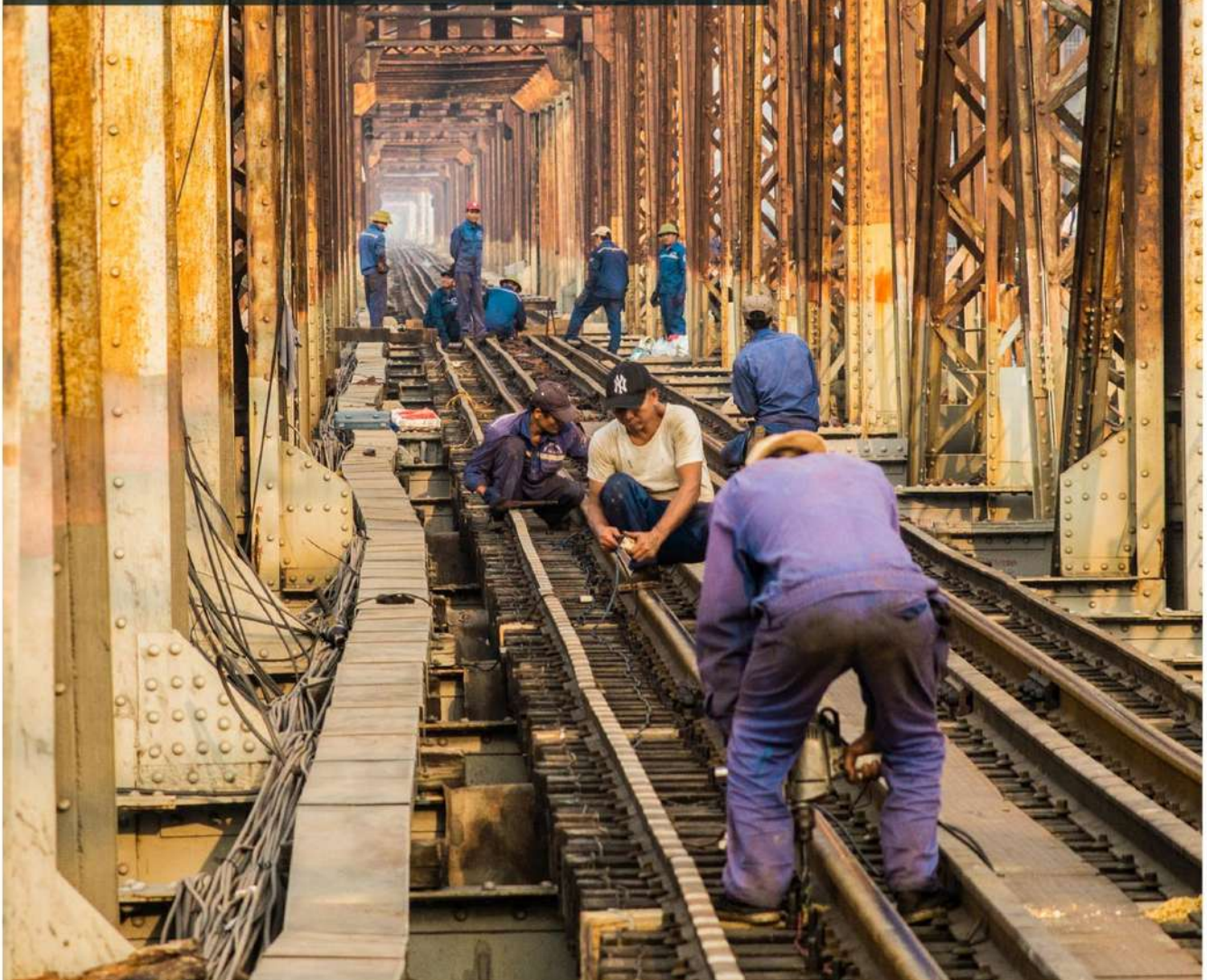


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## Secretarial

### MCA extends the date for Companies Fresh Start Scheme, 2020

Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Secretarial



The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on September 28, 2020 has issued a Circular on extension of Companies Fresh Start Scheme, 2020. MCA in its earlier Circular no. [12/2020](#) dated March 30, 2020 has issued Companies Fresh Start Scheme, 2020 to facilitate the companies registered in India in a fresh start by taking certain alleviative measures for the benefit of all companies. The scheme was decided to remain in force till September 30, 2020.

However, considering the large scale disruption due to COVID-19 pandemic, MCA has decided to extend the aforementioned scheme till **December 31, 2020**.

[General Circular No.: 30/2020]

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### Companies (Amendment) Act, 2020

Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on September 28, 2020 has issued the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2020 to further amend the Companies Act, 2013.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Section 2 (52), which specifies the definition, a new proviso has been inserted, namely:

“Provided that such class of companies, which have listed or intend to list such class of securities, as may be prescribed in consultation with the Securities and Exchange Board, shall not be considered as listed companies.”

■Section 16 (3), which specifies the conditions for the rectification of the name of the company, has been substituted, namely:

“If a company is in default in complying with any direction given under sub-section (1), the Central Government shall allot a new name to the company in such manner as may be prescribed and the Registrar shall enter the new name in the register of companies in place of the old name and issue a fresh certificate of incorporation with the new name, which the company shall use thereafter:

1.Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall prevent a company from subsequently changing its name in accordance with the provisions of section 13.

■Section 23 (3), which specifies public offer and private placement, has been inserted, namely:

“Such class of public companies may issue such class of securities for the purposes of listing on permitted stock exchanges in permissible foreign jurisdictions or such other jurisdictions, as may be prescribed.”

■Section 56 (6), which specifies the transfer and transmission of securities, has been substituted, namely:

“Where any default is made in complying with the provisions of sub-sections (1) to (5), the company and every officer of the company who is in default shall be liable to a penalty of fifty thousand rupees.”

■Section 86 (1), which specifies the punishment for contravention, has been substituted, namely:

“If any company is in default in complying with any of the provisions of this Chapter, the company shall be liable to a penalty of five lakh rupees and every officer of the company who is in default shall be liable to a penalty of fifty thousand rupees.”

■Section 88 (5), which specifies the maintenance of the register of the members, has been substituted, namely:

“If a company does not maintain a register of members or debenture-holders or other security holders or fails to maintain them in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), the company shall be liable to a penalty of three lakh rupees and every officer of the company who is in default shall be liable to a penalty of fifty thousand rupees.”

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**SEBI issues a Circular on Recovery of assets of defaulter member and recovery of funds from debit balance clients of defaulter member**

## Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 28, 2020 has issued a Circular on recovery of assets of defaulter member and recovery of funds from debit balance clients of defaulter member for meeting the obligations of clients, Stock Exchange or Clearing Corporation.

The bye-laws of Stock Exchange (SE) or Clearing Corporation (CC) provide for the procedure for declaring a member as defaulter when including other reasons, the member is not able to fill its obligations and provide for initiating the proceedings in a court of law for such defaulter. In the circular, the SE or CC are advised to initiate suitable actions for liquidating the assets (movable and immovable) of defaulter member including that of debit balance clients, within six months of declaration of defaulter, for recovery of the assets not in possession of the SE or CC, before appropriate court of law.

[SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DPIEA/CIR/P/2020/186]

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## SEBI issues relaxation with respect to validity of SEBI observations and revision in issue size

## Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 29, 2020 relaxes the validity of SEBI observations under the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 and filing of fresh offer document in case of increase or decrease of issue size beyond a particular threshold.

SEBI has decided to grant the following relaxations:

■ A public issue or rights issue may be opened within twelve months from the date of issuance of observations by SEBI as prescribed under Regulation 44(1), 85 and 140 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations. The validity of the SEBI Observations where the same have expired or will expire between March 01, 2020 and September 30, 2020 has been for some more time due to the prevailing conditions of Covid 19.

■ As mentioned in Sr. No. 1(ii) of SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/DIL1/CIR/P/2020/66 an issuer shall be permitted to increase or decrease the fresh issue size by up to 50% of the estimated issue size without requiring to file fresh draft offer document with the Board subject to following conditions: (a) there has been no change in the objects of the issue (b) the lead manager undertakes that the draft offer document is in compliance with provisions of Regulation 7(1)(e) (c) the lead manager shall ensure that all appropriate changes are made to the relevant section of DRHP and an addendum, in this regard, shall be made public.

■ The revision in issue size up to 50% shall continue till March 31, 2021.



■ The validity of the SEBI observations expiring between October 01, 2020 and March 31, 2021 shall be extended up to March 31, 2021, subject to an undertaking from lead manager to the issue confirming compliance with Schedule XVI of the ICDR Regulations, 2018 while submitting the updated offer document to the Board.

This Circular shall come into effect from October 01, 2020.

[SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/DIL1/CIR/P/2020/188]

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## MCA extends the LLP Settlement Scheme, 2020

Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on September 28, 2020 has issued a Circular to modify the LLP Settlement Scheme, 2020. MCA in its earlier Circular no. [13/2020](#) dated March 30, 2020 has modified the LLP Settlement Scheme, 2020 which was issued vide Circular no. [06/2020](#) dated March 04, 2020 to support and enable Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) registered in India. It was decided to remain in force till September 30, 2020.

However, considering the largescale disruption due to COVID-19 pandemic, MCA has decided to extend the aforementioned scheme till December 31, 2020.

[General Circular No. 31/2020]

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## MCA further extends the timeline for scheme for relaxation of time for filing forms for creation or modification of charges

Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on September 28, 2020 has amended the general circular no. [23/2020](#) issued on June 17, 2020 which specifies the scheme for relaxation of time for filing forms related to creation or modification of charges under the Companies Act, 2013. The Ministry has decided to further extend the scheme till **December 31, 2020**.

[General Circular No. 32/2020]

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## MCA extends the timeline for companies to conduct EGM's through VC's or OAVM

## Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on September 28, 2020 has amended the circular no. [22/2020](#) dated June 15, 2020 which specifies that the companies can have their EGM's through VC's or OAVM or transact through postal ballots. The Ministry has further extended the timeline till December 31, 2020 for the same.

[General Circular No. 33/2020]

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## SEBI amends the guidelines for preferential issue and institutional placement of units by a listed REIT

## Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 28, 2020 has issued a Circular to further amend its earlier Circulars No. [SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS/CIR/P/2019/142](#) and [SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS/CIR/P/2020/35](#) dated November 27, 2019 and March 13, 2020 respectively on guidelines for preferential issue and institutional placement of units by a listed REIT. The Following are the amendments introduced vide this circular:-

■ Clause 2.6 of the guidelines on time interval between two institutional placement of units is modified and reduced from “six months” to “two weeks” and now read as;

“The REIT shall not make any subsequent institutional placement until the expiry of two weeks from the date of the prior institutional placement made pursuant to one or more special resolutions”

■ After Clause 2.1 and 2.2 of sub-paragraph (A) of paragraph 2 on Pricing of frequently traded units of Annexure-I, the following provisions shall be inserted;

“Provided that, for any preferential issue made between the date of this circular and December 31, 2020, the REIT may opt for a pricing method where the price of the units to be allotted pursuant to the preferential issue shall not be less than the higher of the following

- a) the average of the weekly high and low of the volume weighted average price of the related units quoted on the recognised stock exchange during the twelve weeks preceding the relevant date; or
- (b) the average of the weekly high and low of the volume weighted average prices of the related units quoted on a recognised stock exchange during the two weeks preceding the relevant date.

Provided further that, units allotted on a preferential basis using the pricing method set out in the first proviso shall be locked-in for a period of three years:

Provided further that, all allotments arising out of the same unit holders approval shall follow the same pricing method”

■ After clause 3.1 of paragraph 3 of Annexure-I, the following explanation shall be inserted:

Explanation: For the computation of the lock-in requirement, the units held by the sponsor(s) and locked-in for three years, in the past in terms of Regulation 12 (3) of the REIT Regulations shall be taken into account. The units locked-in pursuant to Regulation 12 (3) of the REIT Regulations shall not be put under fresh lock-in again, even though they are considered for computing the lock-in requirement, in case the said units are free of lock-in at the time of the preferential issue.

[SEBI Circular No.: SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS/CIR/P/2020/184]

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## SEBI issues a Circular to amend the guidelines for preferential issue and institutional placement of units by a listed InvIT

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 28, 2020 has issued a Circular to further amend its earlier Circulars no. [SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS/CIR/P/2019/143](#) and [SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS/CIR/P/2020/36](#) dated November 27, 2019 and March 13, 2020 respectively on guidelines for preferential issue and institutional placement of units by a listed InvIT.

### The following are the amendments:-

■ Clause 2.6 of the guidelines on time interval between two institutional placement of units is modified and reduced from “six months” to “two weeks” and now read as;

“The InvIT shall not make any subsequent institutional placement until the expiry of two weeks from the date of the prior institutional placement made pursuant to one or more special resolutions”

■ After Clause 2.1 and 2.2 of sub-paragraph (A) of paragraph 2 on Pricing of frequently traded units of Annexure-I, the following provisions shall be inserted;

“Provided that, for any preferential issue made between the date of this circular and December 31, 2020, the InvIT may opt for a pricing method where the price of the units to be allotted pursuant to the preferential issue shall not be less than the higher of the following

a) the average of the weekly high and low of the volume weighted average price of the related units quoted on the recognised stock exchange during the twelve weeks preceding the relevant date; or

(b) the average of the weekly high and low of the volume weighted average prices of the related units quoted on a recognised stock exchange during the two weeks preceding the relevant date.

Provided further that, units allotted on a preferential basis using the pricing method set out in the first proviso shall be locked-in for a period of three years:

Provided further that, all allotments arising out of the same unit holders approval shall follow the same pricing method”

■ After clause 3.1 of paragraph 3 of Annexure-I, the following explanation shall be inserted:

Explanation: For the computation of the lock-in requirement, the units held by the sponsor(s) and locked-in for three years, in the past in terms of Regulation 12(3) of the InvIT Regulations shall be taken into account. The units locked-in pursuant to Regulation 12 (3) of the InvIT Regulations shall not be put under fresh lock-in again, even though they are considered for computing the lock-in requirement, in case the said units are free of lock-in at the time of the preferential issue.

[SEBI Circular No.: SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS/CIR/P/2020/183]

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## **IBBI notifies amendment in Section 10A of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, (Second Amendment) Act, 2020**

**Sep 25, 2020 | Central | Secretarial**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on September 24, 2020 has notified amendment in Section 10A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. No application for initiation of corporate insolvency resolution process of a corporate debtor shall be filed, for any default arising on or after March 25, 2020 for a period of 6 months or such further period, not exceeding 1 year from such date as may be notified in this behalf.

[Notification No. S.O. 3265(E)]

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## **Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority) (Amendment) Rules, 2020**

**Sep 25, 2020 | Central | Secretarial**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on September 24, 2020 has issued the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority) (Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules 2016.

**The amendments are in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules 2016:-**

- Rule 4(3) on service of a copy of the application by the financial creditor shall be substituted to add electronic means as one of the ways to serve the copy of the application namely:

“The applicant shall serve a copy of the application to the registered office of the corporate debtor and to the Board, by registered post or speed post or by hand or by electronic means, before filing with the Adjudicating Authority.”

- Rule 6(2) on service of a copy of the application by Operational creditor shall be substituted to add electronic means as one of the ways to serve the copy of the application namely:

“The applicant under sub-rule (1) shall dispatch forthwith, a copy of the application filed with the Adjudicating Authority, by registered post or speed post to the registered office of the corporate debtor.”

- Rule 6(2) on service of a copy of the application by the corporate applicant shall be substituted to add electronic means as one of the ways to serve the copy of the application namely:-

“The applicant under sub-rule(1) shall dispatch forthwith, a copy of the application filed with the Adjudicating Authority, by registered post or speed post to the registered office of the corporate debtor.”

- Form 1 on particulars of financial debt, Form 2 on written communication by proposed interim resolution professional, Form 5 on application by the operational creditor and Form 6 on application by the corporate applicant under Part V of the Rules have been substituted as per the guidelines.
- Form 5A on date of credit and amount of credit has been inserted.

[Notification No. G.S.R. 583(E)]

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## SEBI issues Circular on System-Driven Disclosures under SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 23, 2020 has issued a Circular on System-Driven Disclosures (SDD) under the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 (SAST) with an aim to implement SDD in SAST disclosures too. That shall be done by aligning the practices of PAN capture as mentioned under earlier Circular no. [SEBI/HO/ISD/ISD/CIR/P/2020/168](#) dated September 09, 2020 for SAST disclosures too.

The Circular dated September 09, 2020 required the capture of PAN of the promoters from the listed companies itself. SEBI has decided to use the procedure of capturing the PAN of the promoters from listed companies as mentioned in the circular dated September 09, 2020 for SAST disclosures too.

[SEBI Circular No.: SEBI/CIR/CFD/DCR1/CIR/P/2020/181]

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## SEBI issues Guidelines for Investment Advisers

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 23, 2020 has issued guidelines for Investment Advisers in addition to SEBI (Investment Advisers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 dated July 03, 2020.

**Investment Advisors (AI) shall ensure compliance with the following guidelines:-**



■ Client level segregation of Advisory and Distribution Activities shall be ensured as mentioned in the AI Regulation by complying with the following monitoring:

- Existing clients who wish to take advisory services, will not be eligible for availing distribution services with the group/family of AI and vice versa.
- A new client will be eligible to avail either advisory or distribution services within the group/family of IA.
- The client shall have the discretion to continue holding assets prior to the applicability of this segregation.
- PAN of the client shall be a control record for identification and client level segregation.
- The AI shall maintain on record an annual certificate from an auditor (in case of individual IA) and its statutory auditor (in case of a non-individual IA) confirming compliance with the client level segregation requirements.

■ IA shall maintain records for a period of 5 years with respect to his activities as investment adviser by maintaining records of interactions related to advice with clients.

■ IA shall ensure annual audit in respect of compliance of SEBI (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013 and circulars issued thereunder is conducted.

These amendments shall come into force on September 30, 2020.

[SEBI Circular No.: SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/182]

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## Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Act, 2020

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on September 23, 2020 has issued the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Act, 2020 to further amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

**The following amendments have been made:**

■ A new Section 10A, which specifies the suspension of initiation of corporate insolvency resolution process, has been inserted, namely:

“Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 7, 9 and 10, no application for initiation of corporate insolvency resolution process of a corporate debtor shall be filed, for any default arising on or after 25th March, 2020 for a period of six months or such further period, not exceeding one year from such date, as may be notified in this behalf. Provided that no application shall ever be filed for initiation of corporate insolvency resolution process of a corporate debtor for the said default occurring during the said period.”

■ A new sub-section has been inserted under Section 66(3), which specifies that the application shall not be filed by a resolution professional, namely:

“Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, no application shall be filed by a resolution professional under sub-section (2), in respect of such default against which initiation of corporate insolvency resolution process is suspended as per section 10A.”

[Notification No. 17 of 2020]

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## SEBI issues circular on Resources for Trustees of Mutual Funds

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 23, 2020 has issued a circular on Resources for Trustees of Mutual Funds wherein SEBI has decided that compliance of its earlier Circular, no. [SEBI/HO/IMD/DF4/CIR/P/2020/0000000151](#) dated August 10, 2020, laying down the guidelines on resources for Trustees of Mutual Funds, shall be applicable from January 01, 2021.

[SEBI Circular No.: SEBI/HO/IMD/DF4/CIR/P/2020/178]

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## Finance & Taxation

### MHA appoints a date of enforcement of provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2020

Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation



The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on September 29, 2020 has issued a notification appointing September 29, 2020 as the date on which the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2020 will come into force.

[Notification No. S.O. 3395(E)]

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### DGFT implements the SIMS Registration System for the additional HS Codes

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on September 28, 2020 has issued a public notice for the date of implementation of the Steel import Monitoring System (SIMS) registration for additional HS codes covered under SIMS registration. All the other HS codes shall be registered under SIMS by October 16, 2020.

SIMS registration shall require the importers to submit the advance information beforehand and then generate an online registration number for the same. The registration fee for the same shall be rupee 1 per thousand and it shall be rupees 500 minimum and maximum to 1 lakh on the CIF value. The importer shall apply before 60 days and minimum 15 days before on the portal before the expected date of the arrival of the consignment. The automatic registration number which will be generated shall be valid for a period of 75 days. In the bill of entry, all the importers are required to enter the registration number and the expiry date for the clearance of the customs.

[Public Notice No. 19/2015-2020]

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## CBIC modifies the tariff value for areca nuts, crude palm oil etc as on September 28, 2020

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on September 28, 2020 has amended the notification no. 36/2001- Customs (N.T.) dated August 03, 2001 which specifies the modification of fixation of tariff value of the following items:

■Crude Palm Oil

■RBD Palm Oil

■Others- Palm Oil

■Crude Palmolein

■RBD Palmolein

■Others- Palmolein

■Crude Soya Bean Oil

■Brass Scrap (all grades)

■Poppy Seeds

■Gold, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 356 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated 30.06.2017 is availed.

■Silver, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 357 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated 30.06.2017 is availed.

■Silver, in any form, other than medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver falling under sub-heading 7106 92.

■Medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver falling under sub-heading 7106 92, other than imports of such goods through post, courier, or baggage.

■Gold bars, other than tola bars, bearing manufacturer's or refiner's engraved serial number and weight expressed in metric units.

■Gold coins having gold content not below 99.5% and gold findings, other than imports of such goods through post, courier, or baggage.

## ■Areca Nuts

Table 1, Table 2, Table 3 of the said notification stands amended.

[Notification No. 92/2020- Customs (N.T.)]

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## DGFT amends the import policy for the import of rough diamonds

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on September 28, 2020 has issued the amendments in the import policy in condition 3 which specifies the certificate to be issued for the import of rough diamonds, namely:

“Import of rough diamonds shall only be permitted only if accompanied by Kimberly Process (KP) Certificate as specified by Gem and Jewellery EPC.”

This amended import policy shall also be applicable to the pending imports.

[Notification No. 34/2015-2020]

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## CBIC further waives off the late fee for the filing of form GSTR-4

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on September 21, 2020 has amended the notification no. 73/2017- Central Tax dated December 29, 2017 in regards with the waiver of late fee which is in excess of ten rupees for the filing of Form GSTR-4 by the due date.

■A new proviso has been inserted, after the second proviso, which specifies that the late fee shall stand waived off which is more than two hundred and fifty rupees, namely:

“■Provided also that late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act, shall stand waived which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees and shall stand fully waived where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil, for the registered persons who failed to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 for the quarters from July, 2017 to March, 2020 by the due date but furnishes the said return between the period from September 22, 2020 to October 31, 2020.”

[Notification No. 67/2020- Central Tax]



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## Bilateral Netting of Qualified Financial Contracts Act, 2020

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Government of India on September 28, 2020 has issued the Bilateral Netting of Qualified Financial Contracts Act, 2020.

- The act is applicable to anyone who is entering into a bilateral basis, financial contract which shall be between a qualified financial market participant either under a netting agreement or otherwise, where at least one party is an entity regulated by the authorities.
- Close-out netting is invoked when a notice is given to one party by another party in an event of default or in cases of termination, where the parties are in a financial agreement.
- The parties must ensure that in such cases all the defaults by one party to another party are reduced or replaced into a net amount.
- The collateral shall be paid by default and no notice shall be given for the same.
- Close-out netting is applicable to all the parties under a financial agreement unless stated otherwise. In case the close-out netting is not happening, the parties shall agree to come to a net amount to be paid by them.

[Notification No. 30 of 2020]

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## AREAS invites proposal from innovators on DRE solutions for rural livelihood

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Association of Renewable Energy Agencies of State (AREAS), an initiative of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) created for providing platform to State Nodal Agencies (SNA) for better interaction has invited proposals from innovators, technology developers, manufacturers etc that have developed and demonstrated innovative DRE (decentralised renewable energy) solutions for different rural livelihood applications.

The proposal should include brief technical description of DRE solution, company details etc. Proposals should be sent to [areasdelhi@gmail.com](mailto:areasdelhi@gmail.com) by **October 19, 2020**. Format for financial support to DRE product for rural livelihood application is enclosed with the [document](#).

[Notice no- AREAS/DRE/2020]

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## CBIC waives off the late fee for the filing of Form GSTR-10 by the due date

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on September 21, 2020 has issued the notification thereby waiving off the amount of late fee as payable under section 47 of the Central Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017 which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees for all the persons who fail to furnish the return in Form GSTR-10 by the due date. However, the return shall be furnished within the period of September 22, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

[Notification No. 68/2020- Central Tax]

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## DGFT inserts a new policy condition for compulsory registration on SIMS

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on September 28, 2020 has issued a notification for the insertion of new import policy for the compulsory registration on the Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS).

A Policy Condition No. 5 has been inserted, which specifies the compulsory registration, namely:

“Import under all HS Codes of this chapter shall require compulsory registration under the Steel Monitoring Import System.”

[Notification No. 33/2015-2020]

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## Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2020

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Government on September 28, 2020 has issued the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2020 to further amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.

The following amendments have been made:

■Section 7, which specifies the prohibition to transfer foreign contribution to another person, has been substituted, namely:

“No person who:

1.is registered and granted a certificate or has obtained prior permission under this Act.

2.receives any foreign contribution.

shall transfer such foreign contribution to any other person.”

■Section 8, which specifies the restriction to utilise the foreign contribution for administrative purposes, has been substituted, namely:

“Every person, who is registered and granted a certificate or given prior permission under this Act and receives any foreign contribution:

1.shall utilise such contribution for the purposes for which the contribution has been received. Provided that any foreign contribution or any income arising out of it shall not be used for speculative business. Provided further that the Central Government shall, by rules, specify the activities or business which shall be construed as speculative business for the purpose of this section.

2.shall not defray as far as possible such sum, not exceeding twenty per cent of such contribution, received in a financial year, to meet administrative expenses. Provided that administrative expenses exceeding twenty per cent of such contribution may be defrayed with prior approval of the Central Government.

■A new section 12 (1A) has been inserted, which specifies grant of certificate for registration, namely:

“Every person who makes an application under sub-section (1) shall be required to open “FCRA Account” in the manner specified in section 17 and mention details of such account in his application.”

■Section 12A which specifies the power of the Central Government to require Aadhar number etc as identification document, has been inserted, namely:

“Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Central Government may require that any person who seeks prior permission or prior approval under section 11, or makes an application for grant of certificate under section 12, or, as the case may be, for renewal of certificate under section 16, shall provide as identification document, the Aadhaar number of all its office bearers or Directors or other key functionaries, by whatever name called, issued under the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, or a copy of the Passport or Overseas Citizen of India Card, in case of a foreigner.”

■Section 14A, which specifies the surrender of certificate has been inserted, namely:

“On a request being made in this behalf, the Central Government may permit any person to surrender the certificate granted under this Act, if, after making such inquiry as it deems fit, it is satisfied that such person has not contravened any of the provisions of this Act, and the management of foreign contribution and asset, if any, created out of such contribution has been vested in the authority as provided in sub-section (1) of section 15.”

■Section 17, which specifies the foreign contribution through scheduled bank, has been substituted, namely:

“Every person who has been granted certificate or prior permission under section 12 shall receive foreign contribution only in an account designated as "FCRA Account" by the bank, which shall be opened by him for the purpose of remittances of foreign contribution in such branch of the State Bank of India at New Delhi, as the Central Government may, by notification, specify in this behalf.”

[Notification No. 33 of 2020]

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## Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation and Amendment of Certain Provisions) Act, 2020

Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Government on September 18, 2020 has issued the Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation and Amendment of Certain Provisions) Act, 2020.

### The following provisions have been made:

Relaxation of certain provisions:

■ Where, any time limit has been specified in, or prescribed or notified under, the specified Act which falls during the period from the 20th day of March, 2020 to the 31st day of December, 2020, or such other date after the 31st day of December, 2020, as the Central Government may, by notification, specify in this behalf, for the completion or compliance of such action as:

1. completion of any proceeding or passing of any order or issuance of any notice, intimation, notification, sanction or approval, or such other action, by whatever name called, by any authority, commission or tribunal, by whatever name called, under the provisions of the specified Act.
2. filing of any appeal, reply or application or furnishing of any report, document, return or statement or such other record, by whatever name called, under the provisions of the specified Act.
3. in case where the specified Act is the Income-tax Act, 1961.

Amendments to the Income Tax Act, 1961:

■ Clause 1A, which specifies the removal of doubts, explanation has been inserted, namely:

“For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that this clause shall not apply in case of an individual who is said to be resident in India in the previous year under clause (1).”

■ Section 12A (ac), which specifies the person in receipt of the income making application, has been inserted, namely:

“notwithstanding anything contained in clauses (a) to (ab), the person in receipt of the income has made an application in the prescribed form and manner to the Principal Commissioner or Commissioner, for

registration of the trust or institution:

1. where the trust or institution is registered under section 12A [as it stood immediately before its amendment by the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1996] or under section 12AA [as it stood immediately before its amendment by the Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation and Amendment of Certain Provisions) Act, 2020], within three months from April 01, 2021.
2. where the trust or institution is registered under section 12AB and the period of the said registration is due to expire, at least six months prior to expiry of the said period.
3. where the trust or institution has been provisionally registered under section 12AB, at least six months prior to expiry of period of the provisional registration or within six months of commencement of its activities, whichever is earlier.”

[Bill No. 116 of 2020]

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## CBIC modifies tariff value of Crude Oil, Palm Oil, Gold, Silver, Areca Nuts etc as on September 24, 2020

**Sep 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation**

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on September 24, 2020 amends the Notification No. 36/2001- Customs (N.T.) dated August 03, 2001 which specifies the fixation of tariff value for the following goods:

■ Crude Palm Oil

■ RBD Palm Oil

■ Others- Palm Oil

■ Crude Palmolein

■ Crude Soya Bean Oil

■ Brass Scrap (all grades)

■ Poppy Seeds

■ Gold, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 356 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated June 30, 2017 is availed.

■ Silver, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 357 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated June 30, 2017 is availed.

■ Silver, in any form, other than medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver.



- Medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver falling under sub-heading 7106 92, other than imports of such goods through post, courier, or baggage.
- Medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver falling under sub-heading 7106 92, other than imports of such goods through post, courier, or baggage.
- Gold coins having gold content not below 99.5% and gold findings, other than imports of such goods through post, courier, or baggage.
- Areca Nuts

The Table 1, 2 and 3 provided in the Notification will be substituted for the existing tables in its parent Notification. These tables contain the details about Chapter headings, descriptions of goods and tariff value.

[Notification No. 91/2020- Customs (N.T.)]

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## MNRE invites EOI for installation of innovative solar pump

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on September 23, 2020 has invited innovators, manufacturers, service providers to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) to participate in the PM-KUSUM scheme for promotion of innovative solar pump technologies. The aim of this call for EOI is to promote innovation in solar pumping sector by allowing the innovators to showcase their technologies in real field conditions. Indian innovators/manufacturers/service providers, who wish to install innovative stand-alone solar pumps in the country under Schemes operated by the MNRE and satisfy the following conditions are eligible to participate in the Scheme:

- Only those innovative products which are available for testing and field trial will be eligible for participation. Test report for the improved solar pumping system shall be available with the innovator.
- New technologies for which patent/IP related filings have been done (patent may not have been awarded) will also be eligible to participate. In this case, organization which has filed the patent should be the sole applicant or lead partner in case of a consortium.

To participate in the submission of EOI, the following details are needed:

- Full particulars of the Constitution, ownership, organizational structure and main activities of the innovators, including details of full-time professionals.
- General profile of key staff - qualification, experience and expertise.
- Test reports of the improved solar pumping system.

- Details and references of patents and scientific papers published.
- Any awards/ recognitions received.
- EOI proposal received without Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will not be considered. EMD with the proposals which are not selected will be returned within 30 days of issuance of successful proposals.
- The EMD Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque of Rs. 5,000/ is payable in name of DDO MNRE at New Delhi.

The innovators can submit EOI along with requisite documents and EMD by sending it to Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Room No. 1015-A, Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003 by 1800 hours on October 08, 2020, in a sealed cover super-scribing "Expression of Interest under Scheme for promotion of innovative solar pumps". For any clarification, mail can be sent to shobhit.srivastava@nic.in.

[Notification no- 32/5/2020-SPV Division]

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## RBI issues the recommendations on Technology Vision for the Cyber Security for Urban Co-operative Banks

**Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on September 24, 2020 has issued a press release for the Technology vision for the cyber security for urban co-operative banks. The technology vision aims at enhancing the cyber security posture of the Urban Co-operative banking sector against evolving IT and cyber threat environment.

The following are the aims of the technology vision:

- To increase the board oversight over cyber security.
- UCB's shall be able to manage and secure their IT assets.
- An offsite supervisory mechanism shall be formulated so that the cyber security can be controlled.
- Creating a forum for the UCB's so that they can review their pointers and discuss their challenges and issues.
- A framework shall be made so that the training and awareness can be provided to the UCB's in this regard.

[Press Release No. 2020-2021/380]

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## DGFT revises the Form ANF-7A

**Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation**

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on September 23, 2020 has revised the Form ANF-7A which specifies the “Application for claim of TED Refund/ Duty Drawback and Brand Rate Fixation” under Paragraph 1.03 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020.

[Notification No. 18/2015-2020]

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## EHS

### MHA issues guidelines for phased re-opening of activities in view of Covid-19

Sep 30, 2020 | Central | EHS



The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on September 30 has announced guidelines for re-opening of activities in view of Covid-19. These guidelines will be in force up to October 31, 2020. The detailed guidelines are as follow:

■ Schools, colleges and coaching institutions will re-open after October 15, 2020. The decision shall be taken subject to the following conditions;

- Online learning shall continue to be preferred.
- Students may be permitted to visit their schools, in areas outside containment zone on voluntary basis subject to written consent of parents.

■ States/UTs must prepare their Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

■ Department of higher education may take a decision on the timing of opening of colleges. However, HEIs and post graduate students in science and technology stream requiring experiment works will be permitted to open from October 15, 2020.

■ Swimming pool will be open only for training of sportsperson after October 15, 2020.

■ Cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks and theatres shall be permitted with strength up to 50% subject to SOPs by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

■ Business to Business exhibition will be permitted outside containment zone.

■ Social/academic/cultural and other such functions shall be permitted with a ceiling of more than 100 persons shall be permitted after October 15, 2020 subject to the condition in closed spaces only 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed with a ceiling of 200 persons.

■ International air travel of passengers except as permitted by Ministry of Home Affairs.

- The State and UTs Governments shall not impose any lockdown without prior consultation with the Central Government.
- No restrictions on inter-state and intra-state movement.
- Use of face covers and masks would be mandatory.
- National directives for Covid-19 as given in Unlock 4 must be followed.
- 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 revises guidelines for environmental management of Dairy Farms and Gaushalas

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on September 22, 2020 has issued guidelines for environmental management of dairy Farms and gaushalas. The dairy Farm and gaushalas have been categorized under Orange and Green category. The guidelines are uploaded on CPCB website and can be accessed through the [link](#).

These guidelines are to be implemented by SPCBs/PCCs and a report of status of compliance is to be provided to CPCB by SPCBs/PCCs in two months for submission to National Green Tribunal (NGT). The main environmental issues of dairy farms and gaushalas are discharges of dung and urinal wastewater. The disposal of cow/buffalo dung is biggest challenge in dairy farms and Gaushalas. However, cattle dung, if effectively used can be a resource of manure and energy.

The revised guidelines for environmental management of Dairy Farms and Gaushalas are as follow:

### Solid Waste Management:

- The floor should be kept clean the dung should be collected at regular intervals.
- The premises should be disinfected and sanitised at regular intervals.
- The dungs and urinal should not be washed near the sewage so that the clogging does not happen.
- The practice of composting and bio-gas production shall be followed.

### Wastewater Management:

- Water usage should not exceed 150 litres a day.
- The water discharged should be adequately treated according to the standards given by the SPCB.

#### Air Quality Management:

- The animal housing should be adequately ventilated allowing proper supply of fresh air.
- Proper sanitary conditions should be maintained.
- Tree plantation should be carried out near the premises to alleviate the smell from the dairy farms and gaushalas.
- Dairy Farms should be located 500 metres away from the city limits and should not be in flood prone areas.
- They should be 200 metres away from the National Highways and 100 metres away from the State Highways.

[Notification no- CPCB/IPC-IV/NGT/Dairy/2020/2447]

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### Environment (Protection) Second Amendment Rules, 2020

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) on September 22, 2020 has issued the Environment (Protection) Second Amendment Rules, 2020 to further amend the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986.

The amendment is made under Rule 5(3)(d) of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 relating to prohibition and restriction on the location of industries and the carrying on processes and operations in different areas stating that the period of national lockdown from March 25, 2020 to May 31, 2020 on account of COVID-19 pandemic shall be excluded for the purpose of counting the number of days for publication of the final rule or order or notification.

[Notification No. S.O. 3235 (E)]

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## Industry Specific

### Ministry of Finance exempts primary co-operative banks from submitting financials and audit report to RBI

Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific



The Ministry of Finance on the recommendation of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on September 29, 2020 has issued a notification stating that the provisions of section 31 read with clause (t) of section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 relating to submission of accounts and balance sheet together with audit report to RBI will not apply to primary co-operative banks till **December 31, 2020**.

[Notification no S.O. 3377(E)]

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### RBI defers the implementation of the last tranche of CCB from September 30, 2020 to April 01, 2021

Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on September 29, 2020 has decided to defer the implementation of the last tranche of 0.625 per cent of the Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB) from September 30, 2020 to April 1, 2021.

Further the minimum capital conservation ratios in para 15.2.2 of Part D 'Capital Conservation Buffer Framework' of [Master Circular, DBR.No.BP.BC.1/ 21.06.201/2015-16 dated July 1, 2015](#) on 'Basel III Capital Regulations', shall continue to apply till the CCB attains the level of 2.5 percent on April 01, 2021. The CCB is designed to ensure that banks build up capital buffers during normal times which can be drawn down as losses are incurred during a stressed period. As per Basel standards, the CCB was to be implemented in tranches of 0.625 percent and the transition to full CCB of 2.5 percent was set to be completed by March 31, 2019. It was subsequently decided to defer the implementation of the last tranche of 0.625 percent of the CCB from March 31, 2019 to March 31, 2020. Considering the potential stress on account of COVID-19, it has been decided to further defer the implementation of the last tranche of 0.625 percent of the CCB from September 30, 2020 to April 1, 2021



However, the pre-specified trigger for loss absorption through conversion or write-down of Additional Tier 1 instruments remain at 5.5 percent of risk weighted assets (RWAs) and will rise to 6.125 percent of RWAs from April 01, 2021.

[Notification No: DOR.BP.BC.No15/21.06.201/2020-21]

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### MoFPI directs promoters to avail benefits under Project Import scheme for import of capital goods or machineries

**Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific**

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) on September 03, 2020 has issued a notification directing promoters to inform all member firms regarding benefits under the Project Import scheme under which capital goods, machinery, equipment for food processing industries can be imported at concessional import duty of 5%. While availing benefit, the firm must certify that the particular capital goods, machineries or equipments are not available in the country.

The guidelines for sponsoring of project import are issued vide [Notification](#) dated August 14, 2013.

[Office memorandum no- E-17/1/2020-Economic Division]

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### RBI extends the date of implementation of NSFR guidelines from October 01, 2020 to April 01, 2021

**Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on September 29, 2020, has decided to extend the implementation of [Net Stable Funding Ratio](#) (NSFR) guidelines issued dated November 29, 2018. Now, RBI has been decided to defer the implementation of NSFR guidelines by further six months. These guidelines will now come into effect from April 01, 2021.

[Notification No. DOR.BP.BC.No.16/21.04.098/2020-21]

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## SEBI amends the operating guidelines for Investment Advisers in IFSC

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 28, 2020 has issued the Operating Guidelines for Investment Advisers (IA) in International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) to further amend its earlier circular no. [SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/04](#) dated January 09, 2020 for International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) which was subsequently amended for certain clarifications vide circular [SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/31](#) dated February 28, 2020 and afterward on August 21, 2020.

### The following are the amendments:-

■ Clause 3 of the guidelines read with para 3 of circular dated February 28, 2020 on eligible persons to apply for an Investment Adviser Registration is amended and now read as:-

The following persons shall be eligible to apply to the Board for registration as an Investment Adviser in IFSC:

- a. Any entity, being a company or a limited liability partnership (LLP) or any other similar structure recognised under the laws of its parent jurisdiction, desirous of operating in IFSC as an Investment Adviser (IA), may form a company or LLP to provide investment advisory services
- b. The formation of a separate company or LLP shall not be applicable in case the applicant is already a company or LLP in IFSC.”

■ Clause 4 of the guidelines is amended regarding the person responsible for compliance of the guidelines and now read as:-

Persons seeking registration under the Investment Adviser Regulations read with these Guidelines shall provide investment advisory services only to those persons referred in Clause 9 (3) of the IFSC Guidelines. Further, IAs shall ensure to comply with the applicable guidelines issued by the relevant overseas regulator/authority, while dealing with persons resident outside India and non-resident Indians seeking investment advisory services from them.

■ Clause 8(c) of the guidelines regarding Net worth requirement is amended and now read as:-

The IA/ parent entity shall fulfil the aforesaid net worth requirement, separately and independently for each activity undertaken by it under the relevant regulations.

■ Clause 9 of the guidelines is amended in regard to who can conduct an annual audit of compliance and now read as:-

An IA shall ensure to conduct annual audit in respect of compliance with Investment Adviser Regulations and these guidelines from a chartered accountant or a company secretary.

[SEBI Circular No.: SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/185]

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## Homeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Act, 2020

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Government on September 25, 2020 has issued the Homeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Act, 2020 to further amend the Homeopathy Central Council Act, 1973.

The following amendments have been made:

■Section 3A (2), which specifies the power of Central Government to supersede Central Council and to constitute a Board of Governors, has been substituted, namely:

“The Central Council shall be reconstituted in accordance with the provisions of section 3 within a period of two year from the date of supersession of the Central Council under sub-section (1).”

[Notification No. 24 Of 2020]

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## Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Act, 2020

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Government on September 25, 2020 has issued the Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Act, 2020 to further amend the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970.

The following amendments have been made:

■A new Section 3A, which specifies the power of central government to supersede the Central council and constitute Board of Governors, has been inserted, namely:

“On and from the date of commencement of the Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020, the Central Council shall stand superseded and the President, Vice-President and other members of the Central Council shall vacate their offices and shall have no claim for any compensation, whatsoever.”

■Section 3B, which specifies the certain modifications of the act, has been inserted, namely:

“During the period when the Central Council stands superseded:

1.the provisions of the Act shall be construed as if for the words "Central Council", the words "Board of Governors" were substituted.

2.the Board of Governors shall exercise the powers and discharge the functions of the Council under this Act and for this purpose, the provisions of this Act shall have effect subject to the modification that references therein to the Central Council shall be construed as references to the Board of Governors.

■Section 3C, which specifies the power of Central Government to give directions, has been inserted, namely:

“Without prejudice to the provisions of this Act, the Board of Governors or the Central Council after its reconstitution shall, in exercise of its powers and in the performance of its functions under this Act, be bound by such directions on questions of policy, other than those relating to technical and administrative matters, as the Central Government may give in writing to it from time to time.”

[Notification No. 25 of 2020]

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### RBI extends timeline for availing benefits of funds under the Marginal Standing Facility

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on September 28, 2020 has extended the timeline for availing benefits of funds under the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) by dipping into the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) by up to an additional one per cent of net demand and time liabilities. The facility is available up to September 30, 2020 due disruptions imposed by COVID-19. The MSF relaxation would continue for a period of six months that is up to **March 31, 2021** to provide comfort to banks on their liquidity requirements.

[Press Release: 2020-2021/401]

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### The Government fixes the retail prices of certain pharmaceuticals exclusive of good and service tax

Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers on September 25, 2020 has issued the notification for the fixation of retail prices, exclusive of goods and service tax with the strength, unit and name of manufacturers and marketing company as followed:

■Dapagliflozin + Metformin Hydrochloride Extended Release Tablet

■Dapagliflozin + Metformin Hydrochloride Extended Release Tablet

■Glimepiride Tablet

■Glimepiride Tablet

- Telmisartan + Metoprolol Succinate Extended Release Tablet (Telsartan Beta 25)
- Telmisartan + Metoprolol Succinate Extended Release Tablet (Telsartan Beta 50)
- Atorvastatin + Clopidogrel + Aspirin Capsule (Atocor Gold 10)
- Rabeprazole + Ondansetron Tablet

[Notification No. S.O. 3319 (E)]

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### RBI issues a Notification on Positive Pay System for Cheque Truncation System

Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on September 25, 2020 has issued a Notification on Positive Pay System for Cheque Truncation System in reference to its earlier Notification dated August 06, 2020 on Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies in which RBI had introduced the concept of Positive Pay System for Cheque Truncation System (CTS). It involves the process of reconfirming the details of large value cheques by sending details of cheque via SMS, mobile app, internet banking, ATM, etc., to the drawee bank for cross-checking.

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) shall develop the facility of Positive Pay in CTS for participant banks. Banks shall further make it enable to account holders issuing cheques for amounts of Rs. 50,000 and above. Only the cheques mentioned above with complaints will be accepted under the dispute resolution mechanism at the CTS grids. Banks are advised to create adequate awareness among their customers on features of the Positive Pay System. The system shall be implemented from January 01, 2021.

[RBI Notification NO. DPSS.CO.RPPD.No.309/04.07.005/2020-21]

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### TRAI extends last date for receiving comments on consultation paper on Review of the Quality of Service (Code of Practice for Metering and Billing Accuracy) Regulations, 2006

Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on September 28, 2020 has extended time for receiving comments on consultation paper on "Review of the Quality of Service (Code of Practice for Metering and Billing Accuracy) Regulations, 2006". Upon requests received by the stakeholders, the last date for receiving comments and counter-comments has been extended up to October 27, 2020 and November 10, 2020 respectively. Comments and counter comments may be sent in electronic form at [advqos@traigov.in](mailto:advqos@traigov.in).

[Press Release No. 81/2020]

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## MoFPI modifies guidelines for upgradation of Food testing laboratories under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana

Sep 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) on September 22, 2020 has modified guidelines for setting up or upgradation of Food testing laboratories of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). The scheme has been extended up to 2020-21.

### **The objectives of the revised guidelines are as follows:**

- To analyse the samples received from food processing industry and other stakeholders.
- To reduce the time taken for analysis of samples by reducing transportation time of samples.
- To ensure compliance of domestic/international standards on food.

### **The particulars required for setting up of Food Testing Laboratory are as follows:**

- Name and Address of promoter(s) including telephone, fax, email and contact details
- Details of location of the Laboratory
- Type of Organization like Government, Private, Industry association, Public sector, Co-operative etc
- Background of the organization
- Objectives of the Laboratory
- The total capacity of the laboratory in terms of number of samples to be handled by utilizing the proposed equipment
- In case of up-gradation of existing lab, details of lab equipment available and their utilization with products and parameters being tested.
- In case of up-gradation of existing lab performance of the last three years indicating (a) type of food products tested, (b) parameters, with (c) number of samples tested, (d) revenue earned and any (e) other relevant information
- Number of Food Processing Industries situated in the region/ nearby area and other potential users who may avail testing facilities.
- Details of NABL accreditation for existing parameters being tested (In case of upgradation).

- Business Model with Cash flow for the next five years
- Implementation Schedule- Bar chart/ Mile Stone Chart
- Total no. of manpower available and to be employed (with their qualifications and experience)
- Sources of Finance
- Details of Equipment proposed to be installed in the laboratory indicating specifications, make, quantity and cost

In case of the proposal for up gradation of any food testing lab, it shall only be considered after two years from commencement of commercial operation. The purpose of Upgradation should be justified as per market or regulatory changes. Preference will be given to the promoters with food testing background for efficient operation of the lab.

[Notification no- F-11014/2/2016-FTL (C.No:314384)]

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## IRDAI issues Press Release on Domestic Systemically Important Insurers

Sep 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on September 24, 2020 issues a press release on Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs). The D-SIIs are perceived as insurers of such importance that their distress or failure would cause significant dislocation in the domestic financial system. This perception and the perceived expectation of government support may amplify risk-taking, reduce market discipline, create competitive distortions, and increase the possibility of distress in the future. Therefore, D-SIIs shall be subjected to additional regulatory measures. To put such D-SIIs to enhanced monitoring mechanisms, IRDAI has developed a methodology for the identification and supervision of D-SIIs. The authority shall identify such D-SIIs on an annual basis and disclose their names for public information.

The insurers have been asked to carry out the following considering their systemic importance:

- Raise the level of corporate governance;
- Identify all relevant risk and promote a sound risk management culture.

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## Ministry of Consumer Affairs extends date for AADHAR enrolment for eligible beneficiaries



## Sep 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on September 23, 2020 has made certain amendments in the Notification No. S.O. 371(E) dated February 08, 2017. In the amendment, the date of application for Aadhar enrolment has been extended up to December 31, 2020 for all eligible beneficiaries who are entitled to receive subsidised food grains or Cash Transfer of Food Subsidy under National Food Security Act who do not possess the Aadhaar Number or are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, but are desirous of availing subsidised food grains or Cash Transfer of Food Subsidy under National Food Security Act.

The beneficiaries should be advised to get themselves enrolled at the nearest enrolment centre in their area by December 31, 2020 to avail the benefit of subsidized food grains and notices should be circulated in this behalf through the district supply food office. The list of locally available enrolment centres should be made available to the beneficiaries.

[Notification no- S.O. 3257 (E)]

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## Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2020

## Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on September 23, 2020 has issued the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2020 to further amend the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) Regulations, 2011. These regulations shall be implemented from October 01, 2020.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Regulation 2.1.1 (11), has been inserted, which specifies the sale of certain admixtures prohibited, namely:

“Any blended edible vegetable oil containing m mustard oil.”

[Notification No. Stds/SP-15/T(T)(IMST)]

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## Parliament introduces Labour Reform Codes

## Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Lower House of the Parliament has introduced the Labour Reform Bills. These bills shall bring in the holistic development in the country by keeping the labour interest in mind. 29 labour laws have been subsumed and simplified, transparent and easy to implement labour codes have been introduced in the Parliament. All the 29 labour laws are being subsumed in these 4 codes.

### Salient features of the Social Security Code, 2020:

#### Extending the reach of ESIC:

- Maximum possible workers shall be given the benefit under the ESIC reforms.
- ESIC shall now be provided in 740 districts, which was currently available only in 566 districts.
- All the establishments having hazardous activities shall mandatorily register for ESIC, even if they have one worker.
- Gig workers and unorganised sector shall be linked to ESIC as well.
- Plantation workers have the option to link themselves to the ESIC.
- All the establishments having less than 10 workers have the option of becoming a member of ESIC.

#### Extending the reach of EPFO:

- All the establishments having 20 workers shall be registered under EPFO. Presently, it was only applicable to establishments listed under the schedule.
- All the establishments having less than 20 workers shall have the option to become a member of the EPFO.
- Schemes would be formulated for bringing workers coming under the category of 'Self-employed' or falling under any other category under the aegis of EPFO.
- Social security fund shall be formulated to provide financial aid to implement the schemes.
- Platform workers and gig workers shall be covered under the ambit of the EPFO.
- Fixed term employment shall now have the provision of gratuity.
- Registration of all the workers shall now be done online and the registration shall be done based on the self-certification procedure.
- All the establishments having more than 20 workers shall report the job vacancy mandatorily.

### Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020

- Free health check-ups of all the workers shall be carried out once a year over a certain age limit.
- Workers have the legal right to obtain the appointment letter.
- Cine Workers have been designated as Audio Visual Worker, so that more and more workers get covered under the OSH code. Earlier, this security was being given to artists working in films only.

### Industrial Relations Code, 2020

- Provision for two members in the Industrial Dispute Tribunal has been made. So, even if one member is absent the work can go on smoothly.
- If at the conciliation stage a dispute is not resolved, one can directly take the matter to the tribunal.
- Award at the implementation tribunal shall be given within 30 days.
- Workers will get the option of Fixed Term Employment instead of contract labour. Under this, they would get benefits of hours of work, salary, social security, and other welfare benefits like a Regular Employee.
- Negotiation Union and Negotiation Council shall be established for the negotiation of any dispute.
- Trade Unions can now go to the tribunal.
- Provision has been made for giving recognition to Trade Unions at Central and State level. This recognition has been given in the labour laws for the first time and after this recognition, Trade Unions would be able to contribute more affirmatively and more effectively at the Central and State level.
- Provision for the RE-Skilling fund has been made in the law for the first time. Its aim would be to re-skill those workers who have been fired from their jobs, so that they are easily able to get employment again. For this, workers would be given 15 days salary within a period of 45 days.
- The definition for migrant workers has now been extended. It shall also include migrant workers coming from one state to another rather than migrant workers only appointed by the contractor.

#### Benefits of the Labour Codes:

- Migrant workers shall have compulsory helpline to resolve their issues.
- A national database shall be formulated for the migrant workers.
- Provision for accumulation of one day leave for every 20 days worked, when work has been done for 180 days instead of 240 days.
- Women have now been permitted to work in every sector at night, but the safety and security of the women shall be ensured by the establishments.
- 50% compensation shall be given by the establishment in case of death of a worker due to accident along with the employee's compensation.
- Social security fund shall be created for 40 crores unorganized sector.
- 14 days strike notice shall be given.

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**TRAI releases recommendations on Traffic Management Practices and Multi-Stakeholder Body for net neutrality**

**Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific**

The Telecom regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on September 22, 2020 has issued a press release for the recommendations on Traffic Management Practices (TMP's) and Multi-stakeholder Body for Net Neutrality.

The following are the salient features of the recommendations:

■ A process shall be formulated for the creation of the repository so that reasonable traffic management practices can be adopted, and the traffic can be managed by the internet service providers.

■ A policy shall be framed so that the internet service providers can inform the users about the affect of TMP's and proper and accurate records shall be maintained for the same.

■ A multi-stakeholder body shall be created by the DOT under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. All the members shall be then registered, and other members shall be introduced as well.

■ The body shall support DOT in the monitor and enforcement of the policies and resolving net neutrality issues. Further, based on such monitoring a report shall be submitted for the same and shall be reviewed by the members.

[Press Release No. 77/2020]

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## **MNRE invites EOI for conducting evaluation of Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV Applications Programme Phase-III**

**Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific**

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on September 23, 2020 has invited Expression of Interest (EOI) for conducting evaluation of Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV Applications Programme Phase-III. The Off-grid and Decentralized Solar PV Applications Programme is applicable till March 31, 2021. Reputed consultants or consulting organizations having an experience of at least 5 years in conducting similar assignments and an annual turnover of at least Rs. 1.50 Crore per year during the last three years will be eligible to participate.

To participate in the submission of EOI, the following details are needed:

■ Full particulars of the Constitution, ownership, organizational structure and main activities of the bidders, including details of full-time professionals.

■ Unabridged annual reports or audited financial accounts for the last three years.

■ General profile of qualification, experience and number of key staff.

The consultants and consulting firms with adequate and specific expertise in conducting such assignments are invited to submit EOI to Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Room No. 1015-A, Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003 by 1800 hours before October 14, 2020 in a sealed cover super-scribing "Expression of Interest for evaluation of Off-grid and Decentralized Solar PV Applications Scheme". For any clarification, email can be sent to [shobhit.srivastava@nic.in](mailto:shobhit.srivastava@nic.in).

[Notification No. 32/6/2020-SPV Division]

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## UGC invites proposals for recognition of Open and Distance Programmes and Online programmes from 2020-21

**Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific**

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on September 23, 2020 has invited proposals from Higher Education Institutions (HEI) for recognition of Open and Distance Programmes and Online programmes from 2020-21, academic session beginning 2021 and onwards.

UGC has invited fresh applications from all HEI for Open and Distance Programmes and Online programmes. The portal for submitting applications will be open till October 15, 2020. Hard copy should be submitted within 10 working days from the date of submission of online application. For further details, HEIs are requested to visit the DEB, UGC website at <https://www.ugc.ac.in/deb> on regular basis.

[Notice no- 1-1/2020 (DEB-I)]

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## Ministry of Power amends the Notification on constant speed fuel consumption

**Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific**

The Ministry of Power (MoP) on September 21, 2020 has issued a Notification to further amend Clause 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 (3) of the Notification No. S.O. 2670(E) dated August 16, 2017 on constant speed fuel consumption.

**The following amendments are suggested:-**

- In clause 1, 2(i), 4, and 6(3), wherever, the "1st April, 2018" and "1st day of April, 2018" have occurred, shall be substituted in the figures, letters and words as "1st January, 2021" and "1st day of January, 2021", respectively and the clauses shall be read as;

"Clause 1: "On and from 1st January, 2021, diesel vehicles of category M3 and N3 with gross vehicle weight of twelve tonnes and above, complying with BS-IV emission norms, shall be tested for constant speed fuel

consumption as specified by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, till the time Bureau of Indian Standards notify corresponding standard”

Clause 2 (i): “The vehicles referred to in clause (i) shall meet the target diesel fuel consumption value (l/100km) derived from the equations given in the Tables below for the 1st Phase Norms effective from 1st January, 2021”

Clause 4: “In any fiscal year commencing on and from the 1st day of January, 2021 the fuel consumption of each vehicle of a particular category shall be less than the fuel consumption value derived from the equation of that category as specified in the preceding tables”

Clause 6 (3): “At least one conformity of production for the vehicle has to be conducted latest by 1st January, 2021”

- For clause 5 on the applicability of the norms, the following clause shall be substituted namely:

“The norms shall apply only for vehicles complying with BS-VI emission norms by applying a suitable correction factor on the above-mentioned BS-IV norm values. The correction factor to be used shall be derived by a committee comprising members from the Ministry of Power, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and shall be published by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency with due approval by the competent authority.”

[Notification NO.: S.O. 3215 (E)]

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## MNRE invites suggestions on implementation of component-B of PM KUSUM scheme for installation of standalone solar pumps

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on September 23, 2020 has invited comments and suggestions on implementation of component-B of PM KUSUM scheme for installation of standalone solar pumps. The Ministry is implementing the PM KUSUM scheme which includes installation of 17.5 lakh standalone solar water pumps by the year 2022. During implementation of 1<sup>st</sup> year target, Ministry had received certain feedbacks on issues being faced by the vendors/implementing agencies/beneficiaries which are being examined for incorporating in the implementation process for the current year target. It is proposed to initiate centralized tendering process very soon for the current year target of around 4.5 lakh standalone solar pumps.

The comments or suggestions from all stakeholders on issues like eligibility for participation in the tender, technical and financial requirements, cluster wise bidding, contract performance guarantee requirement, specifications etc., if any, may be sent at [shobhit.srivastava@nic.in](mailto:shobhit.srivastava@nic.in) by September 30, 2020.

[Office memorandum no 32/645/2017-SPV Division]

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## NBARD issues the Special Refinance Scheme for promoting Micro Food Processing Enterprises

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on September 17, 2020 has published a circular on Special Refinance Scheme for promoting Micro Food Processing Enterprises (Scheme) and its operational guidelines, considering the issues like the inability of the entrepreneurs in food processing to access credit, lack of access to modern technology and inability to integrate with the food supply chain.

The Scheme and guidelines provide the following:-

- The Scheme encourages banks to lend micro-food processing activities and create sustainable livelihood and employment opportunities for rural youth as well as reverse migrants due to the COVID-19 pandemic in rural areas.
- Under the Scheme, NABARD had directed to extend concessional long-term refinance to all eligible banks/FIs at 4% to enable banks to accelerate capital formation in micro-food processing enterprises.
- For effective implementation of the scheme, monitoring will be done in the fora like SLBC/DCC/BLBC. Close monitoring shall be done by geo-tagging and geo-fencing of long-term economic activities financed by banks through NAB Parikshan Mobile App of NABARD.

[Circular No. 251/DOR-78/2020]

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## TRAI issues white paper on smart cities in India: Framework for ITC Infrastructure

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on September 22, 2020 has issued a press release on the white paper on Smart Cities in India: Framework for ITC Infrastructure. The smart cities are built to provide people a sustainable environment by developing a core infrastructure by deploying smart solutions using digital infrastructure.

If the digital infrastructure is not established in a well-off way, then there shall be some solutions that will pose certain risks and following constraints shall be witnessed:

- Proprietary solutions will have proprietary maintenance and vendor lock-in.
- Upgradation and scalability will be proprietary and hence it will prove to be costly.
- In other areas the replaceability will become a hurdle.
- Integration of information and applications will prove to be a challenge.
- Relief operations will suffer during the disaster.



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## Commercial

### Ministry of Textile extends timeline for packing of food grains and sugar in jute packaging material

Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Commercial



The Ministry of Textile on September 29, 2020 has issued an order amending the Order no: S.O. [4578\(E\)](#) stating that the food grains and sugar should be packed in jute packaging material for supply or distribution up to November 30, 2020 or until further orders, whichever is earlier. The minimum percentage of total production of commodity or class of commodities required to be packed in jute packaging material manufactured in India from raw jute produced in India for food grains and sugar is 100% and 20% of the production respectively.

[Order no S.O. 3371(E)]

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### Ministry of Heavy Industries withdraws Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017

Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Heavy Industry on September 29, 2020 has decided to withdraw the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017 notifying Minimum Local Content in Goods or Services for manufacturing of Industrial Boilers (Steam Generators).

[Notification No S.O. 3373(E)]

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## **FSSAI extends last date for food safety audit of food businesses holding Central Licenses**

**Sep 30, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on September 28, 2020 has extended last date for food safety audit of Food Businesses under FSS (Food Safety Auditing) Regulations, 2018 holding Central Licenses and falling under high risk categories. All Food Businesses are directed to get such mandatory audits of their premises conducted by December 31, 2020.

[FSSAI Letter no 19(2) 2018/FSA/RCD/FSSAI]

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## **BIS notifies various Indian Standards of Electrotechnical vocabulary, Magnetic tapes etc under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018**

**Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on September 17, 2020 has notified various Indian Standards of Electrotechnical vocabulary, Magnetic tapes, semiconductor devices, Resistors etc. with its date of withdrawal on September 06, 2019 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

[Notification no PUB/GN-3(78)]

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## **BIS notifies Indian Standards for electrical apparatus under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018**

**Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on September 08, 2020 has notified Indian Standards for electrical apparatus with their date of withdrawal on August 20, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The detail of the Indian Standards are as follows:

■ IS 11064 : 1984 Guide for Constructional and Use of Rooms or Building Protected by Pressurization, for Installation of Electrical Apparatus for Explosive Gas Atmospheres

■ IS/IEC 61241-4 : 2001 Electrical Apparatus for Use in the Presence of Combustible Dust Part 4 Type of Protection “pD”

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## **BIS notifies Indian Standards of ropeways and cableways under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018**

**Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on September 08, 2020 has notified certain Indian Standards under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

**The list of Indian Standards are as follows:**

■ IS 9047 (Part 1) : 1978 Data sheet for aerial ropeways and cableways Part 1 data to be supplied by intending purchaser for aerial system for transportation of goods

■ IS 9047 (Part 2) : 1978 Data sheet for aerial ropeways and cableways Part 2 data to be supplied by intending purchaser for aerial system for transportation of passengers surface

■ IS 9047 (Part 3) : 1978 Data sheet for aerial ropeways and cableways Part 3 data to be supplied by intending purchaser for transportation of passengers , underground

■ IS 9047 ( Part 4) : 1978 Data sheet for aerial ropeways and cableways Part 4 data to be supplied by intending purchaser for aerial system for transportation of goods underground

■ IS 9047 ( Part 6) : 1978 Data sheet for aerial ropeways and cableways Part 6 data to be supplied by intending purchaser for aerial system for transportation of forestry products

■ IS 9413 : 1980 Specification for Rope Guide Rollers for Haulage Ropes of Bicable Aerial Ropeways for Transportation of Goods

■ IS 9454: 1980 Specification for Bicable Load Carriers

■ IS 11168: (Part 1) : 1985 Data sheet for Aerial Ropeways and Cableways to be Provided to Intending Purchaser and User Part 1 Data to be Supplied for Aerial Ropeways System for Transportation of Goods Surface

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## Central Motor Vehicles (Eleventh Amendment) Rules, 2020

**Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on September 25, 2020 has issued the Central Motor Vehicles (Eleventh Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. These rules shall come into force from October 01, 2020.

The following amendments have been made:

■Rule 2 (ca) which defines the definition of the challan has been substituted, namely:

“Challan means a document, in physical or electronic form issued by any police officer in uniform or any other officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf, to a person acting in violation of the provisions of the Act, in the form of a receipt comprising the details of the offence committed and the offender, the amount of penalty imposed and mode of collection of the same, if applicable, details of the officer issuing such document and other details as may be specified by the State Government.”

■Rule 21, which specifies the powers of licensing authority to disqualify, has been substituted, namely:

“For the purpose of clause (f) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Act, the commission of the following acts by a holder of a driving licence shall constitute nuisance or danger to the public, namely:

- 1.Theft of motor vehicle.
- 2.Assault on passengers.
- 3.Theft of personal effects of passengers.
- 4.Theft of goods carried in goods carriages
- 5.Transport of goods prohibited under any law.”

■Rule 139 which specifies the production of license and certificate of registration, has been substituted, namely:

“The driver or conductor of a motor vehicle shall produce certificates of registration, insurance, fitness and permit, the driving licence certificate for Pollution Under Check and any other relevant documents in physical or electronic form, as available on or downloaded from the portal, on demand by any police officer in uniform or any other officer, authorised by the State Government in this behalf, and if any or all of the documents are not in his possession, he shall produce in person an extract or extracts of the documents duly attested by any police officer or by any other officer or send it to the officer who demanded the documents by registered post within fifteen days from the date of demand.”

■Rule 139 A, which specifies the seizure of documents produced in electronic form, has been substituted, namely:

“In cases where there is an offence made out necessitating seizure of any documents, and such documents are produced in electronic form in accordance with subrule (1) of rule 139(1), their seizure by any police

officer or any other officer, authorised in this behalf shall be made electronically on the Portal.”

[Notification No. G.S.R 584 (E)]

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## **BIS notifies amendments to Indian Standards for lubricating oils, Gas Cylinders under the BIS Rules, 2018**

**Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 19, 2020 has notified amendments to certain Indian Standards, established on August 17, 2020 and shall remain in force till September 16, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The list of Indian Standards is as follows:

- IS 4578: 1997 Lubricants ■ Lubricating Oils for Refrigeration Machinery ■ Specification (Second Revision)
- IS 5903: 2014 Requirement of Safety Devices for Gas Cylinders ■ Specification (First Revision)
- IS 6623 : 2004 High Strength Structural Nuts ■ Specification (Second Revision)

[Notification no- Pub 3/5/2020-21 (69)]

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## **BIS notifies amendments to Indian Standards of Information Technology under the BIS Rules, 2018**

**Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on September 03, 2020 has notified certain Indian Standards, established on September 02, 2020 and which shall remain in force till October 01, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

**The list of Indian Standards is as follows:**

- IS/ISO/IEC 14888-2 : 2008 Information Technology ■ Security Techniques ■ Digital Signatures with Appendix Part 2 Integer Factorization Based Mechanisms
- IS/ISO/IEC 27001: 2013 Information Technology ■ Security Techniques ■ Information Security Management Systems ■ Requirements (First Revision)

■ IS/ISO/IEC 27034-1 : 2011 Information Technology ■ Security Techniques ■ Application Security Part 1 Overview and Concepts

■ IS/ISO/IEC 29100 : 2011 Information Technology ■ Security Techniques ■ Privacy Framework

■ IS/ISO/IEC 29109-1 : 2009 Information Technology ■ Conformance Testing Methodology for Biometric Data Interchange Formats Defined in ISO/IEC 19794 Part 1 Generalized Conformance Testing Methodology

■ IS/ISO/IEC 29109-4 : 2010 Information Technology ■ Conformance Testing Methodology for Biometric Data Interchange Formats Defined in ISO/IEC 19794 Part 4 Finger Image Data

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## **BIS notifies list of several Indian Standards under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018**

**Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on September 15, 2020 has notified several Indian Standards established on September 14, 2020 and which shall remain in force up to October 13, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

**The list of Indian Standards are as follows:**

1. IS 408 : 2020 Grease No. 0, Graphited ■ Specification (Third Revision)
2. IS 958 : 2020 Temporary Corrosion Preventives, Grease Type, Soft Film ■ Specification (Third Revision)
3. IS 1260 (Part 2) : 2020/ISO 780 : 2015 Packaging ■ Distribution Packaging ■ Graphical Symbols for Handling and Storage of Packages Part 2 General Goods (Fourth Revision)
4. IS 1367 (Part 8) : 2020/ISO 2320 : 2015 Technical Supply Conditions for Threaded Steel Fasteners Part 8 Prevailing Torque Type Steel Nuts ■ Functional Properties (Fifth Revision)
5. IS 1367 (Part 11) : 2020/ISO 4042 : 2018 Technical Supply Conditions for Threaded Steel Fasteners Part 11 Electroplated Coating Systems (Fourth Revision)
6. IS 1367 (Part 13) : 2020/ISO 10684 : 2004 Technical Supply Conditions for Threaded Steel Fasteners Part 13 Hot Dip Galvanized Coatings on Threaded Fasteners (Third Revision)
7. IS 1608 (Part 2) : 2020/ISO 6892-2 : 2018 Metallic Materials ■ Tensile Testing Part 2 Method of Test at Elevated Temperature (Fourth Revision)
8. IS 1757 (Part 1) : 2020/ISO 148-1 : 2016 Metallic Materials ■ Charpy Pendulum Impact Test Part 1 Test Method (Fourth Revision)



9. IS 1757 (Part 2) : 2020/ISO 148-2 : 2016 Metallic Materials ■ Charpy Pendulum Impact Test Part 2 Verification of Testing Machines (Fourth Revision)
10. IS 1757 (Part 3) : 2020/ISO 148-3 : 2016 Metallic Materials ■ Charpy Pendulum Impact Test Part 3 Preparation and Characterization of Charpy V-notch Test Pieces for Indirect Verification of Pendulum Impact Machines (Fourth Revision)
11. IS 3711 : 2020/ISO 377 : 2017 Steel and Steel Products ■ Location and Preparation of Samples and Test Pieces for Mechanical Testing (Third Revision)
12. IS 4402 : 2020/ISO 1107 : 2017 Fishing Nets ■ Netting ■ Basic Terms and Definitions (Third Revision)
13. IS 4727 : 2020 Textiles ■ Nylon Webbing for Aeronautical Purposes ■ Specification (First Revision)
14. IS 4857 : 2020/ISO 3927 : 2017 Metallic Powders, Excluding Powders for Hardmetals ■ Determination of Compressibility in Uniaxial Compression (Fifth Revision)
15. IS 5182 (Part 5) : 2020 Methods for Measurement of Air Pollution Part 5 Sampling of Gaseous Pollutants (First Revision)
16. IS 5508 (Part 1) : 2020 Guide for Fishing Gear Part 1 General (First Revision)
17. IS 5508 (Part 13) : 2020 Guide for Fishing Gear Part 13 Framed Gillnet for Inland Water (First Revision)
18. IS 5887 (Part 3/Sec 1) : 2020/ISO 6579-1 : 2017 Methods for Detection of Bacteria Responsible for Food Poisoning Part 3 Horizontal Method for the Detection, Enumeration and Serotyping of Salmonella Section 1 Detection of Salmonella spp. (Third Revision)
19. IS 7328 : 2020 Specification for Polyethylene Material for moulding and Extrusion (Third Revision)
20. IS 7514 : 2020 Grease, Low Temperature ■ Specification (Second Revision)
21. IS 8535 : 2020/ISO 1891 : 2009 Fasteners ■ Terminology (Second Revision)
22. IS 9466 : 2020 Viscosity Classification for Industrial Liquid Lubricants (First Revision)
23. IS 10481 : 2020/ISO 4413 : 2010 Hydraulic Fluid Power ■ General Rules and Safety Requirements for Systems and Their Components (Second Revision)
24. IS 11003 (Part 2) : 2020/ISO 6020-2 : 2015 Hydraulic Fluid Power ■ Mounting Dimensions for Single Rod Cylinders, 16 MPa (160 bar) Series Part 2 Compact Series (Second Revision)
25. IS 11159 (Part 1) : 2020 General Classification of Lubricants, Industrial Oils and Related Products Part 1 Class L (First Revision)
26. IS 11552 : 2020 Liquid Nitrogen Vessels of Capacity up to 75 Litres ■ Specification (Second Revision)
27. IS 11695 : 2020 Inhibited Type Machinery Oils ■ Specification (First Revision)
28. IS 11696 : 2020 Inhibited Type Machinery Oils ■ Specification (First Revision)

29. IS 13288 (Part 2) : 2020/ISO 1496-2 : 2018 Series 1 Freight Containers ■ Specification and Testing Part 2 Thermal Containers (Third Revision)
30. IS 13288 (Part 5) : 2020/ISO 1496-5 : 2018 Series 1 Freight Containers ■ Specification and Testing Part 5 Platform and Platform-Based Containers (Second Revision)
31. IS 13571 : 2020/ISO 11171 :2016 Hydraulic Fluid Power ■ Calibration of Automatic Particle Counters for Liquids (First Revision)
32. IS 13780 : 2020/ISO 4506 : 2018 Hard metals ■ Compression Test (First Revision)
33. IS 13913 : 2020 Molybdenum Disulphide, Paste ■ Specification (First Revision)
34. IS 14876 : 2020/ISO 630-1:2017 Pneumatic Fluid Power ■ Compressedair Lubricators Part 1 Main Characteristics to be Included in Supplier's Literature and Product Marking Requirements (First Revision)
35. IS 15131 : 2020 2,6 Dibromo-4-NitroanilineSpecification (First Revision)
36. IS 15567 : 2020/ISO 3928 : 2016 Sintered Metal Materials, Excluding Hardmetals ■ fatigue Test Pieces (First Revision)
37. IS 15763 : 2020/ISO 13355 : 2016 Packaging ■ Complete, Filled Transport Packages and Unit loads ■ Vertical Random Vibration Test (First Revision)
38. IS 15975 : 2020 Gas Cylinders ■ Conditions for Filling Gas Cylinders (First Revision)
39. IS 17080 (Part 2) : 2020 Specification for Automatic Gravimetric Filling Instruments Part 2 Metrological and Technical Requirements

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## BIS notifies amendments to a list of Indian Standards under the BIS Rules, 2018

Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on September 03, 2020 notifies certain Indian Standards, established on established on September 02, 2020 and which shall remain in force till October 01, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

**The list of Indian Standards is as follows:**

- IS 4117: 2008 Alcohol Denaturants Specification (Second Revision)
- IS 13450 (Part 2/Sec 23): 2018 Medical Electrical Equipment Part 2 Particular Requirement for the Basic Safety and Essential Performance Section 23 Transcutaneous Partial Pressure Monitoring Equipment
- IS 15447 (Part 2): 2008 Commercial Blasting Explosives Part 2 Slurry/Emulsion Explosives ■ Specification

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## Central Motor Vehicles (Tenth Amendment) Rules, 2020

Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on September 25, 2020 has issued the Central Motor Vehicles (Tenth Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989.

The following amendments have been made:

■A new Rule 115 (4) (h), which specifies the emission of smoke, vapour etc from motor vehicles conditions, has been inserted, namely:

“The reference fuel Hydrogen Enriched Compressed Natural Gas (HCNG) shall be as per IS 17314:2019 and as amended from time to time.”

■A new Rule 115 (9)(vii), which specifies the standards for Natural Compressed Gas, has been inserted, namely:

“Specifications for Hydrogen Enriched Compressed Natural Gas (HCNG) shall be as per IS 17314:2019 and as amended from time to time.”

■A new Rule 115 (20), which specifies the safety requirements for CNG/ Biogas vehicles, has been inserted, namely:

“The CNG/Bio-CNG/HCNG Vehicles shall meet all the safety requirements as per AIS 024, AIS-028 Revision 1 as applicable.”

[Notification No. G.S.R. 585 (E)]

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## FSSAI issues a Press Release on Fortification of Edible Oil with Vitamin A and D to be considered mandatory

Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on September 25, 2020 has issued a Press Release on Fortification of Edible Oil with Vitamin A and D to be considered mandatory considering the current situation of India having a high burden of malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies. As lack of these vitamins in the body can have an adverse impact on morbidity, mortality, productivity, and economic growth. The consumption of Vitamin A and D also strengthen the immune system, which is critical in times of

COVID-19 pandemic.

The Food Fortification Resource Centre (FFRC) within FSSAI will also provide the necessary technical support required to enable fortification of edible oil at the industry level.

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## **BIS notifies amendments to Indian Standards for respiratory protective devices**

**Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on September 08, 2020 has notified Indian Standards for respiratory protective devices established on September 08, 2020 and which shall remain in force till September 07, 2021 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The detail of Indian Standards is as follow:

■ IS 9473 : 2002 Respiratory Protective Devices - Filtering Half Masks to Protect Against Particles -- Specification (First Revision)

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## **BIS notifies amendments to Indian Standards of Sodium Chlorate under the BIS Rules, 2018**

**Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on September 03, 2020 has notified Indian Standards for Sodium Chlorate established on September 02, 2020 and which shall remain in force till December 01, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The detail of Indian Standards is as follow:

■ IS 5301 : 1987 Specification for Sodium Chlorate (First Revision)

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

Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on September 08, 2020 has notified certain Indian Standards established on September 08, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

**The list of Indian Standards are as follows:**

1. IS 1448 (Part 173) : 2020 Methods of Test for Petroleum and its Products Part 173 Determination of Lead Content in Motor Gasoline ■ Energy Dispersive XRay Fluorescence Spectrometry Method
2. IS 7028 (Part 9) : 2020/ISO 12048 : 1994 Packaging ■ Complete, Filled Transport Packages Part 9 Compression and Stacking Tests Using a Compression Tester
3. IS/ISO 11107 : 2009 Recreational Diving Services ■ Requirements for Training Programmes on Enriched Air Nitrox (EAN) Diving
4. IS 16502 (Part 3) : 2020/IEC 61496-3 : 2018 Safety of Machinery ■ Electro-Sensitive Protective Equipment Part 3 Particular Requirements for Active Opto-Electronic Protective Devices Responsive to Diffuse Reflection (AOPDDR)
5. IS 17332 : 2020/IEC 62046 : 2018 Safety of Machinery ■ Application of Protective Equipment to Detect the Presence of Persons
6. IS 17362 (Part 2) : 2020/ISO 9902-2 : 2001 Textile Machinery ■ Noise Test Code Part 2 Spinning Preparatory and Spinning Machinery
7. IS 17362 (Part 3) : 2020/ISO 9902-3 : 2001 Textile Machinery ■ Noise Test Code Part 3 Nonwoven Machinery
8. IS 17362 (Part 4) : 2020/ISO 9902-4 : 2001 Textile Machinery ■ Noise Test Code Part 4 Yarn Processing, Cordage and Rope Manufacturing Machinery
9. IS 17362 (Part 6) : 2020/ISO 9902-3 : 2018 Textile Machinery ■ noise Test Code Part 6 Fabric Manufacturing Machinery
10. IS 17403 : 2020 Magnalium for Explosive and Pyrotechnic Composition ■ Specification
11. IS 17447 : 2020 Microbiology of the Food Chain ■ Preparation of Test Samples, Initial Suspension and Decimal Dilutions for Microbiological Examination ■ Specific Rules for the Preparation of Miscellaneous Products
12. IS 17448 : 2020/ISO 6887-3 : 2017 Microbiology of the Food Chain ■ Preparation of Test Samples, Initial Suspension and Decimal Dilutions for Microbiological Examination ■ Specific Rules for the Preparation of

## Fish and Fishery Products

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## MoRTH appoints a date for enforcement of certain provisions of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019

**Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on September 25, 2020 has appointed October 01, 2020 as the date on which certain provisions of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019 would come into force. The provisions are as follows:

- Section 45 - Refusal of registration or renewal of the certificate of registration
- Section 74 - Grant of contract carriage permit
- Section 88 - Validation of permits for use outside region in which granted.
- Section 90 - Revision
- Section 91(i)(b) - Restriction of hours of work of drivers

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## Motor Vehicles (Driving) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020

**Sep 28, 2020 | Central | Commercial**

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on September 25, 2020 has issued the Motor Vehicles (Driving) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 to further amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving) Regulations, 2017.

The following amendments have been made:

- A new proviso in Regulation 37 (1) has been inserted, which specifies the use of mobile telephones and communication devices, namely:

“Provided that such use is solely for route navigation by fixing the device on the dashboard of the vehicle in such a manner that shall not disturb the concentration of the driver while driving.”

- A new regulation 38 (5) has been inserted, which specifies the production of documents, namely:

“After inspection of the documents in electronic form, referred to above, by any police officer in uniform or any other officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf, if the documents are found to be valid and in force, then physical forms of such documents shall not be demanded for inspection, including in cases where there is an offence made out necessitating seizure of any such documents.”

[Notification No. G.S.R. 586 (E)]

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## Ministry of Rural Development issues guidelines for convergence to promote medicinal plants under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA

Sep 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Rural Development on August 11, 2020 has issued joint guidelines with National Medical Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Ayush and Department of Rural Development to promote medicinal plants.

**Following are the key highlights of the guidelines:**

- Demand driven program with bottom up approach
- Categorization as provided below on the focus of the scheme for plantation works
  - Category A – which emphasis on public works relating to natural resources management
  - Category B – which emphasis on community assets or individual assets for vulnerable sections
- Preparation of technical prescriptions for the finalized plants species need to be prepared before the estimate preparation
- Helping the farmers, local communities, and tribes for possible addition into their income
- Providing ample resources of quality raw material for AYUSH industry

The guidelines have an annexure attached which provides a suggestive list of trees having medicinal use and all the State and UTs are requested to promote medical plantation activities.

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## Central Motor Vehicles (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2020

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on September 23, 2020 has published the Central Motor Vehicles (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2020 to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. In Central Motor

Vehicle Rules, 1989, a new Rule 115I has been inserted specifying requirements for the motor vehicles running on compressed gaseous hydrogen fuel cell.

The motor vehicles of **Category M** (Motor vehicles with at least four wheels designed and constructed for the carriage of passengers) and **Category N** (Motor vehicles with at least four wheels designed and constructed for the carriage of goods) running on compressed gaseous hydrogen fuel cell should be in accordance with AIS 157:2020, as amended from time to time, till the corresponding BIS specification is notified under the Bureau of Indian Standard Act, 2016. Also, the hydrogen fuel specification for fuel cell vehicles should be in accordance with ISO 14687 till the corresponding BIS specification is notified under the Bureau of Indian Standard Act, 2016.

[G.S.R. 579(E)]

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## Automobile Wheel Rim Component (Quality Control) Order, 2020

Sep 24, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises on September 21, 2020 has issued the Automobile Wheel Rim Component (Quality Control) Order, 2020. The Order will come into force after one year from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

The order is applicable to goods or articles specified in the table below:

Goods and articles	Indian Standard	Title of the India Standard
Wheel Rim Category 2W,3W, e-rickshaw and e-cart	IS: 16192	Automotive Vehicles — Wheel Rims for Two and Three Wheeled Vehicles Part 1 Light Alloy Wheel Rims — Method of Tests and Requirements
Wheel Rim Category 2W,3W, e-rickshaw and e-car	IS: 16192	Automotive Vehicles — Wheel Rims for Two and Three Wheeled Vehicles Part 2 Sheet Metal Wheel Rims — Method of Tests and Requirements
Wheel Rim Category 2W,3W, e-rickshaw and e-cart	IS: 16192	Automotive Vehicles — Wheel Rims for Two and Three Wheeled Vehicles Part 3 Spoke Wheel Rims — Method of Tests and Requirements
Wheel Rim for categories other than those mentioned above	IS: 9436	Performance Requirements and Methods of Tests for Wheels for Passenger Cars
Wheel Rim for categories other than those mentioned above	IS: 9438	Performance Requirements and Methods of Tests for Wheels or Rims for Trucks and Buses

It is to be noted that this order shall not apply to goods or articles mentioned below:

■Automobile wheel rims meant for export;

■Up to five-wheel rims per vehicle with respect to Rule 126A of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, which grants relaxation from test, if number of vehicles sold in India for a given base model and its variants is



less than 250 in any consecutive period of six months in a year;

■ Up to 100 number of automobile wheel rims in a year for Research & Development purpose, imported or manufactured in India.

The enforcing authority for the purpose of the said order is the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS). Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Order shall be punishable under the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

[Order No. S.O. 3227(E)]

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## Labour

### The Union Territory Administration issues a circular for the wages to be paid to the employees in bank accounts or through cheques

Sep 29, 2020 | Central | Labour



The Labour and Employment Department of Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu on September 17, 2020 has issued a circular stating that the establishments are in violation of Section 6 of Payment of Wages Act, 1936 which specifies that all the employees are to be paid wages by crediting them into their bank account or giving them a cheque.

All the establishments are therefore required to comply with the provision with immediate effect otherwise suitable actions will be taken in case of default.

[Circular No. LE/LI/DMN/UPW/Advisory/2020/404]

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh Tourism department unveils new tourism policy in the state

Sep 30, 2020 | Andhra Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Andhra Pradesh tourism department on September 28, 2020 has decided to unveil new tourism policy in the state. The purpose of the policy is to encourage private investment through which rural and domestic tourism will be developed. The department has decided to introduce a single window system. Under the new policy, four Sports Development Centres would be established at Bapatla, Tenali, and Macherla in Guntur district and at Draksharamam in East Godavari district, at a cost of ■12 crore. The policy also aims to encourage sportspersons from economically backward sections for which Government has announced an incentive of Rs 3 crore.

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## Bihar

### Bihar Government revises VDA and minimum rates of wages for 69 scheduled employments

Sep 25, 2020 | Bihar | Labour

The Bihar Labour Department on September 21, 2020 has revised Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) in the minimum rates of wages fixed for different categories of employees employed in 69 schedule employments for January 2020 to June 2020. The total rates of wages effective from October 01, 2020 for different categories of workers are as follows:

Category of workers	Amount of VDA effective from October 01, 2020	Total rates of wages effective from October 01, 2020
Unskilled	5.00	Rs 292.00 per day
Semiskilled	5.00	Rs 304.00 per day
Skilled	6.00	Rs 370.00 per day
Highly skilled	7.00	Rs 451.00 per day
Supervisory/clerical	136.00	Rs 8363.00 per day

The payment of VDA on the basis of average index of January-June, 2020 will be payable from October 01, 2020 and thereafter increase or decrease in the amount of VDA will be based on the average of All India Consumer Price Index no for every six months and will be applicable after the expiry of 3 months after said period of six months.

[Notification no – 5/MW-403/ 07 L&R 2619]

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### Bihar Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Rules, 2020

Sep 25, 2020 | Bihar | Commercial

The State Government of Bihar on September 24, 2020 has issued the Bihar Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Bihar Motor Vehicles Rules, 1992.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Rule 122 (2) which specifies the safety of the children while commuting in the school buses, has been replaced, namely:

“That regulation of the operation of school vehicles shall be in accordance with the provisions contained in the seventh schedule for the safe operation of school vehicles and to save life of the students using them. For safe operation of school vehicles and for the safe transportation of children/students of school/educational institution, Road Safety Committee/District Road Safety Committee constituted under the

provisions of Section-215 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Notification No. 402 dated 18.04.2018 issued under this provision is declared “Regulatory Authority” by Transport Department for imposing penalty in the case of violation of the provisions contained in seventh schedule.”

■Rule 122 (3) which specifies that the changes and modifications in the provisions can be made by the state transport department, has been replaced, namely:

“Changes, modifications, addition and any other transformations in this rule can be made by the Transport Department, Government of Bihar from time to time whenever necessary.”

[Notification No. 06/School Bus-08-17/2020-6992]

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## Goa

### Goa Government issues compliances to be followed by bakeries and bicycles selling bread

Sep 30, 2020 | Goa | Commercial

The Goa Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration has issued notification directing all individual bicycles distributing bread to display information board on bicycle with details like name of the bakery, FSSAI registration number, contact no etc under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Further traditional bakeries should ensure that they operate after obtaining either the registration certificate or the licence under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Bakeries should also adhere to the sanitary and hygienic norms stipulated under schedule 4 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Consumers are also requested to be vigilant and should report if any violation of the order is found. All Food Business Operators (FBO) should comply with the provision of registration certificate, licence, sanitary and hygienic norms as specified.

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### Goa Tourism Department revises the protocol for tourist entering the State of Goa

Sep 29, 2020 | Goa | Industry Specific

The Goa Tourism Department on September 14, 2020 has issued revised protocols for tourist entering the State of Goa.

The revised Protocols in this regard are as follows:

- It shall not be mandatory for tourist coming from other States to undergo Covid-19 test at the entry point.
- All tourist will have to undergo a basic thermal screening at the respective hotels where booking has been done.
- Any tourist showing sickness or Covid-19 related symptoms on arrival will be subjected to a Covid-19 test at the tourist's cost.
- Travellers coming from other countries via sea or air will be subjected to the extant protocols issue by Government of India in this regard.
- Tourist shall be required to fill a self-declaration form in the format provided at their accommodation unit.

[Circular No.- 5/3(535)/2020-DT/129]

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## Haryana

### Central Government approves Price Support Scheme for the procurement of a maximum quantity of Moong in Haryana for Kharif 2020-21 season

Sep 28, 2020 | Haryana | Commercial

The Central Government on September 26, has approved to implement the Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement of a maximum quantity of 5,825 MT of Moong in Haryana for Kharif 2020-21 season

Following are the key highlights of the scheme:

- The procurement period approved will be of 90 days which will start with effect from October 1, 2020.
- The procurements will be limited only up to confirmed availability of scientific storage.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### HPSPCB prescribes frequency of inspections for units registered under Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016

Sep 25, 2020 | Himachal Pradesh | EHS

The Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB) on September 05, 2020 has issued the details for frequency of inspections and sampling in respect of units registered under Rule-9 of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

Frequency		Category of units registered under Rule 9 of the HOWM Rules, 2016		
		Units Co-processing hazardous waste	Metal Recycling units	Hazardous Waste Reutilization Units
Inspection		Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
Sampling	Air	Monthly	Quarterly	Half yearly
	Water	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly

[Notification no- PCB/HWMR/Recyclers/Vol-I/2020-14115-35]

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka Government implements auto renewal system under the Ease of Doing Business

Sep 29, 2020 | Karnataka | Labour

The Government of Karnataka on September 26, 2020 has issued an Order to implement the recommendations of Ease of Doing Business initiatives to collect a reasonable fees with automatic non-discretionary deemed renewal. Thus, an Auto-renewal system based on online payment has been introduced to simplify the renewal procedures for Certificates, Registrations, Licenses for establishments under the following Acts and Rules:

- Registration under the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishment Act, 1961
- License under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970
- License under the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Services) Act, 1979
- License under The Factories Act, 1948

The applicant may download the digitally signed certificate through the departmental portal. This Order shall come into force with immediate effect.

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### Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Rules, 2020

Sep 25, 2020 | Karnataka | EHS

The State Government of Karnataka on September 18, 2020 has issued the Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Karnataka Land Revenue Rules, 1966.

The following amendments have been made:

- Rule 97 (4)(iv), which specifies the provision of free pasturage, has been inserted, namely:

“grant or reservation of land for various Government purposes i.e., Government Schools, Colleges, Residential Schools, Hostels, Hospitals, Veterinary hospitals, Anganawadi, substation of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) and Bus depot of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC).”

All persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that said draft will be taken into consideration after the 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, Multistoried Building, Bangalore-560 001.

[Notification No. RD 13 LGP 2019 (e)]

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## Karnataka Land Revenue (Third Amendment) Rules, 2020

Sep 25, 2020 | Karnataka | EHS

The State Government of Karnataka on September 18, 2020 has issued the Karnataka Land Revenue (Third Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Karnataka Land Revenue Rules, 1966.

The following amendments have been made:

■ Rule 108 CC (3), which specifies the procedure under Section 94 B to carry out the spot inspection on receipt of documents from the Tahsildar, has been substituted, namely:

“The Deputy Commissioner or other officer authorised under Section 94-B shall on receipt of the documents from the Tahsildar make spot inspection, examine the documentary and circumstantial evidence, determine the eligibility or otherwise and the Tahsildar shall forward ineligible applications to the Deputy Commissioner for further necessary action and the Deputy Commissioner shall reject the ineligible applications. The Tahsildar shall thereafter make the recommendation to the committee or additional committee regarding eligible applications within three months from the date of receipt of the report.”

[Notification No. RD 136 LGP 2020 (e)]

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## Kerala

### Kerala SPCB issues a Circular on issuance on NOC for discharging wastes

Sep 29, 2020 | Kerala | Commercial

The Kerala State Pollution Control Board (Kerala SPCB) on September 21, 2020 issues a Circular on issuance of No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the State Pollution Control Board or Union Territory Pollution Control Committee for the projects involving discharge of effluents, solid waste, sewage and for those activities which are under the Boards purview as per the [Coastal Regulation Zone Notification](#) dated January 06, 2011.

The Circular shall come into effect from the date of this circular and shall be applicable to applications received thereafter

[Circular No. PCB/HO/CIRCULAR/89/2019]

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

Sep 24, 2020 | Kerala | Labour

The State Government of Kerala on September 17, 2020 has published the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Agricultural Laborers and Industrial workers for the month of July 2020.

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

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

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

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Madhya Pradesh Directorate of Health Services issues an Order to redress the grievances regarding exorbitant fees charges from COVID 19 patients

Sep 28, 2020 | Madhya Pradesh | EHS

The Ministry of Public Health and Family Welfare of Madhya Pradesh on September 17, 2020 has issued an Order to redress the grievances regarding the exorbitant amount of money charged by the Healthcare providers from patients suffering from COVID 19. The treatment charges of all the patients availing treatment from all Private Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics shall be done as per the rate list Schedule II and III of Rules 2017 of Madhya Pradesh Upcharyagriha Tatha Rujopchar sambandi Sthapanaye (Registrikaran Thatha Anugyapan) Rules, 1997. Under no circumstances the Nursing Home or Clinical Establishment charges shall exceed by 40% of the rates mentioned in the Order including all expenses such as PPE kits etc.

[Order No./81/2020/DD(R)]

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## Meghalaya

### Government of Meghalaya frames a scheme to reward the informer for providing information of illegal mining and transportation of coal

Sep 29, 2020 | Meghalaya | Industry Specific

The Mining and Geology Department of Meghalaya on September 10, 2020 frames a scheme to reward the informers in case the information on illegal mining or transportation of coal provided by the informers is found to be true

**Following are the key highlights of the scheme:**

- The scheme regulates and grants payment of reward to the Informants providing specific information on incidences of illegal mining and/ or transportation of coal on the Centralized Helpline Number 1800-345-3846 (Toll Free), or to the nearby Police Station, to the person in charge of check gate under the DMR or to the divisional mining officer or to any other competent authority
- Informant Code is granted only if the person furnishes the information according to the scheme and after the allotment of the Informant Code, the person is identified only with the code
- Informant Code is allotted separately to each person if the information is furnished by a group of informants and the reward is paid equally unless as specified by the informants
- Identity, information, or any document/annexure related to the persons identity shall not be disclosed to any person/authority except when required by law
- It provides circumstances under which the informant may not be eligible to reward
- Furnishing of false information attracts action under relevant laws in force
- The scheme shall come into force from the date of notification

[Order No. MG. 44/2020/120]

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## Orissa

### Odisha SPCB issues a Notice declaring no consent required for disposing hazardous wastes

Sep 29, 2020 | Orissa | EHS

The Odisha State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) on September 07, has decided that there is no requirement to obtain an authorization under Rule 6(1) of Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and as amended in 2019 in case Consent to Establish or Consent to operate are not required from Odisha Pollution Control Board.

Provided that the hazardous and other wastes generated by the occupiers are given to the actual user, waste collector or operator of the disposal facility.

[Notice No. IND-IV-HW-MISC-3332/8373]

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### Jharsuguda Administration prohibits operation of roadside vendors to prevent the spread of Covid-19

Sep 28, 2020 | Orissa | Industry Specific

The Jharsuguda Administration on September 25, 2020 has ordered the cessation of the operation of roadside fast-food and tea vendors and eateries in different parts of the district violating COVID-19 regulations for the upcoming two weeks. However, as a measure of district specific support for the livelihood of these vendors, Rs.2500- per capita will be given from CSR pool. Payment of the sum is linked to compliance of this order.

[Order no- 15654/Emg]

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### OERC publishes Open Access Charges notifications for financial year 2020-21

Sep 25, 2020 | Orissa | Industry Specific

The Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) on September 23, 2020 has decided to publish the Open Access Charges Notifications for financial year 2020-21 with effect from October 01, 2020 under

Regulation 57 of OERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004. These notifications should be published in an English and Odia newspaper circulating in the area before September 24, 2020. The proof of the publications should be furnished to the commission within seven days.

The Surcharge, Wheeling charge and Transmission Charge for Open access consumer 1 MW & above are as follows:

Name of the licensee	Cross Subsidy Surcharge (P/U)		Wheeling Charge P/U applicable to HT consumers only	Transmission Charges for Open Access Customer (applicable for HT & EHT consumers)
	EHT	HT		
TPCODL	152.40	93.44	72.31	The Long Term Open Access customer availing Open Access shall pay Rs.6000/MW/ Day (Rs.250/MWh) and Short Term Open Access Customer shall pay charges as per applicable Regulations.
NESCO Utility	127.64	57.05	87.35	
WESCO Utility	123.67	71.29	57.91	
SOUTHCO Utility	202.54	137.47	88.94	

[Order no- 77, 78, 79 & 80 of 2019/1097]

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan Government has issued administrative instruction for recovery of interest on net cash tax liability from July 01, 2017

Sep 25, 2020 | Rajasthan | Finance & Taxation

The Commercial Taxes Department of Rajasthan on September 22, 2020 has issued a notification for the administrative instructions for recovery of interest on net cash tax liability from July 01, 2017. To implement this decision, and working in accordance with the current legal framework the council has decided to address the issue based on such grounds:

■The field formations shall be instructed to collect the interest on net cash tax liability which is the portion of tax that has been paid by debiting the cash ledger or is payable through cash ledger during the period of July 01, 2017 to August 31, 2020.

■SCN's that have been issued on gross tax payable shall be retained till the retrospective amendment in section 50 of the RGST Act.

■The information shall be submitted in the according to the Performa given within 15 days of the issuance of these instruction and shall be mailed to [aact-iar@rajasthan.gov.in](mailto:aact-iar@rajasthan.gov.in)

[Order No. F.17 (134-Pt-II) ACCT/GST/2017/6023]

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## Tamil Nadu

### Government of Tamil Nadu fixes rate of interest for the Contributory Pension Scheme

Sep 28, 2020 | Tamil Nadu | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Tamil Nadu on September 24, has issued an abstract to decide the rate of interest for accumulation at the credit of subscribers to the General Provident Fund and Contributory Pension Scheme by fixing the rate of interest at 7.1% (Seven point one percent) for the period from 1st July, 2020 to 30th September, 2020.

[Notification No. G.O.Ms.No.350]

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## Uttarakhand

### Uttarakhand Government issues guidelines for tourist operators in view of Covid-19

Sep 29, 2020 | Uttarakhand | Industry Specific

The Uttarakhand Tourism Department on September 25, 2020 has issued guidelines for tourist operators in view of Covid-19. The detailed guidelines are as follows:

- The District Administration should ensure that the water sports, trekking, aero sports and camping activities are allowed and a mechanism is put in place for its monitoring during conduct of such activities in various districts of Uttarakhand.
- Training shall be imparted to all members of water sports/agency/Adventure Tour Operators (ATO) regarding prevention of Covid-19 by the employers.
- The Agency/Adventure Tour Operators (ATO) shall designate a nodal officer who shall be responsible for coordination with District Administration, maintaining a database throughout the business period.
- The Agency/Adventure Tour Operators (ATO) shall ensure implementation of guidelines issued by state Government from time to time.
- The Agency/Adventure Tour Operators (ATO) and customers should ensure all the national directives relating to Covid-19.
- Thermal screening of all staffs and customers should be done on regular basis.
- Customers should be encouraged to download Aarogya Setu app.

This order shall come into force from September 24, 2020.

[Notification no- 1697/VI(1/2020-04 (07)/2020]

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### Uttarakhand Government issues guidelines for interstate and intrastate movement of persons in view of Covid-19

Sep 29, 2020 | Uttarakhand | EHS

The State Government of Uttarakhand on September 19, 2020 has issued guidelines for inter- state and intra-state movement of persons in view of Covid-19.

**The guidelines are as follows:**

- Registration is mandatory for all inbound persons. During registration relevant documents shall be uploaded on the website.
- All inbound asymptomatic persons if coming for a specific purpose for a duration of less than 07 days, no pass would be required. If a person is coming for longer duration, he can be quarantined for 10 days.
- All inbound persons, tourists and residents of Uttarakhand shall adhere to the norms of safety and social distancing as per the guidelines of State Government.
- Violation of compliance will attract strict action under provision of Epidemic disease Act, 1897. Persons travelling both intra and inter district shall register themselves mandatorily on the portal.
- The State Control room will keep track of all incoming persons. Also, the documents submitted by inbound persons should be verified.
- Inbound persons returning from foreign shall undergo quarantine as per norms of Government of India.
- Tourists shall upload and bring RT-PCR test done not earlier than 96 hours before the arrival to Uttarakhand border.

[Order no- 625/USDMA/792/2020]

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## Uttarakhand Government issues certain new instructions relating to entry of tourist into the State

Sep 29, 2020 | Uttarakhand | Industry Specific

The Uttarakhand Tourism Department on September 22, 2020 has issued instructions relating to entry of tourist into the State. These guidelines have been issued as safety measures in view of Covid-19 pandemic.

**The detailed guidelines are as follows:**

- For the tourist coming to Uttarakhand by all modes of transportation, a registration is mandatory on the smart city web [portal](#).
- Requirement of mandatory stay of minimum 2 days is not applicable.
- It is not mandatory for tourist to bring Covid-19 negative test report for hotel stay. However thermal scanning and other protocols must be followed.
- If a tourist is found Covid positive then the hotel management shall inform the District Administration. District Administration shall make arrangements for random checks to ensure compliance of Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India guidelines by hotel owners.
- This order supersedes the [Order no 625/USDMA/792 \(2020\)](#) with respect to directions mentioned above. However, the other directions shall remain as it is.

[Order no- 635/USDMA/792 (2020)]

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