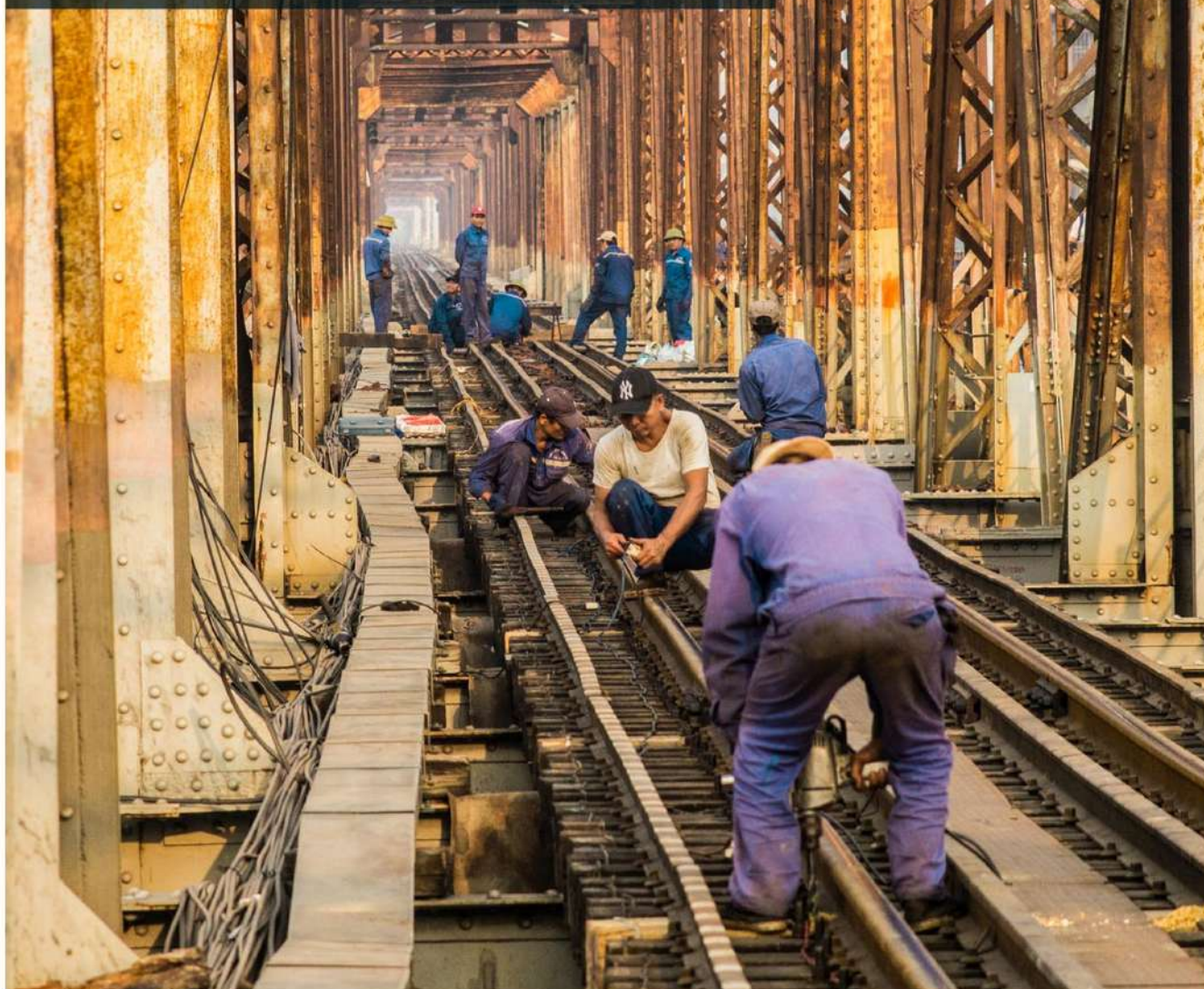


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CBIC extends the validity of the AEO certificate till June 30, 2021

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The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on May 27, 2021 has issued a corrigendum extending the validity of the AEO certificate for the ease of the renewal process. The board has decided to extend the validity of the AEO certificate June 30, 2021 which are expiring between April 01, 2021 to May 31, 2021. [Circular No. 11/2021-Customs]

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Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 24, 2021 has issued the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 to further amend the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) Regulations, 2018. The following amendments have been made:

- Regulation 7 (A) (iii), which specifies the terms and conditions for lending outside India, has been inserted, namely: "An AD in India may lend to a person resident outside India for making margin payments in respect of settlement of transactions involving Government Securities by the person resident outside India, subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified by the Reserve Bank."

[Notification No. FEMA. 3(R)/2021-RB]

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CBIC issues a notification for the imposition of ADD on Methyl Acetoacetate

May 31, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on May 29, 2021 has issued a notification for the imposition of ADD on imports of 'Methyl Acetoacetate originating in or exported from China PR. The anti-dumping duty imposed under this notification shall be effective for a period of five years (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier) from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette and shall be paid in Indian currency. [Notification No. 31/2021- Customs (ADD)]

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DGFT amends the paragraph 2.108 of the handbook of procedure, 2015-20

May 28, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on May 27, 2021 has issued a notification amending the Paragraph 2.108 (c) (iv) of the Handbook of procedure, 2015-20 which specifies the fee for the certificate. The following amendment has been made: • Paragraph 2.108 (c)(iv) of Handbook of procedure, which specifies the fee for the certificate, has been revised, namely: "Fee of Rs.200/- per certificate." [Trade Notice No. 05/2015-20]

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DGFT issued a trade notice for the affect on IEC services due to non-availability of PAN validation services

May 27, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on May 26, 2021 has issued a trade notice for the DGFT importer- exporter code (IEC) services affected due to the non- availability of PAN validation services from June 01, 2021 to June 06, 2021. The following services will not be available: • Application for a new IEC. • Application for Amendments/Modification in an IEC. • One-time linking of Aadhaar for e-sign purposes. [Trade Notice No. 07/2021-2022]

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CBDT has issued the procedure for exercise of option under S. 245M (1) and intimation thereof by furnishing and upload of form 34BB (1) of Rule 44DA of Income Tax Rules, 1962

May 26, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on May 24, 2021 has issued a notification for the procedure for exercise of option under section 245M (1) and intimation thereof by furnishing and upload of form No. 34BB (1) of Rule 44DA of Income Tax Rules, 1962. The following are the steps for the same: • The assessee who wish to exercise option for withdrawal application filed u/s 245C and such application is pending, shall first provide the basic details in following format on the form placed at www.nic.in. • In case there are more than one assessment year for which the application for settlement u/s 245C is made, the assessee shall provide only the 1st year under AY column in above table. In case of block assessment, the assessment year to be provided shall be the 1st year of the block. • The details shall be provided by June 15, 2021. • Based on these details, a system generated letter shall be generated through ITBA System to the assessee on his e-filing account requiring the assessee to upload signed printout of Form No. 34BB. The assessee should be a registered user on the E-filing Portal of the Department to proceed further. • The submitted form shall be available online for viewing. [Notification No. 05 of 2021]

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CBIC has issued the relaxations provided under Gas cylinder rules, 2016 to Fastrack approvals of imported cylinders

May 26, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has issued a circular for the relaxations provided under Gas cylinder rules, 2016 so as to fast-track approvals of imported cylinders and pressure vessels for storage and transportation of medical oxygen. The following clarifications have been given: • In case the importer has applied through online application to PESO and the decision is pending in PESO, the exemption allows them to bring oxygen cylinders on urgency for COVID relief activities in India. • In case the importer has not applied through online application to PESO, the exemption allows them to bring cylinders for urgent use for enhancing oxygen distribution logistics in India. • It is the responsibility of the consignee to follow the procedure as per relaxed conditions given in the table of para 3 of the Press Release, prior to the filling of the medical oxygen in these cylinders at refillers/ filling plants. • In view of the above, Customs is requested to give necessary clearances without PESO approvals for such items received at the ports/ airports for COVID relief works. [Instructions No. 12/2021- Customs]

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DGFT has issued a trade notice for the mandatory recording of the information about the transfer of DFIA scrips and paperless issuance of DFIA scrips

May 26, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on May 25, 2021 has issued a trade notice for the mandatory recording of the information about the transfer of DFIA (duty free import authorization) scrips and paperless issuance of DFIA scrips. In order to enable electronic, paperless transactions and facilitate trade, it is submitted that the recording of transferability of DFIA is being made online. In this regard, a facility has been created on DGFT website to record the information about transfer of DFIA scrips. The recording of given information would allow the transferee to apply for ARO/Invalidation against the said DFIA Scrip online. Further, the issuance of paper copies of DFIA scrips (for EDI Ports) shall be discontinued with effect from June 07, 2021. Security Paper copies of DFIA Scrips shall continue to be issued for Non-EDI Ports. Any transfer of DFIA Scrips issued on or after this date shall be mandatorily recorded in the online system. The record of such transfers shall be mandatory for EDI ports as well as non-EDI Ports. [Trade Notice No. 06/2021-2022]

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Income- tax (16th Amendment) Rules, 2021

May 25, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on May 24, 2021 has issued the Income- tax (16th Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The following amendments have been made: • Rule 11UAE, which specifies the computation of fair market value of capital assets for the purpose of section 50B of the Income Tax Act, has been inserted, namely: “For the purpose of clause (ii) of sub-section (2) of section 50B, the fair market value of the capital assets shall be the FMV1 determined under sub-rule (2) or FMV2 determined under sub-rule (3), whichever is higher. The FMV1 shall be the fair market value of the capital assets transferred by way of slump sale determined in accordance with the formula $A+B+C+D - L$. FMV2 shall be the fair market value of the consideration received or accruing as a result of transfer by way of slump sale determined in accordance with the formula $E+F+G+H$. The fair market value of the capital assets under sub-rule (2) and sub-rule (3) shall be determined on the date of slump sale and for this purpose valuation date referred to in rule 11UA shall also mean the date of slump sale.” [Notification No. G.S.R. 338 (E)]

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CBIC extends ADD on Tetrafluoroethane or R-134a

May 25, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes (CBIC) on May 24, 2021 has amended the notification no. 30/2016- Customs (ADD) dated July 11, 2016 which specifies the imposition of Anti-dumping duty on imports of '1,1,1,2- Tetrafluoroethane or R-134a', originating in or exported from China PR. The following amendments have been made: • Paragraph 3, which specifies the extension of ADD, has been inserted, namely: "Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2, the anti-dumping duty shall remain in force up to and inclusive of the 10th January, 2022, unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier." [Notification No. 30/2021- Customs (ADD)]

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RBI has issued a circular for the relaxation in timeline for the compliance with various payment system requirements

May 24, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 21, 2021 has issued a circular for the relaxation in timeline for the compliance with various payment system requirements. The following compliances timelines have been extended: • All existing non-bank PPI issuers (at the time of issuance of PPI-MD) to comply with the minimum positive net worth requirement of Rs.15 crore for the financial position as on March 31, 2020 (audited balance sheet) have a revised timeline of Financial position as on September 30, 2021. • Harmonisation of TAT and customer compensation for failed transactions using authorised Payment Systems – "Calendar days" to be read as "Working days" have Working days – Prospective – Until September 30, 2021. • Authorised Payment System Operators (PSOs) are required to furnish System Audit Report conducted by CERT-IN empanelled auditors or a Certified Information Systems Auditor registered with Information Systems Audit and Control Association or by a holder of a Diploma in Information System Audit qualification of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, on an annual basis within two months of close of their respective financial year have revised timeline by September 30, 2021. • Existing non-bank entities offering PA services shall apply for authorisation on or before June 30, 2021 have revised timeline by September 30, 2021. [Circular No. CO.DPSS.POLC.No.S-106/02-14-003/2021-2022]

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CBDT has issued a press release for the launch of new e-filing portal of the income tax department

May 21, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on May 20, 2021 has issued a press release for the launch of new e-filing portal of the Income Tax department and the non-availability of e-filing services from June 01, 2021 to June 06, 2021. The following objectives have been given:

- New taxpayer friendly portal integrated with immediate processing of Income Tax Returns (ITRs) to issue quick refunds to taxpayers.
- All interactions and uploads or pending actions will be displayed on a single dashboard for follow-up action by taxpayer.
- Free of cost ITR preparation software available online and offline with interactive questions to help taxpayers fill ITR even without any tax knowledge, with prefilling, for minimizing data entry effort.
- New call center for taxpayer assistance for immediate answers to taxpayer queries with FAQs, Tutorials, Videos and chatbot/live agent.
- All key portal functions on desktop will be available on Mobile App which will be enabled subsequently for full anytime access on mobile network.
- New online tax payment system on new portal will be enabled subsequently with multiple new payment options using netbanking, UPI, Credit Card and RTGS/NEFT from any account of taxpayer in any bank, for easy payment of taxes.

In preparation for this launch and for migration activities, the existing portal of the Department at www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in would not be available to taxpayers as well as other external stakeholders for a brief period of 6 days i.e. from June 01, 2021 to June 06, 2021.

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CBIC issues the rate of exchanges for foreign currencies as on May 20, 2021

May 21, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on May 20, 2021 has determined the rate of exchange of foreign currency related to import and export goods with the effect May 21, 2021. The following foreign currency are as follows:

- Ø Australian Dollar
- Ø Bahraini Dinar
- Ø Canadian Dollar
- Ø Chinese Yuan
- Ø Danish Kroner
- Ø EURO
- Ø Hong Kong Dollar
- Ø Kuwaiti Dinar
- Ø New Zealand Dollar
- Ø Norwegian Kroner
- Ø Pound Sterling
- Ø Qatari Riyal
- Ø Saudi Arabian Riyal
- Ø Singapore Dollar
- Ø South African Rand
- Ø Swedish Kroner
- Ø Swiss Franc
- Ø Turkish Lira
- Ø UAE Dirham
- Ø US Dollar
- Ø Japanese Yen
- Ø Korean Won

[Notification No- .48/2021 - Customs (N.T.)]

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CBDT extends the timeline for certain compliances due to severe pandemic

May 20, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on May 20, 2021 has issued a circular for the extension of time limits for certain compliances to provide relief to taxpayers in view of the severe pandemic. The following extension has been given:

- The statement of financial transactions furnishing timeline has been extended to June 30, 2021.
- The statement of reportable account for the calendar year 2020 furnishing timeline has been extended to June 30, 2021.
- The statement of deduction of tax furnishing timeline has been extended to June 30, 2021.
- The certificate of tax deducted at source shall be furnished by July 15, 2021.
- The TDS/ TCS book adjustment statement in Form No. 24G for the month of May 2021 may be furnished by June 30, 2021.
- The Statement of Deduction of Tax from contributions paid by the trustees of an approved superannuation fund for the Financial Year 2020-21 may be furnished by June 30, 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, may be furnished on or before June 30, 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 may be furnished on or before July 15, 2021.
- The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22 is extended to September 30, 2021.
- The due date of furnishing of Report of Audit under any provision of the Act for the Previous Year 2020-21 is extended to October 31, 2021.
- The due date of furnishing Report from an Accountant by persons entering into international transaction or specified domestic transaction under section 92E of the Act for the Previous Year 2020-21 is extended to November 30, 2021.
- The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22 is extended to November 30, 2021.
- The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22 is extended to December 31, 2021.
- The due date of furnishing of belated/revised Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22 is extended to January 31, 2022. [Circular No. 09 of 2021]

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RBI has issued a notification on PPI specifying interoperability, increasing the limit to 2 lakhs and permitting cash withdrawal

May 20, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 19, 2021 has issued a notification on the prepaid payment instruments (PPI) which specifies the mandating interoperability, increasing the limit to 2 lakhs and permitting cash withdrawal from full KYC PPI's and non-bank PPI issuers. The following advisory has been given:

- It shall be mandatory for PPI issuers to give the holders of full-KYC PPIs (KYC compliant PPIs) interoperability through authorised card networks (for PPIs in the form of cards) and UPI (for PPIs in the form of electronic wallets).
- Interoperability shall be mandatory on the acceptance side as well.
- The interoperability shall be enabled by March 31, 2022.
- PPIs for Mass Transit Systems (PPI-MTS) shall remain exempted from interoperability while Gift PPI issuers have the option to offer interoperability.
- The feature of cash withdrawal shall be permitted in respect of full-KYC PPIs issued by nonbank PPI issuers as well. [Notification No. DPSS.CO.PD.No.S-99/02.14.006/2021-22]

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DGFT has issued a trade notice for the introduction of an online e-EPCG committee module

May 20, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on May 19, 2021 has issued a trade notice for the introduction of an online e-EPCG committee module for accepting applications seeking relaxation in policy/ procedure in terms of paragraph 2.58 of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020. The applications shall be accepted through online module only. The applications can be submitted on the online portal. In case of technical issues, DGFT helpdesk can be reached out to. [Trade Notice No. 05/2021-2022]

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Central Goods and Services Tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2021

May 20, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on May 18, 2021 has issued the Central Goods and Services Tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. The following amendments have been made: • Rule 90 (3), which specifies the date of filing of the refund claim in FORM GST RFD-01, which has been substituted, namely: "Provided that the time period, from the date of filing of the refund claim in FORM GST RFD-01 till the date of communication of the deficiencies in FORM GST RFD-03 by the proper officer, shall be excluded from the period of two years as specified under sub-section (1) of Section 54, in respect of any such fresh refund claim filed by the applicant after rectification of the deficiencies." • Rule 90 (5), which specifies the provisional refund sanction order in FORM GST RFD-04, has been inserted, namely: "The applicant may, at any time before issuance of provisional refund sanction order in FORM GST RFD-04 or final refund sanction order in FORM GST RFD-06 or payment order in FORM GST RFD-05 or refund withhold order in FORM GST RFD-07 or notice in FORM GST RFD-08, in respect of any refund application filed in FORM GST RFD-01, withdraw the said application for refund by filing an application in FORM GST RFD-01W." • Rule 90 (6), which specifies the application for withdrawal of refund in FORM GST RFD-01W, has been inserted, namely: "On submission of application for withdrawal of refund in FORM GST RFD-01W, any amount debited by the applicant from electronic credit ledger or electronic cash ledger, as the case may be, while filing application for refund in FORM GST RFD-01, shall be credited back to the ledger from which such debit was made." • Rule 92 (2), which specifies the release of withheld refund in Part B of FORM GST RFD- 07, has been inserted, namely: "Provided that where the proper officer or the Commissioner is satisfied that the refund is no longer liable to be withheld, he may pass an order for release of withheld refund in Part B of FORM GST RFD- 07." • Form GST RFD-07, which specifies the complete adjustment of sanctioned GST Refund, has been substituted. [Notification No. G.S.R. 333 (E)]

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CBIC issues SOP for extension of time limit to apply for revocation of cancellation of registration under section 30 of CGST Act, 2017

May 19, 2021 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on May 18, 2021 has issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for implementation of the provision of extension of time limit to apply for revocation of cancellation of registration under section 30 of the CGST Act, 2017 and rule 23 of the CGST Rules, 2017. As per Section 30 of the CGST Act, 2017, any registered person whose registration is cancelled by the proper officer on his own motion, may apply to such officer in FORM GST REG-21, for revocation of cancellation of registration within 30 days from the date of service of the cancellation order. In case the registered person applies for revocation of cancellation beyond 30 days, but within 90 days from the date of service of the cancellation order, the following procedure is specified for handling such cases:

- The person may request for extension of time limit to apply for revocation of cancellation of registration to the proper officer by providing the grounds on which such extension is sought.
- The Joint/Additional Commissioner, on examination of the request filed for extension of time limit for revocation of cancellation of registration and on sufficient cause being shown and for reasons to be recorded in writing, may extend the time limit to apply for revocation of cancellation of registration.
- The proper officer shall process the application for revocation of cancellation of registration according to the law and procedure laid down in this regard. The circular shall cease to have effect once the independent functionality for extension of time limit for applying in FORM GST REG-21 is developed on the GSTN portal. [Notification No- CBEC-20/06/04/2020-GST]

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FSSAI issues a notification for the extension of policy of auto-generation of licenses and registration

May 31, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific



The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on May 24, 2021, has issued a notification for extending the policy of auto-generation of licenses and registrations, in case of non-response from the authorities. This shall be implemented from May 01, 2021.

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IRDAI has issued a circular for the guidelines on insurance claim victims of cyclone Tauktae and cyclone Yaas

May 31, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on May 28, 2021 has issued a circular for the guidelines on insurance claims of victims of cyclone tauktae and cyclone yaas in the calamity affected area. The following guidelines have been given: • Please nominate a senior officer at the company level who would act as a Nodal Officer for the affected states. The Nodal Officer would be coordinating the receipt, processing, and settlement of all eligible claims. The Nodal officer should contact the designated officers of the State Govt. immediately and be in regular contact thereafter. • It needs to be ensured that all claims are surveyed immediately and claim payments/on account payments are disbursed at the earliest and in any case not exceeding the stipulated time-line. • Adequate number of surveyors may be engaged immediately as required. • You are also requested to launch extensive awareness campaign duly highlighting the measures taken by you. • In view of Corona Virus (Covid-19) pandemic, the Insurers shall encourage the policyholders to use electronic communication wherever possible for correspondence while intimating the claim and filing all the relevant documents. Efforts shall be made to ensure that digital processes are resorted to the extent possible for assessment of claims. [Circular No. : IRDAI/NL/CIR/MISC/153/05/2021]

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The Delhi Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Rules, 2021.

May 31, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Law, Justice and Legislative Affairs on May 28, 2021 has issued the Delhi Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Delhi Legal Services Authorities Rules, 1996. In Rule 13 of the Delhi Legal Services Authorities Rules, 1996 which specifies Entitlement for getting legal aid- "Every person having annual income not more than three Lacs shall be entitled to legal services, under clause (h) of section 12 of the Act" has been substituted. [Notification No- F. 27/3/2003-Judl./Suptlaw/430-436]

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National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Rules, 2021

May 31, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) on May 27, 2021 has issued the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Rules, 2021. The following provisions have been made:

- Qualification and experience: a person having an outstanding ability, proven administrative capacity and integrity, possessing a postgraduate degree in any profession of recognised category of allied and healthcare sciences from any University with experience of not less than fifteen years in the field of allied and healthcare sciences, out of which at least seven years shall be as a leader in the allied and healthcare professions.
- The member shall be appointed on biennial rotation of professions by a committee of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and ex-officio member under sub-clause ii of clause (c) of Section 3 of the Act. The Committee shall determine their methodology for selection of members in a transparent and merit-based manner.
- The member shall be appointed by the Central Government from amongst the charitable institutions which have been in operation for at least fifteen years in the healthcare system, preferably with a tertiary or super-specialty hospital engaged in direct delivery of affordable healthcare service and education.
- The salary payable to the Chairperson of the Commission shall be equivalent to the salary of the Additional Secretary to the Government of India in Level-15 in the pay matrix (Rs. 182200-224100/-).
- The part-time member of the Commission shall be paid travelling allowances and daily allowances in accordance with the rules as applicable from time to time for the Group 'A' officers of Junior Administrative Grade in Central Government.
- When an amendment to any motion is moved and seconded or when two or more such amendments are moved and seconded, the Chairperson shall state or read to the Commission the terms of the original motion and of the amendment or amendments proposed serially. [Notification No. G.S.R. 346 (E)]

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The Delhi Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Rules, 2021

May 31, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

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Draft Chartered Accountants (Amendment) Regulations, 2021

May 28, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on May 27, 2021 has issued the draft of the Chartered Accountants (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 to further amend the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988. The following Regulations under the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1988 are as follows: -

- In Regulation 28G which specifies admission to the Intermediate Examination, Fees and Syllabus, Proviso 28G (1) in which "Provided that a candidate who is registered for the Intermediate Course under sub-regulation (3) of regulation 28F shall be eligible for admission to the Intermediate examination after completion of nine months of practical training under regulation 50 on the first day of the month in which examination is held" has been substituted.
- In Regulation 29D which specifies admission to Final Examination, Applicable to candidates appearing in Final Examination under the syllabus approved by the Council under clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) of regulation 31, has been substituted.
- In Regulation 159 which specifies Branches of regional council, sub-regulation 159 (1), The Council may, by notification in the Gazette of India, set up a branch of a Regional Council in a city other than the headquarters of the Regional Council provided that not less than 1 [200 members] have their addresses registered in the city or within a distance of 2 [50 kilometres] from the city limits, has been substituted.
- In Regulation 159 which specifies Branches of regional council, sub-regulation 159 (1A), in proviso The Council may also, by notification in the Gazette of India, set up a branch of a Regional Council at such place in a district in which neither the Headquarters of the Regional Council nor a branch of the Regional Council is located, provided there are minimum 200 members having their addresses registered in that district" has been substituted. Any person can make any objection or suggestion, may forward the same for consideration by the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India within the period so specified above to the Secretary, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi – 110 002 [Notification No- 1-CA(7)/198/2021]

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Ministry of Civil Aviation approve 166 green zone sites for NPNT

May 28, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Civil Aviation on May 27, 2021 has decided to approve of 166 green zone sites for 'No Permission NO Takeoff) NPNT up to 400 feet AGL. Drone operations in the green zone sites shall be compliant with the unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 and the guidelines issued by the Ministry. Therefore, State government and local administrations are required to facilitates operations of NPNT complaint drones in the mentioned sites and enable the growth of Indian drone industry. [Order No- AV-29017/4/2021-SDIT-MOCA]

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Department of Fertilizers issues revised NSB rates for the year 2021-22

May 26, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Fertilizers on May 20, 2021 has issued NBS revised rates for 2021-22 till present Kharif season October 31, 2021 and inclusion of two complex fertilizers NPK (8-21-21) and NPK (9-24-24) under the NBS scheme. The NBS policy for the year 2021-22, it has been directed that per kg subsidy on nutrients contained in P&K fertilizers: - Nutrients NBS (Rs. Per kg of Nutrient) N 18.789 P 45.323 K 10.116 S 2.374 Further, two complex fertilizers NPK (8-21-21) and NPK (9-24-24) has been included under the NBS scheme. The Product-wise subsidy on various grades of P&K fertilizers covered under FCO and NBS Policy for 2021-22 which will be applicable till October 31, 2021. Further, the reasonableness of MRPs of P&K fertilizers, the companies shall submit the certified cost data as per the reasonableness guidelines and shall also be report MRPs of P&K fertilizers to DOF. The fertilizer companies require to print maximum retail price (MRP) with applicable subsidy on the fertilizer bags clearly. [Office Memorandum No- 23011/1/2021-P&K]

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IFSCA has issued a circular for the framework on computation of the exposure ceiling for FU's and FC's

May 26, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on May 25, 2021 has issued a circular for the framework on computation of the exposure ceiling for finance companies (FC)/ Finance units (FU). This circular shall be adopted by a FC/FU as the case may be, registered under regulation 3 of the Regulations and intending to undertake activities mentioned in the point 5 and point 6 of the Schedule therein: 1. Undertaking one or more core activities with or without non-core activities. 2. Undertaking specialized activities with or without core or non-core activities. The eligible capital base shall be the effective amount of Tier 1 capital fulfilling the criteria as defined in the circular on 'Computation of Regulatory Capital' dated April 26, 2021. The sum of all exposure values of a FC/FU to a counterparty or to a group of connected counterparties must be defined as a large exposure if it is equal to or above ten percent of the FC/FUs eligible capital base.

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The Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Amendment Rules, 2021

May 26, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on March 31, 2021 has issued the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Amendment Rules, 2021 to further amend the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Rules, 1996. In Rule 5(2) of the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Rules, 1996 which specifies Application Fee – “The application fee shall be paid by a demand draft drawn in favor of the Appropriate Authority, on any scheduled bank payable at the headquarters of the Appropriate Authority concerned or by electronic mode”, shall be inserted. This notification shall come into force on March 31, 2021. [Notification No- G.S.R. 345(E)]

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Amendment of scheme for extending financial assistance to molasses based standalone distilleries for enhancement of ethanol production capacity

May 26, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, food and public distribution on May 25, 2021 has amended the notification no. S.O. 1228 (E) dated March 08, 2019 which specifies the Scheme for extending financial assistance to molasses based standalone distilleries for enhancement and augmentation of ethanol production capacity. The following amendment has been made: • Para 6 (ii), which specifies the disbursement of loan, shall be read as: “The applicant should get the loan disbursed from the bank within one and half years from the date of in principle approval of DFPD, failing which in principle approval for the project will stand cancelled. Further, the project should be completed within two years from the date of disbursement of first instalment of loan from bank.” [Notification No. S.O. 2025 (E)]

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Ministry of Finance has issued a press release for the setup of an expert committee on investment funds

May 26, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Finance on May 25, 2021 has issued a press release for the setup of an expert committee on investments funds. The Committee comprises of leaders from the entire Fund Management ecosystem including from areas such as technology, distribution, legal, compliance, and operations. While the committee has been constituted to holistically review the Global best practices and make recommendations to IFSCA on the roadmap for the industry, the following shall be the specific terms of reference of the Expert Committee: • To recommend IFSCA on long term vision for operations of Investment Funds in IFSC. • To make recommendations with respect to structure of Investment Funds in IFSC. The recommendations may be two-fold: 1. Short term in nature that can be implemented by IFSCA immediately (i.e. less than 3 months). Such suggestions may fall under the exclusive regulatory purview of IFSCA. 2. Recommendations that may be implemented in mid-term (6 months to 1 year). Such suggestions may also pertain to regulatory purview of other regulators. • To identify issues that may be critical for development of the Investment Funds industry at IFSCs including inter-regulatory issues. • Any other relevant item on building the ecosystem inter-alia on asset managers, hedge funds, PE, VC, sovereign funds, family offices, and the accompanying professional services. *the press release is available on the link provided.

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Ministry of Power issued a press release to setup the National mission on use of biomass in coal based thermal power plants

May 26, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power on May 25, 2021 has issued a press release to setup the National mission on use of biomass in coal based thermal power plants. The following objectives have been given: • To increase the level of co-firing from present 5% to higher levels to have a larger share of carbon neutral power generation from the thermal power plants. • To take up R&D activity in boiler design to handle the higher amount of silica, alkalis in the biomass pellets. • To facilitate overcoming the constraints in supply chain of bio mass pellets and agro- residue and its transport upto to the power plants. • To consider regulatory issues in biomass co-firing. *the press release is available on the provided link.

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Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy amends the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973

May 26, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy on May 23, 2021 has issued the amendment in the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973. In Second Schedule which specifies Recognized Medical Qualifications in Homoeopathy granted by Universities, Boards or Medical Institutions in India, under the heading "JHARKHAND" serial number 36 related to Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribag, in Column 4, the following items and entries shall be substituted: - "(iii) (a) from 9th day of October 2016 to 31st day of December 2017 (b) from August 2019 to October, 2020- If granted to the students who have passed out and completed their internship during this period from the Government Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Godda. (v) from 30th day of November 2017 to September 2020— If granted to the students who have passed out and completed their internship during this period from the Devki Mahavir Homoeopathic Medical College." [Notification No- S.O. 2011(E)]

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AMFI reduces the ARN registration and renewal fees for MFD's by 50% by EUIN registration and renewal fees for employees reduced to 500 Rs

May 25, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has issued a press release for the reduction of ARN registration and renewal fees for MFD's by 50% EUIN registration and renewal fees for employees reduced to 500 Rs. By reducing the ARN and EUIN registration and renewal fees, AMFI also wants to encourage new and young individuals across the country to reach out to large base of small savers, especially in the Tier II and III cities and towns, to channelize financial savings into mutual fund asset class. The reduced fees for ARN and EUIN registration and renewals for the Mutual Fund Distributors would go a long way in helping the cause of Mutual Fund expansion. Rising affinity for Mutual Fund asset class would get a strong fillip with this reduction in the ARN Registration and Renewal Fees for the Distributor fraternity. The revised registration fees shall be applicable from May 01, 2021. *The press release is available on the link provided.

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NHB extends the timeline for submission of various supervisory returns to the DoS

May 24, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Housing Bank (NHB) on May 17, 2021 has extended the timelines for submission of various supervisory returns to the Department of Supervision (DoS) due to the second wave of Covid-19 Pandemic. The extension of Timelines for submission of returns are as follows: - ■ The due dates of all monthly returns, which will become due for submission up to June 30, 2021, has been extended for further period of 15 days. ■ The due dates of all quarterly, half-yearly and annual returns which will become due for submission up to June 30, 2021, has been extended for further period of 30 days. Further, the Days will include holidays and weekends. The extension will not be applicable to returns or information which are to be reported as and when bases. [Circular No- 6/2020-21]

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IFSCA withdrawal the circular specified Guidelines for issuance of Certificate of Deposits

May 24, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) on May 21, 2021 has issued the Withdrawal of the instructions issued under the vide circular- 10/IFSCA/Banking Regulation/2021-22/2, dated May 10, 2021 which specifies Guidelines for issuance of Certificate of Deposits. [Circular No- 10/IFSCA/Banking Regulation/2021- 22/4]

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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution amends the scheme for providing assistance to sugar mills for expenses on marketing costs

May 21, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on May 20, 2021 has issued amendment in the vide notification 377(F. No. 1(6)/2020-SP-I), dated December 29, 2020 which specifies the Scheme for providing assistance to sugar mills for expenses on marketing costs including handling, upgrading and other processing costs and costs of international and internal transport and freight charges on export of sugar. In Para 3 which specifies Extent of Assistance, Clause 3A has been inserted, namely: - "Clause 3A - i. In those cases where contract/ agreement between sugar mills and exporters have been signed on or after the date of this notification, the Central Government will provide a lump sum assistance for expenses on export of sugar limited to MAEQ of sugar mills for the sugar season 2020- 21 in the following manner: (a) For internal transport and freight charges including loading, unloading, and fobbing etc. @ Rs. 2400 per MT (b) For ocean freight against shipment from Indian ports to the ports of destination countries etc. @ Rs. 1600 per MT ii. In case of export through land custom to other countries, this assistance shall be available only for expenses referred in Para 3A (i) (a) above". This notification shall come into force on May 20, 2021. [Notification No- 1(6)/2020-SP-I]

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Amendment of the Scheme for providing assistance to sugar mills for expenses

May 21, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on May 20, 2021 has issued a notification for the amendment of the Scheme for providing assistance to sugar mills for expenses on marketing costs including handling, upgrading and other processing costs and costs of international and internal transport and freight charges on export of sugar. The following amendments have been made: • Clause 3A, under Para 3, which specifies the lump sum assistance by the government after the contract has been signed, has been inserted, namely: "In those cases where contract/ agreement between sugar mill (s) and exporter(s) have been signed on or after the date of this notification, the Central Government will provide a lump sum assistance for expenses on export of sugar limited to MAEQ of sugar mills for the sugar season 2020- 21 in the following manner: 1. For internal transport and freight charges including loading, unloading, and fobbing etc. @ Rs. 2400 per MT. 2. For ocean freight against shipment from Indian ports to the ports of destination countries etc. @ Rs. 1600 per MT. 3. In case of export through land custom to other countries, this assistance shall be available only for expenses referred in Para 3A (i) (a) above."

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Indian Insurance Companies (Foreign Investment) Amendment Rules, 2021

May 20, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Finance on May 19, 2021 has issued the Indian Insurance Companies (Foreign Investment) Amendment Rules, 2021 to further amend the Indian Insurance Companies (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2015. The following amendments have been made: • Rule 4, which specifies the standards of foreign investments, has been substituted, namely: "In an Indian Insurance Company having foreign investment: 1. a majority of its directors. 2. a majority of its Key Management Persons. 3. at least one among the chairperson of its Board, its managing director and its Chief Executive Officer. • Rule 4A, which specifies the cap for foreign investments, has been inserted, namely: "In an Indian Insurance Company having foreign investment exceeding forty-nine per cent: 1. for a financial year for which dividend is paid on equity shares and for which at any time the solvency margin is less than 1.2 times the control level of solvency, not less than fifty per cent. of the net profit for the financial year shall be retained in general reserve. 2. not less than fifty per cent. of its directors shall be independent directors, unless the chairperson of its Board is an independent director, in which case at least one-third of its Board shall comprise of independent directors." [Notification No. G.S.R. 337 (E)]

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MOIB has issued a draft for the renewal of GOPA's

May 20, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MOIB) on May 19, 2021 has issued an order for the Grant of Permission Agreements (GOPAs) expired or expiring in the coming months and could not get their GOPAs renewed due to the ongoing pandemic of COVID-19 (novel Corona Virus). GOPAs of organizations, who's existing GOPAs have expired or shall expire up to June 30, 2021, therefore, are renewed for an interim period up to December 31, 2021 on the same terms and conditions, as agreed upon in the last GOPA document signed with the Ministry. The interim period of renewal will be included in the full term of renewal period, as and when the requests of such organizations are processed on regular basis.

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TRAI issues supplementary Consultation Paper on Roadmap to Promote Broadband Connectivity and Enhanced Broadband Speed

May 20, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on May 19, 2021 has issues supplementary Consultation Paper on "Roadmap to Promote Broadband Connectivity and Enhanced Broadband Speed." As the new issues raised by the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) like exemption of the license fee on the revenue earned from fixed line broadband with the current factual matrix and relevant issues, likelihood of misuse by the licensees through misappropriation of revenue due to the proposed exemption of the license fee on the revenue earned from fixed-line broadband services and promoting proliferation of fixed-line broadband by providing direct benefit to consumers for usage of fixed-line broadband services. Further, it has been decided to issue supplementary Consultation Paper to provide updates recommendations for proliferation of fixed line broadband services. The consultation paper are available on TRAI's website www.trai.gov.in , comments are invited from the stakeholders by June 3, 2021 and counter-comments by June 10, 2021 which may sent in electronic form at advbbpa@trai.gov.in with a copy to ja3-nsl@trai.gov.in . [Press Release- 29/2021]

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Ministry of Information and Broadcasting advises all the Distribution Platform Operators for adoption of Digi Locker

May 20, 2021 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on April 7, 2021 has issued adoption of Digi Locker to promote citizen Centric Services Delivery. Digi Locker project has been implemented through which citizens can get access to their digital documents and certificate from the original issuers of the documents anytime, anywhere without any physical interface. Further, the Ministry of Finance has notified prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Third Amendment Rules to include e-documents from Digi Locker account as part of customer identification process. RBI and SEBI have amended the KYC circular similarly Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances issues adoption of Digi Locker to promote citizen Centric Services Delivery. Therefore, all the Distribution Platform Operators (DTH/HITS/IPTV/MSOs/LCOs) are advised to adopt Digi Locker documents as per the respective requirements. [Notification No- N_45001/4/2021-DAS]

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Labour

Ministry of Labour and Employment issues enforcement date for the provisions of the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 in the areas Tamil Nadu

May 31, 2021 | Central | Labour



The Ministry of Labour and Employment on May 28, 2021 has issued the enforcement date for the provisions of Chapter IV, V and VI (except sections 44, 45, 76 (1), 77,78,79 and 81) which specifies Contributions, benefits and Adjudication of dispute and claims respectively of the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 in the area of Erode District in the State of Tamil Nadu shall come into force on June 1, 2021. [Notification No- S.O. 2068(E)]

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PFRDA has issued a circular for the NPS functionalities released by the CRA's during quarter IV of FY 2020-2021

May 28, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India (PFRDA) on May 27, 2021 has issued a circular for the NPS functionalities released by the CRA's during quarter IV of FY 2020-2021. CRAs have the responsibility to develop new functionalities, utilities, establish new processes, and offer multiple models of interface for the uploading offices in order to provide maximum flexibility in terms of operation for the benefit of the subscribers as an ongoing exercise to fulfill their obligations. The functionalities which are developed and made available by CRAs (Refer Annexure I for NSDL-CRA & Annexure II for K Fintech - CRA) during Quarter IV of the FY 2020-21 are categorized. [Circular No. PFRDA/2021/15/SUP-CRA/11]

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ESIC issues revised guidelines relating to implementation of ESIC pensioner medical scheme 2006

May 27, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on May 25, 2021 has issued revised guidelines relating to implementation of ESIC pensioner medical scheme 2006. In the revised guidelines significant changes have been made over the existing provisions relating to entry to the ESIC-PMS, regulation of payment of fixed medical allowance, eligibility of super specialty medical treatment, modalities for providing medical treatment to the beneficiaries, provision of tie-up arrangement with private hospitals etc. The revised guidelines relating to the provisions to implementation of ESIC pensioner medical scheme 2006 are as under: • Provisions relating to Entry/Exit, Regulation of payment of FMA, Regulation of Treatment in private Empaneled/Non empaneled hospitals. • Provisions relating to identity cards, appointment of Nodal officer, issuance of PMS Medical Cards, responsibility of tie-up arrangement with tie-up hospital. The revised guidelines will be applicable from May 25, 2021. [Notification No-D-12/16/1/2012-E-VI.Vol.II]

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ESIC invites comments for providing super speciality treatments to ESI beneficiaries in Telangana

May 27, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on May 27, 2021 has issued a notice inviting EOI for providing super speciality treatment to ESI beneficiaries in Telangana. The following pointers have been given:

- Super specialty investigation this will include all the investigation which requires intervention and monitoring by Super specialist in the disciplines mentioned above. In addition, the following specialized investigation will also be covered under Super Specialist Treatment.
- The Health care Organizations should preferable be accredited by National Accreditation Board for Hospital & Health Care providers (NABH).
- However, the hospitals which are not accredited by NABH may also apply for empanelment, but their empanelment shall be provisional till they get NABH accreditation, which must preferably be done within a period of six month but not later than one year from the date of their empanelment.
- Similarly, the diagnostic laboratories should have been accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL). However, the diagnostic laboratories, which are not accredited by NABL may also apply for empanelment, but their empanelment shall be provisional till they are accredited for NABL certificate, which must be done preferable within a period of six months but not later than one year from the date of their empanelment.
- ESIC also reserves the right to prescribe/ revise rate for new or existing treatment procedures investigations as and when CGHS revises the rates or otherwise. The last date for the submission of the EOI is June 16, 2021 up to 5:00 p.m. Application fee (Non-refundable) of Rs. 1,000/- as demand draft (DD) should be drawn in favour of ESIC Saving fund A/c No.1 payable at Hyderabad. Expression of Interest received after the scheduled date and time (either by hand or by post) or Expression of Interest received though e-mail/fax shall be summarily rejected.

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Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Pension Fund) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2021

May 26, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India (PFRDA) on May 25, 2021 has issued the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Pension Fund) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2021 to further amend the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Pension Fund) Regulations, 2015. The following amendments have been made:

- Regulation 8 (1) (d), which specifies the terms for the sponsor, has been substituted, namely: "the sponsors, individually or jointly, shall have a positive tangible net worth of at least fifty crore rupees on the last day of each of the preceding five financial years and at least twenty-five crore rupees should be the paid up equity capital on the date of making application as sponsor." [Notification No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/9]

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ESIC has issued a notification stating that the medical benefit under ESIC Act shall extend to the entire State of Tripura

May 26, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on May 25, 2021 has issued a notification stating that the medical benefits under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 read with Regulation 95-A of the Employees' State Insurance (General) Regulations, 1950 and Regulation 95-A and the Tripura Employees' State Insurance (Medical Benefit) Rules, 2008 shall be extended to the families of insured persons in the entire area of Khowai, South Tripura and Unakoti districts in the State of Tripura, in addition to the already implemented area in the districts. [Notification No. N-16/2/Tripura/2017-P&D]

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The Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2021

May 26, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Law and Justice on May 25, 2021 has issued the Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amended the Notaries Rules, 1956. In Rule 3 of the Notaries Rules, 1956 which specifies Qualifications for appointment as a notary, the new clause (ac) has been inserted, namely: - Rule 3 (ac) "a person with benchmark disability as defined in Clause (r) of Section 2 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), who has been practicing for at least seven years, as a legal practitioner." This notification shall come into force on May 25, 2021. [Notification No- G.S.R. 341(E)]

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MOLE extends the timeline for public utility service of coal industry

May 25, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MOLE) on May 24, 2021 has issued a notification extending the timeline for the coal industry to be considered as a public utility service for a period of 6 months starting from May 27, 2021. [Notification No. S.O. 1990 (E)]

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Ministry of Labour and Employment extend the service engaged in the copper Mining industry

May 25, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on May 24, 2021 has declared the extension in the service engaged in copper Mining industry under item 13 of the First Schedule to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, to be a public utility service for a period of six month with the effect from May 27, 2021. [Notification No- S. O.1991(E)]

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Ministry of Labour and Employment issues enforcement date for the provisions of the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 in the areas of West Bengal

May 24, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on May 21, 2021 has issued the date of enforcement on which the provisions of the Chapter IV, V and VI (except sections 44 and 45, 76 (1), 77,78,79 and 81 which have already been brought into force) specifies Contributions, benefits, Adjudication of dispute and claims respectively of the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 in the area of Alipurduar, Cooch Behar, Kalimpong, North Dinajpur, Purulia, and South Dinajpur Districts in the State of West Bengal shall come into force on June 1, 2021. [Notification No- S.O. 1950(E)]

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ESIC has issued a circular for the implementation of S. 142 of the Code of Social Security

May 21, 2021 | Central | Labour

The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on May 20, 2021 has issued a circular for the implementation of the Section 142 of the Code on Social Security, 2020. The Section 142, which specifies the collection of aadhar data from the beneficiaries has been initiated from May 03, 2021.

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Commercial

NSE has issued a circular for the updation of the new UCC with all the new mandatory fields in the UCC system exchange

May 31, 2021 | Central | Commercial



The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on May 29, 2021 has issued a circular for the updation of new UCC with all the new mandatory fields in the UCC system of exchange. All trading members are strictly required to ensure that new client details with all mandatory fields are updated and approved in the Unique Client Code system of the Exchange at least one day prior to commencement of trading i.e. by 5 pm on the previous trading day. Trading members shall not trade for such clients until UCC is properly registered. Any trade executed in client codes for new clients without uploading such UCCs in Unique Client Code system of the Exchange will be liable for penal action including disablement of member trading terminals w.e.f. June 01, 2021. In this regard, trading members are requested to read the above-mentioned effective date as August 02, 2021 instead of June 01, 2021. [Circular No. 14/2021]

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UIDAI has issued SOP for re-processing of the wrongly rejected packets in SSUP

May 31, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has issued a standard operating procedure for the re-processing of the wrongly rejected packets in SSUP. The following guidelines have been given:

- SSUP BPO reprocessing functionality which is an Adhoc arrangement is to be used for handling selected set of wrongly rejected packets. In case of grievance by the Resident on the rejection of request, this functionality to be invoked.
- Residents can raise their complaint by calling 1947 or through mail at help@uidai.gov.in, or any other mode.
- On receipt of such complaints, CRM to transfer such cases to the concerned RO within 2 working days and request to Tech Centre for acquire packet to the replay portal. All requests to the Tech Support to be raised through mail with a subject line "Request for reprocessing of URN: XXXXXXXX".
- ROs/HQ to request Tech support to assign the packet rejected by BPO to the RO layer for review and consider reprocessing of the packet.
- If the requested RO finds the assigned packet to be processed by any other RO, as per Regional Language, the same should be intimated through mail to the concerned RO.

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3 (N, N Di-Ethyl) Aminophenol (Quality Control) Order, 2021

May 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers on May 25, 2021 has issued the 3 (N, N Di-Ethyl) Aminophenol (Quality Control) Order, 2021. The following provisions have been made: • Goods or articles specified in column (1) shall conform to the corresponding Indian Standard specified in column (2), of the said Table and shall bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. • The Bureau shall be the certifying and enforcing authority in respect of the goods or articles specified in this order. • Any person who contravenes the provisions of this order shall be punishable under the provisions of the said Act. [Notification No. S.O. 2031 (E)]

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Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane) (Quality Control) Order, 2021

May 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers on May 25, 2021 has issued the Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane) (Quality Control) Order, 2021. The following provisions have been made: • Goods or articles specified in column (1) shall conform to the corresponding Indian Standard specified in column (2), of the said Table and shall bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. • The Bureau shall be the certifying and enforcing authority in respect of the goods or articles specified in this order. • Any person who contravenes the provisions of this order shall be punishable under the provisions of the said Act. [Notification No. S.O. 2032 (E)]

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Red Phosphorus (Quality Control) Order, 2021

May 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers on May 25, 2021 has issued the Red Phosphorus (Quality Control) Order, 2021. The following provisions have been made: • Goods or articles specified in column (1) shall conform to the corresponding Indian Standard specified in column (2), of the said Table and shall bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. • The Bureau shall be the certifying and enforcing authority in respect of the goods or articles specified in this order. • Any person who contravenes the provisions of this order shall be punishable under the provisions of the said Act. [Notification No. S.O. 2033 (E)]

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Morpholine (Quality Control) (Amendment) Order, 2021

May 28, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers on May 25, 2021 has issued the Morpholine (Quality Control) (Amendment) Order, 2021 to further amend the Morpholine (Quality Control) Order, 2020. The following regulations have been given: • Paragraph 1 (2), which specifies the effect of the order, has been substituted, namely: "It shall come into force on February 01, 2022." [Notification No. S.O. 2030 (E)]

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MOHFW issues the date for enforcement of provisions of National commission for allied and healthcare professions Act, 2021

May 26, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) on May 25, 2021 has issued a notification stating that the provisions of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021 (14 of 2021) shall come into force from May 25, 2021. [Notification No. S.O. 1012 (E)]

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The Central Motor Vehicles (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2021

May 26, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on May 25, 2021 has issued the Central Motor Vehicles (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. In Rule 125 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 which specifies Safety belt, collapsible steering column, auto dipper and padded dash boards, the following rule 125 J has been inserted: - "125 J. Specific requirements for A6 and A7 category Electric Power Train Agricultural Tractors. -Electric Power Train Agricultural Tractors of category A6 and A7, shall conform to the requirements of AIS 168:2021, as amended from time to time, till such time as corresponding Indian Standards specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (11 of 2016)". This notification shall come into force on May 25, 2021. [Notification No- G.S.R. 342(E)]

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Bicycles- Retro Reflective Devices (Quality Control) Order, 2021

May 26, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) on May 25, 2021 has issued the Bicycles- Retro Reflective Devices (Quality Control) Order, 2021. The following provisions have been given: • With effect from the January 01, 2022, this order shall apply to goods or articles specified in column (1) of the Table 1 and Table 2, but nothing herein shall apply to said goods or articles meant for export. • Goods or articles specified in the column (1) of the Table 1 shall conform to the corresponding Indian Standard mentioned in the column (2) of the said Table and shall bear the Standard Mark under a license from the Bureau as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II of Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. • Goods or articles specified in the column (1) of the Table-2 shall conform to the corresponding essential requirement(s) given in the column (2) of the said table under a certificate of conformity from the Bureau as per Scheme-IV of Schedule-II of Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. • In respect of the goods or articles specified in the column (1) of the Table-1 and Table-2, the Bureau shall be the certifying and enforcing authority. • Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Order shall be punishable under the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016(11 of 2016). [Notification No. S.O. 2028 (E)]

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BIS notifies withdrawal date for Selection and Use of Various Types of Lignocellulosic Panel Products Indian Standard under BIS Rules, 2018

May 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on May 4, 2021 has notified the date of withdrawal for the IS 15973 (Part 2): 2013 Selection and Use of Various Types of Lignocellulosic Panel Products ■ Code of Practice Part 2 Hardboards Indian Standard under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018 which is Jan 5, 2021. [Notification No- HQ-PUB017/1/2020-PUB-BIS (162)]

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BIS notifies various standards of Textiles and other under BIS Rules, 2018

May 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on May 20, 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 April 27, 2021 and few will remain in force till May 26, 2021: - ■ IS/ISO 105-X07: 1994 Textiles ■ Tests for Colour Fastness Part X07 Colour Fastness to Cross-Dyeing: Wool. ■ IS/ISO 105-X09: 1993 Textiles ■ Tests for Colour Fastness Part X09 Colour Fastness to Formaldehyde ■ IS/ISO 105-X14: 1994 Textiles ■ Tests for Colour Fastness Part X14 Colour Fastness to Acid Chlorination of Wool: Sodium Dichloroisocyanurate. ■ IS 1447 (Part 1): 2021 Methods of Sampling of Petroleum and its Products Part 1 Manual Sampling (Second Revision). ■ IS 1448 (Part 142) : 2021 Methods of Test for Petroleum and its Products Part 142 Determination of Water Separation Characteristics of Aviation Turbine Fuels by Portable Separometer (First Revision). ■ IS 1885 (Part 192) : 2021/IEC 60050-192 : 2015 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 192 Dependability. ■ IS 2630 : 2021 Nitrobenzene ■ Specification (Third Revision) ■ IS 3025 (Part 71) : 2021/ISO 14911 : 1998 Methods of Sampling and Test (Physical and Chemical) for Water and Wastewater Part 71 Determination of Dissolved Cations Using Ion Chromatography. ■ IS 3400 (Part 3) : 2021/ISO 4649 : 2017 Methods of Test for Vulcanized Rubber Part 3 Abrasion Resistance using a Rotating Cylindrical Drum Device (Third Revision). ■ IS 3400 (Part 7) : 2021/ISO 132 : 2017 Methods of Test for Vulcanized Rubber Part 7 Determination of Flex Cracking and Crack Growth (De Mattia) (Second Revision). ■ IS 3400 (Part 13) : 2021/ISO 2285 : 2013 Methods of Test for Vulcanized Rubbers Part 13 Tension Set (Second Revision) ■ IS 3400 (Part 14/Sec 1) : 2021/ISO 813 : 2016 Methods of Test for Vulcanized Rubbers Part 14 Adhesion of Rubber to Rigid Substrate Section 1 90° Peel Method (Second Revision). ■ IS 3400 (Part 14/Sec 2) : 2021/ISO 814 : 2017 Methods of Test for Vulcanized Rubbers Part 14 Adhesion of Rubber to Metal Section 2 Two-Plate Method (Second Revision). ■ IS 3400 (Part 18) : 2021/ISO 1432 : 2013 Methods of Test for Vulcanized Rubber Part 18 Stiffness at Low Temperature (Gehman Test) (Second Revision). ■ IS 3400 (Part 24) : 2021/ISO 8033 : 2016 Methods of Test for Vulcanized Rubber Part 24 Rubber and Plastics Hose ■ Determination of Adhesion between Components (Second Revision). ■ IS/ISO 4306-3 : 2016 Cranes ■ Vocabulary Part 3 Tower Cranes (First Revision). ■ IS 4884 : 2021 Sterilized/UHT Sterilized Cream ■ Specification (First Revision). ■ IS/ISO 5609-2 : 2012 Tool Holders for Internal Turning with Cylindrical Shank for Indexable Inserts Part 2 Style F. ■ IS/ISO 5609-3 : 2012 Tool Holders for Internal Turning with Cylindrical Shank for Indexable Inserts Part 3 Style K. ■ IS/ISO 5609-4 : 2012 Tool Holders for Internal Turning with Cylindrical Shank for Indexable Inserts Part 4 Style L. ■ IS/ISO 5609-5 : 2012 Tool Holders for Internal Turning with Cylindrical Shank for Indexable Inserts Part 5 Style U ■ IS/ISO 5609-6 : 2012 Tool Holders for Internal Turning with Cylindrical Shank for Indexable Inserts Part 6 Style Q ■ IS/ISO 5971 : 2017 Textiles ■ Size Designation of Clothes ■ Tights ■ IS 8085 (Part 3) : 2021/ISO 17708 : 2018 Methods of Test for Footwear Part 3 Whole Shoe-Upper Sole Adhesion. ■ IS 8085 (Part 6) : 2021/ISO 17704 : 2004 Methods of Test for Footwear Part 6 Abrasion Resistance of Uppers, Linings and Insoles ■ IS 8085 (Part 7) : 2021/ISO 17695 : 2004 Methods of Test for Footwear Part 7 Deformability of Upper ■ IS/ISO 8559-2 : 2017 Textiles ■ Size Designation of Clothes Part 2 Primary and Secondary Dimension Indicators ■ IS/ISO 8559-3 : 2018 Textiles ■ Size Designation of Clothes Part 3 Methodology for the Creation of Body Measurement Tables and Intervals ■ IS/ISO 8686-2 : 2018 Cranes ■ Design Principles for Loads and Load Combinations Part 2 Mobile Cranes (First Revision) ■ IS/ISO 8686-3 : 2018 Cranes ■ Design Principles for Loads and Local Combinations Part 3 Tower Cranes (First Revision) ■ IS/ISO 8686-5 : 2017 Cranes ■ Design Principles for Loads and Load Combinations Part 5 Overhead travelling and Portal Bridge Cranes (First Revision) ■ IS 10594 : 2021

Specification for Thermostatic Expansion Valves (First Revision) ■ IS 11159 (Part 2) : 2021 General Classification of Lubricants, Industrial Oils and Related Products Part 2 Family A (Total Loss Systems) (First Revision) ■ IS 12891 : 2021 Determination of Fusibility of Ash from Coal, Coke and Lignite (First Revision) ■ IS 13572 (Part 1) : 2021/ISO 9928-1 : 2015 Cranes ■ Crane Operating Manual Part 1 General (First Revision) ■ IS 13689 : 2021 Butter Oil and Anhydrous Butter Oil ■ Specification (First Revision) ■ IS 13690 : 2021 Butter ■ Specification (First Revision) ■ IS 15393 (Part 2) : 2021/ISO 5725-2 : 2019 Accuracy (Trueness and Precision) of Measurement Methods and Results Part 2 Basic Method for the Determination of Repeatability and Reproducibility of a Standard Measurement Method (First Revision) ■ IS 15393 (Part 4) : 2021/ISO 5725-4 : 2020 Accuracy (Trueness and Precision) of Measurement Methods and Results Part 4 Basic Method for the Determination of Trueness of a Standard Measurement Method (First Revision) ■ IS 15474 (Part 3/Sec 3) : 2021/IEC 60300-3-3 : 2017 Dependability Management Part 3 Application Guide Section 3 Life Cycle Costing ■ IS 15530 : 2021/ISO 1977 : 2006 Conveyor Chains, Attachments and Sprockets ■ Specification (First Revision) ■ IS 15545 (Part 4) : 2021/ISO 16589-4 : 2011 Rotary Shaft Lip-Type Seals Incorporating Thermoplastic Sealing Elements Part 4 Performance Test Procedures (First Revision) ■ IS 15839 : 2021/ISO 13520 : 2015 Determination of Ferrite Content in Austenitic Stainless Steel Castings (First Revision) ■ IS 15940 : 2021/ISO 11494 : 2019 Jewellery and Precious Metals ■ Determination of Platinum in Platinum Alloys ■ ICP-OES Method Using an Internal Standard Element (First Revision) ■ IS 16143 (Part 7) : 2021/ISO 13909-7 : 2016 Hard Coal and Coke ■ Mechanical Sampling Part 7 Methods for Determining the Precision of Sampling, Sample Preparation and Testing (First Revision) ■ IS 16143 (Part 8) : 2021/ISO 13909-8 : 2016 Hard Coal and Coke ■ Mechanical Sampling Part 8 Methods of Testing for Bias (First Revision) ■ IS 16814 : 2021/ISO 13857 : 2019 Safety of Machinery ■ Safety Distances to Prevent Hazard Zones Being Reached by Upper and Lower Limbs (First Revision) ■ IS/ISO/TS 17033 : 2019 Ethical Claims and Supporting Information ■ Principles and Requirements ■ IS/ISO 17268 : 2020 Gaseous Hydrogen Land Vehicle Refueling Connection Devices ■ IS 17548 : 2021 Software and Systems Engineering ■ Core Agile Practices ■ IS 17516 (Part 1) : 2021/ISO 22915-1 : 2016 Industrial Trucks ■ Verification of Stability Part 1 General ■ IS 17527 : 2021/ISO 18573 : 2012 Conveyor Belts ■ Test Atmospheres and Conditioning Periods ■ IS 17533 : 2021 Paraffin Dispenser ■ Specification ■ IS 17534 : 2021 Embalming Machine ■ Specification ■ IS 17535 : 2021 Automated Grossing Station ■ Specification ■ IS 17543 : 2021 Basic Requirements for Tissue Embedding Station ■ IS 17545 : 2021 White Cement Based Polymeric Putty ■ IS/ISO 18163 : 2016 Textiles ■ Clothing ■ Digital Fittings ■ Vocabulary and Terminology used for the Virtual Garment ■ IS/ISO 18890 : 2018 Textiles ■ Clothing ■ Standard Method of garment Measurement [Notification No- HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (156)]

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BIS has amended the timeline for Indian Standards of certain items

May 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on May 20, 2021 has issued a notification for the amendments in the certain Indian standards. The following items have been covered: • Specification for Shoe Upper Leather for Direct Moulding Process. • Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) Films ■ Specification. • Ghee ■ Specification • Stainless Steel Milk Cans ■ Specification • Combination Lock ■ Specification (First Revision).

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BIS notifies Fire Mineral Filled Sheathed Heating Element Indian Standard under BIS Rules, 2018

May 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on May 20, 2021 has issued the date of establishment and date of withdrawal/cancellation for Mineral Filled Sheathed Heating Element Indian Standards under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. Title of the Indian Standards Established Date of Establishment Title of the Indian Standards to be withdrawn Date of withdrawal IS 4159: 2021 Mineral Filled Sheathed Heating Elements ■ Specification (Fourth Revision May 3, 2021 IS 4159: 2002 Mineral Filled Sheathed Heating Elements ■ Specification (Third Revision) February 2, 2022 [Notification No- HQ-PUB 012/4/2020 Pub-BIS (158)]

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BIS notifies Fire Doors and Door sets Indian Standard under BIS Rules, 2018

May 25, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on May 20, 2021 has issued the date of establishment and date of withdrawal/cancellation for Fire Doors and Door sets Indian Standard under Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. Title of the Indian Standards Established Date of Establishment Title of the Indian Standards to be withdrawn Date of withdrawal IS 3614: 2021 Fire Doors and Door sets — Specification (First Revision) May 13, 2021 IS 3614 (Part 1) : 1966 Specification for Fire CheckDoors Part 1 Plate, Metal Covered andRolling Type IS 3614 (Part 2) : 1992 'Metallic and Non-metallic FireCheck Doors — Resistance Testand Performance Criteria' June 12, 2021 [Notification No- : HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (157)]

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Aadhaar (Authentication and Offline Verification) Regulations, 2021

May 24, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has issued the Aadhaar (Authentication and Offline Verification) Regulations, 2021. The following provisions have been made:

- Authority shall provide an alternate identification number mapped with Aadhaar number for the purpose of authentication.
- The Authority shall provide various means to generate or retrieve Virtual Identity number. Aadhaar number holder may generate or retrieve his/her VID through various means provided by the Authority.
- The Aadhaar number holder may use VID in lieu of Aadhaar number for online authentication or e-KYC.
- After communicating the information in accordance with Regulation 5, a requesting entity or Offline Verification Seeking Entity (OVSE) shall obtain the consent of the Aadhaar number holder or in case of a child, the consent of the parent or guardian of the child for the authentication or verification.
- A requesting entity or OVSE shall obtain the consent referred to in sub-regulation (1) above in physical or preferably in electronic form and maintain logs or records of the consent obtained in the manner and form as may be specified by the Authority for this purpose.
- A requesting entity shall provide the facility to withdraw consent by the resident. In case a resident withdraws his/her consent or in case of a child, by the parent or guardian, the resident's Aadhaar data shall be deleted by the requesting entity in a verifiable manner and an acknowledgement of the same to the resident. If resident wishes to continue with the service, requesting entity shall provide alternate means of identity verification.
- The Authority shall enable an Aadhaar number holder to lock his/her Aadhaar number and unlock it when needed for authentication.
- All authentication requests using Aadhaar number against any such locked Aadhaar number shall result with a "No" answer with an appropriate response code.
- In case of a locked Aadhaar, the Authority will allow the resident to authenticate using Virtual ID or other means.

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MEA amends the notification which stated that the provisions of United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947 applicable to mutatis mutandis to the SAARC Project office

May 21, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on May 13, 2021 has amended the vide notification S.O. 168(E), dated January 15, 2009 which specifies that the provisions of the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the SAARC Project Office and officials thereof. The following amendments has been made under the mentioned notification, namely: - ■ In Para fourth, which specifies “it is expedient to accord the project office and the Chief Executive officers therefore, and the south Asian University, its President Registrar and faculty members the privileges and immunities in India similar to those contained in Articles II, III, V, VI, and VII of the schedules to the united Nations (Privileges and immunities) Act, 1947”, has been substituted. ■ In Para Fifth, which specifies “Now therefore, the central government in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the said Act hereby declares that the provisions of Articles II, III, V, VI, and VII of the schedules of the said Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to the project office and the Chief Executive officers therefore, and the south Asian University, its President, registrar and faculty members for giving effect to the said headquarters agreement.” has been substituted. This notification shall come into force on the January 15, 2009. [Notification No- S.O. 1938(E)]

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CBFC has issued a notice to the applicants of video films regarding online screenings by CBFC committees

May 21, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) on April 15, 2021 has issued a notice to the applicants of video films regarding online screenings by CBFC committees. In this connection, it has been decided to provide option of online upload on Vimeo platform, to Applicants of Video Films over 10 minutes duration (including Long Films ie. Films over 72 minutes), while presenting those to CBFC Committees across different CBFC offices. Online screening would be followed by telephonic hearing to the Applicants. This would help in minimizing visits of Applicants/representatives and Committee members to Office-places, thereby reducing infection risk to them. Online upload facility (on e-cinepramaan portal) is already provided to Short Films up to 10 minutes duration and will continue to operate as earlier. Also it is 'optional, and therefore those Applicants who are willing to wait till the time regular screenings in CBFC offices are resumed, can do so without risk of getting their Applications cancelled. If the applicants of Theatrical Films wish to exhibit their films directly on TV/Satellite, they can separately apply under Video Films category and then the Film can be examined through the above facility.

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Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2021 as on May 17, 2021

May 20, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) on May 17, 2021 has issued the Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989. The following amendments have been made: • Rule 95 (1A), which specifies the standards for the tyre designs, has been inserted, namely: "The tyre designs falling under class C1, C2 and C3, as defined in AIS 142:2019, and as applicable, shall meet the requirements of Rolling resistance, Wet Grip and Rolling Sound Emissions, as specified in Stage 2 of AIS 142:2019, as amended from time to time, till such time the corresponding BIS specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 (11 of 2016) against the timelines given in Table-1." Notice is hereby given that the said draft rules shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of thirty days from the date on which the copies of this notification, as published in the Official Gazette, are made available to the public; 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. The objections or suggestions which may be received from any person in respect of the said draft rules before the expiry of the aforesaid period will be considered by the Central Government. [Notification No. G.S.R. 331 (E)]

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The Central Motor Vehicles (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2021

May 20, 2021 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on May 4, 2021 has issued the Central Motor Vehicles (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. In Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the Rule 115AB which specifies Mass emission standards for CNG, Bio-CNG, LNG driven agriculture tractors, power tillers, construction equipment vehicles and combine harvesters has been inserted, namely: - Rule 115AB Mass emission standards for CNG, Bio-CNG, LNG driven agriculture tractors, power tillers, construction equipment vehicles and combine harvesters: - (I) For conversion by modification of engines of In-use Diesel Vehicle a) In case of agriculture tractors, power tillers, construction equipment vehicles and combine harvesters, Type approval for diesel engine retrofitted for dedicated CNG/ Bio-CNG/LNG operation shall be given for specific make and model of the vehicle. b) Test for particulate matter and emission of visible pollutants (smoke) under these rules shall not applicable. c) CNG/Bio-CNG/LNG kit approved on the vehicle for specific engine capacity can be installed on specific make and model of vehicle and its variants fitted with the same capacity engine. d) The CNG/Bio-CNG/LNG composition used for carrying out emissions shall meet the fuel specifications as notified by the Central Government from time to time. e) Separate type approval is required for mechanically controlled and electronically controlled diesel Fuel injected vehicles when retrofitted for CNG /Bio-CNG/LNG operation. f) For retro fitment on "in-use" vehicles, the responsibility of the Type Approval and COP shall be that of the kit manufacturer or supplier. Prevailing COP procedure will also be applicable. g) The approval certificate of CNG or Bio-CNG or LNG for replacement engine shall be valid for three years from the date of the issue of type approval certificate and shall be renewable for three years at a time. (II) Replacement of In-use Diesel Engine by New dedicated CNG/ Bio-CNG/LNG Engine a) CNG or Bio-CNG or LNG replacement engine approved on the vehicle for specific engine capacity can be installed on the specific make and model of vehicle and its variants fitted with the same capacity engine. b) Test procedure and safety guidelines for such CNG, Bio-CNG, LNG kit components, including installation thereof, shall be as per AIS 024 and AIS 028 Rev 01 as applicable and amended from time to time, till such time as corresponding BIS specifications are notified. c) The CNG/Bio-CNG/LNG composition used for carrying out emissions shall meet the fuel specifications as notified by the Central Government from time to time. d) Tests for particulate matter and emission of visible pollutants (smoke) stipulated in the rule 115AA shall not be applicable for CNG or Bio-CNG or LNG engine or vehicle. e) The approval certificate of CNG or Bio-CNG or LNG for replacement engine shall be valid for three years from the date of the issue of type approval certificate and shall be renewable for 3 years at a time. [Notification No- G.S.R. 336(E)]

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MHA issues extend the compliance to the containment measures for Covid-19

May 31, 2021 | Central | EHS



The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on May 27, 2021 has extended the compliance to the containment measures for Covid-19 as specified under vide DO no Z.28015/85/2021-DM Cell, dated on April 25, 2021 issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), will remain in force up to June 30, 2021. [Order No- 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)]

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Ministry of Labour and Employment issues preventive measures to contain the spread of Covid-19 till May 31, 2021

May 26, 2021 | Central | EHS

Ministry of Labour and Employment on May 21, 2021 has issued preventive measures to contain the spread of Covid-19 till May 31, 2021. The following guidelines and instructions for strict compliance to spread to contain the spread of Covid-19 are as follows: - ■ All officers and staff will attend office on alternative days till May 31, 2021. ■ All officials who do not attend office, shall make themselves available on telephone and other electronic means of communication and Work from home. ■ All officials residing in containment zones shall continue to be exempted from coming to offices. ■ All officials should follow the covid-appropriate behavior including wearing mask, social distancing, use of sanitizer and frequent hand wash. ■ Persons with disabilities and Pregnant women employees are exempted from attending office. ■ Proper cleaning and frequent sanitization of workplace. [Office Memorandum No-Z.11025/03/2021-Adm.I]

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MEFCC rescinds the notification regarding prohibition of new red clay brick kilns

May 25, 2021 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MEFCC) on May 24, 2021 has rescinded the vide notification G.S.R.157(E), dated February 25, 2019 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change which is regarding prohibition of new red clay brick kilns within 300 kilometers from coal or lignite based thermal power plants and others under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. [Notification No- G.S.R. 340(E)]

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MoHFW issues clarification on Covid-19 vaccination at workplace (Government & Private) COVID Vaccination Centers (CVCs)

May 24, 2021 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) on May 21, 2021 has issued clarification on the vide D.O letter No- T-22014/12/2021/-IMMUNIZATION, dated May 19, 2021 which clarified that Covid-19 vaccination at workplace (Government & Private) COVID Vaccination Centers (CVCs) extended to all employees of the Workplaces. Therefore, the ministry has received several queries regarding coverage of family members of workers, along with the workers at the Industrial CVCs and the Workplace CVCs, further the following clarifications are issued: - ■ The Family members and dependents of the workers, as defined by the respective employees can also be covered with COVID-19 vaccination at the industrial CVCs and the workplaces CVCs. ■ For the Industrial CVCs and the Workplace CVCs, for covering the beneficiaries, the vaccine dose will have to be procured by the private hospitals with whom the respective employer tie up for vaccination. ■ For the Government Workplace CVCs beneficiaries aged 45 years or more may be covered through the free vaccine doses supplied by the government of India to the States/UTs. The beneficiaries in the age group of 18-44 years may be covered through the vaccine doses directly procured by the respective State/UT Government from the vaccine manufacturers. [D.O. No- T-22014/12/2021-Immunization]

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DST invites applications from the startups and companies for developing new technologies and innovative products under NIDHICOVID2.0

May 21, 2021 | Central | EHS

The Department of science & Technology (DST) on May 21, 2021 has invites applications from the startups and companies for developing new technologies and innovative products under NIDHICOVID2.0 that can enable to fight the crisis. Therefore, Development and manufacturing of the products parts currently being imported for the devices like Oxygen Concentrators and so on would also be considered for Seed Support through DST supported network of TBIs. Promising startups will be provided with financial and mentoring support for scaling up their products and technologies to the next level and speeding up their processes, helping to reach the product deployment stage as fast as possible. The following Eligibility conditions are as follows: - ■ The applicant startup must be a startup/company registered in India. ■ Startups should be less than 10 years in existence. ■ The startup having DPIIT recognition with Startup India would be preferred. In case the startup does not have DPIIT recognition while applying in the NIDHI4COVID 2.0 program, the startup may ensure to get DPIIT recognition as soon as possible. ■ Founders of the applicant company should have at least 51% Indian shareholding. ■ The applicant startup should have developed a clear product to market fit. Further, the interested applicants offering promising solutions can apply through <https://dstnidhi4covid.in> before May 31, 2021.

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Ministry of Information and Broadcasting issues measures to prevent the spread of covid-19 in Workplaces

May 20, 2021 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on April 13, 2021 has issued preventive measures to contain the spread of Covid-19. The following measures needs to be taken to prevent the spread of covid-19 in Workplaces: - ■ All Director/Deputy Secretary are requested to prepare a weekly roster to ensure that 50% of Group B and C employees may attend office every day. ■ Director/DS/US/Equivalent officers a specific approval may be taken for work from home. ■ All officials who are working from home on a particular day as per the roster drawn up should be always available on telephone and electronic means of communication. ■ The working hours for all employees who attend offices on a particular day should be staggered. ■ Similar practice may also be followed by the various media units/Autonomous bodies/PSUs under the ministry. ■ There instructions shall not apply to the offices and employees engaged in essential/emergency services and those directly engaged in taking measures to control spread of Covid-19. [Notification No- A-50013/4/2020-Admn-II]

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Secretarial

MCA has issued a second list of waiver of additional fees of certain forms

May 27, 2021 | Central | Secretarial



The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has issued the second list of waiver of additional fee for certain forms as per circular no. 06/2021 and 07/2021. The following forms have been included:

- Application for registration of creation, modification of charge (other than those related to debentures)- Form CHG-1.
- Application for registration of creation or modification of charge for debentures or rectification of particulars filed in respect of creation or modification of charge for debentures- Form CHG-9.
- Information to the Registrar by company for appointment of auditor- Form ADT-1.
- Notice of Situation or Change of situation of Registered Office of the Company- FORM INC-22.
- Return of Nidhi Company for the half year ended- FORM NDH-3.
- Annual Return of a Foreign Company- FORM FC-4.
- Return of dormant companies- FORM MSC-3.
- Conversion of public company into private company or private company into public company- FORM INC-27.
- Application for extension of time- FORM NDH-2.
- Statement of shares and unclaimed or unpaid dividend not transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund- FORM-IEPF-3.
- Form for filing financial statement and other documents with the Registrar- FORM AOC-4.
- Form for filing financial statement and other documents with the Registrar for NBFCs- FORM AOC-4 NBFC.
- Form for filing XBRL document in respect of financial statement and other documents with the Registrar- FORM AOC-4 XBRL.
- Form for filing annual return by a company- FORM MGT-7.
- Information with regard to limited liability partnership agreement and changes, if any, made therein- LLP Form 3.
- Annual Return of Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)- LLP Form-11.
- Notice of resignation of a director to the Registrar- FORM DIR-11.
- Filing of Resolutions and agreements to the Registrar- FORM MGT-14.

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MCA has issued a circular for the clarification on offsetting of excess CSR spent for FY 2021-22

May 21, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on May 20, 2021 has issued a circular for the clarification on offsetting the excess CSR spent for FY 2021-22. It is clarified that where a company has contributed any amount to 'PM CARES Fund' on March 31, 2020, which is over and above the minimum amount as prescribed under section 135(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") for FY 2019-20, and such excess amount or part thereof is offset against the requirement to spend under section 135(5) for FY 2020-21 in terms of the aforementioned appeal, then the same shall not be viewed as a violation subject to the conditions that: • the amount offset as such shall have factored the unspent CSR amount for previous financial years, if any. • the Chief Financial Officer shall certify that the contribution to "PM CARES Fund" was indeed made on 31st March 2020 in pursuance of the appeal and the same shall also be so certified by the statutory auditor of the company. • the details of such contribution shall be disclosed separately in the Annual Report on CSR as well as in the Board's Report for FY 2020-21 in terms of section 134 (3) (o) of the Act.

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SEBI has issued a circular for the enhancement of overall limit for overseas investments by AIF and VCF

May 21, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on May 21, 2021 has issued a circular for the enhancement of the overall limit for overseas investments by Alternate Investment Funds (AIF) and Venture Capital Funds (VCF's). In consultation with the Reserve Bank of India, the said limit has now been enhanced to USD 1,500 million. Further, all other regulations governing such overseas investment by eligible AIFs/VCFs shall remain unchanged. [Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF6/CIR/P/2021/565]

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SEBI has issued a consultation paper on review and merger of SEBI (Issue and listing of debt securities) Regulations, 2008 and SEBI (Issue and listing of non-convertible redeemable preference shares) Regulation 2013 into SEBI (Issue and listing of non-convertible securities) Regulations, 2021

May 20, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on May 19, 2021 has issued a consultation paper on review and merger of SEBI (Issue and listing of debt securities) Regulations, 2008 and SEBI (Issue and listing of non-convertible redeemable preference shares) Regulation 2013 into SEBI (Issue and listing of non-convertible securities) Regulations, 2021. The following are the objectives: • The new NCS Regulations would ease compliance burden on listed entities, harmonize with the Companies Act, 2013 and maintain consistency with the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 SEBI (Debenture Trustees) Regulations, 1993 and circulars issued thereunder. Further NCS Regulations would also include certain provisions issued via circulars under ILDS Regulations and NCRPS Regulations. • To simplify and to align the Regulations in line with the various circulars/guidance and various provisions of the regulations, issued by SEBI and improve the structure of the regulations in order to enhance readability. • To identify policy changes in line with the present market practices and the prevailing regulatory environment and to ease doing business. • To separate the chapters on the basis of type of issuance-public/private placement and instruments - debt securities/NCRPS/PNCPS/PDIs/Commercial Papers, so that all relevant information is sorted and are available at one place. • To align the regulations with the amendment in the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 and Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014 etc. • To merge all the existing circulars into a single operational circular.

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SEBI has issued press release seeking public comments on consultation paper on Gold exchange in India and Draft SEBI (Vault managers) regulation, 2021

May 20, 2021 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on May 19, 2021 has issued a press release seeking public comments on the consultation paper on the proposed framework of Gold exchange in India and Draft SEBI (Vault managers) regulation, 2021. Taking into consideration the recommendations of the two working groups, SEBI has proposed a framework for setting up of the Gold Exchange in India. Accordingly, a Consultation Paper detailing the proposed framework for the Gold Exchange in India and the draft SEBI (Vault Managers) Regulations, 2021 for regulating the gold exchange related business of the Vault Managers has been issued by SEBI today for public comments. The comments are open till June 18, 2021 and can be accessed on the SEBI website. [Press Release No. 19/2021]

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Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Public Transport Personnel Subordinate Service Rules, 2021

May 25, 2021 | Andhra Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Transport, Roads & Building Department, Andhra Pradesh on May 24, 2021 has issued the Andhra Pradesh Public Transport Personnel Subordinate Service Rules, 2021 under the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (Absorption of Employees into Government Services) Act, 2019. The following Rules under the Andhra Pradesh Public Transport Personnel Subordinate Service Rules, 2021 are as follows: - ■ Method of Appointment and appointing authority ■ Rules of Reservation ■ No person shall be eligible for appointment to the categories specified in the rules. ■ No person shall be eligible for promotion unless he/she is an approved probationer and has put in not less than 4 years of services from the date of commencement of probation. ■ Training and Probation [Notification No- G.O. No- 22, Transport, Road & Buildings]

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The Andhra Pradesh Public Transport Operations Subordinate Service Rules, 2021

May 25, 2021 | Andhra Pradesh | Industry Specific

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The Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Diseases (Mucormycosis) Regulations, 2021

May 24, 2021 | Andhra Pradesh | EHS

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh on May 21, 2021 has issued the Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Diseases (Mucormycosis) Regulations, 2021 under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. The Regulation shall remain valid for one year from May 21, 2021. The following regulations on Mucor mycosis are as follows: - ■ The “Epidemic Disease” means Mucormycosis, otherwise the context require. ■ All the healthcare facilities will follow the guidelines for screening, diagnosis, management of Mucormycosis. ■ All the healthcare facilities shall report each and every suspected or confirmed case of Mucormycosis to the commissioner. ■ No person/institution or raganisation will spread any information or material for management of Mucormycosis. ■ This regulation shall be deemed to have committed as offence punishable under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code.

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Chandigarh

The Chandigarh Epidemic Disease, COVID-19 Regulations, 2021

May 31, 2021 | Chandigarh | EHS

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Chandigarh on May 25, 2021 has issued the Chandigarh Epidemic Disease, COVID-19 Regulations, 2021 regarding Covid-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019) under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897. ■ All Hospitals (Government & Private) should have Flu corners for screening of suspected cases of COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019). ■ All Hospitals (Government & Private) during screening of such cases shall record the travel history of the person. The history of coming in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 must be recorded. All private hospitals must immediately inform the Director Health and Family Welfare, U.T in any such cases reported. ■ The guidelines and protocols issued by Chandigarh Administration must be followed by all Private and Government Health Care facilities. • Government can prescribe maximum charges that a private hospital can take for treatment of COVID-19 patients. • Government can direct a private hospital to earmark the entire hospital or part thereof for treatment of COVID-19 patients. • All private hospitals providing treatment to COVID-19 patients shall abide by the protocols issued by the Government regarding treatment and reporting of COVID-19 patients. ■ No person/Institution/Organization will use any print or electronic media for information regarding COVID-19 without prior permission of the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Chandigarh Administration. ■ Any person who has travelled to a location outside his usual residence should meticulously follow Government instructions including that of precautions and health protocols. ■ All Government and private labs so authorized by the ICMR can take and/or test samples for COVID-19 in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. [Notification No- EPI/ADM/2021/1944]

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Chandigarh Administration Epidemic Diseases (Mucormycosis) Regulations, 2021

May 24, 2021 | Chandigarh | Commercial

The Chandigarh Administration department on May 20, 2021 has issued The Chandigarh Administration Epidemic Diseases (Mucormycosis) Regulations, 2021 and shall remain valid for one year. The following regulations have been given:

- All the healthcare facilities (Government and private) will follow the guidelines for screening, diagnosis, management of Mucormycosis, issued by MoHFW (GoI)/ ICMR/ State Government and amended from time to time.
- All the healthcare facilities (Government and private) will report each and every suspected or confirmed case of Mucormycosis to Health Department through Director Health Services.
- No person/institution or organization will spread any information or material for management of Mucormycosis without prior permission from Health Department, Chandigarh Administration.
- No person/institution or organization will use any print/ electronic or any other form of media for Mucormycosis without prior permission from Health Department, Chandigarh Administration.
- A Committee under the Chairpersonship of Director Health & Family Welfare, Chandigarh Administration will be constituted, which will have specialists of Internal Medicine, Ophthalmology, ENT and Epidemiologist as members to review any disobeying by any person/institution or organization of the notification or any order issued under these regulations. If disobeying is proved, a notice would be issued by the Director Health & Family Welfare, Chandigarh Administration against such person/institution or organization, indicating the offence/irregularity conducted as per this notification.
- The reply of person/institution or organization received against the notice will be reviewed by the aforementioned District Committee. If reply is not received within stipulated time of receipt of the notice or if the reply is found unsatisfactory by the Committee and it is confirmed that the person/institution or organization has disobeyed regulations, the Chairperson of the Committee will take the necessary action against the delinquent person/institution or organization as per section 3 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.
- Any person/institution or organization disobeying these Regulations or order issued under these Regulations shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).
- No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under these regulations. [Notification No. EPI-ADM-2021/1913-A]

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Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh Epidemic Diseases (Mucormycosis) Regulations 2021

May 25, 2021 | Chhattisgarh | Commercial

The Chhattisgarh Administration on May 22, 2021 has issued the Chhattisgarh Epidemic Diseases (Mucormycosis) Regulations 2021. It shall extend to the whole State of Chhattisgarh. The following guidelines have been given: • All the health care facilities provider (Government and Private) under State of Chhattisgarh will follow the guidelines for screening, diagnosis, management of Mucormycosis, issued by MoHFW, GoI/ICMR/State Government of Chhattisgarh and as amended from time to time. • All the health care facilities provider (Government and Private) under State of Chhattisgarh will report each and every suspected or confirmed case of Mucormycosis to Chief Medical and Health Officer of concerned district. • No person/institution or organization will use any print/electronic or any other form of media for Mucormycosis without prior permission from Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Chhattisgarh. • This notification shall come into force from the date of its publication and shall remain valid for next one year. • Any person disobeying this regulations or order made under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (No. 3 of 1897) shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal code, 1860.

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Delhi

Provisions of Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020 shall come into force from June 08, 2020

May 31, 2021 | Delhi | Finance & Taxation

The finance department of Delhi on May 28, 2021 has issued a notification specifying that the provisions of the Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020 shall come into force from June 08, 2020. [Notification No. 44/2020- State Tax]

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Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2020

May 31, 2021 | Delhi | Finance & Taxation

The finance department of Delhi on May 28, 2021 has issued the Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Delhi Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. The following amendments have been made: • Rule 26 (2), which specifies the filing of return through EVC, has been substituted, namely: "Provided further that a registered person registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) shall, during the period from April 21, 2020 to September 30, 2020, also be allowed to furnish the return under section 39 in FORM GSTR-3B verified through electronic verification code (EVC). Provided also that a registered person registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) shall, during the period from May 27, 2020 to September 30, 2020, also be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies under section 37 in FORM GSTR-1 verified through electronic verification code (EVC). [Notification No. 48/2020- State Tax]

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Goa

Goa Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2021

May 28, 2021 | Goa | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Goa on May 26, 2021 has issued the Goa Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Goa Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. The following amendments have been made: • Rule 26 (1), which specifies the furnishing of FORM GSTR-3B, a new proviso has been inserted, namely: "Provided also that a registered person registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) shall, during the period from the April 27, 2021 to May 31, 2021, also be allowed to furnish the return under section 39 in FORM GSTR-3B and the details of outward supplies under section 37 in FORM GSTR-1 or using invoice furnishing facility, verified through electronic verification code (EVC)." [Notification No. 38/1/2017-Fin(R&C)(194)/1403]

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Goa Goods and Services Tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2021

May 28, 2021 | Goa | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department of Goa on May 26, 2021 has issued the Goa Goods and Services Tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Goa Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. The following amendments have been made: • Rule 36 (4), which specifies the cumulative statement furnishing with form GSTR-3B, a new proviso has been inserted, namely: "Provided further that such condition shall apply cumulatively for the period April and May, 2021 and the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the tax period May, 2021 shall be furnished with the cumulative adjustment of input tax credit for the said months in accordance with the condition above." • Rule 59 (2), which specifies the furnishing of details on IFF, a new proviso has been inserted, namely: "Provided that a registered person may furnish such details, for the month of April, 2021, using IFF from May 01, 2021 till May 28, 2021." [Notification No. 38/1/2017-Fin(R&C)(198)/1407]

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Gujarat

Gujarat Factories (Amendment) Rules,2021

May 24, 2021 | Gujarat | Labour

The Gujarat Labour and Employment Department on May 10, 2021 has issued the Gujarat Factories (Amendment) Rules,2021 to further amend the Gujarat Factories Rules, 1963. The following amendments have been made: • Rule 64B, which specifies the quality of personal protective equipment, has been inserted, namely: "All personal protective equipment provided to workers as required under any of the provisions of the Act or Rules shall conform to the relevant Indian Standards, if any or in the absence of it, personal protective equipment shall be approved by the Chief Inspector of Factories. Provided that the PPEs not having relevant Indian Standards or not having approval from Chief Inspector of Factories, shall be required to compliant with EN (European Standard) or ANSI (American National Standards Institute) or ISO (International Organization for Standardization), as the case may be, as modified from time to time till the relevant Indian Standard is made available." [Notification No. GHR/202 1/39/FAC/14202 1/194/M3]

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The Gujarat Goods and Services Tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2021

May 19, 2021 | Gujarat | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department, Gujarat on May 17, 2021 has issued the Gujarat Goods and Services Tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Gujarat Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. The following amendment has been made: - ■ In Rule 36 (4) of the Gujarat Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, the following proviso has been inserted: - "Provided further that such condition shall apply cumulatively for the period April and May, 2021 and the return in Form GSTR-3B for the tax period May, 2021 shall be furnished with the cumulative adjustment of input tax credit for the said months in accordance with the condition above." ■ In Rule 59 (2) of the Gujarat Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, the following proviso has been inserted: - "Provided that a registered person may furnish such details for the month of April 2021, using IFF from the May 1, 2021 till May 28, 2021." [Notification No- (GHN-24) GST-2021/S.164(70) TH]

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Gujarat Government fixes the rate of interest for the purpose of taxpayer having aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crore

May 19, 2021 | Gujarat | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department, Gujarat on May 17, 2021 has issued the amendment in the notification No- (GHN-30) GST- 2017/S.50,54&56(1)-TH, dated June 30, 2017 under the Gujarat Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. In the first proviso of the first paragraph which specifies rate of interest per annum, the further following table has been inserted: (1) (2) (3) (4) 4 Taxpayer having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crore in the preceding financial year. 9% for the first 15 days from the due date and 18% thereafter March 2021, April 2021 5 Taxpayer having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year who is liable to furnish the return as specified under section 39. Nil for the first 15days from the due date, 9% for the next 15days and 18% thereafter March 2021, April 2021 6 Taxpayer having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year who is liable to furnish the return as specified under section 39 (1). Nil for the first 15days from the due date, 9% for the next 15days and 18% thereafter March 2021, April 2021 7 Taxpayer who is liable to furnish the return as specified under section 39 (2) Nil for the first 15days from the due date, 9% for the next 15days and 18% thereafter Quarter ending, March 2021. This notification shall come into force from the April 18, 2021. [Notification No - (GHN-23) GST-2021/S.50(1)(2)TH]

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Gujarat Government extends the time limit for completion or compliance of any action during the period of April 15, 2021 to May 30, 2021

May 19, 2021 | Gujarat | Finance & Taxation

The Finance Department, Gujarat on May 17, 2021 has extended the time limit for completion or compliance of any action by authority or any person which falls during the period from April 15, 2021 to May 30, 2021 which has not been completed in the prescribed time, the timeline for completion has been extended up to May 31, 2021 in the view of spread of Covid-19 across many parts of India. Further, the mentioned extension of the time limit will not be applicable for the compliances of the following provisions of the Gujarat Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, namely: - • Chapter IV • Section 10(3), Section 25, 27, 31, 37, 47, 50, 69, 90, 122, 129 • Section 39, except 39(3), (4), (5) • Section 68, e-way bill is concerned. The Notification will come into force with the effect from April 15, 2021. [Notification No- (GHN-26) GST-2021/S.168(10) TH]

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Orissa

OERC (procurement of energy from renewable sources and its compliance) regulations, 2021

May 24, 2021 | Orissa | Industry Specific

The Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) has issued a public notice inviting objections and suggestions on proposed OERC (procurement of energy from renewable sources and its compliance) regulations, 2021 under Section 181 (3) of the Electricity Act. The following provisions have been given:

- These Regulations shall be called “Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources and its Compliance) Regulations, 2021.
- Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources and its Compliance) Regulations, 2015 is hereby repealed.
- These Regulations shall apply to all “Obligated Entities” in the State of Odisha. The Obligated Entities include: 1. Distribution licensee (or any other entity procuring power on their behalf). 2. Any person consuming electricity (i) generated from conventional Captive Generating Plant having capacity of 1 MW and above for his own use and/or (ii) procured from conventional generation through open access and third-party sale. 3. Provided that the condition under sub-clause (b)(i) above shall not be applicable in case of stand-by (or emergency back-up) captive generating facilities.
- Provided that such renewable sources shall have suitable metering and communication arrangement with Odisha State Load Despatch Centre/Distribution Licensee of the State of Odisha.
- Provided further that generation from off-grid RE sources set up by Distribution Licensee/ Mini-Grid Operator (MGO), shall be considered as generation from eligible RE sources only if suitable metering and communication arrangement exists and Distribution Licensee/ Mini-Grid Operator (MGO) communicate details of such generation on monthly basis to State Agency.
- In case of Hybrid Sources, the Renewable Energy Generated shall be treated as Non-solar irrespective of nature of sources or installed capacity of particular source. You are requested to furnish your considered views/suggestion/opinion on the said Regulation to the undersigned on or before May 31, 2021 (by 5.00 P.M.). On receipt of the responses from different quarters, the Commission may, in appropriate cases, bring the modifications, if any, to the proposed Regulation and approve the same for publication in the official gazette.

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Orissa Industrial Establishment (Standing Orders) Amendment Rules, 2007

May 24, 2021 | Orissa | Labour

The Labour and Employment Department of Orissa on May 16, 2021 has issued the Orissa Industrial Establishment (Standing Orders) Amendment Rules, 2007 to further amend the Orissa Industrial Establishment (Standing Orders) Rules, 1946. The following amendments have been made:

- In Schedule I, paragraph 2 (a)(h), which specifies the definition of the fixed term employment, has been inserted, namely: "A fixed term employment" workman is a workman who has been engaged on the basis of contract of employment for a fixed period whose working hours, wages, allowances and other benefits shall not be less than that of a permanent workman and shall be eligible for all statutory benefits available to a permanent workman proportionately according to the period of service rendered by him even though his period of employment does not extend to the qualifying period of employment required in the statute."
- Paragraph 13 (2), which specifies the working of temporary workman, has been substituted, namely: "Subject to the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (14 of 1947), no temporary workman whether monthly-rated or weekly-rated or piece rated, and no probationer or badli or fixed term employment workman as a result of non-renewal of contract of employment or on its expiry, shall be entitled to any notice or pay in lieu thereof if his services are terminated but the services of a temporary workman shall not be terminated as a punishment unless he has been given an opportunity of explaining the charges of misconduct alleged against him in the manner prescribed." [Notification No. S.R.O. 330/2007]

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Telangana

TSPCB issues no fee for processing of the application for authorization under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981

May 19, 2021 | Telangana | EHS

The Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) on May 18, 2021 has issued no fee for processing of the application for authorization under Hazardous and other wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, Authorization/Renewal under E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016 and Registration/Renewal under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. Further, the applicant shall pay the prescribed Consent fee along with application for CFO under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. No Fee is prescribed for processing the application for authorization under Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, Authorization/Renewal under E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016 and Registration/Renewal under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. [Circular No-91/TSPCB/Gen/EOBD/HO/2015-211]

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West Bengal

West Bengal Government issues primary requirements as per duty exemption on different goods

May 19, 2021 | West Bengal | EHS

The State Government of West Bengal on May 18, 2021 has issued duty exemption on different goods. Goods notified vide Notification No. 27/2021-Customs, dated April 20, 2021 amended on April 30, 2021 and May 5, 2021 and notification no- 28/2021-Customs, dated April 24, 2021 have been exempted from payment of customs duty when imported into India. Health cess leviable under section 141 of the Finance Act has also been exempted on import of goods. Further, integrated Tax (IGST) payable on import of goods has also been exempted on terms of Ad hoc exemption when such goods are imported free of cost for the purpose of Covid relief by State Government, entity, relief agency or statutory body, authorized in this regard by any State Government and are received from abroad for free distribution in India for the purpose of Covid relief. The Primary requirement as per exemption order No- 4/2021-custom, dated May 3, 2021 are as follows:- ■ The said goods, received from abroad are for free distribution in India for the purpose of Covid relief only. ■ The importer must produce before the Custom Authority certificate from the Nodal Authority so appointed by the State Government, stating clearly that the goods imported are meant for free distribution of Covid relief in India. ■ The importer has to present before the Custom Authority at the port of import, statement detailing the goods distributed free of cost for Covid relief within India duly certified by the Nodal Authority within a period of six months from date of importation or within such extended period.

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