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Finance & Taxation

CBIC extends the imposition of ADD on All Fully Drawn or Fully Oriented Yarn/Spin Draw Yarn/Flat Yarn of Polyester originating or exported from China and Thailand

Nov 30, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation



The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on November 26, 2020 has amended the notification [51/2015- Customs \(ADD\)](#) dated October 21, 2015 which specifies the imposition of anti-dumping duty on All Fully Drawn or Fully Oriented Yarn/Spin Draw Yarn/Flat Yarn of Polyester originating or exported from China and Thailand.

The Government has further extended the imposition of anti-dumping duty till December 31, 2020.

[Notification No. 39/2020- Customs (ADD)]

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CBDT issues Circular regarding Clarification on export of Gems and Jewellery through Courier mode

Nov 30, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on November 27, 2020 has issued a Circular regarding Clarification on export of Gems and Jewellery through Courier mode. It has been clarified that the extant Courier Import and Exports (Electronic Declaration and processing) Regulations, 2010 and the Courier Imports and Exports (Clearance) Regulations, 1998, do not restrict exports of gems and jewellery through the courier mode.

[Circular No.: F.No.: 455/03/2020-Cus.V]

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CBDT issues Press Release to validate UDIN generated from ICAI portal at the time of upload of Tax Audit Reports

Nov 30, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on November 26, 2020 has issued a Press Release to validate Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN) generated from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) portal at the time of upload of Tax Audit Reports.

Income-tax e-filing portal had factored mandatory quoting of UDIN with effect from 27th April, 2020 for documents certified/attested by a Chartered Accountant. UDIN provided for the audit reports/certificates submitted by the Chartered Accountants in the e-filing portal shall be validated online with the ICAI. This will help in weeding out fake or incorrect Tax Audit Reports not duly authenticated with the ICAI.

If a Chartered Accountant was not able to generate UDIN before submission of audit report/certificate, the Income-tax e-filing portal permits such submission, subject to the Chartered Accountant updating the UDIN generated for the form within 15 calendar days from the date of form submission in the Income- tax e-filing portal. If the UDIN for the audit report/certificate is not updated within the 15 days provided for the same, such audit report/certificate uploaded shall be treated as invalid submission.

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DGFT revises the unit of SION A1827 of Export Products

Nov 27, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on November 26, 2020 has issued a Public Notice to notify the amendment in SION A1827 for the export of Ossein in the Handbook of Procedure Vol.II, the Effect of this amendment is, namely:-

Effect of this amendment—the unit under the quantity in the imported item has been amended from "KG" to "MT" in the SION A1827.

[Notification No.: 01/83/171/21/AM-20/DES-IV]

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Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Minimum Information Required for Investigation and Inspection) Regulations 2020

Nov 26, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on November 23, 2020 has issued the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Minimum Information Required for Investigation and Inspection) Regulations, 2020.

The following provisions have been made:

■ Every insurer shall maintain at their place of business in India all records, information, data, documents, books or registers required to be maintained by them under the extant provisions of the Act, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Circulars or Directions applicable to the insurers and provisions of any other law, as applicable to its business.

■ The following items of information shall be maintained, as applicable, for the business of the insurer, namely:

1. A record of insurance agents, giving in respect of each agent name, address, particulars of agent's registration held, and (iv) date of appointment and date of termination of appointment, if any.
2. A record of all insurance intermediaries tied up or otherwise with the insurer giving in respect of each insurance intermediary, specified person, broker qualified person, telemarketer, authorized verifier.
3. A record of insurance agents and insurance intermediaries, giving - (i) particulars of business procured by each person.
4. A record of all salaried field workers.
5. A record of appointment letters issued to all agents, consultants, members of the staff along with changes therein.
6. A record of duplicate copies of appointment letters, if issued, to the agents, consultants, and members of the staff along with changes, therein.
7. Cash book and disbursement book with supporting documents.

■ Every insurer shall retain all the documents relating to claims settled, including copies of any survey, investigation or loss assessment reports connected therewith:

1. in respect of every loss or damage on which a claim of less than Rs.1,00,000 has been made, for a period of three years.
2. in respect of every loss or damage on which a claim of Rs.1,00,000 or more but less than Rs.10 lakhs has been made, for a period of five years.
3. in respect of every loss or damage on which a claim of Rs.10 lakhs or more but less than Rs.20 lakhs has been made, for a period of seven years.

4. in respect of every loss or damage on which a claim of Rs.20 lakhs or more has been made, for a period of twelve years.

[Notification No. IRDAI/Reg/3/169/2020]

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Ministry of Finance issues Circular regarding Clarification on holding of Pre-Show Cause Notice Consultation

Nov 26, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on November 19, 2020 has issued a Circular regarding Clarification on holding of Pre-Show Cause Notice Consultation with the assessee concerned in cases where the show cause notices are to be issued by the Audit Commissionerate's.

It is hereby clarified that Preshow cause notice consultation with assessee, prior to issuance of SCN in case of demands of duty is above Rs. 50 Lakhs (except for preventive/offence related SCN's), is mandatory and shall be done by the Show Cause Notice issuing authority.

This clarification shall have an overriding effect on all Circulars/Instructions issued on the subject, to the extent they are in conflict.

[Circular No.: 1076/02/2020-CX]

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SEBI issues Press Release on review of mandatory measures taken in view of ongoing market volatility

Nov 26, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on November 25, 2020 has issued a Press Release on Review of regulatory measures in view of ongoing market volatility introduced vide SEBI Press Release [PR No.: 59/2020](#) dated March 20, 2020 which is in force till November 26, 2020.

Based on market feedback and changed market environment, the regulatory measures dated March 20, 2020 have been reviewed and the same shall stand revised as under:

■ The regulatory measures mentioned at S. No. 1. (i) and 1. (ii) regarding Stocks in derivatives segment (F&O stocks) shall stand withdrawn subject to the continuation of the following:

“With regard to S. No. 1 (i), in the event MWPL utilization in a security crosses 95%, derivative contracts enter into a ban period, wherein, all clients / trading members are required to trade in the derivative contracts

of said scrips only to decrease their positions through offsetting positions. Any increase in open positions would attract appropriate penal and/or disciplinary action of the stock exchanges / clearing corporations.

Accordingly, stock exchanges / clearing corporations shall put in place effective mechanism to monitor whether the market wide open interest for scrips meeting the aforesaid criteria exceeds 95% of the reduced market wide position limit as arrived at above. Further, the stock exchanges / clearing corporations shall check on an intra-day basis (monitoring of Peak intraday OI or Periodic intraday monitoring of OI) whether any member or client has exceeded his existing positions or has created a new position in the scrips in the new ban period."

■ The regulatory measures regarding Increase in margin for Non-F&O Stocks in Cash Market mentioned at S. No. 2 shall stand withdrawn.

■ The regulatory measures regarding Index Derivatives mentioned at S. No. 3 (iii) shall stand revised as follows:

If any of the aforesaid entities exceed the respective limits prescribed at 3(i) and 3(ii) above, an additional deposit shall be payable by the entity equivalent to the amount of margin chargeable on excess position beyond the limits prescribed at 3(i) and 3(ii) above and the same shall be retained by stock exchanges / clearing corporations for a period of one month.

[PR No.: 59/2020]

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Ministry of Home Affairs extends time for uploading online submission of Annual Returns for the year 2019-2020

Nov 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Home Affairs on November 23, 2020 has extended the time for uploading/online submission of Annual Returns for the year 2019-2020. The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2020 mandates FCRA registered associates and prior permission (PP) holder to meet with the following conditions:-

- Open a mandatory "FCRA Account"
- Upload Aadhar details of all office bearers or Directors or any other key functionaries by whatever name called
- Upload affidavits of all members
- Obtain Darpan ID from DARPAN Portal of NITI Aayog of the NGO/Association

It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry that the conditions may require some additional time by associations. Therefore, the time for uploading/online submission of Annual Returns for the year 2019-2020 is extended up to June 30, 2021.

[Notice No.: II/21022/23(15)/2020-FCRA-III]

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Ministry of Information and Broadcasting issues Public Notice regarding compliance of the FDI policy

Nov 24, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on November 06, 2020 has issued a Public Notice regarding compliance of the FDI policy of the government of India with regard to the entities in uploading/streaming of news and current affairs through digital media. To enable the eligible entities to comply, they are required to take action as laid down here under:-

■ Entities having foreign investment below 26% may furnish an intimation to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting within one month from today giving the details such as; details of the company and its shareholding pattern, names and address of promoters/Significant beneficial owners, PAN and latest Audit report, and a confirmation with regard to compliance with pricing, documentation and reporting requirements under FDI policy and respective FEMA regulations.

■ Entities which, at present, have an equity structure with foreign investment exceeding 26% would give similar details and take necessary steps for bringing down the foreign investment to 26% by October 15, 2020.

■ Entity which intends to bring fresh foreign investment in the country has to take prior approval of the Central Government.

■ The entities are required to obtain security clearance for all foreign personnel likely to be deployed for more than 60 days in a year.

All information/communication in this regard may be addressed to Shri Amarendra Singh, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi (Email ID: amarendra.singh@nic.in).

[Notification No.: 0-14011/11/2019-MUC-I]

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CBIC issues clarifications regarding availment of exemption on temporary import of durable Containers

Nov 23, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on November 20, 2020 has issued a circular reiterating the conditions for the containers that are eligible for the exemption from the customs duty.

The following conditions need to be satisfied:

- They should be durable.
- The containers shall be capable of being used multiple times.
- The containers shall be capable of being identified at the time of re-export.
- All other conditions shall be satisfied as well.

For all the containers that are not adhering to the following guidelines but are permitted for the purpose of temporary import and eventual re-import, the following procedure shall be followed:

- All the empty containers shall have a bill of entry under the customs act and shall have a bond of re-export that shall be required to be furnished at the time of re-import.
- The containers shall be declared as an item in the shipping bill. Further, the containers need to be verified at the time of export by the Customs.
- Further, these containers shall be declared as a separate item in the bill of entry as well.

[Circular No. 51/2020- Customs]

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International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020

Nov 23, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on November 18, 2020 has issued the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020.

The following provisions have been made:

Requirement of License to setup a Banking Unit:

- Indian banks need to send an application to the parent bank to set up a banking unit in India in an International Financial Services Centre.
- Following requirements shall be satisfied by the applicant:
 1. Parent Bank shall provide a minimum capital of USD 20 million or such other amount as may be specified by the Authority, or equivalent in any foreign currency to its Banking Unit, for the purposes of starting operations, that shall be maintained on unimpaired basis, at all times.
 2. Parent Bank shall obtain a No Objection Letter from its home regulator regarding setting up of the Banking Unit in the International Financial Services Centre.
 3. Parent Bank shall submit an undertaking that it shall provide liquidity to its BU whenever needed for the operations of the BU.

■ Representative Offices shall be allowed to be set up in IFSC, under a suitable mechanism, subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Authority.

Prudential Regulatory Requirements:

■ Banking Units shall continue to comply with the directions and instructions issued by the Reserve Bank of India as applicable for IFSC Banking Units, unless otherwise specified by the Authority.

■ Net Stable Funding Ratio shall be made applicable to a Banking Unit as and when determined by the Authority and shall be maintained by a Banking Unit.

■ A Banking Unit shall be subject to an exposure ceiling of five percent of the Parent Bank's Tier 1 capital in case of a single borrower, and ten percent of Parent Bank's Tier 1 capital in the case of a borrower group.

■ Lender of Last Resort support shall not be available to a Banking Unit.

Permissible Activities:

■ A Banking Unit shall conduct such business in freely convertible foreign currencies and with such persons, whether resident or otherwise, as may be specified by the Authority.

■ Cash transactions in foreign currency accounts shall not be permitted.

■ An account in a freely convertible foreign currency may be opened, held and maintained with a Banking Unit in the form of current or savings or term deposit in cases where the account holder is an individual, and in the form of current or term deposit in all other cases, subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Authority.

■ Function as a trading member for trading in interest rate or currency derivatives or as a professional clearing member for clearing and settlements in any derivative segment.

Know your customer and Anti-money laundering measures applicable to a banking unit:

■ A Banking Unit shall be required to furnish information relating to their operations to the Authority, from time to time, and in such manner and form, as may be specified by the Authority.

■ A Banking Unit shall be permitted to have an INR account out of the freely convertible foreign currency to defray their administrative and statutory expenses, and for such other purposes as may be specified by the Authority.

[Notification No. IFSCA/2020-21/GN/REG004]

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CBIC revises the rate of exchange of foreign currencies into Indian currency

Nov 20, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on November 19, 2020 releases the Exchange Rate Notification for valuation of goods for purposes of assessment under the Act. In international trade, the value of goods is determined by converting the foreign currency into INR using the customs exchange rate. This is the deemed value of goods on which a duty of customs will be chargeable.

■ Australian Dollar

■ Bahraini Dinar

■ Canadian Dollar

■ Chinese Yuan

■ Danish Kroner

■ EURO

■ Hong Kong Dollar

■ Kuwaiti Dinar

■ New Zealand Dollar

■ Norwegian Kroner

■ Pound Sterling

■ Qatari Riyal

■ Saudi Arabian Riyal

■ Singapore Dollar

■ South African Rand

■ Swedish Kroner

■ Swiss Franc

■ Turkish Lira

■ UAE Dirham

■ US Dollar

■ Japanese Yen

■ Korean Won

[Notification No. 108/2020 - Customs (N.T.)]

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Industry Specific

Ministry of Steel has extended the enforcement date of the Indian Standards for certain products

Nov 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific



The Ministry of Steel on November 26, 2020 has further extended the date of the following Indian Standards.

The following products have a period of extension:

- Cold-reduced electrolytic Tin Plate shall be enforced on April 17, 2021.
- Cold-reduced electrolytic chromium/ chromium oxide-coated steel shall be enforced on April 17, 2021.

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MOFPI issues Guidelines for short term intervention for eligible fruits and vegetables under Operation Greens as a part of Aatmnirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

Nov 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) on November 27, 2020 has issued the Guidelines for short term intervention for eligible fruits and vegetables under Operation Greens as a part of Aatmnirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. The salient features of the Guidelines are as follows: -

- The objective is to protect the growers of fruits and vegetables from making distress sale and reduce the post-harvest losses.
- Eligible Crops will include the fruits and vegetables including Mango, Banana, Guava, Kiwi, Litchi, Papaya, Mousambi, Orange, French beans, Bitter Gourd, Brinjal, Capsicum, Carrot, Ginger, Squash etc.
- Food Processors, Individual farmers, Licensed Commission Agent, Exporters, etc shall be the eligible entities engaged in processing/marketing of fruits and vegetables.

■ Procurement to be made directly from farmers, co-operative society and payment should be made only through banking channel

■ Online submission of the claim for release of subsidy shall be made with the supporting documents as follows;

o Purchase Invoice for eligible crops from the notified production cluster;

o Farmer's details from whom crop has been procured

o Sale/Transfer Invoice for eligible crop to consumption centre/plant/port

o Transport Invoice & Receipt and other relevant documents showing payment made for the transportation of crop

o Storage Invoice & Receipt showing payment made for the storage of the crop

o Copy of bank statement showing payment made to the farmers, transport charge and/or storage charge

o Undertaking by applicant

[Notification No.: OP/--DD (OG)]

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PNGRB (Integrity Management System for Natural gas pipelines) Amendment Regulations, 2020

Nov 27, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on November 23, 2020 has published the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Integrity Management System for Natural gas pipelines) Amendment Regulations, 2020 to amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Integrity Management System for Natural gas pipelines) Regulations, 2012. These regulations shall apply to all the entities laying, building, operating or expanding natural gas pipelines. The objective of the amendment is to maintain integrity of natural gas pipelines at all times to ensure public safety, protect environment and ensure availability of pipeline to transport gas without interruptions and also minimize business risks associated with accidents and losses.

[Notification No PNGRB/Tech/14-IMSNGPL/(1)/2019 (P-216)]

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NSE India Limited issues guidelines for maintaining client & settlement bank accounts by the Trading Members

Nov 27, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India Limited on November 27, 2020 has issued guidelines for maintaining client & settlement bank accounts by the Trading Members. In view of the representations received from members' and members associations, the timeline to close the excess bank accounts named as "Name of Stock Broker - Client Account" & "Name of Stock Broker - Settlement Account" have been extended to December 31, 2020.

In case of any clarifications, Members may contact our below offices:

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[Circular no- 71/2020]

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Ministry of Commerce and Industry issues directions to the registered traders and dealers of the Tobacco Board for purchase of excess tobacco

Nov 26, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on November 25, 2020 has issued directions to the registered traders and dealers of the Tobacco Board to purchase at its auction platforms in the State of Karnataka, the excess flue cured virginia tobacco produced by registered growers and flue cured virginia tobacco produced by unregistered growers in the State of Karnataka, subject to the following conditions, namely:

(a) An amount of rupees two per kilogram and five per cent of the proceeds of the sale (including a normal service charge of one percent, of proceeds payable by growers) shall be contributed to the Tobacco Fund by every registered grower for the excess flue cured Virginia tobacco produced by him or her up to the extent of ten percent, of the quota authorized for 2020-21 crop season.

(b) An amount of rupees two per kilogram and ten percent, of the proceeds of the sale (including a normal service charge of one percent, of proceeds payable by growers) shall be contributed to the Tobacco Fund by every registered grower for the flue cured Virginia tobacco produced by him or her over and above the limit of ten percent, of the quota authorized and also by every unregistered grower for the flue cured Virginia tobacco produced by him or her for 2020-21 crop season.

[Notification S.O. 4210(E)]

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PNGRB (Access Code for City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2020

Nov 26, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on November 23, 2020 has published the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Access Code for City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2020. The Access code aims at establishing industry wide transparent and uniform principles for allowing entities to gain or allow access to pipelines systems and city gas distribution (CGD) networks. The objective of this code is to promote development of a competitive gas market by establishing uniform principles for owners and users of gas pipelines to allow transparent and non-discriminatory access to the gas pipelines and CGD networks. All gas delivered or to be delivered by shipper at entry point for distribution through city or local natural gas distribution network by authorised entity shall confirm to gas parameters as per regulations.

[Notification No PNGRB/Auth/1-CGD (16)/2020 (P-2748)]

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Ministry of Commerce and Industry permits sale of excess flue cured virginia tobacco crop

Nov 26, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on November 25, 2020 has permitted the sale of excess flue cured virginia tobacco crop of the registered growers and flue cured virginia tobacco crop of the unregistered growers at the auction platforms authorised by the Tobacco Board. The Government has relaxed the provisions relating to registration of Growers of Virginia tobacco for the period commencing from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette and ending on April 30, 2021.

[Notification No S.O. 4209(E)]

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ESIC issues directions for an online provision in UTI system

Nov 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on November 25, 2020 has issued directions regarding an online provision in UTI system through which extension of stay or addition/modification in the treatment procedure, etc can be made. Online practise should be adopted for extension of stay, addition/modification in the treatment procedure etc. However, if offline approval of stay/additional procedure etc is issued, the competent authority should endorse signature, full name, designation and bill processing while handing over the hardcopy of approval to the IP/Beneficiary etc as required by TUH for rendering cashless treatment.

[F.No U-16/30/584/2016-Pro.Cell (SST)/Misc. P II]

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Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Minimum Information Required for Investigation and Inspection) Regulations, 2020

Nov 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on November 23, 2020 has issued the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Minimum Information Required for Investigation and Inspection) Regulations, 2020. The objective of these Regulations are to specify minimum information required to be maintained by insurer, intermediary or insurance intermediary, so as to enable the investigating officer to discharge satisfactorily his or her functions under Section 33 of the Insurance Act, 1938.

These regulations are divided into three parts and they contain provisions applicable to all insurers, intermediaries and insurance intermediaries.

[Notification No.: IRDAI/Reg/3/169/2020]

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Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Determination of Natural Gas Pipeline Tariff) Third Amendment Regulations, 2020

Nov 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on November 23, 2020 has issued the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Determination of Natural Gas Pipeline Tariff) Third Amendment Regulations, 2020 to further amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Determination of Natural Gas Pipeline Tariff) Regulations, 2008.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Schedule 5, clause 5 (8), which specifies that the miscellaneous income shall be netted from the operating cost, has been substituted, namely:

“Miscellaneous income realizable from a fixed asset included in the capital employed or out of an expense considered as an operating cost, including income from imbalance management services in accordance with the provisions of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Imbalance Management Services) Regulations, 2016, but excluding interest income, profit or loss on sale or transfer of any fixed or other asset, shall be netted from the operating cost.”

■ Schedule A, clause 7, which specifies the economic life, has been substituted, namely:

“Notwithstanding anything contained in any regulations made under the Act, economic life of the pipeline shall be considered as thirty years from the date of commissioning for the purpose of tariff determination under these regulations. In case, the natural gas pipeline has been authorized for more than thirty years or its authorisation has been subsequently extended beyond thirty years or is in operation beyond thirty years, the DCF model for the tariff computation may be made for the entire period of authorization or operation till the next tariff review, including the extended period. Any replacement of the pipeline, in excess of five per cent of the length of the pipeline including spur-lines and tie-in lines, before the completion of the aforesaid economic life, shall not be considered for tariff determination if approval of the Board has not been obtained by the entity for such replacement.”

[Notification No. PNGRB/COM/2-NGPL/Tariff (3)/2014 Vol-IV(Part-1) (P-1439)]

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SEBI issues Circular on testing of software used in or related to Trading and Risk Management

Nov 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on November 24, 2020 has issued a Circular on testing of software used in or related to Trading and Risk Management. SEBI has decided that requirement of mandatory mock trading sessions to facilitate testing of new software or existing software that has undergone any change of functionality shall be optional if a Stock Exchange provides suitable simulated test environment to test new software or existing software that has undergone any change of functionality and ensures the following:

- The test environment shall be made available to all the members.
- The test environment shall be made available for at least two hours after market hours and at least on two trading days in a week.
- For the purpose of testing, Stock Exchange shall make available data from at least one trading day in all segments.

- All trading members having approved Algorithms available with the member shall participate in the Simulated Environment. This shall be audited and reported in the System Auditors report.
- Exchange shall provide a daily log, including Algos used, of members participation in Simulated Environment to all participating members. The Exchange shall provide summary report of such activity to SEBI in the monthly development report (MDR).

[SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/MRD1/DSAP/CIR/P/2020/234]

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Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Procedure for development of Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards) Amendment Regulations, 2020

Nov 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on November 23, 2020 has issued the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Procedure for development of Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards) Amendment Regulations, 2020 to further amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Procedure for development of Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards) Regulations, 2009.

The following amendments have been made:

- Regulation 9, which specifies the procedure for the formulation of standards, has been substituted, namely:

“Any interested party may submit a proposal to the Board for formulation of a standard or updating or amending or cancelling an existing standard in activities relating to petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas including the construction and operation of pipeline and infrastructure projects related to downstream petroleum and natural gas sector in the form of Annexure – II along with an application fee as specified under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Levy of Fees and Other Charges) Regulations, 2007.”

[Notification No. PNGRB/Tech/27-PDT4S/(1)/2020 (P-1922)]

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PFRDA seeks comments on e-NPS for Government employees

Nov 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA) on November 12, 2020 has sought feedback for Govt. employees to on-board National Pension Scheme (NPS) through e-NPS. Comments can be e-mailed to sup-cra@pfrda.org .in or through a letter before December 15, 2020.

e-NPS is the online NPS on boarding portal hosted by the Central Record Keeping Agency (CRA) wherein a Subscriber can register and contribute online into NPS.

The employees of Government Sector will have option to register under NPS through e-NPS. Further, an existing Subscriber of other sectors, on entering into the Government sector, shall have an option to shift to Government sector through e-NPS.

The proposed mode of e-NPS based registration of Govt Sector employees bring the following benefits to the stakeholders:

- Ease of on boarding for employees and online verification/authorization of employee NPS information by nodal officers
- Paperless process of enrolment with e-Sign/OTP
- Optimizing the cost of Acct opening by end to end digitization.
- Expediting the account opening process compared to existing modes of account opening methods made available to the Government sector.
- Timely PRAN generation and hence timely deposit of NPS contribution which would lead to higher investment benefits.
- The logistical cost associated with submitting physical forms by subscribers to nodal officers, by nodal officers to CRA-FC and resubmitting the return forms will be avoided.

[Circular No- PFRDA/2020/49/SUP-CRA/20]

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Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Imbalance Management Services) Third Amendment Regulations, 2020

Nov 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on November 23, 2020 has issued the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Imbalance Management Services) Third Amendment Regulations, 2020 to further amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Imbalance Management Services) Regulations, 2016.

The following amendments have been made:

- Regulation 3, which specifies the applicability of the act, has been substituted, namely:

“These regulations shall apply to a natural gas pipeline covered under the regulations 9, 17 and 18 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand Natural Gas Pipelines) Regulations, 2008, a dedicated pipeline which is converted into a natural gas pipeline under the provisions of sub-regulation (1) or (2) of regulation 19 of the said Regulations, 2008 and a natural gas pipeline authorized by the Board pursuant to a policy directive issued by the Central Government under sub-section (2) of section 42 of the Act.”

■ Regulation 4 (1), which specifies the provision of imbalance management services to the shipper under certain conditions, has been substituted, namely:

“Subject to availability of pipeline capacity and without affecting the services to any shipper, transporter shall provide the following imbalance management services to a shipper to manage transportation imbalances, namely:

1. parking service, which shall mean a service under which the transporter and shipper agree on a day-wise plan for receipt of agreed quantities of shipper’s natural gas into the pipeline at one or more agreed points for parking in the pipeline and subsequent day re-delivery of the agreed quantities by the transporter to shipper, either at the same point or any other point on the pipeline.
2. lending service, which shall mean a service under which the transporter and shipper agree on a day-wise plan for lending of agreed quantities of natural gas by the transporter to shipper at one or more agreed points and subsequent agreed day-wise return of such loaned quantities by shipper to the transporter either at the same point or any other point on the pipeline.
3. netting service, which shall mean a service under which the shipper offsets its positive and negative imbalances under different Gas Transportation Agreements with the transporter.
4. trading service, which shall mean a service under which more than one shipper offset their respective positive and negative imbalances under different Gas Transportation Agreements resulting into reduction of their total imbalances.”

[Notification No. PNGRB/COM/2-NGPL Tariff (2)/2012 (P-3116)]

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Ministry of Information and Broadcasting amends Headend-in the Sky Guidelines for Broadcasting Service in India

Nov 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on November 06, 2020 has issued an Order to add the following paragraphs after Para 15 and shall be number as 16 and 17 to the [Headend-in-the-Sky \(HITS\) Guidelines](#) for Broadcasting Service in India dated November 26, 2009:-

■ Para 16 on Sharing of infrastructure by HITS operator, and

■ Para 17 on the permission will be granted subject to following conditions.

■ Since para 16 and 17 are being added the Paras 16, 17, 18 and 19 and their sub-Paras in the existing HITS Guidelines are renumbered as Paras 18, 19, 20 and 21 and their sub-Paras respectively.

[Order No.: N-360 1 2/5 12020-BP &L]

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Ministry of Information and Broadcasting issues advisory on Policy Guidelines for Bulk SMS and Other Value Added Services

Nov 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on November 03, 2020 has issued an advisory on Policy Guidelines for Bulk SMS and Other Value Added Services. The following are the objective of the policy guidelines:-

■ It will cover such services which require the use of cellular network and are not routed through Wireless Application Protocol and will cover; Bulk SMS, OBD, and any other service

■ It will cover campaigns through Bulk SMS and other value-added services executed by BOC from time to time on behalf of the Ministries/Departments and organisation of Government of India. Such messages are disseminated to raise public awareness.

The policy guidelines stipulate the following eligibility criteria and terms and conditions of empanelment/engagement of entities for bulk SMS and other Value Added Services with BOC:-

■ It should have a valid registration with TRAI as a telemarketer or should be a telemarketer as per procedure established by TRAI

■ It shall be an entity incorporated in India

■ It shall have an experience of at least 2 years

■ It shall have database of mobile numbers of its own for dissemination of information

■ It should comply with the laws of the land

■ Agency/operator shall be able to provide support for all Indian regional languages with fully UNICODE complaint messaging.

[Notification No.: JD(NM)/New SMS Policy & Empanelment/2020-21]

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AICTE issues circular for the implementation of the National Academic Depository

Nov 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on November 23, 2020 has issued a circular for the implementation of the National Academic Depository (NAD). AICTE has informed that the digilocker is the single depository for NAD. Other previous depositories are not part of the NAD anymore. Hence, now onwards, all AICTE Approved institutions are requested to upload data of academic awards of their institution with Digilocker.

Following guidelines shall be followed:

■ Institutions shall designate Nodal Officers and set up a dedicated NAD cell for implementation of NAD and reflect their details on their website.

■ Institutions shall advise their students to register on NAD website.

[Circular No. AICTE/P&A/Misc./2020]

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AICTE issued notification for compliance of self-disclosure deficiencies

Nov 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on November 19, 2020 has issued a circular for the compliance of self-disclosure deficiencies generated on portal relating to infrastructure and faculty in respect of the Institution applied during the year 2020-21. The institutions where deficiencies were found are requested to submit the compliance at the earliest. The documents shall be submitted as early as possible so that the scrutiny of documents can be started to determine the deficiencies.

[Circular No. AICTE/AB/NR/Self Disclosure deficiencies/2020-21]

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RBI releases a report for Internal Working Group to review Extant Ownership Guidelines and Corporate Structure of the Indian Private Sector Banks

Nov 23, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on November 20, 2020 has issued a press release for the release of the report of the Internal Working Group to review Extant Ownership Guidelines and Corporate Structure of the Indian Private Sector Banks.

The following recommendations have been given:

- RBI has raised the cap on the promoters stake in the long run to 26% of the paid-up voting equity share capital of the Bank.
- For all the type of shareholders a cap of 15% shall be applicable on the paid-up voting equity shares.
- 3 years of experience shall be considered enough for the payments bank willing to convert into small finance banks.
- Minimum initial capital requirements for the licensing of the new banks shall be enhanced to 1000 crores for universal banks and 300 crores for small finance banks.
- Banks currently under NOFHC structure may be allowed to exit from such a structure if they do not have other group entities in their fold.

[Press Release No. 2020-2021/667]

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Draft Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2020

Nov 23, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on November 19, 2020 has issued the Draft Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2020 by suspending the following rules namely:-

- The Dock Workers (Safety, Health and Welfare) Rules, 1990;
- The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Services) Rules, 1998;
- The Model Factories Rules;
- The Mines Rules, 1955;
- The Mines Rescue Rules, 1985;
- The Mines Vocational Training Rules, 1966;
- The Pithead Bath Rules, 1959;
- The Mines Crèche Rules, 1966;
- The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Central Rules, 1971;
- The Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Central Rules, 1979.
- The Working Journalists (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Rules, 1957;

- The Cine-Workers and Cinema Theatre Workers (Regulation of Employment) Rules, 1984;
- The Sales Promotion Employees (Conditions of Service) Rules, 1976.

The draft rules provide for operationalization of provisions in the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 relating to safety, health and working conditions of the Dock Workers, Building or other construction workers, Mines workers, Inter-State Migrant worker, Contract labour, Working journalist, Audio-visual workers and Sales promotion employees.

The draft Rules are aimed at enhancing safety, health and working conditions in establishments, simplifying the procedures and protocols, allowing electronic mode of maintaining registers, records and furnishing returns, thus ensuring safe, healthy and decent working conditions. The salient features of the draft rules include:

- No employee shall be employed without issuing an appointment letter in a format that includes designation, category of skill, wages, etc.
- Annual health examination shall be conducted free of cost for every worker of factory, dock, mine and building or other construction work, who has completed 45 years of age.
- Journey allowance once in a year for to & fro journey
- Single electronic registration, license and annual integrated return for an establishment.
- An all India single license for contractor supplying or engaging contract labour in more than one State for five years.
- Prohibition of employment of contract labour for core activity of an establishment.
- Payment of wages to contract labour (a) the contractor shall fix the wage periods and no wage period shall exceed one month. (b) The wages of every person employed as contract labour in an establishment or by the contractor shall be paid before the expiry of seventh day after the last day of the wage period. (c) The wages shall be disbursed through bank transfer or electronic mode only.
- Safety committees have been made mandatory for every establishment employing 500 matters and rules have been provided for composition and functions of safety committees.
- The rules relating to safety of women employment in all establishments for all type of work before 6 a.m. and beyond 7 p.m. with their consent.
- Mines rules have been integrated with the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions rules.

[Notification No.: G.S.R. 729(E)]

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Ministry of Steel publishes the Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2020

Nov 20, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Steel on November 12, 2020 has issued the Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2020. The purpose of introducing the Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order is to ensure quality steel products for the customer and also to strengthen the government's current policy of keeping non-essential imports under check.

The products included in the order are steel tubes, tubular, other wrought steel fitting, steel tubes for structural purposes, water wells, or any other products as notified by the Government of India. The introduction of quality control orders is to formulate technical regulations such as safety and quality standards for 350 products to curb imports of non-essential steel items.

[Order no S.O. 4082(E)]

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UGC [Institutions Deemed to be Universities] Amendment Regulations, 2020

Nov 20, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on November 18, 2020 has issued the UGC [Institutions Deemed to be Universities] Amendment Regulations, 2020 to further amend the UGC [Institutions Deemed to be Universities] Regulations, 2019.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Regulation 19.0, a clause shall be inserted, which specifies the conditions for the universities getting into an agreement or an arrangement, has been inserted, namely:

"The Institution Deemed to be University approved under regulation 7.01 may enter into an agreement or arrangement if:

1. The establishment, maintenance or operation of such institution is permitted under any Act of Parliament or the rules or regulations made thereunder.
2. It has made an application under sub-regulation 7.01.1 after following the procedure specified in regulation 7.01, except the procedure in sub-regulation 7.01.2."

[Notification No. 1-2/2018 (CPP-I/DU)]

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Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Imbalance Management Services) Second Amendment Regulations, 2020

Nov 20, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on November 11, 2020 has issued the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Imbalance Management Services) Second Amendment Regulations, 2020 to further amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Imbalance Management Services) Regulation, 2016.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Regulation 1 (2), which specifies the applicability of the Act, has been substituted, namely:

“These regulations shall remain applicable till November 30, 2020.”

[Notification No. PNGRB/COM/2-NGPL Tariff(2)/2012(P-910)]

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Labour

Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020

Nov 30, 2020 | Central | Labour



The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has issued the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020.

The following provisions have been made:

Procedure for issue of certificate of identity:

■ The District Magistrate shall, subject to the correctness of the applicant's particulars, get the application processed based on the affidavit submitted declaring the gender identity of any person in Form- 2, without any medical or physical examination, and thereafter issue an identification number to the applicant, which may be quoted as proof of application.

Issue of certificate of identity for a transgender person under section 6:

■ The said certificate of identity shall be issued within thirty days of receipt of duly filled in application along with the affidavit.

■ The certificate of identity issued under sub-rule(1) shall be the basis to change the gender as well as the name and the photograph, if so necessitated, of the transgender person in all such official documents as provided in Annexure-1, in accordance with the gender specified in the said certificate of identity.

■ The District Magistrate shall, at the time of issuance of the certificate of identity under sub-rule (1), issue a transgender identity card in Form – 5 to the applicant.

■ The authority that issued the official document, on an application made by an applicant under rule 3, shall change the name or gender or photograph or any of this information of the applicant in the official documents within fifteen days of making of such application.

■ Any official document wherein gender, name and the photograph of transgender are revised based on the said certificate of identity, shall bear the same serial or reference number as in the original official document

of such transgender person who seeks change in the name or gender or both in the official documents.

Procedure for issue of a certificate of identity for change of gender:

■ If a transgender person undergoes medical intervention towards a gender affirming procedure, either as a male or female, such person may apply in the Form – 1, along with a certificate issued to that effect by the Medical Superintendent or Chief Medical Officer of the medical institution in which that person has undergone the said medical intervention, to the District Magistrate for the issue of a revised certificate of identity.

■ The District Magistrate shall, on receipt of an application referred to in sub-rule (1) shall verify the genuineness of the said medical certificate, which shall not include any physical examination.

[Notification No. G.S.R. 592 (E)]

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PFRDA seeks comments on e-NPS for Government employee

Nov 27, 2020 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA) on November 12, 2020 has sought feedback for Govt. employees to on-board National Pension Scheme (NPS) through e-NPS. Comments can be e-mailed to sup-cra@pfrda.org .in or through a letter before December 15, 2020.

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The proposed mode of e-NPS based registration of Govt Sector employees bring the following benefits to the stakeholders:

- Ease of on boarding for employees and online verification/authorization of employee NPS information by nodal officers
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- Optimizing the cost of Acct opening by end to end digitization.
- Expediting the account opening process compared to existing modes of account opening methods made available to the Government sector.

■ Timely PRAN generation and hence timely deposit of NPS contribution which would lead to higher investment benefits.

■ The logistical cost associated with submitting physical forms by subscribers to nodal officers, by nodal officers to CRA-FC and resubmitting the return forms will be avoided.

[Circular No- PFRDA/2020/49/SUP-CRA/20]

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ESIC issues Circular regarding Implementation of online declaration of Immovable Property Return (IPR) through SPARROW portal for ESIC officials/officers

Nov 26, 2020 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on November 24, 2020 has issued a Circular regarding Implementation of online declaration of Immovable Property Return (IPR) through SPARROW portal for ESIC officials/officers. It is been informed that the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) also monitors the progress of the filing of the Annual Immovable Return (AIPR). It has been conveyed by the CVC that the prescribed time limit for filing of the AIPR has already lapsed. Thus, it has been directed to ensure 100% compliance of the filing of the AIPR by employees/officers of ESIC latest by November 30, 2020, if failed, appropriate disciplinary action against them.

Thus, all officers of the ESIC are requested to ensure the compliance and intimate the name of officers at email ID – manisha.shukla@esic.nic.in who have not filled the AIPR for the year ended December 31, 2019 and liable for the initiation of the appropriate disciplinary action against them. All such names shall be conveyed to Vigilance Branch.

[Circular No.: C-24/11/01/AIPR/2019-Vlg./]

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Iron and Steel Industry to be a Public Utility Service for another six months

Nov 26, 2020 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on November 25, 2020 in pursuance of the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, has notified the services in Coal Industry which is covered under item 4 of the First Schedule to the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 to be a Public Utility Service.

Now, the Ministry is of the opinion that the above-mentioned services shall be a Public Utility Service for an extended period of six months with effect from November 27, 2020.

[Notification No S.O. 4208(E)]

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Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019

Nov 25, 2020 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Law and Justice has issued the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

The objectives of the Act are:

- A transgender person must obtain a certificate of identity as proof of recognition of identity as a transgender person and invoke rights under the Bill.
- Such a certificate would be by the District Magistrate on the recommendation of a Screening Committee. The committee would comprise a medical officer, a psychologist or psychiatrist, a district welfare officer, a government official, and a transgender person.
- The Bill prohibits discrimination against a transgender person in areas such as education, employment, and healthcare. It directs the central and state governments to provide welfare schemes in these areas.
- Offenses such as compelling a transgender person to beg, denial of access to a public place, physical and sexual abuse, etc. would attract up to 2 years' imprisonment and a fine.
- No establishment shall discriminate against any transgender person in any matter relating to employment including, but not limited to, recruitment, promotion, and other related issues.

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Commercial

The Competition Commission of India (Procedure in regard to the transaction of business relating to combinations) Amendment Regulations, 2020

Nov 27, 2020 | Central | Commercial



The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on November 26, 2020 has issued a Notification to issues the Competition Commission of India (Procedure in regard to the transaction of business relating to combinations) Amendment Regulations, 2020 to further amend the Competition Commission of India (Procedure in regard to the transaction of business relating to combinations) Regulations, 2011 in the following manner, namely:-

■ In Schedule II, in Form I on the information required to be filled in by the notifying party(ies) — paragraph number 5.7 shall be omitted.

[Notification No.: CCI/CD/Amend/Comb. Regl./2020]

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Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules,2020

Nov 27, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on November 26, 2020 has issued a Notification has issued draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, in the following manner, namely:-

■ In rule 47 (1) on Application for registration of motor vehicles, the following clause shall be inserted, namely: -

“Rule 47 (1)(m): Proof of identity of nominee, if any”;

■ In rule 55(2) on Transfer of ownership, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:

“Rule 55(2) (iv): proof of identity of nominee, if any”;

■ in rule 56 (2) on Transfer of ownership on death of owner of the vehicle, the following clause shall be inserted, namely: -

“(f): proof of identity of nominee, if any”;

■ in rule 56, the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely: -

“(3): Notwithstanding anything contained in this rule shall apply in case where the nominee has been specified by the registered owner of the vehicle: Provided that the nominee shall inform any registering authority in the state of his residence or place of business through the portal and apply for a fresh certificate of registration in his/her name electronically.

■ in rule 57(1) on Transfer of ownership of vehicle purchased in public auction, the following clause shall be inserted, namely: -

“(f): Proof of identity of nominee, if any”;

Objections and suggestions to these draft rules, if any, may be sent to the Joint Secretary (MVL), email: director-morth@gov.in, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001.

[Notification No.: G.S.R. 739(E)]

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MoRTH issues Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines 2020

Nov 27, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTh) on November 27, 2020 has issued the Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines 2020 as per the requirements and provisions of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019 and further as per the amended Section 93 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

The objectives of issuing these guidelines include:

■ Regulating shared mobility and reducing traffic congestion and pollution, the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 has been amended by the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 2019 to include the definition of the term ‘aggregator’.

■ Prior to the amendment the regulation of Aggregator was not available

■ To provide ease of doing business, customer safety and driver welfare

The Guidelines provide for -

■ License issued by the State Government is a mandatory re-requisite for permitting business operations by the aggregator.

- For regulating the aggregators, the guidelines specified by the Central Government may be followed by State Governments
- In order to ensure compliance with the license requirements the Act stipulates penalties under Section 93 of the Act.
- These Guidelines seek to establish a regulatory framework for aggregators by State Governments to ensure that the aggregator's are accountable and responsible for the operations executed by them.
- The business shall also be considered as a service provided by the aggregators to serve the larger public interest in terms of generation of employment, commutation facilities to the public which is cost effective and comfortable

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Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules,2020

Nov 27, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on November 25, 2020 has issued the Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2020, by further amending the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, in the following manner, namely:-

■ In rule 81 on Fees, in the table, serial no. 16 on Registration and Issue of certificate of registration for Vintage Motor Vehicles and serial no. 17 on Re-registration/ Renewal of certificate of registration for Vintage Motor Vehicles, shall be inserted.

■ Following rules shall be inserted, namely:■Special Provision for registration of Vintage Motor Vehicles;

Rule 81 A. Appointment of Vintage Motor Vehicles State/ Union Territory Committee (VMVSC)

81B. Appointment of Vintage Motor Vehicles State Registering Authority (VMVSRA)

81C. Procedure of application and issuance of Certificate of Registration as a Vintage Motor Vehicle

81D. Form and manner of display of registration marks on vintage vehicle

81F. Sale and Purchase

81G. Restriction on uses

The draft rules shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of 30 days from the date on which the copies of this notification as published in the Gazette of India are made available to the public for inviting the objections or suggestions. Objections and suggestions to these draft rules, if any, may be sent to the Director (MVL), email : directormorth@gov.in, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001.

[Notification No.: G.S.R. 734(E)]

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Helmet for riders of Two-Wheeler Motor Vehicles (Quality Control) Order, 2020

Nov 27, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on November 26, 2020 has issued Helmet for riders of Two-Wheeler Motor Vehicles (Quality Control) Order, 2020. This Order shall apply to goods and articles meant for export. It shall come into force with effect from June 01, 2021.

Helmet for riders of Two-Wheeler Motor Vehicles shall confirm to the following Indian Standards:

Goods and articles	Indian Standard	Title of Indian Standard
Helmet for riders of Two-Wheeler Motor Vehicles	IS 4151: 2015	Protective Helmet for Two-Wheeler Riders

The Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority in respect of the Helmet for riders of Two-Wheeler Motor Vehicles.

[Order no- S.O. 4252(E)]

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FSSAI extends tenure of Hygiene Rating Audit Agencies for verification of Hygiene Rating of Food Establishments

Nov 23, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on November 16, 2020 has extended tenure of Hygiene Rating Audit Agencies recognized by FSSAI for verification of Hygiene Rating of Food Establishments. The tenure of the Hygiene Rating Audit Agencies has been extended till April 30, 2020.

[FSSAI Order No. 52/HR and RPE Schemes/ FSMS/FSSAI-2018-19]

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Secretarial

NSE issues Circular on Peak Margin reporting of Custodian Participant

Nov 27, 2020 | Central | Secretarial



National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on November 26, 2020 has issued a Circular on Peak Margin reporting of Custodian Participant (CP) trades in all Derivatives Segment. The treatment of CP trades for peak margin reporting in derivatives segment shall be as under:

Clearing Member to confirm the availability of peak margins:-

- The clearing corporation shall aggregate the margins on confirmed trades as well as unconfirmed trades for a given CP
- Clearing member shall be required to report the end of day and the peak margins as per the file downloaded by Clearing Corporation
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- In case of any shortages in the reporting shall be considered as shortfall of margin collection and penalty for the same shall be applicable.
- Reporting of peak margins by clearing member shall be a confirmation of availability of upfront margins at time of trade.

Interim Process: Till implementation of above process the following shall be implemented:-

- The trading member shall report the peak margins for such CP trades.
- Clearing member shall be required to confirm the peak margins collected placed by the CP with them to Clearing Corporation on a dedicated email id provided by Clearing Corporation

The provisions of this circular shall be applicable from December 01, 2020.

[Circular No.: 37/2020]

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Interim Resolution Professionals, Liquidators, Resolution Professionals and Bankruptcy Trustees (Recommendations) (Second) Guidelines, 2020

Nov 26, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on November 23, 2020 has issued a notification for the insolvency professionals to act as Interim Resolution Professionals, Liquidators, Resolution Professionals and Bankruptcy Trustees (Recommendations) (Second) Guidelines, 2020.

The following guidelines have been given:

Panel of IP's:

■ The Board will prepare a common Panel of IPs for appointment as IRP, Liquidator, RP and BT and share the same with the AA (Hon'ble NCLT and Hon'ble DRT) in accordance with these Guidelines.

■ The Panel will have Zone wise list of IPs based on the registered office (address as registered with the Board) of the IP.

■ The Panel will have validity of six months and a new Panel will replace the earlier Panel every six months. For example, the first Panel under these Guidelines will be valid for appointments during January - June 2021, and the next Panel will be valid for appointments during July - December 2021, and so on.

■ The NCLT may pick up any name from the Panel for appointment of IRP, Liquidator, RP or BT, for a CIRP, Liquidation Process, Insolvency Resolution or Bankruptcy Process relating to a corporate debtors and personal guarantors to corporate debtors, as the case may be.

■ The DRT may pick up any name from the Panel for appointment as RP or BT, for an Insolvency Resolution or Bankruptcy Process for personal guarantors to corporate debtors.

Inclusion of IP's in the Panel:

■ An IP will be eligible to be in the Panel of IPs, if:

1. there is no disciplinary proceeding, whether initiated by the Board or the IPA of which he is a member, pending against him.
2. he has not been convicted at any time in the last three years by a court of competent jurisdiction.
3. he expresses his interest to be included in the Panel for the relevant period.
4. he undertakes to discharge the responsibility as IRP, Liquidator, RP or BT, as he may be appointed by the AA.
5. he holds an Authorisation for Assignment (AFA), which is valid till the validity of Panel.

These guidelines shall come into force from January 01, 2021.

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SEBI introduces UPI mechanism and Application through Online interface and streamlining the process of Public issues of securities

Nov 23, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on November 23, 2020 has issued a Circular introducing Unified Payments Interface (UPI) mechanism and Application through Online interface and Streamlining the process of Public issues of securities under:

- SEBI (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) Regulations, 2008 (ILDS Regulations),
- SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares) Regulations, 2013 (NCRPS Regulations),
- SEBI (Issue and Listing of Securitised Debt Instruments and Security Receipts) Regulations, 2008 (SDI Regulations) and
- SEBI (Issue and Listing of Municipal Debt Securities) Regulations, 2015 (ILDM Regulations)

Process flow for applying through UPI mechanism data required and roles of the stakeholders are as follows:-

- Modes of application in public issue of securities as mentioned in this circular: Through Self-Certified Syndicate Bank (SCSB) or intermediaries or Through Stock Exchanges (App/ Web interface)
- There are three processes for investor application submitted with UPI as mode of payment; Bidding and validation process, The Block process and Post issue closure.
- Data fields required in Application and Bidding Form relating to UPI include; Payment details–UPI ID with maximum length of 45 characters, acknowledgement Slip for SCSB / Broker / RTA / DP, and acknowledgement Slip for bidder.
- The Role of the Issuer is to maintain a single escrow account for collecting application money through all the methods. Issuer shall appoint one of the SCSBs as Sponsor Bank to act as council between Stock Exchanges and NPC.
- The Role of the Registrar is to collect aggregate applications details from the stock exchanges platform to decide the eligible applications and process the allotment as per applicable SEBI Regulations. Registrar shall also credit securities to all valid allottees.
- The Role of the Stock Exchange is to provide a platform for making applications. The Stock Exchange shall be responsible for addressing investor grievances arising from applications submitted online through the App based/ web interface platform of stock exchange or through their Trading Members

■ The Role of the Intermediaries is to address any investor grievances arising from the applications uploaded by them in respect of quantity, price or any other data entry or other errors made by them.

■ The Role of the Collecting Bank is to address any investor grievances arising from non-confirmation of funds to the Registrar despite successful realization of the payment instrument in favour of the issuer's Escrow Account, or any delay or operational lapse by the Collecting Bank in sending the forms to the Registrar.

SEBI Circular no.: [CIR/IMD/DF-1/20/2012](#) dated July 27, 2012 on System for Making Application to Public issue of Debt Securities shall stand repealed from that date. The provisions of this circular shall be applicable to a public issue of securities under the captioned Regulations which opens on or after January 01, 2021.

[Circular No.: SEBI/HO/DDHS/CIR/P/2020/233]

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EHS

MHA issues new guidelines for Covid-19

Nov 25, 2020 | Central | EHS



The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on November 25, 2020 has issued guidelines for Covid-19 which will remain in force till December 31, 2020. States/ UTs should strictly enforce containment measures, SOPs on various activities and COVID-Appropriate behaviour and exercise caution and regulate crowds.

Important guidelines are as follow:-

- All the schools, colleges and coaching institutions will remain closed till December 31, 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 December 31, 2020.
- Skill training will be permitted in National Skill Training Institutes, Industrial Training Institutes and other short-term training centre.
- 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.
- 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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CPCB invites innovative technical solutions for controlling air pollution

Nov 24, 2020 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has issued a Circular on Technology Challenge for Identifying and Promoting Solutions for Mitigating Ambient Air Pollution wherein considering the Rapid urbanization in the country that is putting incessant pressure on ambient air quality in the cities and therefore, CPCB invites technological solutions or Proposals from interested innovators, individuals, consortium partners, companies, academic institutions, research and development centres, civil society organisations (NGOs), parastatals or municipal bodies, to provide innovative technical solutions for control or abatement of urban ambient air pollution for in situ pollution control. The aim of the Technological Challenge is to scale and foster technological and business solutions to control or abate urban ambient air pollution.

The objectives are as follows:-

- Identify technological as well as business process innovations.
- Endorse viable business models that are suitable for a different size, geographies, and class of cities.
- Pilot test and handhold to scale the shortlisted technologies/solutions in select project cities.
- Bridge the gap between innovators/manufacturers and beneficiaries- i.e. urban local bodies (ULBs), citizens

Evaluation Process and Criteria:-

For evaluation and scrutiny of the technological solutions submitted by the participants, a jury shall be constituted from among experts from the Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, faculty from IITs/NEERI/ CSIR Institutes and representatives of leading civil society groups.

- The efficiency of the technology shall be measured with respect to; Effectiveness, Clean air delivery vis-a-vis cost, and Energy efficiency.
- The technology shall be evaluated for the ease of use.
- The technology should be versatile enough to be used
- Equipment parts easily available in the local market should be given preference.
- The technology should not adversely affect the natural environment (surface, groundwater, flora, and fauna) over the period of its usage.

The Challenge will remain open on December 01, 2020 from 10:00 hrs to 17:30 hrs on March 15, 2021.

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh State Roads Fees (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2020

Nov 26, 2020 | Andhra Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Transport, Roads and Buildings Department of Andhra Pradesh on November 19, 2020 has issued the Andhra Pradesh State Roads Fees (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2020.

The following provisions have been made:

Applicability:

■ These rules shall not be applicable to agreements or contracts executed prior to the publication of these rules.

Agreement and Levy of User Fee:

■ User fee shall be levied and paid to the executing agency on behalf of the Government of AP by any person of the mechanical vehicles for the use of State roads, permanent bridges, temporary bridges, bypass, and tunnels.

■ The Government may enter into an agreement with any contractor authorised to collect fee through public funding or private investment at the rates notified by the Government.

Base rates of Fees:

■ The fee for the use of the public road, bypass, bridges, shall be identical whether funded publicly or privately.

■ The annual revision of the fee shall include rise of 3% and 40% hike in the wholesale price index.

[Notification No. G.O. Ms. No. 22]

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Assam

Assam Labour Welfare Department revises minimum wages and VDA applicable from June 2020

Nov 26, 2020 | Assam | Labour

The Assam Labour Welfare Department on November 07, 2020 has revised Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) for workers/employees for different categories of workers which is deemed to be applicable from June 01, 2020. The detail of revised wages is given below:

Category Of Employees/ Workers	Wages per Day	Wages per Month	Previous VDAs cumulated	New VDA	Wages per month
Unskilled workers	Rs 240.00	Rs 7200.00	Rs.1271.40	Rs.160.50	Rs. 8,631.90
Semi-Skilled/ Unskilled Supervisory	Rs 280.00	Rs 8400.00	Rs.1483.60	Rs.187.20	Rs. 10,070.80
Skilled Workers/ Clerical Workers	Rs 350.00	Rs 10,500.00	Rs.1854.90	Rs.234.00	Re 12,588.90
Highly Skilled Workers	Rs 450.00	Rs.13,500.00	Rs.2384.10	Rs.300.90	Rs.16,185.00

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Chandigarh

Chandigarh Administration issues directions for the owners of cyber cafes

Nov 24, 2020 | Chandigarh | EHS

The Chandigarh Administration has issued an Order directing the owners of the Cyber Cafes to strictly comply with the following:

- Maintaining a register for identity of the visitor/user;
- Make an entry in the handwriting of the visitor/user mentioning name, address, telephone number and identity proof;
- The identity of the visitor/user shall be established through identity card, voter card, ration card, driving license, passport and photo credit card;
- Activity server log should be preserved in main server and its record should be preserved for at least six months;
- If any activity of the visitor is of a suspicious nature, the owner of the Cyber Cafe will inform the police station.

This Order is effective for a period of sixty days up-to January 16, 2021.

[Order No. DMIMA/2020/21113]

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Chandigarh Administration issues directions to Hotels, Restaurants and Guesthouse

Nov 24, 2020 | Chandigarh | EHS

The Chandigarh Administration on November 13, 2020 has issued an Order for all the owners/managers/care-takers, etc of Hotels/Restaurants/Guest Houses/Sarais, etc. to prevent unlawful activities and maintaining tranquillity. Owners of establishments should obtain I.D. proof from the visitors/customers/guests who stay in their Hotel/Restaurant/Guest House/Sarai, etc., in the interest of safety and security of general public in the U. T. Chandigarh.

Owners/managers/care-takers, etc. strictly comply with the following:

- Prohibit the stay in their premises of unknown person whose identity has not been established.
- Maintain a register for identity of the visitors/customers/guests.

[Order no. DMIMA/2020/21115]

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Chandigarh Administration issues an Order prohibiting procession, rally, protest, strike etc

Nov 24, 2020 | Chandigarh | EHS

The Chandigarh Administration on November 13, 2020 has issued an Order prohibiting procession, rally, protest, strike, making speeches, raising slogans of gathering/assembly of 5 or more people etc. within the territory of U. T Chandigarh other than Rally Ground, Sec 25, Chandigarh, for a period of 60 days. Further, prior permission for organizing procession, rally, protest, strike, making speeches, raising slogans, gathering/assembly of 5 or more people etc. at Rally Ground, Sector 25, Chandigarh must be obtained from the Competent Authority, i.e., the District Magistrate/concerned Sub Divisional Magistrate, U.T. Chandigarh.

Provided that the above order shall not apply to:

- The police or Para-military or military persons or any other Government servant on official duties,
- The processions or meetings for which prior permission in writing of the District Magistrate/concerned Sub Divisional Magistrate, Chandigarh, has been obtained;
- The customary and ritualistic procession in connection with weddings and funerals.

[Order No. DMIMA/2020/21105]

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Chandigarh Administration bans sale and production of Bottled Correcting Fluids for 60 days

Nov 24, 2020 | Chandigarh | Commercial

The Chandigarh Administration has issued an order directing ban on sale and production of Bottled Correcting Fluids, as well as bottled thinners of any chemical composition, both for ink erasing purposes as well as for nail polish removers in the public interest for a period of 60 days. Any breach of this order would invite action under section 168 of the Indian Penal Code. This order shall be promulgated by publication in the local newspapers through the office of the D.P.R., Chandigarh and by affixing on the notice boards in the office of the undersigned as well as in the District Courts, Chandigarh.

[Order no- DM/MA/2020/20479]

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Chandigarh Administration bans use of Pakka thread or Dori and Chinese Maanjha or Dori for a period of 60 days

Nov 24, 2020 | Chandigarh | EHS

The Chandigarh Administration on November 21, 2020 has issued an order directing ban on Pakka thread/Dori and Chinese Maanjha or Dori for a period of 60 days within the jurisdiction of Chandigarh to prevent serious injury or death to human beings & birds along with harm to wildlife and environment. Any breach of this order would invite action under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code. This order shall be promulgated by publication in the local newspapers through the office of the D.P.R., Chandigarh and by affixing on the notice boards in the office of the undersigned as well as in the District Courts, Chandigarh.

[Order No. DM/MA/2020/19536]

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Chandigarh Administration imposes ban on sale of any cloth or uniform or sticker or logo or flag attached on cars

Nov 24, 2020 | Chandigarh | EHS

The Chandigarh Administration on November 13, 2020 has imposed a ban on sale of any cloth/uniform/sticker/logo/flag attached on cars of and any other item belonging to Army/Police/Para Military Forces without keeping the record and I.D. proofs of the purchasers. Any breach of this order would invite action under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code. This ban will be in force for a period of 60 days from November 18, 2020.

[Order No. DM/MA/2020/21161]

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Chandigarh Administration issues directions to Immigration, Emigration or Student Visa companies

Nov 24, 2020 | Chandigarh | EHS

The Chandigarh Administration has issued an Order before establishing Immigration/Emigration/Student Visa companies, it is mandatory for the owner of the company to provide complete antecedents in writing to the local Police Station and at Public Window, Police Headquarter, Sector 9, Chandigarh, within 7 days as and when they start their business in the City. This order shall come into force with effect from zero hours on

November 18, 2020 and is valid for a period of 60 days.

[Order No. DMIMA/2020/21107]

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Chandigarh Administration issues Order prohibiting business of Restaurants, Dhabas or Discos at late night

Nov 24, 2020 | Chandigarh | EHS

The Chandigarh Administration November 13, 2020 has issued an Order prohibiting business of Restaurants/Dhabas, Discos, Clubs and Vendors, etc. sitting by the road sides and on the public places, till late in the night. This order is valid for a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this Order. Above mentioned Establishments should not operate between 01 A.M. to 04.30 A.M.

This order shall not apply to hospitals, chemist shops and Petrol pumps. Any breach of this order would invite action under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

[Order no. DMIMA/2020/21109]

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Goa

Goa Government issues Draft Notification on Toyyar Lake or Chimbhel Lake

Nov 26, 2020 | Goa | EHS

The Goa Department of Environment on November 19, 2020 has issued Draft Notification on Toyyar Lake or Chimbhel Lake. The Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) has recommended notifying the said Toyyar Lake as wetland and the State of Goa accepts it to declare the said wetland for being covered under the provisions of Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.

List of activities prohibited within wetland boundary:-

- Conversion for non-wetland uses including encroachment of any kind;
- Setting up of any industry and expansion of existing industries;
- Solid waste dumping;
- Any construction of a permanent nature except for boat jetties within fifty meters;
- Poaching;
- Extraction of Soil, Mud, Rock for commercial purpose etc

List of activities regulated within the boundary of wetlands/and its zone of influence:-

- Withdrawal of water
- Diversion or any other hydrological intervention
- Cultivation of crops

List of activities permitted within the boundary of wetlands/wetlands complex and its zone of influence:-

- Withdrawal of water
- Traditional fishery
- Deciding best possible wise use of wetland without affecting or impacting its ecological character and services offered presently

The said draft notification shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Official Gazette containing this notification are made available to the public.

Any person interested in making any objection or suggestion, on the proposals contained in the draft notification may forward the same in writing, for consideration of the Government of Goa, to the Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board, Head of Nodal Agency, Goa State Wetland Authority, or at email address goawetland@gmail.com.

[Notification No.: 11-2/GSWA/2020/Notification/071/924]

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Goa Government prohibits strike in any form in All Transport Services for the carriage of passengers or goods

Nov 26, 2020 | Goa | Commercial

The State Government of Goa on November 25, 2020 has ordered for prohibition of strike in any form in All Transport Services for the carriage of passengers or goods by land or water in the State of Goa with immediate effect. This Order shall be valid for a period of six months from the date of issue.

[Order No. 2/59/92-HD(G)/Part File III/2664]

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Policy for Regulation of Water Sports in Goa

Nov 21, 2020 | Goa | Industry Specific

The Department of Tourism of Goa on November 19, 2020 has issued the Policy for the regulation of Water Sports in Goa. The increase in the number of operators and the types of water sports activities led to an increased competition amongst the water sports operators, which further led the operators to resort to illegal and unfair means thereby causing nuisance to the water sports loving tourists. The Goa Government has framed the Water Sports Policy, 2020.

The following provisions have been made:

- The Goa Government shall appoint competent agencies for conducting various studies and research for carrying out the water sports activities in Goa.
- The Department of Tourism shall function as the Nodal Department to look after the operation of water sports in Goa.
- No foreigners shall be permitted to work as an operator or instructor or as a partner without valid Work Visa and the approval of the Government of Goa.
- The Agency so specified shall have the powers to issue Safety Certificate to Water sports Operators.
- Registration number plate for a specific boat/equipment shall be obtained through the Department of Tourism at the cost of the operator and prominently affixed at a place on the boat/equipment to be specified by the Department or Captain of Port.

- The Department of Tourism or its agency, will install fully functional kiosks which will dispense tickets and ensure collection of ticket fees at one point.
- Each water sports operator shall furnish a refundable security deposit of Rs. 5,000/- per boat/activity in the form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of Director Tourism, payable at Panaji.
- The registration fees for water sports operators shall be fixed by the Department from time to time.

[Notification No. N5/3[577]/20-DT]

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Haryana

Higher Education Credit Guarantee Scheme

Nov 26, 2020 | Haryana | Industry Specific

The Finance Department of Haryana on November 20, 2020 has issued the Higher Education Credit Guarantee Scheme.

The following are the objectives of the Scheme:

- To enable the students belonging to the State of Haryana intending to pursue Higher education having passed 12th class from institutions recognised by the Government of Haryana but unable to pursue higher education due to lack of collateral security.
- Students shall be provided funds under the scheme to pursue higher education.
- State Government guarantee will be provided against a Higher Education Credit Guarantee Fund which will be created for loan under various categories for education so that students of Haryana State need not to provide for any collateral.
- The Government wants to make sure that the students are not denied opportunities to pursue higher education.
- A Bank or Member Lending Institution can avail the benefit by paying nominal fees in case of default/NPA.
- For availing the benefit of Fund, the Member Lending Institution (MLI)/Banks shall pay the annual guarantee fee at the rate of 0.3% of total outstanding loan amount against their respective borrowers.
- The Interest charged by the Member Lending Institutions for education loan shall not exceed a maximum of up to 2% over and above the repo rate declared by RBI from time to time.
- This fund will be utilised in case of default by the beneficiary in repayment of loan up to 100% of the principal amount along with interest for the Govt. medical colleges of state of Haryana irrespective of accreditation status, 90% of the Principal amount along with interest for the admission to an institution which has at least 'A' grading or higher in NAAC ranking and 75% of the Principal amount of loan along with interest in case of the admission to an institution with 'B' and 'C' grading and 50% of the principal amount of loan with interest for admission to an institution with D category. For the balance amount, Banks/Member lending Institution shall recover the same from the borrower.

[Notification No. IFCC/Acctt/2020/1796]

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 2020

Nov 26, 2020 | Himachal Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) on November 20, 2020 has issued the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2020 to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) Regulations, 2017.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Regulation 14 (2), which specifies the determination of specific parameters for tariff determination, a new proviso has been inserted, namely:

“Provided that for Small Hydro Projects up to and including 100kW, the Commission may determine the Generic Levelized Tariff for the balance period of the 3rd Control period ending on 30-09-2023 by taking into account the financial parameters specified for the RE technologies as per Chapter-IV and the technology specific parameters as may be fixed by it in the tariff determination Order in a manner as it may find appropriate.”

■ Regulation 21B (1), which specifies the fixed norm for small hydro projects, a new proviso has been inserted, namely:

“Provided that in case of small hydro projects up to 100 kW capacity, such norms shall be as fixed in the relevant orders of the Commission under Regulation 14.”

[Notification No. HPERC/428]

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand Government issues Notification to declare the consumer price index number applicable to the employees

Nov 30, 2020 | Jharkhand | Labour

The State Government of Jharkhand on November 23, 2020 has issued a Notification to declare the consumer price index number applicable to the employees employed in employments mentioned below, namely:-

- Dam Construction and Irrigation
- Shops Selling Cooked Food stuff
- Tanneries and Leather Manufactory
- Cold Storage
- Distilleries
- Potteries
- Bakeries and Confectionaries
- Co-operative Sector
- Aluminium Industry
- Khandsari Industry
- Chemical Pharmaceutical Industry
- Soap Making Industry
- Cement Pre-stressed product industry etc.

[Notification No.: 2/MW/-2071/2010L&T-1310]

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Jharkhand Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2020

Nov 30, 2020 | Jharkhand | Finance & Taxation

The State Government of Jharkhand on November 19, 2020 has issued Jharkhand Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2020 by amending Jharkhand Value Added Tax Act, 2005 in the following manner:-

■ In Section 35 (8) on Assessment and self Assessment, a proviso shall be added, namely:- "Further provided that for the assessment year 2016-17, the assessment under subsection (6) shall be made until 31st August, 2020."

■ In Section 39(1) on, No Assessment after five years, a proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that for the assessment year 2014-15, the assessment under Section 37 or 38 can also be made after the expiry of five years till 31st August, 2020."

■ In Section 40(4) on Turnover escaping Assessment, a proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that for the assessment year 2014-15 or part thereof, the assessment or re-assessment under sub-section (1) of Section 40 can also be made after the expiry of five years till 31st August, 2020."

■ In Section 42(1) on Power of Reassessment in certain Cases, a proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that the prescribed authority may proceed to reassess the tax payable by the dealer in accordance with such judgment or order, which was to be reassessed until 31st March, 2020, till 31st August, 2020"

■ (2) In Section 42 (2), a proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that, where any Court or Tribunal passes an order in appeal or revision to the effect that any tax assessed under this Act or the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 should have been assessed under the provision of a law other than that under which it was assessed, then in consequence of such order or to give effect to any finding or direction contained in such order such turnover and part thereof, may be assessed or reassessed, as the case may be, to a tax at which it was to be assessed or reassessed notwithstanding the applicable limitation period until 31st March, 2020, till 31st August, 2020."

■ In Section 79(7) on Appeal, a proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that order under this section can be made, which was to be made until 31st March, 2020, till 31st August, 2020"

The Jharkhand Value Added Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 is hereby repealed.

[Notification No.: 24/2017-386]

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Jharkhand State Housing Board (Management and Settlement of Residential Real Estate) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020

Nov 25, 2020 | Jharkhand | Commercial

The Municipal Development and Housing Board of Jharkhand has issued the Jharkhand State Housing Board (Management and Settlement of Residential Real Estate) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 to further amend the Jharkhand State Housing Board (Management and Settlement of Residential Real Estate) Regulations, 2004.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Rule 10 (i)(c), which specifies the construction of new housing in case the housing is de-constructed, has been inserted, namely:

“Under the housing scheme or under it, the residential property may be lost. In the situation, the new residential plan in this place, if necessary, de-constructs, or a new residential property can be constructed. Such new schemes for residential unit or flat or house with certain conditions be given to the former. The site (as appropriate for the allotment as before) will be allocated.”

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Jharkhand Schedule of Rates framing Standard Operating Procedure, 2020

Nov 23, 2020 | Jharkhand | Labour

The State Government of Jharkhand on October 21, 2020 has notified the Jharkhand Schedule of Rates framing Standard Operating Procedure, 2020. The purpose of framing this SOP is to bring uniformity in preparation of the Schedule of Rates (SoR) for Public Works Department of Government.

The objectives of the same are as follows:-

■ To incorporate uniform specification for similar nature of items in the SoR of Public Works Department and works related to autonomous organization under the Government

■ To standardize common items in SoR based on needs and requirements specific to Public Works Department and works related to autonomous organization under the Government

■ To prescribe procedure to be adopted in the preparation of rate analysis for all the items in SoR including but not limited to adoption of standard data book of Government of India, adoption of standardized depreciation-based methodology for estimation of hiring and running charges of machinery and fuel cost indexing.

■ To standardize process of inclusion of new items in SoR in light of continued technological upgradation and field requirements, including vetting and validation process for new technologies.

[Notification No. 1076]

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Karnataka

Draft Karnataka Land Grant (Amendment) Rules, 2020

Nov 24, 2020 | Karnataka | Commercial

The Government of Karnataka on November 21, 2020 has issued the Draft Karnataka Land Grant (Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Karnataka Land Grant Rules, 1969.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Rule 22A (2), which specifies the disposal of the land by the Government after 15 years, a new proviso has been inserted, namely:

“Provided further that, Land locked Government Kharab land in city areas and upto 18 kilometer from the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, upto 5 kilometer from the limits of other city corporations after extinguishment of public right under section 68, may be disposed off by the Government, at such rates specified in item 07 of the table provided in sub-rule (1), but not less than the market value guidelines prevailing.”

[Notification No. RD 161 LGP 2020 (E)]

All persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration after expiry of fifteen days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. Any objection or suggestion which may be received by the State Government from any person with respect to the said draft before the expiry of the period specified above, will be considered by the State Government. Objections or suggestions may be addressed to the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, 5th floor, Multi-Storied Building, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560 001.

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Karnataka Government publishes list of holidays for the year 2021

Nov 24, 2020 | Karnataka | Finance & Taxation

The State Government of Karnataka on November 21, 2020 has published the list of holidays for the year 2021. List of holidays are as follow:

- Uttarayana punyakala Makara Sankranti Festival- January 14, 2021
- Republic Day- January 26, 2021
- Maha Shivaratri- March 11, 2021

- Good Friday- April 02, 2021
- Ugadi Festival- April 13, 2021
- Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Jayanthi- April 14, 2021
- May Day- May 01, 2021
- Basava Jayanthi- May 14, 2021
- Bakrid- July 21, 2021
- Last Day of Moharam- August 20, 2021
- Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vrata- September 10, 2021
- Gandhi Jayanthi- October 02, 2021
- Mahanavami- October 14, 2021
- Vijayadasami- October 15, 2021
- Maharshi Valmiki Jayanthi- October 20, 2021
- Kannada Rajyotsava- November 01, 2021
- Naraka Chaturdashi- November 03, 2021
- Balipadyami- November 05, 2021
- Kanakadasa Jayanthi- November 22, 2021

[Notification no- DPAR 12 HHL 2020]

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Karnataka Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020

Nov 24, 2020 | Karnataka | Commercial

The State Governor of Karnataka on November 19, 2020 has issued a Notification to notify the Karnataka Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 by amending Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957.

The following amendments are introduced by the Ordinance in the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957:-

■ In Section 9(1) of the Act on Power to reduce, remit or compound duties, the following Proviso shall be added:-

"Provided also that, the State Government may, in public interest, by notification, reduce or remit, the stamp duty payable on any instruments to be specified therein, executed by new and existing micro, small, medium enterprises (MSME) Large, Mega, Ultra Mega, Super Mega Enterprises including expansion, modernization and diversification project and in respect of any such projects as specified in the Karnataka Industrial Policy 2020-25 subject to production of certificate to that effect from the Director of Industries and Commerce."

■ In the schedule to the Act in article 20(2A) shall be inserted of the following description, namely:

"(2A) where an instrument of conveyance relating to the first sale of flat or apartment, and,- (i) where the market value of which is rupees twenty lakhs or less than twenty lakhs. (ii) where the market value of which is above rupees twenty lakhs but upto and inclusive of thirty five lakhs."

[Notification No.: DPAL 76 SHASANA 2020]

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Kerala

KSPCB issues directions for disposal of serum from latex centrifuging units

Nov 25, 2020 | Kerala | EHS

The Kerala State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on November 10, 2020 has issued directions for disposal of serum from latex centrifuging units. The directions are as follow:

- It shall be verified and ensured that the latex centrifuging units have adequate facility to treat the entire serum produced from their unit before issuing consent to operate/renewal.
- For units which don't have their own facility, it shall be ensured that their serum is transported for treatment to any Board approved common effluent treatment facility.
- The common Effluent Treatment Plant shall comply with all the norms of the Board and shall have online monitoring facilities and facilities for transferring data on quality of treated effluent to the central server of the Board.
- The vehicles transporting the serums shall have GPS facilities. In no case serum shall be used as a raw material for any industry for the production of skim crepe or other materials.

[Circular no PCB/T4/115/97]

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Government of Kerala issues the CPI for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial workers for the month of September 2020

Nov 23, 2020 | Kerala | Labour

The State Government of Kerala on November 04, 2020 has published the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial workers for the month of September 2020.

Centres for CPI for the month of September are as under:

- Thiruvananthapuram
- Kollam
- Punalur
- Pathanamthitta
- Alappuzha
- Kottayam

- Mundakayam
- Idukki
- Ernakulam
- Chalakkuddy
- Thrissur
- Palakkad
- Malappuram
- Kozhikode
- Wayanad
- Kannur
- Kasargod

[Notification no- No.DES/953/2020-P3(1)]

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Government of Kerala issues the CPI for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial workers for the month of August 2020

Nov 23, 2020 | Kerala | Labour

The State Government of Kerala has published the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial workers for the month of August 2020.

Centres for CPI for the month of August are as under:

- Thiruvananthapuram
- Kollam
- Punalur
- Pathanamthitta
- Alappuzha
- Kottayam
- Mundakayam

- Idukki
- Ernakulam
- Chalakkuddy
- Thrissur
- Palakkad
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- Kannur
- Kasargod

[Notification no- No.DES/953/2020-P3(1)]

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Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh Government directed paid weekly holiday to the employers

Nov 24, 2020 | Madhya Pradesh | Labour

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh on November 17, 2020 has issued a Notification to direct that Section 13 of the Madhya Pradesh Shops and Establishment Act, 1958 shall not apply to all the Shops and Commercial Establishments registered under Madhya Pradesh Shops and Establishment Act, 1958 subject to the following condition, namely:-

“Every employee shall be allowed a paid weekly holiday by the employer.”

[Notification No.: F-01-03-2020-A-X-XVI]

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Madhya Pradesh Government grants a discount on monthly tax on Motor Vehicles registered in Madhya Pradesh

Nov 24, 2020 | Madhya Pradesh | Commercial

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh on November 11, 2020 has issued a notification granting a full discount on the dues of the monthly tax of the Motor Vehicle from the month of April 2020 to August 2020. Further, the government grants a discount of 50% for the month of September 2020 for all the public service vehicles registered in Madhya Pradesh under the purview of the Madhya Pradesh Motoryan Karadhan Adhiniyam, 1991.

[Notification No. 22-124-2019-VIII]

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Government of Madhya Pradesh amends the Madhya Pradesh Factories Rules, 1962

Nov 23, 2020 | Madhya Pradesh | Labour

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh on November 18, 2020 has amended the Madhya Pradesh Factories Rules 1962.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Rule 123A, which specifies the third-party certificate, has been inserted, namely:

“Labour Commissioner, may recognize any person or an institution, who is recognised by the Chief Inspector of Factories as Competent Person or Institute, possessing required qualification under Rule 123 to inspect dangerous machines, hoist and lift, lifting machines and lifting tools and pressure vessels, as third party certifier for third party inspection and certification of factories as prescribed in this department’s notification. The person who is willing to perform such function shall have to apply online to the Labour Commissioner for recognition as third party certifier in Form 36-B or 36-C as the case may be.”

■ Form 36-B, which specifies the application for the recognition as Third Party Certifier to a person, has been inserted.

[Notification No. F-1-4-2020-A-XVI]

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Government of Madhya Pradesh amends the Madhya Pradesh District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2016

Nov 23, 2020 | Madhya Pradesh | Industry Specific

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh on November 09, 2020 has amended the Madhya Pradesh District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2016.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Rule 7(2)(g), which specifies the preparation of an annual plan by the executive committee, has been inserted, namely:

“Executive Committee shall prepare an annual plan for every financial year, for the work to be carried out to District Mineral Foundation. After approval from the Board this annual plan shall be sent for approval from State Government within the first week of March before the end of the financial year. After approval of the State Government, work under the District Mineral Foundation shall be carried on accordingly. The executive committee may amend the annual plan in emergent circumstance by the approval of the Chairman of the Board.”

■ Rule 8(f), which specifies the payment made by the lease holder or auction quarry holder, has been inserted, namely:

“Payment made by the lease holder or auction quarry holder according to the rate prescribed in Madhya Pradesh Minor Minerals Rules, 1996 and Madhya Pradesh Sand (Mining, Transportation, Storage and Trading) Rules, 2019.”

[Notification No. F-19-5-2015-XII-I-Part-I]

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Madhya Pradesh Government issues draft amendment in Madhya Pradesh Factories Rules, 1962

Nov 23, 2020 | Madhya Pradesh | Labour

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh on November 17, 2020 has issued a Notification to notify the following draft amendment introduced under the Madhya Pradesh Factories Rules, 1962, namely:-

■ Rule 6(1) and (2) on Registration and grant of licence shall be amended and read as, namely:-

“(1) Not less than 15 days before the occupier begins to use any premises as a factory he shall make to the Chief Inspector an application for Registration and Grant of licence along with notice of occupation in online Form No. 4, available on official portal of the Labour Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh (www.labour.mp.gov.in).

(2) The Chief Inspector of factories may, on application being made to him under sub-rule (1) and on payment of the fees prescribed in the said sub-rule and on being satisfied that there is no objection to the grant of licence applied for, register the factory and grant a licence in form no. 3 for ten years as applicable for such registration, to the applicant to use as factory such premises as are specified in the application and subject to compliance with such conditions as are specified in the licence.

The Department invites objections and suggestions from all persons on the draft amendment on or before expiry of 45 days from the date of publication of the notice.

[Notification No.: F-1-02-2020-A-16]

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Madhya Pradesh Government directed seven days working week for the employees

Nov 23, 2020 | Madhya Pradesh | Labour

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh on November 19, 2020 has issued a Notification in reference to its earlier Notification no.: [F-01-03-2020-A-X-XVI](#) dated November 17, 2020 which directed that the weekly paid leave mentioned under Section 13 of the Madhya Pradesh Shops and Establishment Act, 1958. The Notification dated November 17, 2020 stands cancelled and the employees will have to work all the seven days a week.

[Notification no.:03/01/2020/1902-55(2)]

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Madhya Pradesh Government amends Madhya Pradesh Minor Mineral Rules, 1996

Nov 23, 2020 | Madhya Pradesh | Industry Specific

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh on November 17, 2020 has issued a Notification to notify the amendment introduced under Rule 68(3) of the Madhya Pradesh Minor Mineral Rules, 1996 on Permission for removal of minor minerals for Central and State Governments and their undertaking. In the above said section the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided further that the State Government exempts the royalty on ordinary clay and murrum to be used in the works of the Bharatmata Pariyojana being implemented in the State of Madhya Pradesh by the Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.”

[Notification no.: F-19-5-2019-XII-1-Part]

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra Government issues notification regarding Self-Certification-Cum-Consolidated Annual Returns Scheme for Factories and Establishments

Nov 25, 2020 | Maharashtra | Labour

The Government of Maharashtra on November 25, 2020 has issued a Notification in reference to its earlier Government Resolution [No.: Misc-2015/C.R.No.76/Lab-9](#) dated June23, 2015 on a Self-Certification-Cum-Consolidated Annual Returns Scheme for Factories and Establishments.

In the current notification the provision of Security Deposit prescribed under paragraph no 5.2 under the Government Resolution dated June23, 2015, stands deleted.

[Notification No.: MISC- 2015/CR- 76/Desk Lab-9]

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Maharashtra Government starts racecourse activities in Pune

Nov 24, 2020 | Maharashtra | EHS

The Government of Maharashtra on November 23, 2020 has issued a notification easing down the restrictions and phase-wise opening of Lockdown. The Government has notified that the racing activities at Racecourse Pune without any spectators (public) will be allowed to function from November 23, 2020. The activities shall only be permitted if they are outside the containment zone. The SOP for the same will be issued by the Home Department.

[Notification No. DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-1]

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MPCB issues directives for implementation of colour as parameter for certain units

Nov 20, 2020 | Maharashtra | EHS

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) on November 13, 2020 has issued directives to Dye and Dye Intermediate Industries, integrated Textile units, units of cotton, Woolen, Carpet, Polyester, units having Printing, Dyeing, Bleaching process or manufacturing garment units.

The guidelines are as follows:

■ "Colour" parameter should be incorporated in Consents.

■ These consents shall be revised and amended for incorporation of Colour as a parameter with discharge standard of 150 P.C.U. (Platinum Cobalt Units) for all integrated Textile units, units of cotton, Woolen/Carpet/Polyester/units having Printing/Dyeing/Bleaching process or manufacturing garment units, And 400 Hazen unit for Dye & Dye Intermediate Industries.

■ All Board Officials/Consent Granting authorities are also informed that while processing application of Dye & Dye Intermediate Industries, all integrated Textile units, units of cotton, Woolen/Carpet/Polyester, units having Printing/Dyeing/Bleaching process or manufacturing garment units- colour as a parameter shall be incorporated.

■ All Board Officials/Consent Granting authorities are requested to call the action plan from existing/operating units within 10 days to amend the existing consent for incorporating colour as a parameter.

[Circular no-MPCB/JD(WPC)/B: 201113-FTS-C056]

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Pondicherry

Puducherry Unorganised Workers' Social Security Rules, 2020

Nov 23, 2020 | Pondicherry | Labour

The Labour Department of Puducherry on November 02, 2020 has issued the Puducherry unorganised workers' social security Rules, 2020.

The following provisions have been made:

- The Labour officers in the Union Territory of Government of Puducherry are authorized to function as the Registering Authority.
- Unorganised worker who wants to enrol as a member shall contribute Rupees 100 per annum and the self-employed worker shall contribute Rupees 300 per annum.
- Form IV shall be filed by the worker to register as a beneficiary.
- Registration is valid for a year and the renewal can be done up to the age of 60 years.
- The identity card shall be issued to the worker after the acceptance of the application in Form V.
- The renewal shall be done, and fees of Rupees 100 shall be paid within 90 days of the renewal.
- The registered worker shall cease to be a beneficiary after 60 years of age. However, the p workers shall be given pension.
- The fees shall be collected for the renewal and Form VI shall be filed for the purpose of receipt.
- All the record and registers shall be maintained in Form VII.

[Notification No. G.O. Ms. No. 08/AIL/Lab/G/2020]

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Puducherry Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2020

Nov 23, 2020 | Pondicherry | Labour

The Labour Department of Puducherry on November 07, 2020 has issued the Puducherry Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Puducherry Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Rules, 1995.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Rule 2A, which specifies the awareness on prohibition of employment of child and adolescents in contravention to the Act, has been inserted, namely:

“The State Government, to ensure that the children and adolescents are not employed or permitted to work in any occupation or process in contravention to the provisions of the Act, through appropriate measures, shall:

1. arrange public awareness campaigns using folk and traditional media and mass media including television, radio, internet based application and the print media to make the general public, including the employers and the children and adolescents who may be employed in contravention to the provisions of the Act, aware about the provisions of the Act, and thereby discourage employers or other persons from engaging children and adolescents in any occupation or process in contravention of the provisions of the Act.
2. promote reporting of enterprises or instances of employment of children or adolescents in contravention to the provisions of the Act, by developing and advertising easily accessible means of communication to authorities specified by the State Government.
3. promote through appropriate method the inclusion of the provisions of the Act in learning material and syllabus in school education.”

■ Section 2C, which specifies the Child to work as an artist, has been inserted, namely:

“Subject to the provisions of section 3, a child may be allowed to work as an artist subject to the following conditions, namely:

1. no child shall be allowed to work for more than five hours in a day, and for not more than three hours without rest.
2. any producer of any audio-visual media production or any commercial event involving the participation of a child, shall involve a child in participation only after obtaining the permission from the District Magistrate of the District where the activity is to be performed, and shall furnish to the District Magistrate before starting the activity an undertaking in Form D.
3. the undertaking referred to in clause (b) shall be valid for six months and shall clearly state the provisions for education, safety, security and reporting of child abuse in consonance with the Guidelines and Protection Policies issued by the State Government.
4. one responsible person be appointed for maximum of five children for the production or event, so as to ensure the protection, care and best interest of the child.
5. at least twenty five percent of the income earned by the child from the production or event to be directly deposited in a fixed deposit amount in a Nationalized Bank in the name of the child which may be credited to the child on attaining majority.
6. no child shall be made to participate in any audio visual and sports activity including informal entertainment activity against his will and consent.”

■ Section 15A, which specifies the hours of work, has been inserted, namely:

“Subject to the provisions of section 7, no adolescent shall be required or permitted to work in an establishment in excess of such number of hours of work as is permissible under the law for the time being in force regulating the hours of work of the adolescent in such establishments.”

[Notification No. G.O. Ms. No. 09/AIL/Lab/G/2020]

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Punjab

Punjab Government notifies guidelines for direct selling/multi-level marketing entities to safeguard consumer rights

Nov 25, 2020 | Punjab | Commercial

The State Government of Punjab on November 24, 2020 has notified guidelines for direct selling/multi level marketing entities to safeguard consumer rights to further strengthen regulatory mechanism of direct selling and multi-level marketing entities. The Guidelines of Direct Selling for Punjab, 2020 issued in line with the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 would be instrumental in preventing frauds and protecting the legitimate rights and interest of the consumers. Further, a provision of a Monitoring Authority has been mandated under the guidelines after receiving due approval from the Chief Secretary for its constitution. The Monitoring Authority shall meet in every three months. The detailed guidelines are available on the website of the department i.e: www.foodsuppb.gov.in

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Punjab Slum Dwellers (Proprietary Rights) Rules, 2020

Nov 24, 2020 | Punjab | Commercial

The State Government of Punjab on November 17, 2020 has issued the Punjab Slum Dwellers (Proprietary Rights) Rules, 2020.

The following provisions have been made:

Powers and functions of the Slum Area Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Committee:

- Undertake necessary survey of land in a slum area or any part thereof, whenever it thinks fit, to prepare the slum map, establish the locations and spatial dimensions of the slum households into the Geographic Information System (GIS) platform, capture socioeconomic data of the slum households, collate spatial information with respect to network of basic infrastructure like roads, drainage, water supply, sewerage, street light etc.
- Cause maintenance, revision and correction of survey records, maps, and entries in registers.
- Approve a list of slum dwellers eligible for proprietary rights and cause to be maintained a register containing details of slum dwellers at the Urban Local Body level.
- Ensure that a certificate of proprietary rights is provided to the eligible slum dweller in a time-bound manner.

Manner of conduct of business of Committee:

- The Chairperson of the Committee or in his absence, any other member nominated by the Chairperson, shall preside over the meeting.
- The quorum necessary for the conduct of business of the Committee shall be four.
- Secretary or such officers and employees of the Committee, nominated by the Chairperson of the Committee shall maintain the records, accounts, receipts and documents connected with the business of the Committee.

Framework for operationalization:

- An Empowered Committee shall be notified at the State level as the policy making body for guiding the overall implementation of the Act and these rules and enable frameworks for taking decisions concerned with the transfer of land through the process of inter-departmental coordination.
- A Steering Committee shall be notified as the body to steer the inter-departmental issues and operationalization of the Act and these rules. The functions of the Steering Committee shall be guided by the Empowered Committee.

[Notification No. G.S.R. 95/P.A.7/2020/S.15/2020]

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Sikkim

Draft Sikkim forests, Water Courses and Road Reserve (Preservation and Protection) Act, 2020

Nov 25, 2020 | Sikkim | EHS

The State Government of Sikkim on November 23, 2020 has issued the Draft Sikkim forests, Water Courses and Road Reserve (Preservation and Protection) Act, 2020. The Act consolidate the law relating to forests, forest produce, watercourses and road reserve and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Draft Act is divided into the following Chapters:-

- Preliminary contains; the Definitions of the terms used in the Act
- Reserved forests contains the Provisions related to; the powers of the Government to declare any land as Reserve forest, inquiry by the Forest Settlement Officer of the claims, treatment of Claims Relating To Shifting Cultivation, power to acquire land over which the claim of rights admitted and Penalties For Offences Committed By Person Having Rights In Reserved Forests.
- Khasmal and Gorucharan contain the Provisions related to; the powers of the Government to declare Khasmal and Gorucharan and limitation on such powers of the Government, and powers of Government to Order Clouser of forest.
- Protection of river banks, slip reserve, road reserve, waste land, etc. contain the Provisions related to; River Banks, Slip Reserve, Road Reserve, Use Of Water Resources By Industrial Establishment, and Power Of The Government To Close Slip Reserve, Road Reserve or River Banks.
- Control and management of private forests contain the Provisions related to; Control of forests or lands not being the property of owner and not government, Preservation of Private Forest and Reservation of Trees, Government management of forest at the request of owner and Application for permits for felling tree.
- Transit of forest produce contain the Provisions related to; the Transit of forest produce including semi-finished forest products for commercial purposes, and liability for damage to forest produce at depots and station.
- Collection of drift and stranded timber contain the Provisions related to; the Government ownership over timbers unless right and title being established by any person, Notice to claimants of drift timber, Disposal of unclaimed timber, and power of the government to make rules to carry out the purposes of this Chapter.
- Cattle-trespass contains the Provisions related to; the Power to seize and impound cattle by any forest officer.
- Penalties and procedure contain the Provisions related to; the seizure of property liable to confiscation where a forest offence has been committed, Forest produce, implements, tools, etc. when liable for forfeiture, Appeal, Issue of show cause notice, Revision, Arrest etc.

■ Miscellaneous contain the Provisions related to; the Power of forest officer, Indemnity for acts done in good faith, General power of the Government to make rules and Lien on forest produce.

Comments and suggestions from officers and members of the public are invited. Last date for receiving the comments is November 30, 2020. Comments/ Suggestions is to be sent via email to the below ID:

surveydemarcationdivision@gmail.com, pccf-fewd@sikkim.gov.in

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu Government issues holiday in the State in view of cyclone Nivar

Nov 26, 2020 | Tamil Nadu | Industry Specific

The State Government of Tamil Nadu on November 24, 2020 has issued an Order declaring Public Holiday on November 25, 2020. All Government Offices including offices of local bodies, Government undertakings, banks etc.

[Order No- G.O.Ms No 596]

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Tripura

Tripura Finance Department amends the HSN code for registered person

Nov 23, 2020 | Tripura | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Tripura on November 09, 2020 has issued a notification amending the number of digits for Harmonised System of Nomenclature Code (HSN Code) for the aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year.

The following amendment has been made:

- If the aggregate turnover is up to 5 crores the HSN code shall be 4.
- If the aggregate turnover is more than 5 crores the HSN code shall be 6.

[Notification No. F.1-11(91)-TAX/GST/2020]

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Tripura Government notifies the procedure, list of documents, timelines for delivery of services under the Factories Act, 1948

Nov 20, 2020 | Tripura | Labour

The Labour Department of Tripura on November 10, 2020 has issued a Notification to notify the procedure, list of documents, timelines for delivery of services under the Factories Act, 1948 for submission of online application for approval of plan drawing of factory, registration & grant of factory license and renewal.

Application for Approval of plan and permission to construct or extend or take into use any building as a factory:-

- The Entrepreneur shall submit online application, along with the fee, deficiency in application shall be informed by the scrutinizing officer to the applicant.
- The documents to be submitted with the application are, plan drawing of factory, process flow chart, list of raw materials, motive power details, sale deed, lease deed, documents related to occupier, citizenship certificate, NOCs, etc.
- Timeline for factory plan approval is 21 days.

Application for registration and grant of factory license:-

- The documents to be submitted with the application are; plan drawing of factory and reference number, documents of change in occupier ship or land
- Timeline for grant of factory license is 30 day

Application for renewal of factory license:-

- The Entrepreneur shall submit online application with the required fees
- If data match with the previous data then system will allow for processing the application
- Deficiency in application shall be informed by the scrutinizing officer to the applicant
- Timeline for renewal of factory license is 07 days

[Notification No.: F. 2(345)-FB/EoDB(SRAP)/2020/1620-26]

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Tripura Government notifies fees, procedure, and documents for obtaining Registration and Enrolment under the Tripura Professions, Trades, Callings and Employment Taxation Act, 1997

Nov 20, 2020 | Tripura | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Tripura on November 12, 2020 has issued a Notification to notify the following fees, procedure, and list of documents required for obtaining Registration and Enrolment under the Tripura Professions, Trades, Callings and Employment Taxation Act, 1997, as an initiative of Ease of Doing business (EoDB), namely:-

- No fees are required for filling Registration and Enrolment application or obtaining certificate under Tripura Professions, Trades, Callings and Employment Taxation Act, 1997
- The applicant may apply through online Profession Tax Web-Portal to obtain Registration/Enrolment certificate
- Enrolment or Registration link shall be clicked and after filling details, OTP, the same shall be submitted to obtain Application Reference Number to check the status of the application
- The Profession Tax officer may verify the details provided and may grant certificate of Enrolment or Registration
- No Documents need to be provided for the same however, during verification supporting documents may be asked
- Applicant can download the certificate of Registration or enrolment from the system, once it is granted

[Notification no.: F.1-8(13)-TAX/2017(Part-I)]

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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand Department publishes rate of VDA for unskilled labour

Nov 24, 2020 | Uttarakhand | Labour

The Uttarakhand Labour Department on September 18, 2020 has published the rate of allowances for unskilled labourers which shall remain valid from October 01, 2020 to March 31, 2021. The Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) for such period is 1520.00.

[Notification no- 3702/ 4-1 /2012]

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West Bengal

West Bengal Government notifies the objective criteria for evaluating online land and space allotment applications through WBEIDC

Nov 25, 2020 | West Bengal | Industry Specific

The Government of West Bengal on November 04, 2020 has issued a Notification to notify the objective criteria for evaluating online land and space allotment applications through WBEIDC (Webel).

Objective criteria for land:-

- Application shall be submitted online by prospective entrepreneurs on the portal <https://land.webel-india.com/> along with online submission of Detailed Project Report and other necessary documents.
- Land allotment application shall be evaluated based on; financial viability of the proposed project, implementation capability of the investor, background and experience, Source and details of funding project and financial strength of the promoters.
- The performance of group of companies, if any, will be considered in evaluating the application.

Objective criteria for Build-up Space:-

- Applications for space in the IT parks on rental basis are to be submitted online by prospective entrepreneurs along with specified documents. The rental space allotment system is accessible through <https://rmc.webel-india.com/>
- Online payment will be done against Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by the applicant. The amount along with the calculation will be shown on the screen. Upon registration the provisional allotment letter will be available.
- The Screening committee shall place the proposal for approval of MD.
- The entire process of allotment shall be completed within 15 days after submission of application along with the required documents.

[Notification No.: 478-Estt/IT/0/32/2016 Part-III]

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West Bengal Government notifies publish of draft business regulation online for comments or feedback

Nov 25, 2020 | West Bengal | Commercial

The Government of West Bengal on November 11, 2020 has issued a Notification regarding the State Government enacted new policy/Regulations or amendments to the existing policy/Regulations for infrastructure development and promotional activities for IT & ITeS under WBEIDC before enactment of policy/regulation. In the current Notification the Governor notify to publish each draft business regulation online for a period of not less than 30 days to invite public comment/feedback on the same prior to enactment and to publish online the comments/feedback received on the draft business regulation and how they have been addressed in the final regulation.

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