Department of Punjab on August 11, 2020 has issued the Industrial Disputes (Punjab Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 to further amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

The following amendments have been made:

Ø A new section 2(A)(4) has been inserted, which relates to the nature of industrial disputes, namely:

“Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (1), (2) and (3), no such dispute or difference between that workman and his employer connected with, or arising out of, such discharge, dismissal, retrenchment or termination shall be deemed to be an industrial dispute if such dispute is not raised in conciliation proceeding within a period of three years from the date of such discharge, dismissal, retrenchment or termination.”

Ø Section 25K, which specifies the nature of the seasonal work, has been substituted, namely:

“The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to an industrial establishment (not being an establishment of a seasonal character or in which work is performed only intermittently) in which not less than three hundred workmen were employed on an average per working day for the preceding twelve months.”

[Notification No. 21/73/2019-4L/1134]

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The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) (Punjab Amendment) Ordinance, 2020

Aug 25, 2020 | Punjab | Labour

The Labour Department of Punjab on August 11, 2020 has issued the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) (Punjab Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 to further amend the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Section 1(4)(a), which specifies the applicability of the Act, has been substituted, namely:

“To every establishment in which fifty or more workmen are employed or were employed on any day of the preceding twelve months as contract labour”.

■ Section 1(4)(b), which specifies the applicability of the Act, has been substituted, namely:

“To every contractor who employees or who employed on any day of the preceding twelve months fifty or more workmen.”

[Notification No. 11/01/2019-2L/1131]

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Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Punjab (Amendment) Rules, 2020

Aug 25, 2020 | Punjab | Labour

The Labour Department of Punjab on August 06, 2020 has issued Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Punjab (Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Industrial Employment (Standing orders) Punjab Rules, 1978.

The following amendments have been made in the Industrial Employment (Standing orders) Punjab Rules, 1978:

■ A new Rule 3A has been inserted, which specifies that the employer shall not convert posts, namely:

“No employer of an industrial establishment shall convert the posts of the permanent workmen existing in his industrial establishment as Fixed Term Employment.”

■ A new Rule 5(7A) has been inserted, which specifies the particulars of the workmen, namely:

“Number of fixed term employment workman.”

■ In the Schedule II, a new clause 3(8) has been inserted, which specifies the model standing orders, namely:

““fixed term employment workman” is a workman, who has been engaged for a fixed period, on the basis of a written contract of employment, provided that:

1. His hours of work, wages, allowances, and other benefits shall not be less than that of a permanent workman.
2. He shall be eligible for all statutory benefits available to a permanent workman proportionately according to the period of service rendered by him, even if his period of employment does not extend to the qualifying period of employment required in the statute.

■ A new clause 19(4) has been inserted, which specifies the conditions for the termination of employment and resignation, namely:

“Subject to the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act:

1. No notice of termination of employment, shall be necessary in the case of temporary workman whether monthly rated, weekly rated or piece rated and probationers or badli workmen.
2. No workman employed on fixed term employment basis as a result of non-renewal of contract or employment or on the expiry of such contract period without it being renewed, shall be entitled to any notice or pay in lieu thereof, if his services are terminated.”

[Notification No. 21/65/2019-4L/1095]

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Punjab Government exempts industries from Punjab Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays and Casual and Sick Leave) Act, 1965

Aug 25, 2020 | Punjab | Labour

The Labour Department of Punjab on August 06, 2020 has issued a notification exempting all the industrial establishments in the State of Punjab engaged in continuous process industry from the provisions of Punjab Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays and Casual and Sick Leave) Act, 1965. This shall be applicable to industries involved in the continuous process.

[Notification No. 21/65/2019-4L/1101]

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Punjab Government exempts MSME industrial establishment from Mandatory certification under Standing Orders

Aug 25, 2020 | Punjab | Labour

The Labour Department of Punjab on August 06, 2020 has issued a notification specifying that all the MSME industrial establishments in the State of Punjab shall be exempted from the mandatory certification of the Standing Orders as stated under Section 5 of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946.

Further, the government stated that the industrial establishments must comply with the provisions of Schedule II under Model Standing Orders. In case any industrial establishments want to modify the model standing orders can then register themselves under Section 5 of the Industrial Standing Orders.

[Notification No. 21/65/2019-4L/1098]

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Punjab Government issues clarification regarding additional restrictions in urban areas of Punjab amid Covid-19

Aug 25, 2020 | Punjab | EHS

The Punjab Department of Home Affairs and Justice on August 25, 2020 has issued clarifications regarding additional restrictions in urban areas of Punjab to be implemented from August 22, 2020 to August 31, 2020. The following points relating to additional restrictions must be complied:

- Sports complex or stadiums will open without any spectator.
- Public parks will be open.
- E-commerce, courier services are allowed on all 7 days of the week.
- Gymnasiums can start with strict implementation of Standard Operating Procedures issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW).

[Notification No.SS/ACSH/2020/597]

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Jammu Kashmir

The Contingency Fund of Jammu and Kashmir Rules, 2020

Aug 28, 2020 | Jammu Kashmir | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Jammu and Kashmir on August 27, 2020 has issued Contingency Fund of Jammu and Kashmir Rules, 2020. The Contingency fund for Jammu and Kashmir shall hold the value of Rupees 25 crores.

The following provisions have been given:

■ The fund shall be utilised for unforeseen expenditure that has not been mentioned in the Annual Financial Statement.

■ All the applications for the advances shall be forwarded to the administrative division of the Finance Department with the following information:

1. Brief description of the expenditure
2. Detailed circumstances for the cause of the situation.
3. Reasons as to why the expenditure can not be postponed.
4. Amount required for the entire year or part of the year.
5. Grant that is required.

■ The supplementary copy of such expenditure proposal shall be submitted to the Legislative assembly. Once, it is sanctioned by the assembly, the application shall move forward with the advance.

[Notification No. S.O. 271]

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Jammu and Kashmir Government mandates uploading of documents on JKPaySys

Aug 27, 2020 | Jammu Kashmir | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Jammu and Kashmir on August 25, 2020 has issued a circular stating that the uploading of documents shall be mandatory while preferring bills by DDO's in the treasury through JKPaySys. Further, the government has specified that the all the bills shall be executed, and photographic evidence shall be preserved for the pre-inspection and post-inspection of the documents.

In addition to this, all the different schemes such as assistance, subsidy, loan, insurance etc the DDO's shall furnish the bank transfer details of the beneficiaries online. The flow of the process shall be available on the official website.

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Jammu and Kashmir waives off the late fee applicable for filing of Form GSTR-1

Aug 27, 2020 | Jammu Kashmir | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Jammu and Kashmir on August 25, 2020 has amended the notification no. S.R.O 33 dated January 23, 2018 which specifies the changes made in the late fees payable in the filing of Form GSTR-1.

The following amendments have been made:

■ The fourth provision of the notification, which specifies the late fees applicable on the filing of Form GSTR-1, has been substituted, namely:

“Provided also that the amount of late fee payable under Section 47 of the said Act, shall stand waived off for the registered persons who fail to furnish the details of the outward supplies for the months or quarter mentioned in column (2) of the Table below in Form GSTR-1 by the due date, but furnishes the said details on or before the dates mentioned in the column (3) of the said table:

1. For the month or quarter of March 2020, the date shall be July 10, 2020.
2. For the month or quarter of April 2020, the date shall be July 24, 2020.
3. For the month or quarter of May 2020, the date shall be July 28, 2020.
4. For the month or quarter of June 2020, the date shall be August 05, 2020.
5. For January to March 2020, the date shall be July 17, 2020.
6. For April to June 2020, the date shall be August 03, 2020.

[Notification No. S.O. 267]

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir amends the rate of interest per annum for people filing Form GSTR-3B

Aug 27, 2020 | Jammu Kashmir | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Jammu and Kashmir on August 25, 2020 has amended the Notification no. S.R.O. 300 dated July 18, 2017 which specifies the provisions regarding the Jammu and Kashmir Goods and Services Tax, 2017.

The following amendments have been made:

■ The first proviso of the notification, which specifies the rate of returns applicable to class of persons filing Form GSTR-3B, has been substituted, namely:

“Provided that the rate of interest per annum for the class of registered persons mentioned in the below are required to furnish the returns in Form GSTR-3B, but fail to furnish the said return along with the payment of tax for the months mentioned by the due date, namely:

1. All the taxpayers who have an aggregate of over 5 crores turnover in the preceding financial year shall have 9% as the rate of interest after June 24, 2020 – February, March, April 2020.
2. All the taxpayers who have an aggregate turnover of up to 5 crores in the preceding financial year shall have 9% as the rate of interest after September 30, 2020 – February, March, April 2020.

[Notification No. S.O. 268]

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Jammu and Kashmir Finance Department amends the Jammu and Kashmir Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017

Aug 27, 2020 | Jammu Kashmir | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Jammu and Kashmir on August 25, 2020 has amended the Jammu and Kashmir Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Rule 7, which specifies the rate of tax of the composition levy, has been substituted, namely:

	Sr. No.	Section under which composition levy is opted	Category of registered persons	Rate of Tax
	(1)	(1A)	(2)	(3)
	1.	Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 10	Manufacturers other than manufacturers of such goods as may be notified by the Government	Half per cent of the turnover in the State or Union Territory
	2.	Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 10	Suppliers making supplies referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II	Two and a half percent of the turnover of the State or Union Territory
	3.	Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 10	Any other supplier eligible for composition levy under sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 10	Half percent of the turnover of taxable supplies of goods and services in the State or Union Territory
	4.	Sub-Section (2A) of Section 10	Registered persons not applicable under the composition levy under sub-sections (1) and (2), but eligible to opt to pay tax under sub-section (2A), of section 10.	Three percent of the turnover of taxable supplies of goods and services in the State or the Union Territory.

[Notification No. S.O. 264]

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Jammu and Kashmir Government waives off the late fee for filing of Form GSTR-3B

Aug 27, 2020 | Jammu Kashmir | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Jammu and Kashmir on August 25, 2020 has issued amendment in the Notification no. S.R.O. 478 dated November 24, 2017 which specifies the waiving off, of the late fee in case of filing of GSTR-3B by different class of registered taxpayers.

The following amendments have been made:

■ The second proviso which specified the tax period during which the Form GSTR-3B shall be filed by the registered class of taxpayers, the table has been substituted.

■ A new proviso 3 has been inserted which specifies the waiving of the late fee before the specified date, namely:

“Provided also that the total amount of late fee payable for a tax period, under Section 47 of the said Act, shall stand waived off which is in excess of an amount of two hundred and fifty rupees for the registered person who failed to furnish the return in Form GSTR-3B for the months of July, 2017 to January, 2020, by the due date but furnishes the said return between the period of July 01, 2020 to September 30, 2020.”

[Notification No. S.O. 265]

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020

Aug 28, 2020 | Himachal Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Department on August 20, 2020 issued the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Rules, 2014.

Following are the amendments made in Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Rules, 2014:-

■ In Rule 16(1) related to “Form of application for permission for development” is substituted stating that any person intending to carry out development of any land in Form-11 for sub-division of land and Form-12 for construction of building along with the Specification and Schedule of area attached with the application form or for development of Real Estate Project may apply for such development in Form- 34 either personally or by post i.e. off line or online.

■ A new Rule 19A is inserted related to “Grant of No Objection Certificate or Completion Certificate”, namely:-

“The No Objection Certificate for releasing Service Connections or Completion Certificate in respect of the Building shall be granted by the Director after satisfying himself about completion of construction of building as per approved plan /revised sanction to be carried out by the owner. The No Objection Certificate for releasing Service Connections or Completion Certificate shall be issued in Form-13-A”.

■ Under Rule 41 to 69 of the said rule, the Regulations for development of Real Estate Projects shall be as specified in Appendix-7.

■ Amendment is made in Form 12 to delete the words “apartment, colony”.

■ A new Form 13-A relating to No Objection Certificate for Releasing Service Connections or Completion Certificate is inserted.

■ Form 26 is amended to substitute clause IX which specifies that the access permission to properties along National Highways for access permission to Fuel Station and Properties along National Highways shall be mandatory.

■ Regulation 12(i) is substituted specifying furnishing of Water Availability Certificate from the Himachal Pradesh Irrigation and Public Health Department.

[Notification No. TCP-A (3)-2/2019]

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HPERC (Power System Development Fund) Regulations, 2020

Aug 27, 2020 | Himachal Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) on August 22, 2020 issued the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power System Development Fund) Regulations, 2020. Under the Regulations a separate fund has been created which would include credits received from variety of charges collected and which can be used to fund project entities (distribution licensees) submitting proposals in this regard. The regulation aims at Utilization of PSDF and improvement in distribution system of the distribution licensee to ensure reliable power supply to the consumer. The Himachal Pradesh State Load Despatch Centre (HPSLDC) shall be the Nodal Agency under the Regulations.

[Notification no HPERC-H(1)32/2020]

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Karnataka

Karnataka Excise (General Conditions of Licenses) (Amendment) Rules, 2020

Aug 28, 2020 | Karnataka | Industry Specific

The State Government of Karnataka on August 26, 2020 has issued the Karnataka Excise (General Conditions of Licenses) (Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Karnataka Excise (General Conditions of Licenses) Rules, 1967.

The following amendments have been made:

■ In Rule 23, a proviso has been inserted which specifies the conditions for the license to obtained from the commissioner, namely:

“Provided also that subject to Rule 5, in case of CL -11 (C) licence, the Deputy Commissioner of Excise may permit the licensee to shift the location of his shop:

1. from the limits of one Grama Panchayat to the limits of another Grama Panchayat within the district, in respect of 463 CL-11 (C).
2. from the limits of one Grama Panchayat to the limits of another Grama Panchayat within the same Legislative Assembly constituency, in respect of additional 900 CL-11 (C) licences.”

[Notification No. FD 03 PES 2020]

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Karnataka Land Reforms (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020

Aug 26, 2020 | Karnataka | Labour

The State Government of Karnataka on July 13, 2020 has issued the Karnataka Land Reforms (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 to further amend the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Section 63(2), which specifies the conditions for the ceiling area has been substituted, namely:

“The ceiling area for a person who is not a member of a family or who has no family or for a family shall be twenty units. Provided that in the case of family consisting of more than 5 members the ceiling area shall be twenty units plus an additional extent of four units for every member in excess of ten, so however that the ceiling area shall not exceed forty units in the aggregate.”

■ Section 63(2A) which specifies the conditions for ceiling here, has been substituted, namely:

“the ceiling area for a person who is tenant under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5 shall be eighty units.”

■ A new Section 80A has been inserted, which specifies the restriction on lands granted to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes, namely:

“No conditions laid down in this Act shall be relaxed in respect of lands granted, during the period of prohibition under the Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. (Prohibition of transfer of certain lands) Act, 1978.”

■ A new section 81(2A) has been inserted, which specifies the restriction on sale of mortgage of agricultural land, namely:

“No mortgage of agriculture land shall be made in favour of any person other than the institutions specified in clause (a) and (b) of sub-section 1.”

[Ordinance No. 13 of 2020]

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Karnataka Government formulates specific reforms for the purpose of ease of doing business

Aug 26, 2020 | Karnataka | Labour

The State Government of Karnataka on August 17, 2020 has issued a notification implementing additional 2% state borrowing subject to the formulation of state specific reforms for the purpose of ease of doing business.

Elimination of Renewals:

■ The Government has stated that the renewal processes for certificates/ approvals/ licenses for various business needs to be eliminated.

■ Further, the authorities have stated that if the process of renewal is being carried out efficiently with proper transparency through online portals, a mere collection of fees shall be applicable. Following services shall be taken into consideration:

1. Registration under the Shops and Establishments Act
2. License for contractors under provision of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act.
3. Registration of establishment under the Inter-State Migrant Workman Act, 1979.
4. License under the Factories Act, 1946.

Computerised Central Random Inspection System:

■ The government has issued the need for the development of a computerised central random inspection system so that allocation of inspectors can be executed.

■ Same inspection officers can not be assigned at the same location for subsequent years and prior inspection notice shall be provided to the officers, within 48 hours.

■ Further, the reforms need to be integrated and shall be submitted to the authorities by September 15, 2020.

[Notification No. KUM/E9/EODB/DB-RAP/111/2020-21]

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Tamil Nadu

Government of Tamil Nadu implements online submission of Form I and III under Tamil Nadu NFH Act, 1958

Aug 27, 2020 | Tamil Nadu | Labour

The Labour Department of Tamil Nadu has decided to implement online submission of Form I (Proposal for the specification of festival Holidays) and Form III approval issued by authority online under Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National, Festival And Special Holidays) Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959. This implementation would come into effect from August 16, 2020. However, the Authority would not accept the hard copy of the application.

The employer may create a User ID and Password in the labour portal - <https://labour.tn.gov.in/services/users/login>. Along with it, the following details needs to get submitted:-

1. Employer SPOC mail ID, Mobile No., PAN and Aadhaar (residential address should be in Tamil Nadu)
2. Employer PAN and Aadhaar (residential address should be in Tamil Nadu)
3. Holiday list colour scan copy (Minimum 9 _ four national and five festival holidays)
4. Form II colour scan copy
5. Form S colour scan copy
6. Lease agreement
7. Incorporate certificate
8. Company PAN card

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Government amends Andhra Pradesh Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Act, 1987

Aug 27, 2020 | Andhra Pradesh | Finance & Taxation

The Revenue Department of Andhra Pradesh on August 25, 2020 has issued a notification amending the Andhra Pradesh Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Act, 1987. The amendment has been made under the Schedule I, entries 4,7,9,14,18,21,25 and 31 which specifies the class of registered person and the applicability of tax per month on such registered class of persons, has been substituted.

* The document is available at this [link](#).

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Haryana

Haryana Agriculture Department issues the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bhima Yojana

Aug 26, 2020 | Haryana | Industry Specific

The Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department has issued the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bhima Yojana (PMFBY) from Kharif 2020 to Rabi 2022-23.

The guidelines are as follows:-

- Kharif crops shall be paddy, bajra, Maize and cotton. Rabi crops shall be wheat, gram, barley, mustard, sunflower.
- The operation shall be dependent on the Area Approach in the Insurance Unit.
- Clusters shall be formed in the districts and then the implementation of the scheme shall be done.
- All the farmers can enrol in the scheme. However, the farmers who have taken loans shall be given the preference of opting out after presenting the requisite declaration from any bank and submitting it maximum 7 days before to the authorities. Banks shall maintain all the records of the farmers.
- The coverage shall be provided for the crops that need to be cut and dried and shall be given for 2 weeks after harvesting.
- Crop loss calamity shall be informed within 72 hours of the calamity.
- Losses arising out of war or malicious intent shall not be covered under the scheme.
- The indemnity level shall remain same at 90% from Kharif to Rabi.

[Notification No. 1307-Agri.II-(2)-2020/3968]

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Manipur

Manipur Government imposes ban on certain activities in the State

Aug 26, 2020 | Manipur | EHS

The Manipur Home Department on August 25, 2020 has decided to continue ban on certain activities in the State to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The ban imposed on social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural, religious functions and other large congregations would continue. However, marriage related gatherings with maximum forty people and funeral rites with twenty people can be allowed. Violation of the order would attract penalty under Manipur Epidemic Diseases (Enforcement of Covid-19 Guidelines) Regulation 2020.

Penalty prescribed for violations of the regulations is given below:

- Gathering – Rs 10,000
- Failure to wear mask and maintaining social distancing in public places - Rs 200
- Any other violation of guidelines- Rs 1000

[Order no 9/6(1)/2020-H(Pt.I)]

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh Startup Policy 2020

Aug 26, 2020 | Uttar Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Uttar Pradesh Department of IT and Electronics has introduced the new Uttar Pradesh Startup Policy 2020. The new Policy aims to build a holistic startup and entrepreneurial ecosystem in the state by supporting the establishment of tinkering labs in schools, e-cells in colleges, incubators in institutes of higher learning and centers of excellence to promote research & development in the areas of emerging technologies etc. The vision of the policy is to establish a world class startup ecosystem in the state by developing a robust infrastructure.

The Startup Policy 2020 is valid for five years from the date of its notification. The policy supersedes all the clauses pertaining to startup section of previous policies. However, cases already approved by the Nodal Agency before notification of this new policy shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the respective previous startup policies.

The goals of the policy are given below:

- Establish or support 100 incubators, minimum one in each district of the State
- Develop minimum one million square feet of incubation/acceleration space for startups
- Create the ecosystem for at least 10,000 startups in the state
- Establish 3 state of the art Center of Excellence (CoEs)

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