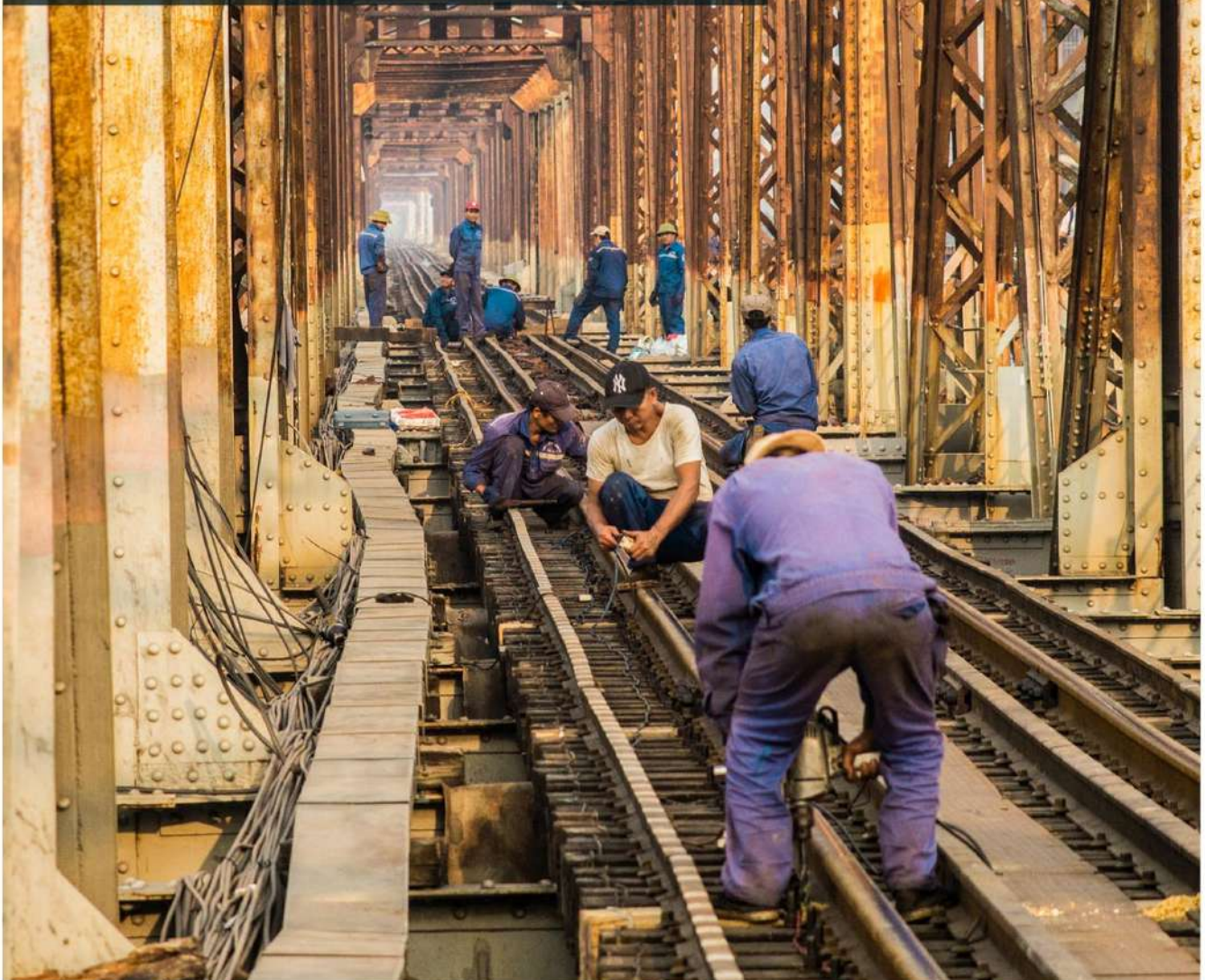


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CBIC has amended the notification for imposition of ADD on cold rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel

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The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 29, 2021 has amended the notification no. G.S.R. 461 (E) dated May 12, 2017 which specifies the imposition of ADD on cold rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel. The following amendment has been made: • Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2, the anti-dumping duty imposed on the subject goods above shall remain in force up to and inclusive of the December 15, 2021, unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier.” [Notification No. 37/2021- Customs (ADD)]

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CBIC has amended the notification for imposition of ADD on hot rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel

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The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 29, 2021 has amended the notification no. G.S.R. 455 (E) dated May 11, 2017 which specifies the imposition of ADD on ‘Hot-rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel. The following amendment has been made: • Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2, the anti-dumping duty imposed on the subject goods above shall remain in force up to and inclusive of the December 15, 2021, unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier.” [Notification No. 36/2021- Customs (ADD)]

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CBIC has issued a circular for the regulation of movement of Indian sailing vessels

Jun 30, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 21, 2021 has issued a circular for the regulation of movement of Indian sailing vessels (ISV's) (Dhows) security issue. In the wake of the likely involvement of these vessels in narco smuggling, human smuggling etc., the MHA has intimated that Customs authorities should refrain from issuing clearances to these vessels from non-designated seaports ICPs. Further, while granting clearance at designated ICPs, all security regulations viz. physical verification of the crew on board, checking of their passports and seaman identity card, endorsing of departure and arrival stamps on their passports as the case may be as mandated by the Government of India should be fulfilled on

par with other merchant vessels. This being a matter of serious security concern in the coastal areas, the Board desires that all officers concerned should be sensitized for being vigilant to avoid any unwarranted movements of ISVs/ Dhows and to issue clearances from designated ICPs/Sub check Posts of designated ICP to said vessels, strictly in accordance with the aforementioned instructions of the MHA. [Circular No. 13/2021- Customs]

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CBIC has amended the notification for imposition of ADD on tyre curing presses

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The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 29, 2021 has amended the notification no. G.S.R. 455 (E) dated May 11, 2017 which specifies the imposition of ADD on 'Hot-rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel. The following amendment has been made: • Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2, the anti-dumping duty imposed on the subject goods above shall remain in force up to and inclusive of the December 15, 2021, unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier." [Notification No. 36/2021- Customs (ADD)]

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CBIC fixes tariff value of certain goods

Jun 30, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 29, 2021 has issued a notification for the exemption of certain goods from the excess of customs duty leviable when imported into India. The following goods have been mentioned: • Crude palm oil • All goods (RBD Palm Oil, RBD Palmolein, RBD Palm Stearin and any Palm Oil other than Crude Palm Oil) [Notification No. 34/2021- Customs]

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Ministry of Finance appoints June 15, 2019 on which provisions of Part III of the Finance Act, 2021 shall come into force

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The Ministry of Finance on June 29, 2021, has issued a Notification appointing the date on which the provisions of Part III of the Finance Act, 2021 related to amendments to the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956. It shall come into force on June 30, 2021. [Notification No. S.O. 2616(E)]

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RBI has issued guidelines for managing risk in outsourcing financial services by co-operative banks

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 28, 2021 has issued a circular for the guidelines for managing risk in outsourcing financial services by co-operatives banks. The following guidelines have been given: • Co-operative banks which choose to outsource financial services, however, shall not outsource core management functions including policy formulation, internal audit and compliance, compliance with KYC norms, credit sanction and management of investment portfolio. • However, where required, experts, including former employees, could be hired on a contractual basis subject to the Audit Committee of Board/Board being assured that such expertise does not exist within the audit function of the bank. Any conflict of interest in such matters shall be recognised and effectively addressed. Ownership of audit reports in all cases shall rest with regular functionaries of the internal audit function. • During inspections/ scrutinies, RBI / NABARD will review the implementation of these guidelines to assess the quality of related risk management systems particularly in respect of material outsourcing. Material outsourcing arrangements are those, which if disrupted, have the potential to significantly impact the business operations, reputation or profitability of co-operative banks. • The co-operative banks shall consider all relevant laws, regulations, guidelines and conditions of approval, licensing or registration when performing its due diligence in relation to outsourcing. • The grievance redressal mechanism of co-operative banks should not be compromised on account of outsourcing. Outsourcing arrangements shall not affect the rights of a customer against the co-operative bank, including the ability of the customers to redress their grievances as applicable under relevant laws. • Outsourcing shall not impede or interfere with the ability of a co-operative bank to effectively oversee and manage its activities nor should it impede RBI / NABARD in carrying out its supervisory functions and objectives. • The service provider should not be owned or controlled by any director or officer/employee of the co-operative bank or their relatives having the same meaning as assigned under the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules framed thereunder from time to time. [Circular No. DOR.ORG.REC.27/21.04.158/2021-22]

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CBIC extends the timeline for imposition of ADD on porcelain/ glazed/ vitrified tiles

Jun 29, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 28, 2021 has amended the notification no. 29/2017- Customs (ADD) dated June 14, 2017 which specifies the imposition of anti-dumping duty (ADD) on Glazed/Unglazed Porcelain/Vitrified tiles in polished or unpolished finish with less than 3% water absorption. The following amendments have been made: • Paragraph 3, which specifies the imposition of ADD, has been amended, namely: "Provided that the said anti-dumping duty shall not be levied for the period commencing from the lapse of the provisional anti-dumping duty, that is, December 31, 2021, up to the preceding day of the publication of this notification, in the Official Gazette." [Notification No. 34/2021- Customs (ADD)]

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MCI amends the import policy for importing potatoes from Bhutan

Jun 29, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) on June 28, 2021 has issued a notification for amendment in the import policy conditions for items under exim code 07019000 of Chapter 07 of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule-I. The following amendments have been made: • The import of potatoes from Bhutan is allowed without licenses till June 30, 2022. [Notification No. 9/2015-2020]

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RBI (Call, notice and term money markets) Directions, 2021

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 25, 2021 has issued the RBI (Call, notice, and term money markets) Directions, 2021. The following directions have been given: • 100% of capital funds, on a daily average basis in a reporting fortnight. • 125% of capital funds on any given day. • Internal board approved limit within the prudential limits for inter-bank liabilities. • 2.0% of aggregate deposits as at the end of the previous financial year. • 225% of Net Owned Fund (NOF) as at the end of the previous financial year on a daily average basis in a reporting fortnight. • 225% of Net Owned Fund (NOF) as at the end of the previous financial year. [Circular No. FMRD.DIRD.06/14.01.001/2021-22]

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Government grants further extension in timelines of compliances

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on June 25, 2021 has issued an Extension in timelines of compliances and also the exemption for expenditure on COVID-19 treatment and ex-gratia received on death due to COVID-19. The Reliefs are as followed : • Objections to Dispute Resolution Panel (DRP) and Assessing Officer under section 144C of the income-tax Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) for which the last date of filing under that section is June 01, 2021 or thereafter, may be filed within the time provided in that section or by August 31, 2021, whichever is later. • The Statement of Deduction of Tax for the last quarter of the Financial Year 2020-21, required to be furnished on or before May 31, 2021 under Rule 31A of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 (hereinafter referred to as “the Rules”), as extended to 30th June, 2021 vide Circular No.9 of 2021, may be furnished on or before July 15, 2021. • The Certificate of Tax Deducted at Source in Form No.16, required to be furnished to the employee by June 15, 2021 under Rule 31 of the Rules, as extended to July 15, 2021 vide Circular No.9 of 2021, may be furnished on or before July 31, 2021. • The Statement of Income paid or credited by an investment fund to its unit holder in Form No. 64D for the Previous Year 2020-21, required to be furnished on or before June 15, 2021 under Rule 12CB of the Rules, as extended to June 30, 2021 vide Circular No.9 of 2021, may be furnished on or before July 15, 2021. • The Statement of Income paid or credited by an investment fund to its unit holder in Form No. 64C for the Previous Year 2020-21, required to be furnished on or before 30th June, 2021 under Rule 12CB of the Rules, as extended to 15th July, 2021

vide Circular No.9 of 2021, may be furnished on or before July 31, 2021. • The application under Section 10(23C), 12AB, 35(1)(ii)/(iia)/(iii) and 80G of the Act in Form No. 10A/ Form No.10AB, for registration/ provisional registration/ intimation/ approval/ provisional approval of Trusts/ Institutions/ Research Associations etc., required to be made on or before June 30, 2021, may be made on or before August 31, 2021. • The compliances to be made by the taxpayers such as investment, deposit, payment, acquisition, purchase, construction or such other action, by whatever name called, for the purpose of claiming any exemption under the provisions contained in Section 54 to 54GB of the Act, for which the last date of such compliance falls between April 01, 2021 to September 29, 2021 (both days inclusive), may be completed on or before September 30, 2021. • The Quarterly Statement in Form No. 15CC to be furnished by authorized dealer in respect of remittances made for the quarter ending on June 30, 2021, required to be furnished on or before July 15, 2021 under Rule 37 BB of the Rules, may be furnished on or before July 31, 2021. • The Equalization Levy Statement in Form No. 1 for the Financial Year 2020-21, which is required to be filed on or before June 30, 2021, may be furnished on or before July 31, 2021. • The Annual Statement required to be furnished under sub-section (5) of section 9A of the Act by the eligible investment fund in Form No. 3CEK for the Financial Year 2020-21, which is required to be filed on or before June 29, 2021, may be furnished on or before July 31, 2021. • Uploading of the declarations received from recipients in Form No. 15G/15H during the quarter ending June 30, 2021, which is required to be uploaded on or before July 15, 2021, may be uploaded by August 31, 2021. • Exercising of option to withdraw pending application (filed before the erstwhile Income Tax Settlement Commission) under sub-section (1) of Section 245M of the Act in Form No. 34BB, which is required to be exercised on or before June 27, 2021, may be exercised on or before July 31, 2021. • Last date of linkage of Aadhaar with PAN under section 139AA of the Act, which was earlier extended to June 30, 2021 is further extended to September 30, 2021. • Last date of payment of amount under Vivad se Vishwas (without additional amount) which was earlier extended to June 30, 2021 is further extended to August 31, 2021. • Last date of payment of amount under Vivad se Vishwas (with additional amount) has been notified as October 31, 2021. • Time Limit for passing assessment order which was earlier extended to June 30, 2021 is further extended to September 30, 2021. • Time Limit for passing penalty order which was earlier extended to June 30, 2021 is further extended to September 30, 2021. • Time Limit for processing Equalisation Levy returns which was earlier extended to June 30, 2021 is further extended to September 30, 2021.

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RBI has issued a circular for the new definition of micro, small and medium enterprises

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 25, 2021 has issued a circular for the new definition of micro, small and medium enterprises. The existing Entrepreneurs Memorandum (EM) Part II and Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAMs) of the MSMEs obtained till June 30, 2020 shall remain valid till December 31, 2021". [Circular No. FIDD.MSME & NFS.BC.No.12/06.02.31/2021-22]

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India will import Tur and Urad from Myanmar for 5 financial years

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on June 24, 2021 has issued a memorandum of understanding signed with Myanmar for the import of Toor and Urad. The following specifications have been given: • An annual quota of 2,50,000 metric quota of urad and 1,00,000 MT of tur shall be imported from Myanmar for five financial years through private trade. • In the January of every financial year, an evaluation of total quantity of urad export and tur export from Myanmar to India, will be undertaken. If there is any shortfall in the annual quota, Indian government shall release that shortfall quantity for import from any other country. [Public Notice No. 9/2015-20]

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RBI has issued a press release for survey on foreign liabilities and assets of mutual funds and asset management companies for 2020-2021

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The reserve bank of India (RBI) on June 24, 2021 has issued a press release for the survey on foreign liabilities and assets of mutual funds and asset management companies for 2020-2021. Asset Management companies (AMCs) are required to submit the annual return on Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA) online through the web-based portal by July 31, 2021. The mutual fund companies shall fill the survey by July 31, 2021. [Press release No. 2021-2022/420]

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India will import toor from Malawi for five financial years

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The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on June 24, 2021 has issued a memorandum of understanding signed with Malawi for the import of Toor. The following specifications have been given: • An annual quota of 50,000 metric quota of tur shall be imported from Malawi for five financial years through private trade. • In the January of every financial year, an evaluation of total quantity of urad export and tur export from Malawi to India, will be undertaken. If there is any shortfall in the annual quota, Indian government shall release that shortfall quantity for import from any other country. [Public Notice No. 8/2015-20]

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RBI has issued a press release for survey for ITES exports for 2020-2021

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 24, 2021 has issued a press release for the survey on computer software and information technology enabled services (ITES) exports for 2020-2021. The annual survey being conducted since 2002-03, collects data on various aspects of computer services exports as well as exports of information technology enabled services (ITES) and business process outsourcing (BPO). The survey results are released in the public domain besides being used for compilation of balance of payments (BoP) statistics and other uses. The survey schedule for the 2020-21 round is required to be filled in by all software and ITES/BPO exporting companies. [Press release No. 2021-2022/419]

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RBI has issued a circular for the declaration of dividends by NBFC's

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 24, 2021 has issued a circular for declaration of dividends by NBFC's. The following guidelines have been given: • These guidelines shall be applicable to all NBFCs regulated by RBI. • These guidelines shall be effective for declaration of dividend from the profits of the financial year ending March 31, 2022 and onwards. • SPDs which have a CRAR at or above the regulatory minimum of 15 per cent during each of the quarters of the previous year, but lower than 20 per cent in any of those quarters, the dividend payout ratio shall not exceed 33.3 per cent. • NBFC-D, NBFC-ND-SI, HFC & CIC declaring dividend shall report details of dividend declared during the financial year as per the format prescribed in Annex 2. • The report shall be furnished within a fortnight after declaration of dividend to the Regional Office of the Department of Supervision of the Reserve Bank/ Department of Supervision of NHB, under whose jurisdiction it is registered. [Circular No. DOR.ACC.REC.No.23/21.02.067/2021-22]

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CBIC has issued a circular for the applicability of central excise exemption on ethanol/ methanol blended petrol and high speed diesel blending with bio-diesel

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 22, 2021 has issued a circular for the applicability of central excise exemption on ethanol/ methanol blended petrol and high speed diesel blended with bio-diesel, when blending is done with refinery. The following conditions have been given: • Appropriate duties of excise have been paid on portion of motor spirit (commonly known as petrol) which is a specified percentage of the blend. • Appropriate GST (Central tax, State tax, Union Territory Tax or integrated tax) have been paid on portion of ethanol or methanol, as the case may be, which is which is a specified percentage of the blend. • Ethanol/Methanol blended petrol is conforming to the Bureau of Indian Standards Specification. Thus, it is clarified that the notifications grant exemption to the ethanol/ methanol blended petrol provided that the Central Excise duty (including applicable cesses) is paid on motor spirit (petrol) and GST is paid on ethanol/methanol, used in producing the blended fuel. The above clarification will also be applicable for High-speed diesel oil blended with alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids obtained from vegetable oils, commonly known as bio – diesel. [Circular No. 1078/02/2021-CX]

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CBIC issues clarifications on applicability of QR codes on B2C invoices supply

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The central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 21, 2021 has issued a clarification in respect of applicability of dynamic quick response (QR code) on B2C invoices and compliance of notification no. 14/2020- Central tax dated March 21, 2020. The following clarifications have been given: • Therefore, any invoice, issued to such person having a UIN, shall be considered as invoice issued for a B2C supply and shall be required to comply with the requirement of Dynamic QR Code. • Given that UPI ID is linked to a specific bank account of the payee/ person collecting money, separate details of bank account and IFSC may not be provided in the Dynamic QR Code. • In such cases where the payment is collected by some person, authorized by the supplier on his/ her behalf, the UPI ID of such person may be provided in the Dynamic QR Code, instead of UPI ID of the supplier. • Wherever an invoice is issued to a recipient located outside India, for supply of services, for which the place of supply is in India, as per the provisions of IGST Act 2017, and the payment is received by the supplier in foreign currency, through RBI approved mediums, such invoice may be issued without having a Dynamic QR Code, as such dynamic QR code cannot be used by the recipient located outside India for making payment to the supplier. [Circular No. 156/12/2021- GST]

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CBDT has issued compliance check functionality for S. 206AB and 206CCA of Income Tax Act, 1961

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The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on June 22, 2021 has issued a notification for the compliance check functionality for S. 206AB and 206CCA of Income Tax Act, 1961. Section 206AB and 206CCA inserted in the Income-tax Act, 1961 (effective from July 01, 2021), imposed higher TDSITCS rate on the "Specified Persons" defined as under: "For the purposes of this section 'specified person' means a person who has not filed the returns of income for both of the two assessment years relevant to the two previous years immediately prior to the previous year in which tax is required to be collected, for which the time limit of filing return of income under sub-section (1) of section 139 has expired; and the aggregate of tax deducted at source and tax collected at source in his case is rupees fifty thousand or more in each of these two previous years." Provided that the specified person shall not include a non-resident, who does not have a permanent establishment in India. The following procedure has been given: • Tax Deductors and Collectors can register on the Reporting Portal by logging in to e-filing portal. • Principal Officers of the entities (Tax Deductors & Collectors) which are registered with the Reporting Portal through TAN shall be able to use the functionality after login into the Reporting Portal using their credentials. [Notification No. DGIT (S)/ADG (S)-2/Compliance check/432/2021-22]

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RBI has issued a circular for the repayment of Gold (metal) Loans

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 23, 2021 has issued a circular for the Gold (metal) loans for their repayment. The following decision has been taken on review: • Banks shall provide an option to the borrower to repay a part of the GML in physical gold in lots of one kg or more, provided: 1. the GML has been extended out of locally sourced / GMS-linked gold. 2. repayment is made using locally sourced IGDS (India Good Delivery Standard)/ LGDS (LBMA's Good Delivery Standards) gold. 3. gold is delivered on behalf of the borrower to the bank directly by the refiner or a central agency, acceptable to the bank, without the borrower's involvement. 4. the loan agreement contains details of the option to be exercised by the borrower, acceptable standards and manner of delivery of gold for repayment. 5. the borrower is apprised upfront, in a transparent manner, of the implications of exercising the option. • Banks shall suitably incorporate the above aspects into the board-approved policy governing GML along with concomitant risk management measures. Banks shall continue to monitor the end-use of funds lent under GML. [Circular No. DOR.CRE(DIR).REC.24/23.67.001/2021-22]

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Chartered Accountants (Amendment) Regulations, 2021

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The Institute of Chartered Accountant of India on June 22, 2021 has issued the Chartered Accountants (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 to further amend the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988 The following amendments have been made: • Regulation 51, which specifies Industrial Training has been substituted, namely: (1) An articled assistant who has passed the Intermediate (Professional Competence) Examination or Professional Education (Examination-II) or Intermediate examination and has completed a minimum of eighteen months of practical training according to these regulations shall be eligible for industrial training. (a) An articled assistant may, serve as an industrial trainee for a period specified in sub-regulation (4) in the offices of the Central or State Governments, Central statutory and judicial authorities, regulatory bodies, banking companies and such other departments of Central or State Governments, Institution or Organisation as may be decided by the Council from time to time; or (b) in any of the financial, commercial, industrial undertakings with minimum fixed assets or minimum total turnover or minimum paid-up share capital as may be approved by the Council from time to time. (3) An articled assistant shall inform to his principal about such industrial training at least three months before the date on which such training is to commence. (4) The period of industrial training may be between nine months to eighteen months. (5) The industrial training shall be received under a member of the Institute. An Associate who has been a member for a continuous period of at least three years shall be entitled to train one industrial trainee at a time and a fellow shall be entitled to train two industrial trainees at a time, whether such trainees be articled assistants or audit assistants. Provided that in the case of the Central or State Governments, Central statutory and judicial authorities, regulatory bodies, banking companies and other departments of Central or State Governments, Institution or Organisation, the industrial training shall be imparted by an officer who is also a member of the Institute of that Government, Authority, Body, Bank, Department of Central or State Government, Institution or Organisation, as may be recognised by the Council from time to time. Provided further that the entitlement of such officer who is also a member of the Institute to train the industrial trainee shall be determined by the

Council from time to time keeping in view the number of years of service and the nature of services being rendered by the department concerned. (6) An agreement of training shall be entered into in the form approved by the Council. (7) On completion of the industrial training, the member shall issue a certificate in the form approved by the Council to the trainee and forward a copy of the same to the Secretary. (8) The period of industrial training referred under this regulation, shall be treated as service under articles for all purposes of these Regulations, provided the certificate referred to in sub-regulation (7) is produced. (9)

Subject to the provisions of sub-regulation (1), an articled assistant may also serve as an industrial trainee for a period from six to eighteen months in any foreign Country under a member of the accountancy body in that country recognized by the International Federation of Accountants in such manner as may be determined by the Council from time to time. (10) A member may depute a trainee for industrial training up to a period of three months in any foreign Country, in such manner as may be determined by the Council. (11) The industrial trainee shall be paid such monthly stipend as may be agreed mutually between the industrial trainee and the member imparting the industrial training.”; • Regulation 54(5), which specifies Total period spent in the industry by the articled assistant has been amended, namely : The words “one year”, the words “eighteen months” have been substituted. • Regulation 58(2), which specifies Excess leaves under supplementary articles has been amended, namely: (A)for the words “If the period of the excess leave taken is sought to be served”, the words “The period of excess leave taken shall be served” have been substituted; (B) for the words “last served his articles,” the words “last served his articles and” have been substituted • Regulation 58(4), which specifies Engagement of Articled Assistant under regulation 43 has been Omitted. [Notification No. 1-CA(7)/196/2021]

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CBDT has issued a notification for the clarification regarding the use of functionality under S. 206 AB and 206 CCA of Income Tax Act, 1961

Jun 22, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on June 21, 2021 has issued a circular for the clarification regarding the use of functionality under S. 206 AB and 206 CCA of the Income Tax Act, 1961. It can be seen that the tax deductor or the tax collector is required to do a due diligence of satisfying himself if the deductee or the collectee is a specified person. This can lead to extra compliance burden on such tax deductor or tax collector. To ease this compliance burden the Central Board of Direct Taxes is issuing a new functionality "Compliance Check for Sections 206AB & 206CCA." This functionality is made available through reporting portal of the Income-tax Department. The tax deductor or the collector can feed the single PAN (PAN search) or multiple PANs (bulk search) of the deductee or collectee and can get a response from the functionality if such deductee or collectee is a specified person. For PAN Search, response will be visible on the screen which can be downloaded in the PDF format. For Bulk Search, response would be in the form of a downloadable file which can be kept for record. [Circular No. 11 of 2021]

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Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2021

Jun 30, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power on June 28, 2021 has issued the Electricity (Rights of consumers) (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Electricity (Rights of consumers) Rules, 2020. The following amendments have been made:

2. In the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the said rule), in rule 2, in sub-rule (1),- (a) after clause (i), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:- ‘(ia) “gross-metering” means a mechanism whereby the total solar energy generated from Grid Interactive rooftop Solar Photovoltaic system of a Prosumer and the total energy consumed by the Prosumer are accounted separately through appropriate metering arrangements and for the billing purpose, the total energy consumed by the Prosumer is accounted at the applicable retail tariff and total solar power generated is accounted for at feed-in tariff determined by the Commission;’; (b) after clause (j), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:- ‘(ja) “net-billing or net feed-in” means a single bidirectional energy meter used for net-billing or net feed-in at the point of supply wherein the energy imported from the Grid and energy exported from Grid Interactive rooftop Solar photovoltaic system of a Prosumer are valued at two different tariffs, where- (i) the monetary value of the imported energy is based on the applicable retail tariff; (ii) the monetary value of the exported solar energy is based on feed-in tariff determined by the Commission; (iii) the monetary value of the exported energy is deducted from the monetary value of the imported energy to arrive at the net amount to be billed (or credited / carried-over); (jb) “net-metering” means a mechanism whereby solar energy exported to the Grid from Grid Interactive rooftop Solar Photovoltaic system of a Prosumer is deducted from energy imported from the Grid in units (kWh) to arrive at the net imported or exported energy and the net energy import or export is billed or credited or carried-over by the distribution licensee on the basis of the applicable retail tariff by using a single bidirectional energy meter for net-metering at the point of supply;’.

3. In the said rules, in rule 11, - (a) for sub-rule (4), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:- “ (4) The arrangements for net-metering, gross-metering, net-billing or net feed-in shall be in accordance with the regulations made by the State Commission, from time to time: Provided that where the regulations does not provide for net-metering, net-billing or net feed-in, the Commission may allow net metering to the Prosumer for loads up to five hundred Kilowatt or upto the sanctioned load, whichever is lower and net-billing or net feed-in for other loads: Provided further that in the case of Prosumers availing net-billing or net feed-in, the Commissions may introduce time-of-the-day tariffs whereby Prosumers are incentivised to install energy storage for utilization of stored solar energy by them or feeding into the grid during peak hours thus helping the grid by participating in demand response of the Discoms: Provided also that in case of net-metering or net-billing or net feed-in, the distribution licensee may install a solar energy meter to measure the gross solar energy generated from the Grid Interactive rooftop Solar Photovoltaic system for the purpose of renewable energy purchase obligation credit, if any: Provided also that the Commission may permit gross-metering for Prosumers who would like to sell all the generated solar energy to the distribution licensee instead of availing the net-metering, net-billing or net feed-in facility and the Commission shall decided for this purpose the generic tariff for gross-metering as per tariff regulations:’ (b) for sub-rule (13), the following sub-rule shall be substituted namely:- “(13) The solar energy generated by prosumer shall be adjusted against energy consumed and bill amount as per regulations made by the Commission for Grid Interactive rooftop Solar Photovoltaic system.” [Notification No. G.S.R. 448 (E)]

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FSSAI change the the nomenclature as “Multi Source Edible Oil” under FSS Regulations

Jun 30, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 29, 2021 has decided to remove the term “Vegetable” and change the nomenclature as “Multi Source Edible Oil” where it is specified in the FSS Regulations under Section 18(2) (d) read with Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006. Further, the FBOs may continue to use the nomenclature either the old stock/inventory of tables containing the name ‘Blended Edible Vegetable’ or ‘Multi Source Vegetable Oil’ or ‘Multi Source Edible Oil’ on the label till November 17, 2021. [Notification No- REG/Representation-MSEO/FSSAI-2021]

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FSSAI issues window period for making request for Rejected applications for FSSAI Licenses and registration

Jun 30, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 29, 2021 has issued Window period for making request for Rejected applications for FSSAI Licenses and registration. As the provisions for making the online request by FBO in FoSCoS for reinstating the rejected applications for FSSAI license and registration. The request for the reject applications have been forwarded to the CEO, FSSAI and the same applications shall be reactivated after the consideration issued under vide Notification dated December 15, 2021. Therefore, the time period shall be progressively reduced in future to a 15days window as per the Section 32 (5) of Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006, the Window period for making request are as follow: -
■ Within 90 days from date of rejection with effect from February 1, 2021. ■ Within 30 days from date of rejection with effect from April 1, 2021. ■ Within 15 days from date of rejection with effect from July 1, 2021

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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to expedite in testing of COVID-19

Jun 29, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) on June 28, 2021, regulates the testing of COVID-19 vaccines for prevention and treatment of COVID-19 infection. The supply of COVID-19 vaccines may not get affected and the vaccines must remain available to the public. Therefore, MOHFW directs that National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), NCCS Complex, Pune, in addition to their existing functions, shall perform the function of Central Drugs Laboratory as an additional facility in respect of COVID-19 vaccines and the functions of the Director in respect of COVID-19 vaccines shall be exercised by the Director of the said Institute. In case of any inconsistency between this notification and any rule made under the said Act, the

provisions of this notification shall prevail over such rule in public interest to meet the emergency which has arisen due to COVID-19 pandemic. This Order shall remain valid for a period of 12 months. [Notification No. S.O. 2609(E)]

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FSSAI issues directions and extension regarding giving relaxations to the FBOs during the COVID-19 condition

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standard of India (FSSAI) on June 23, 2021 has issued Directions regarding giving relaxations to the FBOs during the prevailing COVID-19 conditions under Section 16 (5) of FSS Act, 2006. Therefore, In Order No- 15(6)/FLRS/RCD/FSSAI, dated April 20, 2021 which specifies the following relaxations granted shall cease with effect from June 30, 2021: a) Permission to temporarily operate food business (other than Manufacturing) based on 17-Digit Application reference number. b) In case of Manufacturing, allowed to operate their food businesses with higher capacity, based on application for modification of License. c) Limited inspections and e-inspections allowed. However, as prevailing operational issues, FSSAI has extended the relaxations for the following provisions up to August 31, 2021: - d) Extension for timeline for submission of online Annual Returns through FoSCos. e) Waiver of late fee for renewing the License. [Order No- 15(6)2020/FLRS/RCD/FSSAI]

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Government rescinds notification no. 516

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Mines on June 25, 2021 has issued a notification to rescinds a previous notification dated June 29, 2015 namely, notification no. G.S.R 516 (E) which is related to the Mineral (Non- Exclusive Reconnaissance Permits) Rules, 2015. [Notification No. G.S.R. 438(E)]

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IFSCA notifies framework for undertaking Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Centres Activities in IFSC

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on June 25, 2021 has issued Framework for undertaking Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Centres Activities in IFSC. Therefore, The International Financial Services Centres Authority (Finance Company) Regulations, 2021 issued under vide notification dated March 25, 2021 which specifies that a Finance Company or a Finance Unit set up in an International Financial Services Centre may undertake one or more permissible activities as mentioned in Regulation 5(1)

of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Finance Company) Regulations, 2021. ■ This framework shall apply to a Unit set up in an International Financial Services Centre, which is registered as a 'Finance Company' or a 'Finance Unit' under the Finance Company Regulations and is desirous to perform the functions of Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Centre. ■ The Regulations specifies the definition for the purpose of this framework. ■ The Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Centre shall perform Treasury Activities and/or provide Treasury Services exclusively to its Group Entities. ■ The eligible entity may submit the application in the Form and manner as have been specified by the Authority for registration under the Finance Company Regulations. ■ The Authority may grant Certificate of Registration to a Finance Company or a Finance Unit for providing Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Services exclusively to its Group Entities. ■ A Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Centre after being granted registration, shall be permitted to provide mentioned Treasury Services to its Group Entities. ■ A Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Centre after being granted registration, shall be permitted to carry out mentioned Treasury Activities for its Group Entities. ■ A Finance Company or a Finance Unit functioning as Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Centre shall transact in freely convertible foreign currency only. However, it may defray their administrative expenses in INR by maintaining a separate INR account. [Circular No- 331/IFSCA/GRCTC/2021-22]

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IFSCA issues framework for undertaking Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Centres Activities in IFSC

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on June 25, 2021 has issued Framework for undertaking Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Centres Activities in IFSC. Therefore, the framework will enable Units registered as "Finance Company" or "Finance Unit" under Finance Company Regulations, 2021 for functions of Global/Regional Corporate Treasury Centre allowing them to undertake Treasury Activities and Treasury Services for its Group Entities from IFSC. Further, this framework will create opportunities for global and Indian corporates to develop international operations by centralizing their treasury activities for availing corporate financing.

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SEBI has issued amendments to SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 25, 2021 has issued the amendments to the SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012. The following amendments have been made: • AIFs which propose to invest in units of other AIFs shall provide, inter-alia, the following information in their PPMs: 1. Proposed allocation of investment in units of other AIFs. 2. Out of total fees and expenses charged to investors of the AIF, portion of fees and expenses which may be attributed to investment in units of other AIFs. 3. Process to be followed by the Manager to ensure compliance with investment conditions as specified in Regulation 15 and Regulation 16, 17 or 18. 4. Whether any investments are proposed to be made in units

of other AIFs managed/ sponsored by the same Manager/ Sponsor or associates of the Manager/ Sponsor and details thereof, including allocation, fees, expenses, etc. • In terms of Regulation 20(1), the key management personnel of the AIF and the Manager shall abide by the Code of Conduct as specified in the Fourth Schedule of the AIF Regulations. For the purpose of this Regulation, 'key management personnel' shall mean: 1. members of key investment team of the Manager, as disclosed in the PPM of the fund. 2. employees who are involved in decision making on behalf of the AIF, including but not limited to, members of senior management team at the level of Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer, Whole Time Directors, or such equivalent role or position. 3. any other person whom the AIF (through the Trustee, Board of Directors or Designated Partners, as the case may be) or Manager may declare as a key management personnel. • AIFs shall disclose the names of all the key management personnel of the AIF and Manager as specified in Paragraph 3.1 above, in their PPMs. Any change in key management personnel shall be intimated to the investors and the Board. [Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD-I/DF6/P/CIR/2021/584]

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The Mines and Minerals (Contribution to District Mineral Foundation) Amendment Rules, 2021

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Mines on June 25, 2021 has issued the Mines and Minerals (Contribution to District Mineral Foundation) Amendment Rules, 2021 to further amend the Mines and Minerals (Contribution to District Mineral Foundation) Rules, 2015. The following amendments have been made : • Rule 2, which specifies Amount of contribution to be made to District Mineral Foundation has been amended, namely : 1. For the words "prospecting licence-cum-mining lease", at both the places where they occur, the words "composite licence" have been substituted; 2. In clause (a), after the figures, letters and word "12th January, 2015", the words, brackets, figures and letter " , other than those mineral concessions which are covered under the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 10A" have been inserted; 3. In clause (b), after the figures, letters and word "12th January, 2015", the words, brackets, figures and letter "and those mining leases covered under the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 10A" have been inserted. 4. After clause (b), the following proviso has been inserted namely: — "Provided that the amount calculated at the rate specified at clause (b) of rule 2 in respect of the mining leases covered under the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 10A has to be paid with effect from March 28, 2021." [Notification No. G.S.R. 437(E)]

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Extension of Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India Phase II

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises on June 25, 2021 has issued a notification to amend notification No. S.O. No. 1300 (E) dated March 08, 2019 on extension of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme which was proposed to be implemented over a period of 3 years, w.e.f April 01, 2019, for faster adoption of electric mobility and development of its manufacturing eco-system in the country and now it has been decided that the scheme is extended for a period of two (2)

years i.e. up to March 31, 2024. [Notification No. S.O. 2526(E)]

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Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2021

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, on June 10, 2021, has published the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2021 to further amend the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003. The amendment is made in Schedule VI related to 'List of plants/plant materials permitted import with additional declarations and special conditions' of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, where certain entries have been inserted. [Notification No. S.O. 2512 (E)]

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The Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India (Fourth Amendment) Order, 2021

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on June 10, 2021 has issued the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India (Fourth Amendment) Order, 2021 to further amend the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003. ■ In Chapter II, clause 4 which states Import of soil, etc of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, the entries under the clause 4 shall be replaced with the following entries: - Clause 4- Import of soil, sand and similar material and stone shall be permitted except under the following conditions, namely:- i. The consignments of soil in any form for research purpose, sand, similar materials and stone shall be permitted through specified air or sea ports or land customs station, on application made for that purpose. Provided an import permit shall be required for consignment of soil in any form for research purpose, sand, similar materials and stone. ii. The application or online application for the purpose referred to in (i) above shall be made to the Issuing Authority as listed in Schedule-X, at least 10 days in advance, in PQ Form 06. iii. A fee of Rs. 1000/- shall be payable along with the application. The fee shall be payable online or in the form of Demand Draft payable to the Competent Authority having jurisdiction. iv. The Competent Authority may, after scrutiny of the application, and if satisfied of the purpose, for which such consignment is being imported, issue special permit in Form PQ 07. The import permit shall be issued subject to such restrictions and conditions prescribed under Schedule-VI. ■ In PQ Form 06 & PQ Form 07 which specifies Application for Permit to Import soil/peat or Sphagnum moss or other growing media, the entries in the form shall be substituted. [Notification No- S.O. 2511 (E)]

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IFSCA issues Guidelines on Liquidity Risk Management for a Finance Company/Finance Unit

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on June 24, 2021 has issued Guidelines on Liquidity Risk Management for a Finance Company/Finance Unit. The Finance Companies and Finance Units draws reference to the regulation on Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Finance Company) Regulations, 2021 issued under vide circular dated March 25, 2021. Therefore, the FC and FU directed in the International Financial Services Centres to adhere to the following guidelines on Liquidity Risk Management are as under: - ■ These guidelines shall be applicable to all FC/FUs registered with the Authority under regulation 3 of the Regulations and intending to undertake activities as mentioned in the guidelines. ■ The FC/FU shall have Liquidity Risk Management framework to ensure a sound and robust liquidity risk management system to maintain sufficient liquidity. ■ Maturity Profiling The use of a maturity ladder and calculation of cumulative surplus or deficit of funds at selected maturity dates shall be adopted as a standard tool. The Maturity Profile should be used for measuring the future cash flows of the FC/FU in different time buckets. ■ Measurement of Liquidity risk The FC/FU shall monitor certain critical ratios in respect of liquidity risk measurement by putting in place an internally defined limit approved by the Board/Governing Body, for these ratios. The ratios and the internal limits shall be based on an FC/FU's liquidity risk management capability, experience profile and the nature, scale and complexity of their business. ■ Liquidity Coverage Ratio Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) shall represent by the following ratio: - Stock of High-Quality Liquid Assets (HQLAs)/Total Net Cash Outflows over the next 30 calendar days. ■ High Quality Liquid Assets Liquid assets comprise of high-quality assets that can be readily sold or used as collateral to obtain funds in a range of stress scenarios. [Circular No - No172/ IFSCA/Finance Company/Unit Regulations/2021-22/7]

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FSSAI prohibited the Multi source edible vegetable oil containing Mustard Oil manufactured**Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific**

The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 23, 2021 has issued the clarification regarding prohibition of the Multi source edible vegetable oil containing Mustard Oil manufactured, as the inspection drive to ensure the effective enforcement of the said prohibition mentioned in vide notification issued date March 8, 2021. Therefore, it is clarified that the said inspection drive is to be carried out to ensure that there is no sale of MSEVO containing Mustard Oil manufactured on or before June 8, 2021 in the domestic market. [Order No- 12(3)2016/Edible Oil/RCD/FSSAI]

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IFSCA has issued a circular for the introduction of NLT facility at stock exchange**Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific**

The International financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) on June 22, 2021 has issued a circular for the introduction of the negotiated large trade (NLT) facility at stock exchanges. The operational framework for

the NLT facility in the derivatives segment shall be as follows: 1. The NLT Window shall be open throughout normal trading hours of the stock exchanges. 2. The orders placed shall be within +/- 1% of the applicable Reference price. The Reference price shall be the Volume Weighted Average Price (VWAP) of trades executed in the 30 minutes preceding the NLT order execution. 3. The minimum order size in terms of notional value, for execution of trades, shall be USD 1 million. 4. The NLT transactions shall not be considered for calculation of the daily Open, High, Low, Close (OHLC), VWAP or Daily Settlement Price (DSP) or the Final Settlement Price (FSP) of the derivatives contract for which the transaction has been executed. 5. The NLT trades on behalf of clients shall not be executed against the trading member's own account. The Trading Members shall execute NLT trades on behalf of their clients only after obtaining explicit written consent from their respective clients. 6. The position limits applicable to the normal market shall be applicable to the NLT window. 7. The Stock Exchange shall ensure that all appropriate trading and settlement practices as well as surveillance and risk containment measures as applicable to the normal trading segment are made applicable and implemented with respect to the NLT window. 8. The Stock Exchange shall disseminate details of the NLT trades to the public on the same day, after the market hours. [Circular No. 286/IFSCA/PM (CMD-DMIIT)/2021/2]

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IFSCA has issued a circular for the status of transactions executed at DR sites of MII's

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) on June 22, 2021 has issued a circular for the status of transactions executed at disaster recovery (DR) sites of the MII's. IFSCA Regulations as adopted from Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), require the Stock Exchanges to schedule live trading sessions from their Disaster Recovery (DR) sites located in a different seismic zone, from that of the data centre, for at least two consecutive days in every six months. In this regard, it is hereby clarified that the trades executed from the DR site (site located outside GIFT-IFSC) of the stock exchanges in GIFT-IFSC, due to the aforementioned regulatory requirement, shall be deemed to have been executed at GIFT-IFSC. [Circular No. 257/IFSCA/CMD-DMIIT/BCP-DR/2021/1]

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FSSAI extended the timeline for compliance related to the limits of Calcium and Magnesium for the standards of Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water)

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 22, 2021 has issued the extension of timeline for the compliance of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Fourth Amendment Regulations, 2019. FSSAI, vide Direction dated December 30, 2020 had previously extended the timeline for the compliance of the provision related to the limits of Calcium and Magnesium in Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water) to July 1, 2021. After due consideration of the representation, it has been decided to further extend the timeline for compliance related to the limits of Calcium and Magnesium for the standards of Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water) up to

January 1, 2022. [Notification No. F.No. REG/PDW/Ext/FSSAI-2020]

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FSSAI extended the transition period for FSS (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulation, 2020

Jun 23, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standard of India (FSSAI) on June 22, 2021 has issued directions regarding implementation of Food Safety and Standard (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulation, 2020 under the Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006. The implementation of the Food Safety and Standard (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulation, 2020 as mentioned in the notification dated December 12, 2021 was July 1, 2021. So, the stakeholders request for extension in the time to comply with all the provisions of the new regulations. Therefore, it has been decided to extend the transition period for the Food Safety and Standard (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulation, 2020 up to March 30, 2022. The Food Business Operations (FBO) should comply with all the provisions of the Regulation from April 1, 2022. [Notification No-Stds/03/Notification(IFR)/FSSAI-2017(Part-3)]

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FSSAI extended timeline for compliance with Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Ninth Amendment Regulations, 2020

Jun 23, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 22, 2021 has issued the extension of timeline for compliance with Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Ninth Amendment Regulations, 2020. FSSAI, vide Reference Notification dated October 9, 2020 had previously issued the date enforcement of the regulation to be July 1, 2021 regarding the use of processing aid in the food products. Another notification has been notified on March 4, 2021 regarding the amendment in the list of processing aids which is to be enforced from January 1, 2022. After due consideration of the representation and in order to harmonize the implementation of the two lists of the processing aids, it has been decided to extend the timeline, for compliance of the amendment notifications, upto January 18, 2022. [Notification No. F.No. Reg/Processing aid/Ext/FSSAI-2021]

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Draft Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Qualification and procedure of Accredited Energy Auditors and Energy Auditors (Building) and Maintenance of their List) Regulations, 2021.

Jun 22, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on June 18, 2021 has issued The DRAFT Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Qualification and procedure of Accredited Energy Auditors and Energy Auditors (Building) and Maintenance of their List) Regulations, 2021, the foresaid regulation will come into force after the notification in the official gazette of India. The following provisions under the Draft Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Qualification and Procedures of accredited energy auditors and energy auditors (Building) and maintenance of their list) Regulations, 2021 are as under: -

- Regulation 4, which specifies Procedure for grant of certificate of accreditation, namely: (1) The Bureau may, for the purpose of accreditation of energy auditors and Energy Auditor (Building) possessing qualifications specified in clauses (a) and (b) of regulation 3, call for applications from qualified persons. (2) The application referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be, made in Form I and be accompanied by- a) five detailed energy audit reports in any of the Energy Intensive Industries and Other Establishments undertaken by the energy auditor and Energy Auditor (Building) in an individual capacity or as a leader or associate or active team member of the energy audit team; b) feed back on five energy audit reports submitted to the Bureau, referred to in clause a), shall be from the respective clients, whose energy audits were conducted; c) application fee of rupees one thousand payable by demand draft drawn in favour of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, New Delhi or any acceptable electronic mode of payment; d) an undertaking that the applicant is in possession of basic instruments referred to in clause (b) of sub-regulation (3) of regulation 3 or a certificate from the supplier of such instruments; e) certificate(s) of experience of minimum of five years in the field of energy audit, out of which three years shall be in any of Energy Intensive Industries and Other Establishments specified in the Schedule to the Act and details of experience in different organizations, shall be duly supported by separate certificate on the letterhead of such organization; f) a letter from the organization, on their letter head whose name is used by him for doing the business of energy audit.
- Regulation 6, which specifies Certificate of accreditation, namely: (1) If the recommendation made by the accreditation advisory committee under sub- regulation (4) of regulation 5 is accepted by the Bureau, the name of the applicant shall be entered in the register of List of accredited energy auditors or Accredited Energy Auditor (Building), as applicable, maintained under regulation 7 and a certificate of accreditation in Form II shall be granted to the applicant on payment of annual accreditation fee of rupees one thousand payable by demand draft drawn in favour of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, New Delhi or by any acceptable electronic mode of payment. (2) The Bureau may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, reject the application for accreditation made by an energy auditor or Energy Auditor (Building) and intimate the same to him within a period of one month. (3) The certificate of accreditation shall be valid until it is cancelled under regulation 9.
- Regulation 7, which specifies Maintenance of list of accredited energy auditors and Energy Auditor (Building), their offices and firms, namely: (1) The Bureau shall maintain a register containing list of accredited energy auditors and Energy Auditor (Building) in Form III. (2) The accredited energy auditor or Energy Auditor (Building) or a firm of such accredited energy auditor or Energy Auditor (Building) shall, before opening an office in the trade name or firm name, apply to the Bureau for approval to use the trade name or the firm name and on such approval, the Bureau shall maintain the register of offices and firms of accredited energy auditors and Energy Auditor (Building) in Form IV. (3) The Bureau shall cause to be published the first list of accredited energy auditors and Energy Auditor (Building) and list of offices and firms of accredited energy auditors as soon as they are finalised and thereafter these lists shall be updated and published regularly and uploaded on the Bureau's official web-site namely, www.beeindia.gov.in. and energy professionals web site on www.beeindia.gov.in. (4) Every accredited energy auditor and Energy Auditor (Building) shall submit to the Bureau any change in the information given in the application for accreditation for the purpose of updating the list. (5) A copy of the updated list of accredited energy auditors and Energy Auditor (Building) shall be sent to the designated agencies of the States and designated consumers on the first day of April every year through electronic mail.
- Regulation 8, which specifies Removal and restoration of names in the register of list of accredited energy auditors and Energy Auditor (Building), The Bureau may remove the name of the accredited energy auditor and Energy

Auditor (Building) from the register of list of energy auditor on the following grounds, namely:- a) the Bureau, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the person concerned, is satisfied that such certificate of accreditation has been granted on the basis of incorrect, misleading or false information; b) on the person ceasing to be an energy auditor and Energy Auditor (Building) or on his failure to undertake energy audit of an Energy Intensive Industries and Other Establishment in accordance with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Manner and Intervals of Time for Conduct of Energy Audit) Regulation 2010; c) if the person is guilty of professional misconduct or fraud; d) if the person has failed to pay annual accreditation fee. e) if the person has requested to remove his name from the list of accredited Energy Auditors or Energy Auditor (Building).

(2) Where the name of the accredited energy auditor is -removed on the grounds specified in clause (b) or clause (d) of sub-regulation (1), his name in the register shall be restored on an application made by him after restarting the work of energy audit or on payment of annual accreditation fee, as the case may be. (2A) where the name of the accredited Energy Auditor or Energy Auditor (Building) is removed on the grounds specified in clause (e) of sub-regulation (1), his name shall not be restored in the accreditation process. (2B) where the name of the accredited Energy Auditor or Energy Auditor (Building) is proposed to be removed on the grounds specified in clause (a) or clause (c) of sub-regulation (1), the accreditation of such accredited Energy Auditor or Energy Auditor (Building), as applicable, shall be placed under suspension immediately on the happening of events specified in such clause until inquiry is completed and in the event, the allegation levelled against such accredited Energy Auditor or Energy Auditor (Building) is conclusively proved in the inquiry, the accreditation of such accredited Energy Auditor or Energy Auditor (Building) shall be cancelled and his name shall be removed from the register containing the list of accredited Energy Auditor or Energy Auditor (Building) with the approval of competent authority. (2C) where the name of accredited Energy Auditor or Energy Auditor (Building) has been removed under clause (2B), the trade name as well as firm's name shall also be removed from the list of offices and firms. (2D) where the firm referred to in sub-regulation (2) of regulation 7 has on its strength more than one accredited Energy Auditor or Energy Auditor (Building), every such person at the time of happening of the event specified in clause (a) or clause (c) of the aforesaid regulation shall be held responsible for furnishing of incorrect, misleading or false information or guilty of professional misconduct or fraud if such person was responsible for the conduct of the business of that firm as well as the firm shall also be deemed to have acted for commissioning of the aforesaid irregularity or misconduct: Provided that nothing contained in this sub-regulation shall render the person responsible, if he proves that contravention of the aforesaid provision was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the contravention of the aforesaid provisions. Where the accreditation of the accredited Energy Auditor or Energy Auditor (Building) is cancelled and his (3) name is removed on the grounds specified in clause (a) or clause (c) of sub-regulation (1), no restoration of name in the register shall be made by the bureau.

• Regulation 10, which specifies Issue of duplicate certificate, Namely: (1) Where an accredited energy auditor or Accredited Energy Auditor (Building) has lost the certificate of accreditation, the Bureau may, on an application made in this behalf, duly accompanied by a copy of first information report lodged with the concerned police station, issue a duplicate certificate on payment of a fee of rupees five hundred by demand draft drawn in favour of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, New Delhi or by any electronic mode of payment. (2) Where the certificate issued by the Bureau is damaged, the Bureau may on an application made in this behalf and on surrendering of the damaged certificate, issue a duplicate certificate on receipt of a fee of rupees five hundred by way of demand draft drawn in favour of Bureau of Energy Efficiency payable at New Delhi or by any electronic mode of payment.

• Form I, which specifies Application for Certificate of Accreditation has been added. All persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft regulations shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette. Objection or suggestion, if any, may be addressed to the Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, Sector-1, New Delhi – 110066 and may be sent at the

e-mail address of the Bureau at dg-bee@nic.in The objections or suggestions, if any, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft regulations within the period so specified, shall be considered by the Bureau. [Notification No. 02/11(7)/09-BEE]

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Draft Bureau Energy Efficiency (Certification Procedures for energy auditors, energy auditors (Building) and energy managers) Regulations, 2021

Jun 22, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency on June 18, 2021 has issued the Draft Bureau Energy Efficiency (Certification Procedures for energy auditors, energy auditors (Building) and energy managers) Regulations, 2021. The following provisions under the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Certification Procedures for energy auditors, energy auditors (Building) and energy managers) Regulations, 2021 are as under: - ■ The bureau can conduct National Examination through agency or by itself for the purpose of certification of Energy Auditors or Energy Auditors (Building) or Energy Managers. The Bureau shall, by publication in the newspaper, notify the date, time and place where such National Examination shall be conducted. ■ The person should possess qualifications specified in the rule 4 of the Energy Conservation (Minimum Qualification for Energy Auditors, Energy Auditors (Building) and Energy Managers) Rules 2020. ■ For certification of Energy Managers, Energy Auditors and Energy Auditors (Building), the Bureau shall issue a certificate in Form II, Form IIA and Form IIB, respectively, to the person who has passed the said National Examination. ■ The Bureau shall maintain separate Register of Certified Energy Auditors, Certified Energy Auditors (Building) and Certified Energy Managers in Form-III and include in the said registers the name of persons to whom certificates have been issued under regulation. Objection or suggestion, if any which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft regulations on or after the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette may be addressed to the Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, Sector-1, New Delhi – 110066 or at dg-bee@nic.in. [Notification No- No. 2/11(2)/07-BEE]

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The Food Corporation of India (Staff) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2021

Jun 22, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) on June 17, 2021 has issued the Food Corporation of India (Staff) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2021 to further amend The Food Corporation of India (Staff) Regulations, 1971. The amendments are as follows : • Regulation 2(n), which specifies definition of “Accelerated Promotion Scheme” (APS) has been inserted, namely: “ “Accelerated Promotion Scheme” (APS) is an additional methodology for promotion through Limited Departmental Promotion Examination (LDPE) and the employees who are promoted through APS are covered under the term appointee or promotee wherever appears in the Regulations.” • Regulation 10(iii), which specifies Procedures for Promotion has been amended, namely: “All promotions except through APS shall be considered by a Promotion Board duly constituted for this purpose and shall be regulated by the general instructions to be issued by the Board of Directors, in regard to the field

of choice of candidates, the size of the panel and the validity of the panel. APS shall be extended to the specified percentage of available promotional vacancies as indicated in Appendix-I.” • Regulation 10(iii), which specifies the Procedures for Promotion has been further amended by insertion of a proviso, namely: “Provided that, a post where promotions are made through APS, the seniority of eligible selected candidates will be arranged in the consolidated order of merit in limited departmental promotion examination.” • Regulation 16(3)(A), which specifies Relative seniority of promotees and accelerated promotees has been inserted, namely: “The relative seniority of promotees and accelerated promotees will be determined according to rotation of the vacancies as between promotees and accelerated promotees based on the quotas reserved for Promotion and Accelerated Promotion Scheme respectively.” • Existing Regulation 16(3), which specifies Relative seniority of promotees and accelerated promotees has been renumbered as “Regulation 16(3)(B)” • Appendix I, which specifies THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF POSTS, SCALES OF PAY, MODE OF RECRUITMENT ETC. IN THE FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA has been amended. [Notification No.EP-1(1)/2015 (Pt.)]

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EHS

Environment (Protection) Second Amendment Rule, 2021

Jun 30, 2021 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) on June 25, 2021 has issued the Environment (Protection) Second Amendment Rules, 2021 to further amend the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986. The amendment is made under Rule 3, in sub-rule (8), in clause (1), for item (ii), the following item shall be substituted, namely:— “ (ii) In case of coal washeries, middling and rejects to be utilised in any Thermal Power Plants, subject to the said Thermal Power Plant complying with the stipulated emission and fly ash norms as specified in Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notification number S.O. 3305 (E) dated the 7th December, 2015, read with the notification number S.O. 763 (E), dated the 14th September, 1999 and its amendments [vide numbers S.O. 979 (E), dated the 27th August, 2003, S.O. 2804 (E), dated the 3rd November, 2009 and S.O. 254(E) dated 25th January, 2016] and related subsequent notifications and amendments issued from time to time” [Notification No. G.S.R. 443(E)]

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CPCB issues extension for registration of PIBOs under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on June 16, 2021 has issued the extension for the registration of producers, Importers & Brandwoners (PIBOs) (for those operating in more than two States/UTs) and not yet applied for registration under the Provisions of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 to August 1, 2021. [Notification No- B-17011/7/PWM/2021]

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Secretarial

SEBI has issued a circular for cross margin in commodity index futures and its underlying constituent futures for its variants

Jun 30, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 29, 2021 has issued a notification for the cross margin in commodity index futures and its underlying constituent futures for its variants. The following provisions are applicable:

- Cross margin benefit of 75 % on Initial Margin may be allowed for eligible offsetting positions of index futures and futures of its underlying constituents or its variants. The Extreme Loss Margin and Market to Market Margin shall continue to be levied.
- Cross margin benefit shall be computed at the client level on an online real time basis and provided to the trading member / clearing member, as the case may be. This benefit in turn shall be passed on to the client.
- Clients may be allowed to maintain two accounts with trading member/clearing member, viz arbitrage account (which holds fully replicated portfolio) and a non-arbitrage account. This is for the purpose of allowing clients to convert a partially replicated portfolio into a fully replicated portfolio by taking opposite positions in two accounts.
- However, for the purpose of compliance and reporting requirements, the positions across both the accounts shall be taken together and the client shall continue to have a unique client code.
- To be eligible for cross margin benefit, contracts belonging to Index futures and underlying constituents or its variants shall belong to same expiry month or to the nearest expiry month and should be from amongst the first three expiring contracts only.
- Cross Margin benefit on the eligible positions shall be entirely withdrawn latest by the start of the tender period for the constituent futures of the index or its variants or start of the expiry day, whichever is earlier.
- Clearing Corporations/Exchanges may introduce cross margin benefit, after back testing for adequacy of cross margin to cover Mark to Market losses (MTM) for a minimum period of six months. Initial margin after cross margin benefit should be able to cover MTM on at least 99% of the days as per back testing. [Circular No. SEBI/HO/CDMRD/CDMRD_DRM/P/CIR/2021/586]

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Government amends the notification for the use of Aadhaar for delivery of subsidies

Jun 29, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Food and Public Distribution on June 23, 2021 has amended a previous notification (no. S.O. 371(E)) dated February 8, 2017 which specifies the use of Aadhaar as identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes. The amendments in the notification are as followed:

- In paragraph 1, in sub-paragraph (2), the date "June 30, 2021" has been substituted by "September 30, 2021".
- In paragraph 2, in sub-paragraph (1), the date "June 30, 2021" has been substituted by "September 30, 2021". [Notification No. S.O. 2586(E)]

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SEBI has issued circular for prudential norms for liquidity risk management for open ended debt schemes

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 25, 2021 has issued a circular for the prudential norms for liquidity risk management for open ended debt schemes. The following provisions have been given: • This framework specified by AMFI as referred under para 2 shall come into force with effect from December 1, 2021, for all the existing open ended debt schemes (except Overnight Fund, Gilt Fund and Gilt Fund with 10 year constant duration) and schemes to be launched on or thereafter. However, mutual funds may at their discretion, choose to adopt the framework specified by AMFI before the effective date. • For asset allocation limits the base shall be considered as Net assets excluding the extent of minimum stipulated liquid assets. [Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-II DOF3/P/CIR/2021/583]

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SEBI has issued a circular for the alignment of interest employees of AMC with unitholder of mutual fund scheme

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 25, 2021 has issued a circular for the alignment of interest of key employees of asset management companies (AMC's) with the unitholders of the mutual fund schemes. From the feedback from the stakeholders, the extension of the circular has been done till October 01, 2021 for implementation. [Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-I/DOF5/P/CIR/2021/582]

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Government Approves the Extension of PM-GKAY till Diwali 2021

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution on June 23, 2021 has announced the extension of the PMGKAY (2021) Scheme for a further period of five month still Diwali in November, 2021. On a review of the continuing COVID 19 situation in the country and to help the poor and the needy during the crisis the ministry has decided to allocate food grains (Wheat or Rice), free of cost, involving a total quantity of around 204 LMT of food grains for a period of further 5 months will be provided to around 80 Crore NFSA beneficiaries with an estimated financial implication of up to Rs. 67,266 Cr The entire cost of this additional allocation under PM-GKAY, including the expenditure on intra state transportation, dealers' margin etc., will be borne by Government of India without any sharing by States/UTs.

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MCA extends the date to conduct EGM's through VC or OAVM

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on June 23, 2021 has issued a circular for the clarification on passing of special resolution by companies under the Companies Act, 2013 read with rules made thereunder on account of COVID-19 extension. Further, it has been allowed by the Ministry to conduct their EGM's through VC or OAVM or transact items through postal in accordance with the framework provided till December 31, 2021. [Circular No. 10/2021]

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Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on June 23, 2021 has issued the Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021. The following provisions have been made: • The Central Government hereby specifies Accounting Standards 1 to 5, 7 and 9 to 29 as recommended by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, which are specified in the Annexure to these rules. • The Accounting Standards shall come into effect in respect of accounting periods commencing on or after April 01, 2021. • Every company, other than companies on which Indian Accounting Standards as notified under Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 are applicable, and its auditor(s) shall comply with the Accounting Standards in the manner specified in the Annexure. • The Accounting Standards shall be applied in the preparation of Financial Statements.

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The Rules of Business of the Government of Haryana (Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jun 30, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Government of Haryana on June 25, 2021 has issued The Rules of Business of the Government of Haryana (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Rules of Business of the Government of Haryana, 1977. Under Rule 5, for the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely :- “Provided that no case in regard to which the Finance Department is required to be consulted under rule 7 shall save in exceptional circumstances and under the directions of the Chief Minister be discussed by the Council unless the Finance Minister has had an opportunity for its consideration except alienation of lands owned by the Municipal Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institution of the State in consideration of the fact that they constitute a third and separate tier of Government.” [Notification No. 7/1/2020-2Cabinet]

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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution allocates 198.78 LMT food grains under PMGKAY- IV

Jun 30, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution on June 29, 2021 has issued a press release which states the allocation of 198.78 LMT food grains under PMGKAY- IV from July to November 2021. The following objectives have been given: • 8 States starts Lifting food grains against PMGKAY-IV, lifted 1.06 LMT food grains • Government supplies 77.42 LMT free food grains to all States/ UTs under PMGKAY-III (May-June 2021) • 23 States/ UTs lifted full allocation for May-June 2021 under PMGKAY-III *the document is available on the mentioned link.

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The Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jun 29, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on June 28, 2021 has issued the Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989. The following amendment in the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 are as under: - ■ In Rule 115 which specifies Emission of smoke, vapour, etc. from motor vehicles, In “Notes” given the following changes has been made: - • In Rule 18 (i) (22) which specifies “For the bi-Fuel vehicles, the Reference Gasoline fuel shall be as per E-10 or E12 or E15 as declared by the manufacturer during approval”, has been inserted. • In Rule 19 (i) (16) which specifies “For the bi-Fuel vehicles, the Reference Gasoline fuel shall be as per E-5 or E12 or E15 as declared

by the manufacturer during approval”, has been inserted. • In Rule 20 (15) & (16) has been substituted. • In Rule 22 (15) & (16) which specifies “ The compatibility of vehicle to level of ethanol blend of E12or E15 or E20 or E85 or E100 shall be defined by the vehicle manufacturer and the same shall be displayed on vehicle by putting a clearly visible sticker” & “ For the bi-Fuel vehicles, the Reference Gasoline fuel shall be as per E-10 or E12 or E15 as declared by the manufacturer during approval” respectively, has been inserted. ■ In Rule 115-L which specifies “Mass emission standard for E-12 (12 % Ethanol-Gasoline Blend) and E-15 (15 % Ethanol-Gasoline Blend) vehicles”, has been inserted: - (1) The newly manufactured gasoline vehicles fitted with spark ignition engine compatible to run on ethanol gasoline blends of E-12 and E-15 shall be type approved as per prevailing gasoline emission norms. (2) The compatibility of vehicle to level of ethanol blend of E-12 and E-15 shall be defined by the vehicle manufacturer and the same shall be displayed on vehicle by putting a clearly visible sticker. (3) Test requirements for Type Approval test shall be as per Table I which specifies Test requirements for CMVR compliance for four wheeled vehicles with Gross Vehicle Weight less than or equal to 3,500 kg. The objections or suggestions from any person in respect of the said draft rules before the expiry of thirty days from the June 28, 2021 will be considered by the Central Government, if any, may be sent to the Joint Secretary (MVL, Transport & Toll), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001 or on the email: comments-morth@gov.in. [Notification No- G.S.R. 439(E)]

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Ether (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on June 24, 2021 issues the Ether (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021 to further amend the Ether (Quality Control) Order, 2020 and has clarified that this Order shall come into effect from December 20, 2021. [Order No. S.O. 2548(E)]

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Ethylene Glycol (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on June 24, 2021 issues the Ethylene Glycol (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021 to further amend the Ethylene Glycol (Quality Control) Order, 2020 and has clarified that this Order shall come into effect from December 20, 2021. [Order No. S.O. 2547(E)]

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Phthalic Anhydride (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on June 24, 2021 issues the Phthalic Anhydride (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021 to further amend the Phthalic Anhydride (Quality Control) Order, 2020 and has clarified that this Order shall come into effect from December 20, 2021. [Order No. S.O. 2550(E)]

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Toluene (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on June 24, 2021 issues the Toluene (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021 to further amend the Toluene (Quality Control) Order, 2020 and has clarified that this Order shall come into effect from December 20, 2021. [Order No. S.O. 2552(E)]

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The Central Motor Vehicles (Fourteenth Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on June 18, 2021 has issued the Central Motor Vehicles (Fourteenth Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The following amendments have been made : • Regulation 93(1)(A)(VI), which specifies Motor Vehicle Category N has been amended, 1. After the first proviso, the following proviso has been Inserted, namely : "Provided further that in case motor vehicle of category N2 or N3 is engaged to carry indivisible loads, the overall height of the motor vehicle shall not exceed 4.75 meters." 2. In the second proviso for the words "Provided further", the word "Provided also" has been substituted. • In Regulation 93, Sub rule (4) and (5), which specifies "over all dimensions of vehicles" have been re-numbered as sub-rules (3) and (4) respectively. [Notification No. G.S.R. 435(E)]

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n-Butyl Acrylate (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on June 24, 2021 issues the n-Butyl Acrylate (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021 to further amend the n-Butyl Acrylate (Quality Control) Order, 2020 and has clarified that this Order shall come into effect from December 20, 2021. [Order No. S.O. 2549(E)]

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Terephthalic Acid (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021

Jun 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on June 24, 2021 issues the Terephthalic Acid (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2021 to further amend the Terephthalic Acid (Quality Control) Order, 2020 and has clarified that this Order shall come into effect from December 20, 2021. [Order No. S.O. 2551(E)]

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BIS has amended a notification which specifies date of establishment and cancellation of certain Indian Standards

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 21, 2021 has amended notification no. S.O. 4879(E) dated 10 September 2018, which specifies the establishment and cancellation date for certain Indian Standards. The following amendments have been made : • Sl. No. 15, column (2) of the schedule ■ Substitute 'IS/ISO 11979-2 : 2014 Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 2: Optical properties and test methods (first revision)' for 'IS/ISO 11979-2 : 2014 Ophthalmic Implants – Intraocular Lenses Part 2 Optical Properties and Test Methods' • Sl. No. 15, column (4) of the schedule ■ Substitute 'IS/ISO 11979-2 : 1999 Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 2: Optical properties and test methods' for 'NA' • Sl. No. 15, column (5) of the schedule ■ Substitute '4 September 2018' for 'NA' • Sl. No. 16, column (2) of the schedule ■ Substitute 'IS/ISO 11979-3 : 2012 Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 3: Mechanical properties and test methods (first revision)' for 'IS/ISO 11979- 3 : 2012 Ophthalmic implants – Intraocular Lenses Part 3 Mechanical Properties and Test Methods' • Sl. No. 16, column (4) of the schedule ■ Substitute 'IS/ISO 11979-3 : 2006 Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 3: Mechanical properties and test methods' for 'NA' • Sl. No. 16, column (5) of the schedule ■ Substitute '4 September 2018' for 'NA' [Notification No. HQ-PUB012/1/2020-PUB-BIS (180)]

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BIS notifies Indian Standards of Safety Glass ■ Specifications under BIS Rules, 2018

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 21, 2021 has issued the date of establishment and date of withdrawal/cancellation of Indian Standard under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. IS 2553 (Part 2) : 2019 Safety Glass ■ Specifications Part 2 for Road Transport (First Revision) has been established on March 23, 2021 and will remain in force till December 15, 2021. [Notification No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (186)]

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BIS notifies various Indian Standards of Air Conditioners, Water Heaters and many other under BIS Rules, 2018

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 21, 2021 has issued the date of establishment and date of withdrawal/cancellation of various Indian Standards under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The following Indian Standards are:-

- IS 1391 (Part 1) : 2017 Room air conditioners ■ Specification Part 1 Unitary air conditioners (Third Revision)) has been established on June 18, 2021 and will remain in force till June 17, 2022.
- IS 1391 (Part 2) : 2018 Room air conditioners ■ Specification Part 2 Split air conditioners (Third Revision)) has been established on June 18, 2021 and will remain in force till June 17, 2022.
- IS 8148 : 2018 Ducted and package air conditioners ■ Specification (Second Revision)) has been established on June 18, 2021 and will remain in force till June 17, 2022.
- IS 17150 : 2019 Mini Domestic Water Heater for Use with Piped Natural Gas (PNG) – Specification) has been established on June 18, 2021 and will remain in force till August 15, 2021.
- IS 11552 : 2020 Liquid Nitrogen Vessels of Capacity up to 75 Litres — Specification (Second Revision)) has been established on June 18, 2021 and will remain in force till Sept 17, 2021. [Notification No. HQ-PUB014/2/2020-PUB-BIS (184)]

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BIS notifies various Indian Standards of Polyvinyl Chloride and many other under BIS Rules, 2018**Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 23, 2021 has issued the date of establishment and date of withdrawal/cancellation of various Indian Standards under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The following Indian Standards have been established on June 22, 2021 and will remain in force till September 30, 2021:-

- IS 7834 (Part 1) : 1987 Specification for Injection Moulded PVC Socket Fittings with Solvent Cement Joints for Water Supplies Part 1 General Requirements (First Revision)
- IS 9271 : 2004 Unplasticized Polyvinyl Chloride (UPVC) Single Wall Corrugated Pipes for Drainage ■ Specification (First Revision)
- IS 10124 (Part 1) : 2009 Fabricated PVC-U Fittings for Potable Water Supplies ■ Specification Part 1 General Requirements (Second Revision)
- IS 12231 : 1987 Specification for Unplasticized PVC Pipes for Use in Suction and Delivery Lines of Agricultural Pump Sets
- IS 12818 : 2010 Unplasticized Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC-U) Screen and Casing Pipes for Bore/Tubewells ■ Specification (Second Revision)
- IS 13592 : 2013 Unplasticized Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC-U) Pipes for Soil and Waste Discharge System for Inside and Outside Buildings Including Ventilation and Rain Water System ■ Specification (First Revision)
- IS 13593 : 1992 UPVC Pipe Fittings for Use with UPVC Pipes in the Suction and Delivery Lines of Agricultural Pumps ■ Specification
- IS 14735 : 1999 Unplasticized Polyvinyl Chloride (UPVC) Injection Moulded Fittings for Soil and Waste Discharge System for Inside and Outside Buildings Including Ventilation and Rain Water System ■ Specification
- IS 15265 : 2003 Flexible PVC Pipes or Polymer Reinforced Thermoplastic Hoses for Suction and Delivery Lines of Agricultural Pumps ■ Specification
- IS 15328 : 2003 Unplasticized Non-Pressure Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC-U) Pipes for Use in Underground Drainage and Sewerage Systems ■ Specification
- IS 15778 : 2007 Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC) Pipes for Potable Hot and Cold Water Distribution Supplies ■ Specification
- IS 16098 (Part 1) : 2013 Structured-Wall Plastics Piping Systems for Non-Pressure Drainage and Sewerage ■ Specification Part1 Pipes and Fittings with Smooth External Surface, Type A
- IS 16647 : 2017 Oriented Unplasticized Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC-O) Pipes for Water Supply ■ Specification [Notification No. HQ-PUB014/2/2020-PUB-BIS (185)]

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BIS notified Indian Standards of certain items/goods under BIS rules,2018

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 21, 2021 has issued the date of establishment of certain Indian Standards under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The goods/items are as followed: • IS 548 (Part 1/Sec 1) : 2021 Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats Part 1 Sampling, Physical and Chemical Tests Section 1 Sampling • IS 548 (Part 1/Sec 2) : 2021 Method of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats Part 1 Sampling, Physical and Chemical Tests Section 2 Physical and Chemical Tests • IS 548 (Part 3/Sec 1) : 2021 Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats Part 3 Advanced Instrumental Methods Section 1 Determination of Fatty Acid Profile • IS 1000 : 2021 Edible Lactose – Specification (Second Revision) • IS 1153 : 2021 Temporary Corrosion Preventives, Hard Film, Solvent Deposited ■ Specification (Third Revision) • IS 1167 : 2021 Edible Casein Products – Specification (Second Revision) • IS 1448 (Part 50): 2021 Methods of Test for Petroleum and its Products Part 50 Chlorine in New and Used Lubricants (Sodium Alcoholate Method) (Third Revision) • IS 1448 (Part 120) : 2021 Methods of Test for Petroleum and its Products Part 120 Zinc in Lubricating Oil (First Revision) • IS 3065 : 2021 Cutting Oil, Neat – Specification (Third Revision) • IS 4709 : 2021 Flavoured Milk – Specification (First Revision) • IS 5162 : 2021 Chhana – Specification (Second Revision) • IS 6117 : 2021 Textiles ■ Tapes, Cotton ■ Specification (Second Revision) • IS/ISO 6360-5 : 2007 Dentistry – Number Coding System for Rotary Instruments Part 5 Specific Characteristics of Root- canal Instruments • IS 6519 : 2021 Code of Practice for Selection, Care and Repair of Safety, Protective and Occupational Footwear(First Revision) • IS 6531 : 2021 Canal Head Regulators – Criteria for Design (Second Revision) • IS 6614 : 2021 Aluminium Chloride, Anhydrous, Technical ■ Specification (First Revision) • IS 7129 : 2021 Potassium Carbonate, Anhydrous – Specification (Second Revision) • IS/ISO 7786 : 2001 Dental Rotary Instruments – Laboratory Abrasive Instruments All the above stated items/goods have been established on June 17, 2021. [Notification No. HQ-PUB012/1/2020-PUB-BIS (181)]

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BIS notifies Indian Standards of Unplasticized PVC Pipes for Water Supplies under BIS rules,2018

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 21, 2021 has issued the date of establishment of certain Indian Standards under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. IS 4985 : 2021 Unplasticized PVC Pipes for Water Supplies ■ Specification (Fourth Revision), has been established on June 22, 2021. [Notification No. HQ-PUB012/1/2020-PUB-BIS (179)]

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Draft rules Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) rules, 2021

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on June 18, 2021 has issued the draft motor vehicle (Amendment) rules, 2021. The Amended rules are as followed: • Rule 115A(9), which specifies standards of gaseous pollutants for Agricultural Equipment has been amended, namely : 1. The words “Non-Road Safety Cycle (NRSC)” shall be replaced by “Non-Road Steady Cycle (NRSC)” 2. The heading “Applicable with effect from”, instead of “October 01, 2021” the following date shall be substituted “April 01, 2022” • Rule 115A(10), which specifies construction equipment vehicle shall be so manufactured that it complies with the following standards of gaseous pollutants emitted, namely : The words “Non-Road Safety Cycle (NRSC)” shall be replaced by “Non-Road Steady Cycle (NRSC)” Objections and suggestions to these draft rules, if any, may be sent to the Joint Secretary (MVL, Transport & Toll), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001 or on the email: comments-morth@gov.in; [Notification No. G.S.R. 434(E)]

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BIS notified Indian Standards of certain items under BIS rules,2018**Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 21, 2021 has issued the date of establishment of certain Indian Standards under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The items are as followed : • IS 18002 (Part 1) : 2021 Unified Digital Infrastructure – Data Layer Part 1 Reference Architecture • IS 18003 (Part 2) : 2021 Unified Data Exchange Part 2 API Specification • IS 18004 (Part 1) : 2021 IoT System Part 1 Reference Architecture • IS 18006 (Part 1) : 2021 Municipal Governance Part 1 Reference Architecture • IS 18006 (Part 3/Sec 1) : 2021 Municipal Governance Part 3 Property Tax Section 1 Taxonomy • IS 18008 (Part 1) : 2021 Smart Cities – GIS Part 1 Reference Architecture All the item stated above have established on June 22, 2021. [Notification No. HQ-PUB012/1/2020-PUB-BIS (182)]

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BIS notifies Indian Standards of Personal Fall Arrest Systems under BIS rules,2018**Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 21, 2021 has issued the date of Establishment of certain Indian Standards under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. IS 3521(Part 1) : 2021 Personal Fall Arrest Systems – Specification Part 1 Full Body Harness (Fourth Revision), has been established on June 11, 2021. [Notification No. HQ-PUB012/1/2020-PUB-BIS (178)]

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BIS notifies Indian Standards of Steel Tubes, Tubulars and other Wrought Steel Fittings under BIS Rules, 2018

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 21, 2021 has issued the date of establishment and date of withdrawal/cancellation of Indian Standard under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. IS 1239 (Part 1): 2004 Steel Tubes, Tubulars and other Wrought Steel Fittings ■ Specification Part 1 Steel Tubes has been established on June 17, 2021 and will remain in force till December 16, 2021. [Notification No. HQ-PUB014/1/2020-PUB-BIS(183)]

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BIS notifies Indian Standards of High Strength Structural Nuts under BIS Rules, 2018**Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 21, 2021 has issued the date of establishment and date of withdrawal/cancellation of Indian Standard under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. IS 6623: 2004 High Strength Structural Nuts ■ Specification (Second Revision) has been established on August 17, 2020 and will remain in force till September 10, 2021. [Notification No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (187)]

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Department of Consumer Affairs seeks suggestions on proposed amendment to the Consumer Protection (E-commerce) Rules, 2020**Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Commercial**

The Department of Consumer Affairs on July 21, 2021 has proposed the amendment in the Consumer Protection (E-commerce) Rules, 2020. The said rule has been issued with effect from July 23, 2020, for the purpose of preventing unfair trade practices in e-commerce. However, the government has received several representations from aggrieved consumers, traders and associations complaining against widespread cheating and unfair trade practices being observed in the e-commerce ecosystem. So, the proposal to the amendment in the Consumer Protection (E-commerce) Rules, 2020 are made here under: - ■ In Rule 2 which specifies "Definition", the following addition will be made; - • Rule 2(c) "Cross-selling" means sale of goods or services which are related, adjacent or complimentary to a purchase made by a consumer at a time from any ecommerce entity with an intent to maximize the revenue of such e-commerce entity. • Rule 2(d) "Fall back liability" means the liability of a marketplace e-commerce entity where a seller registered with such entity fails to deliver the goods or services ordered by a consumer due to negligent conduct, omission or commission of any act by such seller in fulfilling the duties and liabilities in the manner as prescribed by the marketplace e-commerce entity which causes loss to the consumer. • Rule 2(e) "Flash sale" means a sale organized by an e-commerce entity at significantly reduced prices, high discounts or any other such promotions or attractive offers for a predetermined period of time on selective goods and services or otherwise with an intent to draw large number of consumers. • Rule 2 (k) "mis-selling" means an e-commerce entity selling goods or services by deliberate misrepresentation of information by such entity about such goods or services as suitable for the user who is purchasing it. ■ In Rule 4 which specifies "Registration of e-commerce entities", has been inserted. ■ In Rule 5 which specifies "Duties of e-commerce

entities”, few changes has been made:-

- In rule 5(4) which specifies “Where an e-commerce entity offers imported goods or services for sale, it shall mention the name and details of any importer from whom it has purchased such goods or services, or who may be a seller on its platform”, has been omitted.
- In Rule 5(7) which specifies “Where an e-commerce entity offers imported goods or services for sale” has been inserted.
- Rule 5(11) & (12) which specifies “No e-commerce entity shall indulge in mis-selling of goods or services offered on its platform” & “An e-commerce entity which is engaged in cross-selling of goods or services shall provide adequate disclosure to its users displayed prominently in a clear and accessible manner on its platform”, shall be inserted.
- In Rule 6 which specifies “Liabilities of marketplace e-commerce entities”, the following amendment will be made: -
- Rule 6(5) which specifies No logistics service provider of a marketplace e-commerce entity shall provide differentiated treatment between sellers of the same category, has been inserted.
- Rule 6(7) which specifies “No marketplace e-commerce entity shall sell goods or services to any person who is registered as seller on its platform”, shall be inserted.
- Rule 6(*) which specifies “ No marketplace e-commerce entity shall advertise a body of sellers for the purpose of subsidizing a sale on its platform”, has been inserted.

Therefore, The Department of Consumer Affairs seeks views/ comments/ suggestions on the proposed amendments to Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020 sent within 15 days (by 6th July 2021) by email to js-ca@nic.in. [Notification No- J-10/3/2018-CPU (Computer No:16082)]

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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution extended the period for utilization of pre-printed packing material stock due to situation of Covid-19

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on June 18, 2021 has issued an order to permit the manufacturer to utilize the existing packaging material or wrapper up to September 30, 2021 or till such date the packaging material or wrapper is exhausted, whichever is earlier by declaring the correct month and year of manufacturing by way of stamping or online printing as the case may be under the Legal Metrology (Packaged commodities) Rules, 2011. [Order No. WM-10(22)/2020]

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The Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts (Second Amendment) Order, 2021

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on June 23, 2021 has issued the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts (Second Amendment) Order, 2021 to further amend the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2020.

- In Clause 1A which specifies “Application of Order”, shall be inserted: - “This order shall apply only to the districts mentioned in the Annexure and to 14, 18 and 22 caratages of gold jewellery and gold artefacts.”
- In Clause 2(3) which specifies “Compulsory selling of precious metals articles of gold marked with Hallmark through certified sales outlet”, the following item shall be inserted: - (h) any article meant for export and re-import as per trade policy of the Government of India.

(i) any article meant for international exhibitions. (j) any article meant for domestic business-to-business exhibitions, approved by the Government. (k) special categories of jewellery, namely Kundan, Polki and Jadaau. (l) watch and fountain pen. (m) jewellers with the annual turnover of upto rupees fourty lakh per annum. ■ The Annexure mentioned in the Clause 1A defines the district in the notification. [Notification No-S.O. 2481(E)]

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The Himachal Pradesh Water Sports and Allied Activities Rules, 2021

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Himachal Pradesh Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation has issued the Himachal Pradesh Water Sports and Allied Activities Rules, 2021. The draft rules were published on December 6, 2019 for inviting objections and suggestions from the general public, but no objection has been received and therefore, these Rules are published. These Rules has declared the operation of Water Sports and Allied Activities to be conducted in the area of operation demarcated by the Technical Committee in the water bodies listed in the Schedule-I. Any person intending to act as a Water Sports and Allied Activities Operator may make an application in FORM-1 to the prescribed authority for registration. The Prescribed Authority may suspend or cancel the registration of an operator/boatman/motor boat driver/crew member etc. for commission of breach of rules as to safety norms and repeated violation of other rules after giving reasonable opportunity of being heard. [Notification No. TSM-A(3)-2/2018-II]

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Draft Cantonment Land Administration Rules, 2021

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Defence on June 23, 2021 has issued the Draft Cantonment land Administration Rules, 2021. The Important regulations under the draft cantonment Land Administration rules 2021 are as follwed : • Rule 4 , which specifies Classification of land for the purposes of General Land Register prescribed by Rule 3, namely : “(a) Land in the Cantonment which is vested in the Government shall be classified by the Central Government, or such other authority as the Central Government may empower in this behalf, into two classes, namely- 1. (i) Class “A” land which is required or reserved for specific military purposes; and 2. (ii) Class “B” land which is not so required, or reserved, but which is retained in the Cantonment for the effective discharge of duties of the Central Government in respect of military administration.” • Rule 8 , which specifies Reclassification of land from one class to another, namely: “No alteration in the classification of land which is vested in the Government or in the Board shall be made except by the Central Government, or such other authority as the Central Government may empower in this behalf, and the conditions on which land may be reclassification from one class to another shall be governed by the orders of the Central Government or by the provisions of any law or rule for the time being in force which may be applicable: Provided that prior to reclassification of land from one class to another or within the same class, the Central Government or the Competent authority to whom such power has been delegated, shall obtain the views from the Military Authorities or the Defence Establishment to whom management of such land has been entrusted; Provided

further that land in Class “B-4” may be reclassification to Class “B-3” by the Central Government or the Competent authority to whom such power has been delegated, and subject to the conditions prescribed by Rules 16 to 46.” • Rule 10 , which specifies Maintenance of General Land Register, namely: “(1) The Defence Estates Officer shall maintain the General Land Register and the General Land Register Plan, which includes its digitized version, prepared under rule 3 in respect of all land, other than land in Civil Areas, the management of which has been entrusted to, or vests in, the Board, and shall register all mutations in column 1 thereof, and shall enter therein- (i) Every transfer of right of interest in land in the Cantonment registered under Paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 54, and sections 59, 107 and 123 of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 (4 of 1882), of which information has been sent to him under sub-section (2) of section 354 of the Act, or by the Board, when such transfer necessitates an alteration of entries, in any of the columns of the register; Provided that he will take prior approval of the competent authority in the Government for accepting any such transfer of right in land before recording such transfers or alteration of entries. (ii) Every grant of such right or interest made by the Central Government. (iii) Every report of the transfer of such right or interest made under section 81 of the Act, sent to him by the Board under rule 42. (iv) Every acquisition of interest in land by a Board made under rule 4 of the Cantonment Property Rules, 2017. (v) Every transfer of land to or resumption from a Board made under rule 6 or transfer by a Board made under rule 8 of the Cantonment Property Rules, 2017. (vi) Every interdepartmental transfer of class “A” land and every transfer of class “A” land, from one service of the Military to another under the control of the same Head of Service or Defence Establishment sanctioned by the Central Government. (vii) Every alteration in classification of land sanctioned under rule 8. (viii) Every transfer of occupation between departments of the Central Government and the State Government. (ix) Every conversion of existing right in land of an occupier to freehold as sanctioned by the Competent Authority, bringing such land converted into freehold, under the classification B-3(a). (x) GIS-encoded digitization of all GLR plans shall be carried out which will be synchronised with the textual entries pertaining to each Survey Number through the Raksha Bhoomi ID of that Survey Number. (2)respect of any entry relating to transfer of any right if it is in violation of Central Governments’ instructions unless the condonation or regularization of such breach has been sanctioned by the Competent authority. (3) The Defence Estates Officer shall carry out such amendments to the General Land Register Plan as may become necessary pursuant to alterations of any entries in any columns of the General Land Register.” • Regulation 11 , which specifies Credit of Receipts, namely: “All receipts from land entrusted to the management of the Defence Estates Officer shall be credited to the Consolidated Fund of India as decided by the Government of India from time to time. “ • Regulation 12 , which specifies Defence Estates Officer’s Land Revenue Register, namely : “The Defence Estates Officer shall maintain a register, in the form prescribed in Schedule III, of all lands in class “A-1”, “A-2”, “B-3” and “B-4” which are entrusted to his management and from which revenue is derivable. This register shall be known as Defence Estates Officer’s Land Revenue Register, and shall be prepared annually with effect from April 1, 2021 so as to show annual demand in the shape of rent from building sites, agricultural land and other land.” • Regulation 15 , which specifies Sale of Land prohibited, namely : “The sale of land for any purpose without the specific orders of the Central Government is prohibited.” • Regulation 20 , which specifies Procedure prior to auction of the lease, namely : The Defence Estates Officer or the Cantonment Board, as the case may be, before putting the lease to the public auction, seek views of the Officer Commanding the Station regarding the requirement of the land which is to be put to auction, from military point of view. The Officer Commanding the Station shall be required to provide detailed reasons in writing in support of his views. “ • Regulation 24 , which specifies E-Auction, namely : “Upon the conclusion of e-Auction the Defence Estates Officer shall inform the person who offers to pay the highest amount as premium about, his bid being successful and require such successful bidder to deposit ten percent of the amount of his bid as security deposit within ten days from the receipt of such communication and to sign and undertaking consenting to the forfeiture of the said security deposit in case the balance of the bid amount of premium is not paid by the successful bidder within thirty days of the

date of confirmation of the auction by the Central Government; Provided that in case the reserve price of premium fixed under Rule 21 is not reached such intimation and offer shall not be made by the Defence Estate Officer to the highest bidder and that the lease shall not be given; Provided further that all communications shall be made by the Defence Estates Officer with the successful bidder by electronic mode of communication.” • Regulation 47 , which specifies Submission of Documents by the Lessee/Ex-Lessee, namely: (1) Such documents as are prescribed to be in custody of the Defence Estates or the Cantonment Board as the case may be, will not be required to be submitted by the applicant along with any application required to be processed under these Rules. (2) Self-certified copy of any document required to be submitted with any application to be processed under these Rules, shall be accepted unless statutorily required to be submitted in any other mode under any Act or Rule in force.

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BIS notifies Static Transformer Operated Watthour Meters under BIS Rule, 2018

Jun 22, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 11, 2021 has notified the establishment date and withdrawal date for Indian Standard (IS) 14697: 2021 a.c. Static Transformer Operated Watthour Meters (Class 0.2S and 0.5S) and VarHour Meters (Class 0.2S, 0.5S and 1 S) ■ Specification (First Revision) that is May 21, 2021 & May 20, 2021 respectively. [Notification No- HQ-PUB012/4/2020-PUB-BIS (173)]

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Labour

The Apprenticeship (Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jun 25, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Skill Development And Entrepreneurship on June 24, 2021 has issued the apprenticeship (amendment) rules, 2021 to further amend the Apprenticeship Rules, 1992. Schedule I of the said rule which specifies "The minimum educational qualifications and the period of apprenticeship training" has been amended. [Notification No. G.S.R. 436(E)]

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Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions issues a memorandum to Issue of Pension slip by Pension Disbursing Banks on monthly basis

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension on June 22, 2021 has issued a memorandum for Pension Disbursing Banks to issue a Pension slip on monthly basis. In order to ensure "Ease of Living" of the Pensioners, a meeting was held with the CPPCs of Pension Disbursing Banks on 15.06.2021, wherein the issue of providing the breakup of monthly pension to the pensioners was discussed. Therefore, it is requested to all the Pension Disbursing Banks to issue pension slip to pensioners after credit of pension on their registered mobile numbers through SMS and email (wherever available). Banks may also use social media apps whatsapp etc in addition to sms and email. The pension slip should provide complete details of monthly pension paid along with break-up of the amount credited and tax deductions etc. if any. The CPPCs of Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to ensure compliance for improving the "Ease of Living" for pensioners. [Office Memorandum No. 1(4)/2021-P&PW(H)-7223]

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ESIC grants exemption from MII provisions for the procurement of goods

Jun 24, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on June 21, 2021 has issued a notification for the grant of exemption from make in India (MII) provisions for the procurement of goods. Due to the procurement of MII through GEM portal, the availability of such products has become scarce. Thus, the authorities have provided the exemption for laptop, scanners and all-in-one system through GEM portals.

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Ministry of Labour and Employment declares services engaged in the Uranium Industry to be a public utility service

Jun 22, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on June 21, 2021, has passed a Notification declaring services engaged in the Uranium Industry, which is covered under item 19 of the First Schedule to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 to be a public utility service. The public interest requires the extension of the public utility service status to the said industry for a further period of six months as per the Act and will effect from June 19, 2021. [Notification No. S .O. 2415(E)]

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Government has issued a notification on YSR Bima Scheme for COVID-19 affected BPL families

Jun 29, 2021 | Andhra Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Labour, Factories, Boilers & Insurance Medical Services Department (Andhra Pradesh) on June 28, 2021 has issued a notification on YSR BIMA Scheme for providing Rs. 1 lakh natural death relief directly from Government and Rs. 5 lakh accidental death/ permanent disability relief through group insurance scheme to the primary bread earner's of BPL families. Government has approved the implementation of "YSR Bima Scheme" with following modifications for the benefit of approximately 1.32 crore members of poor, below poverty line families focusing on the Primary Bread Earner of the BPL Family with an estimated approximate expenditure of Rs.407.04 crores during the year 2021-22:

- Providing Rs. 1 lakh in case of natural death relief directly from Government in the age group of 18-50 years.
- Providing Rs. 5 lakh in case of accidental death/ permanent disability relief under suitable Group Insurance Scheme by payment of premium by Labour Department to the Competitive Insurance Agency to the nominee of the beneficiary in the age group of 18-70 years.

Following Amendments/Modifications have been made by the government to the YSR BIMA scheme w.e.f July 01, 2021 :

- All Primary Bread earners belonging to BPL families in the State, in the age group of 18 to 70 years are eligible to be enrolled as beneficiaries of new YSR- Bima Scheme.
- "Labour Department" is the "Nodal Agency" and the "GSWS Department" is the "Implementing Agency".
- The GSWS Department will resurvey the Primary Bread Earners of the BPL families and register the beneficiaries under YSR BIMA.
- All Primary Bread earners belonging to BPL families in the State will be registered through a Door-Door Survey to be undertaken by the Grama/ Ward Volunteers and enrol them as beneficiaries under YSR- Bima Scheme.
- A designated Officer of the Grama Sachivalayam/Ward Sachivalayam i.e., Welfare Assistant shall be the Registering Authority.
- Guidelines for Implementation of YSR Bima Scheme:
 1. All Grams/wards sachivalayams will act as YSR BIMA scheme facilitation centres for registration or enrolment.
 2. Implementing agency for this scheme will be GSWS Department and the Director.
 3. Implementing Agency (GSWS) should identify the members who are eligible to be covered under the scheme.
 4. Data should be accepted by the Department of Labour after due validation.
 5. For the purpose of admission into the scheme, the member have to sign a formal enrolment form and the declaration of good health.
- Eligibility Criteria: The members should be aged between 18 completed years and 70 years. He/ She should be from Below Poverty line. He/ She should be Primary Bread earning member.
- Verification of Age: The Nodal Agency has to satisfy that the member covered under the Scheme is in the respective age group as desired by the scheme. Age admission will be done based on Aadhar or any other document as specified in the notification under section 7 of the Aadhar Act.
- Appointment of Nominee: Every insured member have to appoint one or more from the spouse or children or dependents to be the nominee or nominees in accordance with Section 39 of Insurance Act 1938. In the event of death of the insured member while being covered under the Scheme, the benefits of insurance cover as assured on his life will be paid to the nominee. If the insured member does not have a spouse or child/children or dependents, then he will appoint his legal representative to be the nominee.
- Servicing of the Scheme: The Nodal Agency will coordinate with all concerned Implementing Agencies to adopt a strong IT based system to service the Scheme. The implementing agencies will maintain centralized data base of the insured members.
- Master policy & ID Card: The Nodal agency (Department of Labour) will be the master policy holder. The Implementing agency will submit the details of the individual beneficiary and the nodal agency will issue a separate unique ID card to each beneficiary along with a

standardized introduction letter from Hon'ble Chief Minister addressed to each individual beneficiary family enumerating the benefits, process, procedures, time lines and grievance redressal mechanism of the scheme. • The details of the scheme and modalities of implementation of the scheme will be as specified in the Annexure appended to this Notification. • At the District level the Scheme should be monitored closely by the Joint Collector (Welfare) to ensure the claims are settled within 15 days of the death of the Primary Bread earner. • At the State level the APGIC should provide the necessary technical support for better implementation and monitoring of the scheme from time to time [Notification No. G.O.Ms.No.7]

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Andhra Pradesh Government issues amendment in the Andhra Pradesh Co-operative Societies Rules, 1964

Jun 28, 2021 | Andhra Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Agriculture and Cooperation Department, Andhra Pradesh on June 24, 2021 has issued amendment in the Andhra Pradesh Co-operative Societies Rules, 1964. The Amendment in the Andhra Pradesh Co-operative Societies Rules, 1964 are as follow: - ■ In Rule 45 (2) (e) which specifies "Proof of payment of Professional Tax as required under AP Tax on Professions, Trade, Callings and Employments Act (TPTC &E) 1987 by the society, if liable", has been inserted. ■ In Rule 45 (5) (i) which specifies "The Chief Auditor or the authorised person shall verify or cause to be verified the statements and returns so furnished and issued or cause to be issued an audit certificate within three months which shall contain among other things, the following particulars", has been substituted. ■ In Rule 75 (12) which specifies "Rule 45 is inapplicable to Cooperative Credit Societies. They shall present such returns and accounts to auditor as are prescribed by Reserve Bank of India/National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and the auditor shall issue audit certificate as per the guidelines prescribed by Reserve Bank of India/National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development", has been substituted. [Notification No- 313]

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Andhra Pradesh government extended the date of commencement of Endorsement License issuance process for Aquaculture Farms and Aquaculture Business Operations

Jun 22, 2021 | Andhra Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Animal Husbandry Dairy Development & Fisheries Department (Andhra Pradesh) on June 21, 2021 has issued a notification on the extension of date of commencement of Endorsement / License issuance process for Aquaculture Farms and Aquaculture Business Operations under AP Aquaculture Seed (Quality Control) (Amendment) Act, 2020. The following amendment has been made: • The Date of commencement of Endorsement License issuance process for Aquaculture Farms and Aquaculture Business Operations under AP Aquaculture Seed (Quality Control) (Amendment) Act 2020, is July 01, 2021 instead of February 05, 2021, for applying for the Licenses within 4 months as per the provisions contained in Section 8(1) of the AP Aquaculture Seed (Quality Control) (Amendment) Act 2020, i.e. by October 31, 2021. [Notification No. 193]

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Assam

PCBA issues SOP for processing CTE/CTO applications for Ethanol producing Industries

Jun 28, 2021 | Assam | EHS

The Pollution Control Board, Assam (PCBA) on June 23, 2021 has issued the Standard operating Procedure (SOP) for processing CTE/CTO applications for Ethanol producing Industries and reduce the timeline for processing CTE and CTO applications with in 15days subject to all necessary compliances. The SOP for CTE applications submitted by Ethanol Producing Industries are as follows: - The project proponent may apply for CTE for proposal Ethanol production plant/industry online at www.asocmms.nic.in. The following documents and information should be submitted with application obtaining CTE. ■ Copy of Environment Clearance accorded to the Industry. ■ Land document including allotment letter/land allotment LOI. ■ Site specific details for location of the plant. ■ DIC registration certificate/approved plan. ■ Satellite imagery of the project/Industry. ■ Layout plan of the project. ■ NOC from Gaon Panchayat/Local Body. ■ Article of association or MOU of the company. ■ CTE fee as per govt. ■ Investment proof CA/CS certificate/self-certificate. ■ Distance certificate. The SOP for CTO applications submitted by Ethanol Producing Industries are as follows: - The project proponent may apply for CTE before 3 months of the proposed date of commission after CTE with all details. The following documents and information should be submitted with application obtaining CTO. ■ Compliance Report of Condition stipulated in the Environment Clearance as well as consent to establish. ■ Latitude and Longitude of the site along with Photographs of site. ■ Layout plan with details of proposal location of source of air pollution and water pollution. ■ Details of Effluent generation, treatment and disposal. ■ Drawing and specification of ETP. ■ Technical specification of Air pollution control devices. ■ Schematic diagram of monitoring facility. CTO and CTE shall be processed within a period of 15days on priority basis after receipt of all documents and information. [Notification No-WB/T-276/20-21/157/159]

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Delhi

Delhi Government has issued Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana

Jun 23, 2021 | Delhi | Secretarial

The Department of Social Welfare Delhi on June 22, 2021 has issued Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana to provide financial assistance to the surviving family of the bread earner who has died due to Covid 19 pandemic in Delhi since the outbreak of the disease. Government will also consider a single member of the affected family to be enrolled as a civil defense volunteer. Besides these the state affirms to look after the health and education needs of the dependent children as per existing policy and to give an Ex-gratia payment of Rs 50000 for each death to the family of deceased. This Ex-gratia assistance will be given to the kith and kin of the person deceased due to Covid-19, after he applies in the format prescribed by the Revenue Department, GNCTD. [Notification No. F. 41(367)/DSW/FAS/COVID RELIEF/2021-22/2758-2771]

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Haryana

Haryana Government issues Relief Package to BPL families who died due to COVID” Scheme

Jun 22, 2021 | Haryana | EHS

The Finance Department, Haryana on June 17, 2021 has issued the “Relief Package to BPL families who died due to COVID” Scheme. It has decided to provide compensation to all such persons from a BPL family in the age group of 18 to 50 years who lost his or her life due to Covid-19 from March 1, 2021, such surviving members of the BPL family shall be provided an ex-gratia compensation of Rs. 2 lakhs. The eligibility & Operations of the Scheme: - • The scheme shall be implemented w.e.f. March 1, 2021, onwards. • The scheme is applicable to all the BPL families of Haryana in the age group of 18-50 years. • The expenditure involved for the scheme shall be met out of the Haryana Corona Relief Fund (HCRF). Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the Scheme: - ■ Health Department- • The credentials of the deceased shall be verified by the CMO confirming the date of death of the BPL beneficiary and reason of death, i.e. due to COVID. • The CMO will send the verified report to the Director General Health Services for onward submission. • Thereafter, the verified report of Health Department will be sent to CRID for further verification. ■ Citizen Resource Information Department (CRID): • The CRID will verify the age and BPL status of the deceased. • The CRID will also convey the name of the surviving family member of the deceased, his bank details etc. who will get the claim as per the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) data. • In case, if the head of family dies, then the claimant for compensation shall be spouse and then the eldest member of family in PPP. If any other member of the family dies, then payment will be deposited into the account of the Head of Family. ■ Haryana Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management (SJHIFM): ■ • After verification from the Department of Health and CRID, the duly verified data will be examined by the Institute. • The duplicity of data and date of death shall be verified by the Institute. • The Institute shall also keep the record of all the payments which shall be made on account of “Relief Package to BPL families who died due to COVID” scheme. ■ Haryana Corona Relief Fund (HCRF): • After verification from the Department of Health, CRID and SJHIFM, the duly verified data will be forwarded Haryana Corona Relief Fund (HCRF) for making payment. • The HCRF shall credit the payment into the account of the surviving person through NPCI as per the data send to them. • The HCRF shall forward the copy of the sanction to the office of Director General, SJHIFM for their record. • HCRF will keep the copy of NPCI reports in a separate file. [Notification No- 28/25/2021-5B&C (SJHIFM)]

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Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Miscellaneous Adventure Activities (Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jun 24, 2021 | Himachal Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Himachal Pradesh on February 16, 2021 has issued the Himachal Pradesh Miscellaneous Adventure Activities (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Miscellaneous Adventure Activities Rules, 2017. The following amendment in Himachal Pradesh Miscellaneous Adventure Activities Rules, 2017 are made: - ■ In Rule 2 which specifies "Definition", the following changes has been made: - • Rule 2 (b) which specifies "Association" means a society registered under the Himachal Pradesh Cooperative Societies Act, 1968 or the Himachal Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2006; or Company/Trust registered under relevant Act", has been substituted. • Rule 2(n) & Rule 2(o) has been inserted respectively: - Rule 2(n) "Trekking" means a form of walking undertaken on foot with the specific aim of exploring and enjoying the natural areas/ forests/ mountain areas; but does not include walking on a trek route on pilgrimage to a religious place during the dates specified by the competent authority." Rule 2(o) "Trek Routes" means linear path or routes as identified and notified by the Department of Tourism and Forests from time to time as Easy, Moderate or Tough trek depending on the difficulty level." ■ In Rule 3 which is covered under Registration, the following amendment has been made: - • Rule 3(3) which specifies "The operator (s) or guide (s) or instructor (s) or association (s), as the case may be, who have a local office, who have at least two years experience in the relevant field shall be registered with the Tourism Department, Himachal Pradesh under the Act. The operator (s) or guide (s) or instructor (s) or association (s) which are based outside of the Himachal Pradesh also need to 34 have a local office in the State", has been substituted. • Rule 3(6), 3(7) & 3(8) has been inserted respectively: - Rule 3(6) "The Registration certificate issued by the prescribed authority shall not restrict the operation of the operator to the jurisdiction of that prescribed authority but shall be valid throughout the State. The Registration authority shall inform other District about registration for record." Rule 3(7) "The prescribed authority shall convey the decision regarding issuance of every registration certificate to all the districts and the Directorate of Tourism." Rule 3(8) "The Operator shall enclose with his application the following documents, namely: - (a) details of all Guides and Instructors including copies of certifications and record of their experience. (b) copies of all Permits and Permissions for the proposed adventure sports registration. (c) copies of identification documents, Insurance cover for all participants, guides and instructors. (d) copy of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). (e) emergency Action Plan for the particular adventure sport to include arrangements for emergency lift and evacuation of clients in case of mishap." ■ In Rule 6 (3) which specifies "the Guide /Instructor must be 21 years of age and should be medically fit as certified by the Medical Officer. He should also hold a valid basic First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certificate or equivalent Certificate issued by Medical Officer of the government hospital or any recognized institution. He should have good communication skills in Hindi and English.", shall be inserted. ■ In Rule 7 (3) which specifies "The Guide/ Instructor must clearly indicate its specialization of activity or activities he/she wishes to register like Rappelling, River Crossing, Skiing, Trekking, Rock Climbing, Hot Air Ballooning, Zorbing, Balls, Rolling Balls, Water Balls, Bungee Jumping and Zipline/Flying Fox, Joy Rides or any other such activity", shall be inserted. ■ In Rule 8 which specifies "Constitution of the Technical Committee" & Rule 10 which specifies "Constitution of Regulatory Committee and its functions", shall be substituted. ■ In rule 9(2) which specifies the operator (s) or guide (s) or instructor (s) or societies (s) so recommended by the Technical Committee shall be eligible to operate throughout the State.", shall be inserted. ■ In Rule 12 which specifies Safety Measures, Safety measures

For Trekking, Safety Measures for Bungee Jumping, Safety Measures for Rock Climbing/Artificial Wall Climbing and Rappelling, shall be substituted. [Notification No- TSM.F(1)-3/2013-III]

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Himachal Pradesh Government issues Revised Interest Subvention Scheme on Working Capital Loan for Hospitality Industry

Jun 23, 2021 | Himachal Pradesh | EHS

The Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Himachal Pradesh on February 17, 2021 has issued the "Revised Interest Subvention Scheme on Working Capital Loan for Hospitality Industry" in order to promote/strengthen the Tourism Sector in the State during Corona Pandemic. The scheme will also be applicable to the borrowers who already took the benefit under Interest Subvention Scheme, 2020. The following provisions covered under the Revised Interest Subvention Scheme on Working Capital Loan for Hospitality Industry are as under: - ■ Need for the Interest Subvention on Working Capital Loan: - In Hospitality Sector, more than 60% cost of running business is fixed. ■ Mode of Interest Subvention on working Capital Loan: - The Scheme for interest subvention on working capital loan for tourism sector to support business investment and economic growth over the short-term, by providing loan for working capital for immediate needs. ■ Rate of Interest: - The rate of interest to be charges will be a maximum of 11% p.a. (on monthly compounded basis). ■ Loan Period The Laon period shall be of 5years. ■ Eligibility Criteria • The working capital loan is intended only for Tourism Units for meeting their daily operational needs. • Tourism Unit should be registered with the department of Tourism and Civil Aviation, HP • Tourism Unit must continue to follow the health and cleanliness guidelines prescribed by the Govt. • Unit Tourism should not be a defaulter, insolvent, blacklisted, etc. • The scheme shall cover registered tourism units. [Notification No- TSM-C(13)-1/2020-Loose]

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Kerala

Kerala Government issues revision of Pension and other retirement benefits

Jun 28, 2021 | Kerala | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department, Kerala on June 26, 2021 has issued an order regarding the revision of Pension and other retirement benefits. The s revising existing scales of pay in respect of University Employees with effect from July 1, 2019 issued vide order no G.O (P) No. 42/2021/Fin, dated February 26, 2021. Part I: Pension & Family Pension of Retired University Employees ■ Basic Principles • The normal rate of family pension will continue as 30% of last pay. • The minimum basic pension/family pension will be enhanced to `11,500/- per month. The maximum pension will be `83,400/- (i.e. 50% of the maximum of the highest scale of pay under State Government `1,66,800/-). ■ Revision of Pension/Family Pension in respect of those who retire/expire while in service on or after July 1, 2019. ■ Revision of Pension in respect of those who retired/expired prior to July 1, 2019. ■ Revision of Family Pension in respect of those who retired/expired while in service prior to July 1, 2019. ■ Commutation of Pension and Restoration of Commuted Portion of Pension. ■ Ceiling on Death-Cum-Retirement Gratuity. ■ Medical Allowance to Pensioners & Family Pensioners. ■ Applicability. Part II: Part Time Pension & Part Time Family Pension ■ Revision of Pension/Family Pension in respect of those who retire/expire while in service on or after July 1, 2019. ■ Revision of Pension in respect of those who retired/expired prior to July 1, 2019. ■ Revision of Family Pension in respect of those who retired/expired while in service prior to July 1, 2019. ■ Ceiling on Death-Cum-Retirement Gratuity. ■ Medical Allowance to Pensioners & Family Pensioners. ■ Invalid Pension ■ Commutation Part III: Ex-Gratia Pension & Ex-Gratia Family Pension Part IV: Other Conditions ■ Arrears of pension for Pensioners under Part I, II and III ■ Dearness Relief ■ Special Care Allowance ■ Authorization of revised pensionary claims [Order No- G.O.(P)No.87/2021/Fin.]

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Orissa

Odisha Government issues disposal of Dead Bodies of Patients under treatment for COVID

Jun 30, 2021 | Orissa | EHS

The Health & Family Welfare Department, Odisha on June 29, 2021 has issued Disposal of Dead Bodies of Patients under treatment for COVID. However, District/Municipal/Hospital Authorities shall facilitates handing over the dead bodies of COVID negative patients to their relatives:- 1. Body is to be handed over only if the family member so desire and give an undertaking abide by COVID protocols like not opening the body bag or touching or kissing the dead body, maintaining covid appropriate behavior. 2. The body is duly sanitized and packed as per the government guidelines. [Notification No- PT5-HFW-SCH-I-EMER-0001-2020-18409]

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Odisha Government permit to use Disability Certificate with photo issued to persons with disability by competent authority for COVID-19 vaccination

Jun 28, 2021 | Orissa | EHS

The Health & Family Welfare Department, Odisha on June 24, 2021 has issued the permission to use Disability Certificate with photo issued to persons with disability by competent authority of State Government as one of prescribed photo ID document for COVID-19 vaccination. As MoHFW has permitted permission to use Disability Certificate with photo issued to persons with disability by competent authority of State Government as one of prescribed photo ID document for COVID-19 vaccination, in case UDID card is not available with the beneficiary. Therefore, any person with disabilities who do not possess the UDID card but do have the disability certificate from the Competent authority, may be verified for Covid-19 vaccination. Such certificate number can be entered in CO_WIN against UDID car number for vaccination. [Order No- HFW-SCH-I-MISC-0023-2020-18045/H]

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Odisha Government has issued a notification on COVID-19 Vaccination of Nepali Nationals working in the state

Jun 24, 2021 | Orissa | Labour

The Health & family welfare Department Odisha on June 22, 2021, has issued a memo on COVID-19 vaccination of Nepali Nationals working in the state for the Nepali Nationals who are working as labours / workers and doesn't even have any prescribed ID card for COWIN registration. The Nepali Nationals will be vaccinated in accordance of the SOP which has been issued by the Ministry of Health and Family welfare (MoHFW) on May 11, 2021, for COVID-19 vaccination of persons without prescribed ID card. The Important

steps prescribed in the SOP are as followed: • The groups of people include nomads (including sadhu/saints from various religions), prison inmates, inmates in Mental Health Institutions, citizens in Old Age Homes, road side beggars, people residing in rehabilitation centres who doesn't have any of the prescribed ID cards. • District Immunization Officer (DIO) will be responsible for organization of vaccination sessions at identified CVCS for providing coverage to the identified groups. • The CoWIN system will provide the facility for creation of special vaccination sessions for this purpose. The session will have following features – i. Registration of as many beneficiaries as are to be covered (subject to the limit of session capacity), without mandatory capturing of Mobile Number and Photo ID Card, through facilitated cohort registration. ii. All vaccination slots in such special sessions will be reserved for vaccination of such facilitated cohorts. iii. This facility will only be available government CVCS. iv. Information such as name, year of birth (as provided by the beneficiary) and gender will be entered in the CoWIN system for the beneficiaries. v. The Key Facilitator shall verify the identity of the beneficiaries. vi. Digital vaccination certificates are to be provided to the beneficiaries, preferably at the Vaccination center itself. There is need to provide special consideration to vulnerable population of the country, as these beneficiaries are also at risk of exposure to COVID-19 infection and the consequent sequelae and outcomes of the disease. [Memo No. 17774/75]

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Odisha Government has launched ASHIRBAD scheme for specially cared Children

Jun 24, 2021 | Orissa | Secretarial

The department of women and child Development (Odisha) on June 20, 2021 has launched ASHIRBAD scheme for specially cared children who are facing difficulties due to death of both of parents or death of a primary bread earner in the family due to this COVID-19 Pandemic. Ashirbad aims for in-situ rehabilitation and continuation of their life in similar family based non-institutional socio-cultural environment, where ever feasible and in the best interest of the child, and to ensure that care givers and other kith and kin are encouraged to provide best of the care to these children. The support provided by the Government : • Specially cared children in the category 2(A) and 2(B) and placed in kith and kin care' by the order of CWC – 1. A sum of Rs.2,500/- per month till the child attains 18 years of age or till adoption, whatever is earlier. 2. The child will be facilitated to continue his/her study free of cost in the same school where he/she was going prior to death of second parent. In case the child is shifted to another place where the kith and kin are living. child will be admitted in a similarly placed school as far as possible. 3. or higher education, the child will be linked with the Department of Higher Education's "Green Passage" scheme for further education. 4. To encourage care giver family for wellbeing of such child, the care giver family, if found otherwise eligible under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban/ rural as the case may be), Biju Pakka ghara Yojana or any other similar scheme, will be given out of turn assistance under such scheme with priority • For category 2(A) and 2(B): In case the child is placed in institutional care, by the order of CWC – 1. A sum of Rs.1,000/- per month till the child attains 18 years of age or till adoption whatever is earlier, will be deposited as recurring deposit in the bank account of the child in addition to free care and protection provisions as per CPS norms under Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Act 2015. • For category 2(C): In case the child is living with remaining parent 1. A sum of Rs.1,500 per month till the child attains 18 years of age will be electronically transferred to the bank account of the remaining parent/ child towards maintenance, health, education etc. of the child. However, in case the child is surrendered and placed on adoption, the financial support will be discontinued. [Notification No. WCD-CW-MISC-0023-2021- 9239 WCD&MS]

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Tripura

Tripura Government revises Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA)

Jun 29, 2021 | Tripura | Labour

The Labour Department (Tripura) on June 21, 2021 has issued a notification on revision of Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) for different categories of workers engaged in the employment of shops and establishments in Tripura and shall be payable with effect from April 01, 2021. Whereas, the total minimum wages per month for the following categories of workers are: • Unskilled: Rs.6,209 Per Month • Semi-Skilled: Rs.6,812 Per Month • Skilled: Rs.7,618 Per Month The overtime rate shall be the double of the ordinary rate of minimum wages. [Notification No. F.87(30)-LAB/ENF/MW/SHOPS/ 2002(A)/1388-98]

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