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## Industry Specific

### **FSSAI issued clarification regarding standards of Hypoallergenic infant milk substitutes**

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The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on February 25, 2022 has issued Clarification regarding standards of Hypoallergenic infant milk substitutes. This shall come into effect from April 1, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020 covers Hypoallergenic infant milk substitute products based on extensively hydrolysed whey protein or casein or free amino acids. [Notification No. STD/FA.37/FSSAI [E-3114]]

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### **Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Payment of Fees) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2022**

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The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on February 24, 2022 has issued the Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Payment of Fees) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Payment of Fees) Regulations, 2012. The following amendments have been made: • In regulation 7, which specifies Licence Fees, in clause (1) the proviso has been substituted, namely: “Provided that the transmission licensee including the deemed transmission licensee shall furnish, by 30th June of each year, the audited statement of annual transmission charges for preceding financial year which shall include the annual transmission charges determined by the Commission and the amount or charges received for transmission services of the preceding financial year along with the audited certificate of the licence fee payable during the corresponding financial year. While providing such details, the amount received as reimbursement of filing fees in form of Licence fees and amount or charges received for services other than transmission services shall not be included. The differential licence fee payable, if any, shall be deposited by 15th July of each year.” • Regulation 8(A) has been inserted, namely: “8(A). An OTC Platform registered under Regulation 40 of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power Market) Regulations, 2020 shall pay Rupees two lakhs towards annual registration charge by 30th April of each year.” • Regulation 12, which specifies Mode of payment of fees has been substituted, namely: “12. Mode of payment of fees (1) All fees payable under these regulations, including late payment surcharge, shall be paid only through the e-filing portal of the Commission, via payment gateway using net banking, debit card, credit card or any other means allowed. (2) Persons making payment of fees in accordance with these regulations shall submit the details of remittance on the e-filing portal of the Commission as per Form-I to these regulations, within three days of making such payment.” • Form I of the Principle regulation has been

amended. [Notification No. L-1/02/2022-CERC]

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## **Drugs (3rd Amendment) Rules, 2022**

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The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on February 24, 2022 has issued the Drugs (3rd Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Drugs Rules, 1945. This has come into force on February 24, 2022. The following amendments has been made namely: - • Rule 127(1)(3) which specify “Coal Tar Colours” has inserted the following entry namely: - “Allura Red – 16035 – Disodium 6-hydroxy-5-[(2-methoxy-5-methyl-4- sulfophenyl)azo]-2-Naphthalenesulfonic acid” [Notification No. G.S.R. 158(E)]

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## **IFSCA specifies Fee structure for Debenture Trustees in the IFSC**

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The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on February 25, 2022 has issued a circular to specify the Fee structure for Debenture Trustees in the IFSC. The following fee structure shall be applicable to all Debenture Trustees in the IFSC: a) Application fee of USD 500; b) Registration fee of USD 2,500; [Circular No. 534/IFSCA/CMD/DEBENTURE TRUSTEE/2021-22]

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## **BSE issues Notification regarding Payment of SEBI Turnover Fees of Equity**

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The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on February 28, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Payment of SEBI Turnover Fees of Equity Segment/Equity Derivatives/Currency Derivatives Segment/Commodity Derivatives Segment/Interest Rate Derivatives/New Debt Segment/Repo Segment. The following has been stated namely: - • SEBI Turnover fee for the month of February 2022 will be debited to the settlement (valan) account by March 04, 2022. • SEBI Turnover Fees will no longer be a part of the Settlement Obligation (Valan). It will be debited separately from the member’s settlement account with appropriate narration against the entry. [Notice No. 20220228-2]

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## **RBI issues notification regarding Reporting and Accounting of Central Government transactions**

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 24, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Reporting and Accounting of Central Government transactions. The following has been stated namely: - • The date of closure of residual transactions for the month of March 2022 be fixed as April 11, 2022. • Receiving branches including those not situated locally, should adopt special arrangements such as courier service etc., for passing on challans/scrolls etc. to the Nodal/Focal Point branches. • The nodal/Focal Point branches will be required to prepare separate set of scrolls namely: - 1. March 2022 - residual transactions 2. April transactions during the first 11 days of April 2022. • The Nodal/Focal Point branches should also ensure: - 1. The accounts for all transactions (revenues/tax collections/payments) are effected at the receiving branches up to March 31, 2022 in the accounts for the current financial year itself. 2. While reporting transactions pertaining to March 2022 up to April 11, 2022, the transactions of April 2022 should not be mixed up with the residual transactions relating to March 2022. [Notification No. RBI/2021-22/176]

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## **Draft Inland Vessels (Survey and Certification) Rules 2022**

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The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on February 23, 2022 has issued the Draft Inland Vessels (Survey and Certification) Rules 2022. The foremost provisions of the draft are as follows: • Areas of Operation (1) The State Government may categorize inland water areas, based on the maximum significant wave height criteria, as Zone 1, Zone 2 and Zone 3, as stipulated below. (2) Vessels shall therefore be designed, constructed and maintained for service in the most onerous zone that it intends to operate in. (i) Zone 1 means an area (other than Zone 2 or Zone 3) where the maximum significant wave height does not exceed 2.0 metres. (ii) Zone 2 means an area (other than Zone 3) where the maximum significant wave height does not exceed 1.2 metres. (iii) Zone 3 means an area where the maximum significant wave height does not exceed 0.6 metres. • Certification of compliance with design, construction, modification or alteration to be recorded. (1) The designated authorities or authorised persons shall ensure that the inland vessels, which are governed by the Inland Vessels (Design and Construction) Rules 2022, are in compliance with the said Rules. (2) Designated authorities or authorised persons shall ensure that the inland vessels, which are constructed and employed in the inland waters prior to the Act are in compliance with the laws and standards that were prevailing prior to the Act: Provided that Designated authorities or authorised persons shall ensure that the existing vessels which have undergone major conversion or modification, comply with the Inland vessels (Design and Construction ) Rules, 2022as far as it is considered reasonable and practicable by the Designated Authority. (3) Subject to sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (2) of the present Rule, the designated authority or authorised persons of respective State Government shall record the certification with regard to compliance of construction, design, modification or alteration, as the case may be; in the certificate of survey issued under the Act and in accordance with these Rules. (4) A vessel may be surveyed by the surveyors of the Designated Authority of the State in which it is plying though it may be registered elsewhere. • Maintenance of conditions after survey The owner or master of every Inland vessel shall ensure that: (1) The condition of the vessel and its equipment is maintained to conform with the provisions of the Certificate of Survey to ensure that the vessel in all respects will remain fit to operate without danger to the vessel, persons on board or the environment; (2) After any survey of the vessel has been completed, no significant change shall be made in the structural arrangement, machinery, equipment and other items covered by the survey, without the approval of the Designated Authority or a recognised organisation acting on its behalf; and (3) Whenever an accident occurs to the vessel or a defect is discovered, either of which affects the safety of the vessel or the efficiency or completeness of its life-saving appliances or other equipment, a request be made



immediately to the Designated Authority or a recognised organisation acting on its behalf for a survey, to be carried out.

• **Duration and validity of certificates**

(1) Certificate of Survey shall be issued for a period which shall not exceed Five years subject to endorsements being made for completion of annual. (2) When the renewal survey is completed within three months before the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of renewal survey to a date not exceeding five years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate. (3) When the renewal survey is completed not more than three months after the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to a date not exceeding five years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate. (4) When the renewal survey is completed more than three months before or after the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to a date not exceeding five years from the date of completion of the renewal survey. (5) Where the renewal survey has been completed and new certificate cannot be issued or placed onboard the Inland vessel before the expiry date of the existing certificate, the Designated Authority or a recognized organization acting on its behalf shall endorse the existing certificate and such a certificate shall be accepted as valid for a further period which shall not exceed sixty days from the expiry date. (6) Where a vessel at the time when a certificate expires is not in a position to be surveyed, the Designated Authority may extend the period of validity of the certificate considering the circumstances, for a period not longer than 3 months. (7) In the case of exceptional circumstances due to non-availability of dry-docking facilities, the State Government may consider extension of certificates for a period not exceeding 6 months. (8) A certificate issued under sub-rule (5) above shall cease to be valid in any of the following cases: (a) where the relevant surveys and inspections are not completed within the periods specified under these Rules; or (b) where the certificate is not endorsed in accordance with the requirements of these Rules; (c) or where the vessel is withdrawn from the Registry.

• **Official log book**

(1) The master and engineer/driver of the vessel shall keep an official log book in the form specified in these rules in Form No. 8 and shall make, or cause to be made, such entries in that log book as required. (2) An entry in an official log book shall be made by the Master, Engineer/Driver or officer in-charge of the inland vessel: a) as soon as possible after the occurrence to which it relates; and b) the date and time of the occurrence and the entry. (3) An entry in the official log book shall be made by the Master or the officer in-charge and counter signed by the Designated Authority carrying out any inspection of the vessel stating the outcome of the inspection and action taken if any. (4) Official log book shall be supplied by the Designated Authority on payment of prescribed fee. (5) Official log book is the property of the Port Authority and shall be maintained properly. (6) Official log book to be produced for verification at the time of annual survey of the vessel. (7) The officer carrying out the inspection shall make an entry in the 'Official log book'.

• **Qualifications for appointment as Chief Surveyor**

(1) No person shall be appointed as Chief Surveyor unless he meets the qualifications and experience enumerated in any one of the following: a) possesses a degree or equivalent in Marine Engineering/Naval Architecture/ Mechanical/ Electrical Engineering and Ministry of Transport First Class certificate of competency issued by Director General of Shipping, Government of India or equivalent certificate recognized by Government of India or b) a basic degree in Naval Architecture with 10 years' experience in sea going regular vessels / Classification Societies / Ship Building yards/reputed International Shipping Corporations or State Port Department or c) Diploma in ship building with 20 years' experience in sea going regular vessels / Classification Societies / Ship Building yards/reputed International Shipping Corporations or State Port Department

**Inland vessel State Inspection**

(1) Every vessel while in a port (inland port or major/minor coastal ports) within the jurisdiction of another State Government shall be subject to inspection by the designated authorities or officers duly authorized by such Government for the purpose of inspection to verify and ascertain that the certificates issued under these Rules, are valid. A vessel may also be surveyed by the officers of IWAI according to the Rules of IWAI when in National Waterways. Normally no such inspections by Ports or IWAI should be conducted within six months of the completion date of the last inspection. (2) Such certificates, if found valid, shall be accepted,

unless there are clear grounds for believing that the condition of the vessel or of its equipment does not correspond substantially with the particulars of any of the certificates or that the vessel is not fit for service. .

(3) In the circumstances specified in sub-rule (2) above or where a certificate has expired or ceased to be valid, the officer carrying out the inspection shall take steps to ensure that the vessel shall not leave the port unless it can proceed to the next port of call, or leave the port for the purpose of proceeding to an appropriate repair yard, without danger to the vessel or persons on board. All persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft shall be taken into consideration after 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 or suggestions, if any, to these draft rules may be sent to the Director (IWT), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Room No. 439, Transport Bhawan, 1-Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001, or by email at [abhay.sarode@gov.in](mailto:abhay.sarode@gov.in) and [uttam.mishra27@gov.in](mailto:uttam.mishra27@gov.in) within the period specified above; The objections or suggestions which may be received from any person concerning the said draft rules, within period so specified will be considered by the Central Government. [Notification No. G.S.R. 150(E)]

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## **Flight and Maritime Connectivity (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 25, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Ministry of Communications on February 24, 2022 has issued the Flight and Maritime Connectivity (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Flight and Maritime Connectivity Rules, 2018. The following amendments have been made in the annexure of the said rules: • In paragraph 8, which specifies Details of Partners/promoters/stakeholders in the company clause (ii) and (iii) has been substituted. • In paragraph 11, which specifies Certificates/Undertaking clause (AA) has been inserted, namely: “(AA) I hereby certify that the norms of extant FDI policy including norms related to investment from entity/beneficial owners of the country which shares land border with India have been complied with.” [Notification No. G.S.R. 154(E)]

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## **DoT issues notification regarding Additional spectrum availability for auction of spectrum MHz, 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands**

Feb 25, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on February 22, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Additional spectrum availability for auction of spectrum MHz, 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands. The following has been stated namely: - • TRAI has to review channel plan in 800 MHz band and number of spectrum blocks that can be made available for telecom services in 800 MHz. • DoT has to work toward initial launch of 5G by August 15, 2022. • TRAI has to send in recommendation before March 2022. [Notification No. L-14006/01/2021-NTG (Part)]

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## **Draft Inland Vessels [Insurance, Limitation of Liability and Obligations of Service Providers and Service Users] Rules (2022)**

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on February 23, 2022 has issued the Draft Inland Vessels [Insurance, Limitation of Liability and Obligations of Service Providers and Service Users] Rules (2022). The foremost provisions of the draft are as follows:

- **Duty to Indemnify:** (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, an insurer issuing a certificate of insurance under Chapter XII of the Act and in compliance with this Rule; shall be liable to indemnify the insured or any person(s) as specified in the policy in respect of any liability, which the policy purports to cover. (2) Where liability of the insured arises with respect to any claim by third party, the corresponding liability of the insurer to indemnify the insured shall be the amount paid or payable by the insured to such third party in respect of such liability. (3) Unless the insurance policy otherwise provides, and subject to the provisions of the Act, the insurer is liable for successive losses, if the total amount of such losses exceed the sum insured.
- **Inspection:** The Inspectors under whose jurisdiction, a mechanically propelled inland vessel is positioned or located, may require the owner, operator or master of such vessel, to produce copy of the valid certificate of insurance carried on board such vessel.
- **Detention:** (1) Any inland vessel found plying within inland waters, without a valid certificate of insurance shall be detained with immediate effect, by an authorized officer or inspectors acting under Rule 11. (2) The cost incurred in detaining and maintaining the vessel, during such detention, if any, by the authorities; shall be levied on the owner of the vessel or on his property. (3) Any vessel detained under sub-rule (1) shall be released on production of the valid certificate of insurance or cover note, issued under the Act by any authorized insurer and upon satisfactory payment of the cost as provided under sub-rule (2) of this Rule.
- **Duty of Insurers to satisfy Judgments and Awards:** (1) If, after a certificate of insurance has been issued under this Chapter, in favour of the person by whom a policy has been effected, and if any judgment or award in respect of any such liability as is required to be covered by a policy, as mentioned in this Chapter is obtained against any person insured by the policy, then, notwithstanding that the insurer may be entitled to avoid or cancel or may have avoided or cancelled the policy, the insurer shall, subject to the provisions of this Rule, pay to the person entitled to the benefit of the decree any sum not exceeding the sum assured payable, as if he were the judgment debtor, in respect of the liability, together with any amount payable in respect of costs and any amount payable in respect of interest on that sum by virtue of any enactment relating to interest on judgments. (2) No sum shall be payable by any authorised insurer under sub-rule (1) in respect of any judgment or award unless, before the commencement of the proceedings in which the judgment or award is given, the insurer has been served with notice of such proceedings, through the Court or, as the case may be; the Court appointed or authorised to process claim or of the bringing of the proceedings, or in respect of such judgment or award so long as execution is stayed thereon pending an appeal; and an insurer to whom notice of the bringing of any such proceedings is so served shall be entitled to be made a party thereto and to defend the action on any of the following grounds, namely: (a) that there has been a breach of a specified condition of the policy, being a condition excluding the use of the mechanically propelled vessel, or (b) for hire or reward, where the mechanically propelled vessel was found not fit to ply on the commencement of the voyage. (3) Where any such judgment as is referred to in sub-rule (1) is obtained from a Court in a reciprocating country and in the case of a foreign judgment is, by virtue of the provisions of Section 13 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act No. 5 of 1908) conclusive as to any matter adjudicated upon by it, the insurer (being an insurer registered under the Insurance Act, 1938 (Act No. 4 of 1938) and whether or not he is registered under the corresponding law of the reciprocating country) shall be liable to the person entitled to the benefit of the decree in the manner and to the extent specified in sub-rule (1), as if the judgment were given by a Court in India: Provided that no sum shall be payable by the insurer in respect of any such judgment unless, before the commencement of the proceedings in which the judgment is given, the

insurer had been served the notice through the Court concerned, regarding institution of the proceedings and, the insurer to whom notice is so served is entitled under the corresponding law of the reciprocating country, to be made a party to the proceedings and to defend the action on grounds similar to those specified in sub-rule (2).

(4) Where a certificate of insurance has been issued under this Chapter or the Act and in such certificate of insurance, if there is any condition that does not purport to provide liability of the insurer to cover risks in compliance with Section 66 of the Act for reasons other than those in clause (b) of sub-rule (2) above; such condition or conditions in the Certificate of Insurance shall be of no effect:

- **Insolvency not to Affect Liability:** Where a certificate of insurance has been issued to the person by whom a policy has been effected, subsequent to which he becomes insolvent or bankrupt; then, notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, the liability of the insured and the authorized insurer shall remain with respect to nature of claims referred to in Section 66 of the Act: Provided that, nothing in this Rule, shall affect the rights of insured to be indemnified by the authorized insurer or the rights of the claimants to bring direct action against the authorized insurer; who has undertaken the liability of the insured by virtue of the contract of insurance formed in compliance of Chapter XII of the Act.
- **Mis-Declared or Undeclared Goods or Cargo:** (1) For the purpose of this Chapter, the State Government shall appoint or authorize such officer or authority to carry out inspection or search any vessel while plying within inland waters or such other premises on land within the respective jurisdiction so allotted. (2) The officer appointed or authorized by the State Government under the Act or the Rules shall inspect the vessel or the cargo by serving notice to the service user or service provider. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), in case of an emergency or in the event of any information received with respect of prohibited cargo dangerous goods/dangerous cargo that are carried or transported not in compliance with the Act or this Rule; the inspector shall board such mechanically propelled inland vessel, or any vessel while in the inland waters or such premises on land without any notice served prior to his inspection or visit: Provided any inspection carried out shall be reported to the Designated Authority with relevant information or such other reason that led to inspection under sub-rule (2). (4) The inspectors appointed under the Act or this Rule shall undergo periodical training and assessment, with respect to the functions assigned to them.
- **Fouling Of Government Moorings:** (1) If any vessel hooks or gets fouled in any of the buoys or moorings laid down by or by the authority of the State Government in any part of inland water, the master or person in charge of such vessel shall not, nor shall any other person, except in the case of emergency, lift the buoy or mooring for the purpose of unhooking or getting clear from the same without permission in writing from the receiver of wreck or any other officer appointed or authorised in this behalf. (2) The receiver of wreck or any other officer appointed or authorised in this behalf immediately on receiving information of such possibility of accident or accident, shall issue permission in writing and shall assist and superintend clearing of such vessel, the master, or person in charge of the vessel shall, on demand, pay such reasonable expenses that are incurred.
- **Extending the Application:** The Central Government may by notification in the official gazette, extend the application of any other law pertaining to administration of wreck, stranding of vessels or vessels being in distress in force in India; to the inland vessels plying within the inland waters.
- **Wrecks in National Waterways:** For the purposes of administration of events of vessel being wrecked, stranded or in distress, occurring within the national waterways, the Central Government may by direction or order delegate the powers conferred under the Act to State Governments, within the jurisdiction of which the national waterways passes by and where such vessel is wrecked, stranded or being in distress is located.
- **Powers to Issue Orders & Directions:** For the purposes of effective administration of Chapter X and the present Rules made hereunder, the State Governments shall by direction or order provide for the following; o delivery of wreck to the rightful owner; o formalities when buoys found adrift or ashore; o procedures involved in salvage; o procedures on services rendered to vessels stranded or otherwise in distress; o receipts and expenditures; o fees; o register book; and / or o such other procedures and processes as may deem fit by the respective State Governments, which are not in conflict with the Act or the Rules made hereunder.
- **Duty to Surrender:** Upon completion of intended

employment or purpose of foreign vessels, permitted to ply within the inland waters of India, by virtue of expiry of permission or termination, whichever earlier; the document referring to the permission shall be surrendered or submitted to the authority, which has issued such permission and such authority shall endorse the said document certifying the permission as cancelled. • Renewal: Upon application for renewal of permission being received from the applicants, the respective authorities under Rule 56 may renew the permission for a period of six (6) months. • Power to Refuse Permission: Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the respective authorities, who have received the application under Rule 56 or Rule 61, may refuse granting permission for foreign vessels and the reasons for such refusal shall be recorded in writing. • Offences under this Rules: Subject to sub-section (3) of Section 87 of the Act, any person who is found to have acted in contravention to this Rule, is guilty of committing an offence and shall be punishable with fine not exceeding three lakh rupees or with imprisonment up to a term which may extend to three years, or with both. • Fees Prescribed under the Act: (1) For the purposes Section 89 (1) of the Act, the fee or additional fee prescribed by the respective State Governments, shall be subject to the approval by Central Government. (2) Where it is not practical to determine and fix the fees or additional fees, the State Governments may by recording the reasons thereof, notify by direction or order, the categorization and classification of services, along with such fees or additional fees, as may be applicable from time to time. All persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft shall be taken into consideration after 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 or suggestions, if any, to these draft rules may be sent to the Director (IWT), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Room No. 439, Transport Bhawan, 1-Parliament Street, New Delhi- 110001, or by email at [abhay.sarode@gov.in](mailto:abhay.sarode@gov.in) and [uttam.mishra27@gov.in](mailto:uttam.mishra27@gov.in) within the period specified above; The objections or suggestions which may be received from any person concerning the said draft rules, within the period so specified will be considered by the Central Government. [Notification No. G.S.R. 151(E)]

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## **UGC issues Draft Curriculum on Life Skills (Jeevan Kaushal) 2.0 and The Draft Facilitators Guidelines for Life Skills Curriculum (Jeevan Kaushal)**

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on February 24, 2022 has issued The Draft Curriculum on Life Skills (Jeevan Kaushal) 2.0 and The Draft Facilitators Guidelines for Life Skills Curriculum (Jeevan Kaushal). The following has been stated namely: - • View/Suggestions from Stakeholders including teachers, students, researchers and those involved in related field are welcome latest by March 10, 2022. These might be sent to: - 1. Draft Curriculum on Life Skills 2.0 – <https://forms.gle/QGQ7QRWrvd3yees2A> 2. Draft Facilitators' Guidelines – <https://forms.gle/cVoQXWoVKqN9Py416> [Notification No. 6-2/2018(QIP)]

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## **CDSCO issues classification of Medical Devices pertaining to General Hospitals / Orthopaedic instruments under the provisions of Medical Devices Rules, 2017**

Feb 24, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific



The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) on February 23, 2022 has issued Classification of Medical Devices pertaining to General Hospitals / Orthopaedic instruments under the provisions of Medical Devices Rules, 2017. The medical devices, based on the intended use, risk associated with the devices and other parameters. The list of medical devices (mentioned in the Appendix A in the notification) is subject to the following: - • General intended use given against each of the devices is for guidance to the applicants intends to furnish application of import or manufacture of medical devices under the provisions of Medical Devices Rules, 2017. However, a device may have specific intended use as specified by its manufacturer. • The list of dynamic in nature and is subject to revision from time to time under the provisions of the Medical Devices Rules, 2017. [Notification No- 29/Misc./03/2020-DC (193)PART 1]

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## **DoT issues notification regarding change in FDI Norms in Telecom Sector**

Feb 24, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on February 23, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Change in FDI Norms in Telecom Sector to be complied by Flight and Maritime Connectivity(IFMC) Service Providers. The following FDI norms have been issued namely: - • FDI up to 100% under automatic route is allowed subject to conditions namely: - 1. An entity of a country, which shares land border with India or where the beneficial owner of an investment into India is situated in or is a citizen of any such country, can invest only under the Government route. 2. In the event of the transfer of ownership of any existing or future FDI in an entity in India, directly or indirectly, resulting in the beneficial ownership falling within the restriction of the guidelines, such subsequent change in beneficial ownership will also require Government approval. [Notification No. 20-504/2016 AS-I (PT)]

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## **RBI issues notification regarding Implementation of 'Core Financial Services Solution' by NBFCs**

Feb 24, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 23, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Implementation of 'Core Financial Services Solution' by Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). The following has been stated namely: - • NBFCs with 10 and more 'Fixed point service delivery units'<sup>1</sup> as on October 1, 2022 shall be mandatorily required to implement 'Core Financial Services Solution (CFSS)'. • The timeframe for implementation shall be namely: - 1. NBFC – Middle and Upper Layers with 10 or more 'Fixed point service delivery units' - On or before September 30, 2025. However, NBFC-UL shall ensure that the CFSS is implemented at least in 70 per cent of 'Fixed point service delivery units' on or before September 30, 2024. 2. NBFC – Base Layer and NBFC – Middle and Upper Layers with fewer than 10 'Fixed point service delivery units' – Not mandatory. However, they may consider implementation of a Core Financial Services Solution for their own benefit. • A quarterly progress report on implementation of the Core Financial Services Solution, along with various milestones as approved by the Board / Committee of the Board, shall be furnished by the NBFC to the Senior Supervisory Manager (SSM) Office of Reserve Bank starting from quarter ending March 31, 2023. [Notification No. RBI/2021-22/175]



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## **UGC notifies of draft Comprehensive Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher Education Institutions and Universities**

Feb 24, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Universities Grants Commission (UGC) on February 23, 2022 has issued Draft of Comprehensive Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher Education Institutions and Universities. The following has been stated namely: - • Accessibility in Higher Education Institutions - Inclusive practices in education ensure quality education without discrimination to any learner. • Need Assessment and Support Provisions - The various aspects of access and need assessment in higher education include: Curriculum & Instruction; On & Off-Campus Services; Physical Spaces; and Information & Communication Technology. • Accessible Information, Communication and Learning Resources - Access to information principally implies a focus to create and provide information for diverse purposes in higher education including moving to and around the campus, interacting with administrative systems, participating and engaging in learning activities and anything else that's considered part of a higher education environment. Feedback/ suggestions on the draft guidelines from all stakeholders are invited latest by March 7, 2022. [Notification No. F.6-1/2021 (SCT)]

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## **UGC issues Model Course Curriculum on Disaster Risk Reduction(DRR) and Management at UG & PG level**

Feb 24, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on February 24, 2022 has issued a notification to launch the Model Course Curriculum on Disaster Risk Reduction(DRR) and Management at UG & PG level to train students on the issues related to disaster management. The Model Curriculum at Undergraduate and Post Graduate level has been developed by NIDM in consultation with experts from across the country and academia. The proposed model curriculum of Foundation Course on Disaster Risk Reduction; Certificate Programme on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and PG Diploma on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management has included elements of disaster related issues and followed by NEP 2020 to build the knowledge, skills and capacity of the young generation to achieve National objective of 10 point agenda 6 of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. The course curriculum for Undergraduate and Post Graduate level is attached herewith. UGC requested all the Higher Education Institutions and their affiliated colleges/institutions to initiate courses on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management at Undergraduate and Post Graduate level to fulfil the promise of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to make nation more safer and resilient to disasters by the Year 2030. [Notification D.O.No.z-9/2022(CPP-II)]

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## **Draft Inland Vessels (Registration and other Technical issues) Rules 2022**

Feb 24, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of ports, shipping and waterways on February 22, 2022 has issued the Draft Inland Vessels (Registration and other Technical issues) Rules 2022. • Scope and Application (1) Any inland mechanically propelled vessel, which is required to be registered under Section 17 of the Act shall not proceed on any voyage or be used for any service, unless it has a certificate of registration in force in respect thereof and granted under Section 24 of the Act. (2) Every certificate of registry issued in respect of a mechanically propelled vessel under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, shall be valid and effective as a certificate of registration issued under the Act and the relevant provisions of the Act shall apply in relation to such vessel as they apply to an inland mechanically propelled vessel registered under these regulations and the Act. The foremost provisions of the draft rules are as followed: • Application for registration An application for registration of an inland mechanically propelled vessel shall be made by the owner/agent or master or builder of the vessel in Form No. 11 and shall contain such particulars as required by Rule 7 of these Rules. • Grant of certificate of registration (1) If, in respect of any inland mechanically propelled vessel, the registering authority, after making such inquiry as provided in Rule 6 above, thinks fit, is satisfied that the provisions of the Act or of any rules made hereunder have been complied with, shall grant to the applicant thereof a certificate of registration as per Form No. 17 retaining the duplicate of Certificate of Survey or provisional certificate of Survey, builders certificate, instrument of sale by which the vessel was sold, and the declaration of ownership. (2) The certificate of registration may also be in electronic form, in place of conventional paper certificate. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) above, the designated authority may: (a) permit any mechanically propelled inland vessel, built at any place other than a port or place of registry, to make her first voyage through the inland waters to any such port or place for the purpose of registration; or (b) permit the vessel registered under any law for the time being in force in India for which provisions have been made under this Act to conduct voyage within the inland waters; or (c) permit any mechanically propelled vessel registered under such laws of countries other than India to ply within the inland waters, subject to terms and conditions as may be specified by the Central Government, from time to time. (4) A provisional certificate of registration may be issued in accordance with Sec 27 of the Act pending issuance of the certificate of registration and during the period of validity of the provisional certificate of registration, the owner, operator, master or construction yard shall implement and comply with all necessary steps to be taken to have the vessel registered under Chapter V of the Act. (5) It shall be the duty of the owner or master of the inland vessel to produce Certificate of Registration or provisional certificate of registration as the case may be

on demand by authority engaged in the enforcement of Act and rules. (6) A registering authority may refuse to register any inland vessel, if she is found to be mechanically defective, or if the applicant fails to furnish satisfactory evidence in support of any of the statements made in the application for registration, provided that where the registering authority refuses to register any inland mechanically propelled vessel, it shall furnish to the applicant a statement in writing containing the reasons for such refusal. • Duplicate of the certificate (1) The authority which has issued the certificate of registration, shall issue a duplicate of the certificate of registration to replace a certificate lost, destroyed or mutilated, subject to payment of such fees as prescribed by the State Government. (2) Provided that no such duplicate certificate shall be issued unless: (a) in the case of a certificate lost, it is proved to the satisfaction of the Registering Authority that all measures possible for tracing out the certificate have been exhausted; (b) in the case of a certificate destroyed, such authority is satisfied after due enquiry that the certificate has actually been destroyed; and (c) in the case of mutilated certificate, the owner delivers up such certificate to such authority. (3) Every duplicate of the certificate shall, on the face of it, be stamped with the word 'Duplicate' in red ink. (4) Subsequent to the issuance of a duplicate certificate, if the original certificate is found, the latter shall be delivered up to the issuing authority that shall cancel the certificate and record the same. • Transfer of registry (1) If the owner of an inland mechanically propelled vessel ceases to reside or carry on business at the address recorded in the certificate of registration of the vessel, he shall, within thirty (30) days of the change of address, intimate his new address to the registering authority by which the certificate of registration was granted, or if the new address is within the jurisdiction of another registering authority within the same State, to that registering authority, and shall at the same time forward the certificate of registration to the registering authority in order that the new address may be entered thereon. (2) Where a registering authority other than the original registering authority makes any such entry, it shall communicate the new address to the original registering authority. (3) The registry of an inland mechanically propelled vessel may be transferred from one place in a State to another place in another State, on submission of an application in Form No. 16 by the owner or master of the vessel to the registering authority of the State to which the registration is intended to be transferred. (4) On receipt of such application as per sub-rule (3) above, the registering authority shall duly notify the registering authority of the place where the vessel is originally registered, in writing, who shall communicate no objection or otherwise to such transfer within a fortnight or earlier. (5) The certificates of registration in respect of the vessel shall be delivered up to the registering authority of the intended place of registry along with the application. (6) On receipt of the application under sub- rule (3) and the prescribed fee, the registering authority of the intended place of registry shall enter in its register book, all the particulars relating to the vessel and grant a fresh certificate of registration in respect of the vessel and henceforth such vessel shall be considered as registered at the new place of registry. • Cancellation of Registration When any registered inland vessel is declared missing, destroyed, lost, abandoned or has been rendered permanently unfit for service, the owner of the vessel shall report the fact to the Registrar of Inland Vessels of the place where the vessel is registered within fifteen (15) days of occurrence of such event. In the case where the Owner decides that a registered inland vessel is to be scrapped or dismantled or sold abroad, such fact is to be reported to that authority at least fifteen (15) days in advance of commencement of scrapping or dismantling or executing such sale. The certificate of registration of the vessel shall also be surrendered to that Authority for cancellation of registration according to Section 32 of the Act. All persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft shall be taken into consideration after 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 or suggestions, if any, to these draft rules may be sent to the Director (IWT), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Room No. 439, Transport Bhawan, 1-Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001, or by email at [abhay.sarode@gov.in](mailto:abhay.sarode@gov.in) and [uttam.mishra27@gov.in](mailto:uttam.mishra27@gov.in) within the period specified above; The objections or suggestions which may be received from any person concerning the said draft rules, within the period so specified will be considered by the Central Government. [Notification No. G.S.R.

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## **Draft Inland Vessels [Crew and Passenger Accommodation] Rules 2022**

Feb 23, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on February 22, 2022 has issued The Draft Inland Vessels [Crew and Passenger Accommodation] Rules 2022. This shall come into force on the date of the final publication. The following has been stated namely: - • Threshold of Compliance - All existing inland vessels shall comply with the requirements existing prior to coming into force of these rules. • Galleys - For vessels having persons living onboard, a galley shall be provided for the preparation of food. Instead of a galley, a small pantry with refrigerator and electric heater may be sufficient for vessels designated for operation on short voyages with arrangements for supply of food from outside. • Lighting and Ventilation - All passenger accommodation spaces shall be efficiently ventilated and lighted during both day and night. Objections or suggestions may be sent to the Director (IWT), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Room No. 439, Transport Bhawan, 1-Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001, or by email at [abhay.sarode@gov.in](mailto:abhay.sarode@gov.in) and [uttam.mishra27@gov.in](mailto:uttam.mishra27@gov.in) within 30 days from February 22, 2022. [Notification No. G.S.R. 145(E)]

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## **BSE issues notification regarding Updation of mandatory details in UCC Registration**

Feb 23, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Bombay Stock Exchange(BSE) on February 23, 2022 has issued notification regarding Updation of mandatory details in UCC Registration. The following has been stated namely: - • MFIs/MFDs/RIAs are required to ensure the provision/updation of certain details in client master (UCC) on BSE StAR MF Platform with immediate effect to avoid any impact on transaction processing at Registrar & Transfer Agent (RTA) end. • The Details to be updated are namely: - 1. IFSC Code 2. Account Type 3. Second Holder DOB 4. Third Holder DOB 5. Nominee 1 Relationship [Notice No. 20220223-1]

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## **Ministry of Power amends guidelines for short term procurement of power by Distribution Licensees through Tariff based bidding process**

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The Ministry of Power on February 21, 2022 has issued Amendments to the Guidelines for short-term (i.e. for a period of more than one day to one year) Procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees through Tariff based bidding process. The following has been states namely: - • Clause 6.4(vi) which specify “PPA proposed to be entered with the Selected Bidder(s) shall include necessary details” the following new clause (g) has been inserted namely: - “Consequences on Sale of Contracted Power to Third Party without consent of the Procurer” [Notification No. 23/27/2021-R&R]

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## **Draft Inland Vessels (Design and Construction) Rules 2022**

Feb 23, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on February 22, 2022 has issued The Draft Inland Vessels (Design and Construction) Rules 2022. This shall come into force on the date of the final publication. The following has been stated namely: -

- Minimum manning - Every inland vessel shall have minimum manning on-board as prescribed under these Rules.
- Certificate of Service - A candidate who has served as a master, or as an engineer of a vessel of the Coast Guard, Indian Navy or regular Army for a period of 5 years may be granted a certificate of service as a Master Class 1, Master Class 2, Master Class 3/serang, Inland Engineer, Engine driver Class1 or Engine driver Class2 depending on the size of vessel served and on successful completion of relevant preparatory course including the four basic safety courses from any institute recognized by the Competent Authority.
- Reporting to Competent Authority - The State Government shall report and update the Competent Authority with the information on data and details of certificates issued, granted, cancelled or suspended or such other remarks, made by the respective authority at regular intervals of not more than thirty (30) days. Objections or suggestions may be sent to the Director (IWT), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Room No. 439, Transport Bhawan, 1-Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001, or by email at [abhay.sarode@gov.in](mailto:abhay.sarode@gov.in) and [uttam.mishra27@gov.in](mailto:uttam.mishra27@gov.in) within 30 days from February 22, 2022. [Notification No. G.S.R. 142(E)]

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## **Ministry of textile amends a notification related to PLI scheme for textiles**

Feb 23, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Textiles on February 22, 2022 has issued a notification to amend Notification No. 12015/03/2020-IT dated September 24, 2021 which specifies that the applicant will form a separate company under Companies Act, 2013, before commencement of investment under this scheme. Investment made in anticipation after 24th September 2021 may be taken into account to meet investment criteria. Regarding the same the ministry decided that "A company though registered prior to date of notification i.e. 24th September 2021, but has not started production will be treated as a new company for the purpose of benefits under this scheme. However, the investment made prior to date of notification i.e. 24th September 2021 will not be counted for eligible investment." [Notification No. F. No. 12015/03/2020-IT-1]

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## **Ministry of Power issues Clarification regarding Electricity (Timely Recovery of Costs due to Change in Law) Rules, 2021**

Feb 22, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power on February 21, 2022 has issued Clarification regarding Electricity (Timely Recovery of Costs due to Change in Law) Rules, 2021. The following has been stated namely: -

- The Rules have come

into force and has not been given any retrospective operation. • The change in law events occurred prior to the notification of these Rules shall be dealt in accordance with the prevalent dispensation/rule position at the time of occurrence of the event. [Notification No. 23/18/2020-R&R]

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## MeiTY issues Draft India Data Accessibility & Use Policy 2022

Feb 22, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY) on February 21, 2022 has issued the Draft India Data Accessibility & Use Policy 2022. The objectives of the policy: This policy aims to radically transform India's ability to harness public sector data for catalysing large scale social transformation. Any data sharing shall happen within the legal framework of India, its national policies and legislation as well as the recognized international guidelines. Such a robust data sharing ecosystem will be unlocked by:

- o Maximising access to and use of quality public sector data
- o Improving policymaking, evaluation, and monitoring
- o Enhancing the efficiency of service delivery
- o Facilitating the creation of public digital platforms
- o Protecting the privacy and security of all citizens
- o Streamlining inter-government data sharing
- o Promoting transparency, accountability, and ownership in data sharing & release
- o Building digital & data capacity, knowledge & competency of government officials
- o Promoting data interoperability & integration to enhance data quality and usability
- o Ensuring greater citizen awareness, participation, and engagement with open data
- o Enabling secure pathways to share detailed datasets for research & development
- o Increasing the availability of high-value datasets of national importance
- o Improving overall compliance to data sharing policies and standards

The Applicability of the Policy:

- o This policy will be applicable to all data and information created/generated/collected/archived by the Government of India directly or through authorised agencies by various Ministries / Departments / Organizations / Agencies and Autonomous bodies.
- o State Governments will also be free to adopt the provisions of this policy and the protocols as applicable.

Inviting feedback and inputs on the Draft India Data Accessibility & Use Policy that aims to enhance access, quality, and use of data, in line with the current and emerging technology needs of the decade. This draft of the India Data Accessibility & Use Policy has been evolved in consultation with various stakeholders including academia, industry, and government. The draft of the policy is put up for public consultation. The feedback may be sent to Ms. Kavita Bhatia, Scientist F at the email [kbhatia\[at\]gov\[dot\]in](mailto:kbhatia[at]gov[dot]in) and [pmu\[dot\]jotech\[at\]meity\[dot\]gov\[dot\]in](mailto:pmu[dot]jotech[at]meity[dot]gov[dot]in). The last date of submission for inputs/feedback is March 18, 2022.

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## DoT issues instructions regarding Air travel on Government Account

Feb 22, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on February 18, 2022 has issued modified instructions regarding Air travel on Government Account. Air travel on Government account on Domestic (including LTC) and International travel can be made by Private airlines. The tickets have to be purchased only through these agents namely: - • Balmer & Lawrie • IRCTC • Ashok Travels. [Notification o. 7-26(01)/2021-PAT]

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## **RRA issued Notification regarding Banking service price index**

Feb 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Regulations Review Authority (RRA) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 18, 2022 has issued recommendations regarding the Online Submission of Returns. RRA proposed to convert the paper based/ e-mail-based returns listed below to online filing. The exact date of online filing of the returns listed in the Annex would be notified in due course. Till such time, the returns may continue to be submitted as hitherto. The following returns have to be converted: • Banking service price index [Notification No. CO.DSIM.SMD.No.S482/05-06-004/2021-22]

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## **FSSAI issues Direction regarding extension of validity of the NOC for the Alcoholic Beverages Bottled in Origin & in Bulk**

Feb 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on November 9, 2022 has issued Direction regarding extension of validity of the NOC for the Alcoholic Beverages Bottled in Origin & in Bulk. The following has been stated namely: - • Imported consignments of alcoholic beverages bottled in origin & in bulk, containing more than 10% alcohol which does not have an expiry date, the NOC issued shall have a validity of 300 days. • Consignments lying at ports/Customs area beyond 300 days, on payment of visual inspection fee, visual inspection may be carried out for re - validation of NOC. [Notification No. TIC-B05/1/2021-IMPORTS-FSSAI]

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## **NPPA fixes prices for certain formulations**

Feb 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on February 18, 2022 has issued an order to fix the price of certain formulations. The following are the formulations: • Paracetamol + Phenylephrine + Caffeine+ Diphenhydramine Tablet • Gliclazide ER + Metformin ER Tablet • Chlorthalidone + Telmisartan + Amlodipine Tablet • Telmisartan + Cilnidipine Tablet • Gliclazide + Metformin Hydrochloride (Sustained release) Tablet • Atorvastatin & Clopidogrel Capsule • Telmisartan, Cilnidipine & Metoprolol (ER) Tablets • Telmisartan, Cilnidipine & Metoprolol (ER) Tablets • Metformin + Glimepiride Tablet • Atorvastatin & Clopidogrel Capsule • Diclofenac Tablet • Metformin + Glimepiride Tablet • Telmisartan + Amlodipine + Hydrochlorothiazide Tablet • Paracetamol + Thiocolchicoside Tablet • Pantaprazole Dual- release Gastro-resistant tablet (Aristo Pantop 80) • Calcium, Vitamin D3, Mecobalamin, L- Methylfolate Calcium & Pyridoxal-5-Phosphate Tablet • Diclofenac Transdermal Patch • Diclofenac Diethylamine + Methyl Salicylate + Menthol topical Spray • Paracetamol Infusion [Order No. S.O. 796(E)]

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## **Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2022**

Feb 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Mines on February 18, 2022 has issued the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2022 to further amend the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015. This shall come to force on February 18, 2022. The following amendments has been made namely: - • Rule 17(1)(b) which specify “State Government shall issue a notice inviting tender to commence the auction process and such notice shall contain brief particulars regarding the area under auction” the following has been substituted namely: - “particulars of the area identified and demarcated using total station and differential global positioning system or global positioning system” • Rule 7(1)(c) which specify “contents of the tender document issued by the State Government” has been substituted namely: - “details of the area identified, demarcated using total station and differential global positioning system, or global positioning system.” [Notification No. G.S.R. 137(E)]

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## **RBI issues Master circular relating to Housing Finance**

Feb 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 18, 2022 has issued Master Circular relating to Housing Finance. This Master Circular consolidates instructions issued up to February 17, 2022. The following circulars has been inserted namely: - • Individual Housing Loans – Rationalisation of Risk Weights • Issue of Long Term Bonds by Banks – Financing of Infrastructure and Affordable Housing • Individual Housing Loans: Rationalisation of Risk-Weights and Loan to Value (LTV) Ratios • Individual Housing Loans: Rationalisation of Risk-Weights and LTV Ratios • Issue of Long Term Bonds by banks for Financing of Infrastructure and Affordable Housing – Cross Holding • Issue of Long Term Bonds by Banks – Financing of Infrastructure and Affordable Housing [Notification No. 87/08.12.001/2021-22]

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## **SC sets aside Punjab & Haryana HC order**

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Supreme Court on February 17, 2022 set aside Punjab and Haryana High Court order regarding the constitutional validity of Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020, stating Haryana Law on 75% domicile reservation in private sector jobs.

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## **Payment and Settlement Systems (Amendment) Regulations, 2022**

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 10, 2022 has issued the Payment and Settlement Systems (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Payment and Settlement Systems Regulations, 2008. This has come into force on February 10, 2022. The following has been amended namely: - • Regulation 6(2) which specify “Without prejudice to the generality of the above, every system provider shall submit certain returns/documents to the Bank” has been omitted • Regulation 6(3) has been renumbered as regulation 6(2) and has been substituted namely: - “The returns and documents as required by the Bank under sub-regulation (1) above shall be submitted by the system provider in the form specified by the Bank from time to time.” • Regulation 6(4) has been renumbered as regulation 6(3) and substituted namely: - “The returns and documents under sub-regulation (1) shall be submitted by the system provider from its registered office to the office of the Bank (Department of Payment and Settlement Systems, Central Office) situated in Mumbai.” [Notification No. CO. DPSS. Ovrst. No. S1417/06.08.001/2021-22]

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## **IRDAI issues notification regarding Holding more than one Certificate of Registration to one group**

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on February 16, 2022 has issued notification regarding Holding more than one Certificate of Registration to one group. This has come into force on February 16, 2022. The following has been stated: - • A “foreign company” engaged in reinsurance business can transact the business of reinsurance through a branch in India. • Accordingly, it is clarified that where the ‘applicant’ falls within a group, no other entity of that group shall be eligible to apply for Certificate of Registration to act as Foreign Reinsurance Branch in India. [Notification No. IRDAI/F&A/CIR/MISC/26/2/2022]

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## **BSE notifies on Additional Exposure Margin on Securities under MWPL**

Feb 17, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on February 17, 2022 has issued a notice on Additional Exposure Margin on Securities under MWPL which specifies ICCL shall levy additional exposure margin @15% in equity derivatives segment on securities in which top 10 clients account for more than 20% of MWPL. However, for securities wherein additional surveillance margin is applicable, the higher of additional exposure margin as stated above or additional surveillance margin shall be levied. Scrips shall be identified under this framework based on 3 months rolling data and shall be reviewed on a monthly basis. This Additional Exposure Margin for the securities: • Sun TV Network Limited • JINDAL STEEL & POWER LTD. • Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited shall be effective from February 25, 2021, immediately after the expiry of February 2021 contracts. [Notice No. 20220217-1]

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## **National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations-2022**

Feb 17, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine on February 16, 2022 has issued National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations-2022. This has come into force on February 16, 2022. The following has been stated namely: -

- Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine And Surgery programme - The Bachelor of Ayurveda education namely, the Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (B.A.M.S.) shall produce Graduates, having profound knowledge of Ashtanga Ayurveda along with the contemporary advances in the field of Ayurveda supplemented with knowledge of scientific and technological advances in modern science and technology along with extensive practical training, as an efficient physicians and surgeons for the health care services.
- National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test - There shall be a uniform entrance examination for all medical institutions at the under-graduate level, namely the National Eligibility-cum- Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to under-graduate programme in each academic year and shall be conducted by an authority designated by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine.
- Evaluation of Electives - Electives shall be evaluated in terms of attendance and assessment and on the basis of evaluation, the student shall be awarded credits as well as grade
- Assessment - Assessment of students shall be in the form of Formative and Summative Assessments [Notification No. BOA/Regulation/UG/7-10/2021]

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## **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways issues implementation date of certain sections of Inland Vessels Act, 2021**

Feb 17, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on February 16, 2022 has issued a notification to issue the implementation date of section 1, which specifies short title, extent and commencement and Section 106, which specifies Power of Central Government to make rules shall come into force from February 16, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 743(E)]

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## **Ministry of Textile extends date of filing applications under PLI scheme**

Feb 17, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Textile on February 14, 2022 has issued notification regarding extension in date of filing applications under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for textiles. The following has been stated namely: -

- Timeline for submission of applications under the PLI scheme for textiles has been extended to February 28, 2022. [Notification No. 12015/03/2020-IT]

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## **IRDAI issues notification regarding Proposed amendments to IRDAI (Health Insurance) Regulations, 2016**

Feb 17, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on February 16, 2022 has issued notification regarding Proposed amendments to IRDAI (Health Insurance) Regulations, 2016. The following has been stated namely: - • All the stakeholders have to forward their comments/suggestions, if any, on the proposed modifications by March 6, 2022 at Pankaj.sharma@irdai.gov.in.

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## **CERC issues Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) Regulations, 2022**

Feb 16, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on February 15, 2022 has issued the Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) Regulations, 2022. This shall come into force as stated in the official gazette. The following has been brought into force namely: - • Eligibility for Issuance of Certificates – 1. Renewable energy generating station 2. Captive generating station based on renewable energy sources 3. Distribution licensee 4. Open access consumer • The Processes - The process involves accreditation and registration for Certificates and (ii) issuance, exchange and redemption of Certificates, as specified in these regulations. • Fees and Charges - The Commission may, based on the proposal from the Central Agency, determine the fees and charges payable by the eligible entities for accreditation, registration, issuance of Certificates and other matters connected therewith. The comments/ suggestions/ objections may be sent to the undersigned on or before March 15, 2022 at secy@cercind.gov.in and advisor-re@cercind.gov.in. For registered users, the comments/ suggestions/ objections shall also be uploaded through SAUDAMINI Portal. [Notification No. RA-14026(11)/1/2022-CERC]

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## **IRDA issues notification regarding Proposed Amendments to IRDAI (Third Party Administrators – Health Services) Regulations, 2016**

Feb 16, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory Authority of India (IRDAI) on February 15, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Proposed Amendments to IRDAI (Third Party Administrators – Health Services) Regulations, 2016. The following has been stated namely: - • All the stakeholders are requested to forward their comments/suggestions, if any, on the proposed modifications by March 6, 2022 to saurabh.vinayak@irdai.gov.in.

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## **Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Amendment Regulations, 2022**

Feb 16, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board on February 14, 2022 has issued the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Amendment Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulations, 2008. This has come into force on February 14, 2022. The following has been amended namely: - • Regulation 5(6)(b) which specify "Criteria for selection of entity for expression of interest route - entity is technically capable of laying and building CGD network as per the following qualifying criteria" the following clause (v) has been inserted namely: - "Entity has an adequate number of technically qualified personnel with experience in construction, pre-commissioning and commissioning of hydrocarbon steel pipelines and also has a credible plan to independently undertake and execute the CGD project on a standalone basis." [Notification No. PNGRB/Auth/1-CGD (79)/2019 (P-770)]

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## **UGC extends the last date of the Draft National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF)**

Feb 16, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on February 14, 2022 has issued the extension for receiving comments/suggestions on Draft National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF). Earlier the date for submission of comments/suggestions on the said Draft was February 13, 2022, the extended date for the same is now February 21, 2022. Feedback/suggestions may be sent at email: nepnheqf@gmail.com. [Public Notice D.o. No. I5-212021(QIP)]

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## **National Commission for Homoeopathy (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2022**

Feb 15, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ayush on February 14, 2022 has issued the National Commission for Homoeopathy (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2022 to remove certain difficulties related to section 29, of the National Commission for Homoeopathy Act, 2020. The following amendment has been made in the said act. • In section 29, which specifies Permission for establishment of new medical institution, sub-section (3) and (5) has been amended, respectively: (3) While considering the scheme received under sub-section (2), the Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Homoeopathy shall have regard to the standards of education and research, the standards and norms for infrastructure and faculty, the guidelines on setting up of medical institutions and other requirements determined by the Homoeopathy Education Board, and pass an order either approving or disapproving the scheme within Six months from the date of receipt of such scheme: Provided that before disapproving such scheme, an opportunity to rectify the defects, if any, shall be given to



the person concerned. (5) Where a scheme is disapproved under sub-section (3) or where no order is passed within six months of submitting a scheme under sub-section (2), the person concerned may prefer an appeal to the Commission within fifteen days of such disapproval or, as the case may be, after lapse of three months, in such manner as may be specified by regulations. Effect: Term has now been extended to six months which was three months earlier. [Notification No. S.O. 650(E)]

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## **National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2022**

Feb 15, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ayush on February 14, 2022 has issued the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2022 to remove certain difficulties related to section 29, of the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act, 2020. The following amendment has been made in the said act: In section 29, which specifies Permission for establishment of new medical institution, sub-section (3) and (5) has been amended, respectively: (3) While considering the scheme received under sub-section (2), the Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine shall have regard to the standards of education and research, the standards and norms for infrastructure and faculty, the guidelines on setting up of medical institutions and other requirements determined by the Board of Ayurveda or, as the case may be, the Board of Unani, Siddha and Sowa-Rigpa under section 26, and pass an order either approving or disapproving the scheme within six months from the date of receipt of such scheme: Provided that before disapproving such scheme, an opportunity to rectify the defects, if any, shall be given to the person concerned. (5) Where a scheme is disapproved under sub-section (3), or where no order is passed within six months of submitting a scheme under sub-section (2), the person concerned may prefer an appeal to the Commission within fifteen days of such disapproval or, as the case may be, after lapse of three months, in such manner as may be specified by regulations. Effect: Term has now been extended to six months which was three months earlier. [Notification No. S.O. 652(E)]

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## **Food Safety and Standards (Import) Amendment Regulations, 2021**

Feb 15, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on February 14, 2022 has issued the Food Safety and Standards (Import) Amendment Regulations, 2021 to further amend the Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017. This has come into force on February 14, 2022. The Food Business Operator shall comply with the provisions from September 1, 2022. The following amendments has been made namely: - • In regulation 7(3)(b) which specify “the articles of food or ingredients or additives which are being imported by the manufacturers or processors for their captive use or production of value added products” has been substituted namely: - “The articles of food or ingredients or additive imported by the manufacturers or processors for their captive use or production of value added products for hundred per cent exports; or the consignments of articles of food or ingredients or additives imported by the firms or companies for use of their sister concerns or wholly owned subsidiary companies, to be used for hundred per cent export production subject to a defined relationship agreement between the two entities in this behalf and accompanied with Sanitary/Health Certificate issued by the Competent Authority of an exporting country.” [Notification No.

1605/FSSAI/Import/2016(pt-2)]

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## **MNRE issues Framework for Promotion of Decentralised Renewable Energy Livelihood applications**

Feb 15, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) on Feb 14, 2022 has issued Framework for Promotion of Decentralised Renewable Energy (DRE) Livelihood applications. The following has been stated namely: - • The following steps support promotion of DRE livelihood applications namely: - 1. Assessment of Demand - Assessing the possibilities or potential of deployment of DRE livelihood applications across various sectors of the economy and across different regions with the support of Sectoral Ministries, State Nodal Agencies, State Rural Livelihood Missions, Other State Government Departments, Civil Society Organisations and Private Sector. 2. Research & Development and Standardization - Innovation, research and development of DRE technologies to offer tailor-made solutions is important for their widespread adoption. 3. Public Information and Awareness - Awareness about the appropriate DRE technologies and related services amongst the relevant stakeholders is required for taking the necessary decisions and encourage participation. 4. Programmes of Various Ministries/ Departments - It is pertinent to identify and exploit opportunities for DRE livelihood applications under schemes of various Ministries and Department of Central/State Government. • Implementation Agencies and Implementation Cell - Schemes of different Ministries/Departments are being implemented by various central / state agencies. SNAs for Renewable Energy having expertise for the RE sector will coordinate with these implementing agencies to provide technical support for DRE livelihood applications. [Notification No. 32/18/2020-SPV Division]

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## **Drone (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Civil Aviation On February 11, 2022 has issued the Drone (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Drone Rules, 2021. The following amendments have been made: • In rule 16, which specifies Registration of existing unmanned aircraft systems, sub-rule (1) has been substituted, namely: (1) A person owning an unmanned aircraft system manufactured in India or imported into India on or before the 30th day of November, 2021 shall on or before the thirty-first day of March, 2022 , make an application to register and obtain a unique identification number for his unmanned aircraft system and provide requisite details in Form D-2 on the digital sky platform along with the fee as specified in rule 46. • Part VI, which specifies REMOTE PILOT LICENCE has been amended. • Part VII, which specifies REMOTE PILOT TRAINING ORGANISATION has been amended. • Part VIII, which specifies RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING has been amended. • Part XII, which specifies, MISCELLANEOUS has been amended. • In rule 34, which specifies Procedure for obtaining a remote pilot licence, sub-rule (4) has been omitted. • In rule 35, which specifies Validity of licence, has been substituted, namely: "A remote pilot licence shall– (a) be valid only if it is enlisted on the digital sky platform; (b) unless suspended or cancelled, remain valid for a period of ten years; (c) be renewed by the authorized remote pilot training organization for such period as may be specified therein, subject to a maximum period of ten years, on payment of fee as specified in rule

46: Provided that the holder of the remote pilot licence shall undergo such refresher course as may be specified by the authorized remote pilot training organization on the digital sky platform from time to time. • In rule 53, which specifies Cancellation or suspension has been substituted, namely: Where the Director General, after giving an opportunity of being heard, is satisfied that a person has contravened or failed to comply with the provisions of these rules, he may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, cancel or suspend any certificate, authorisation or approval granted under these rules. • Form D-1, which specifies APPLICATION FOR TYPE CERTIFICATE has been amended. • Form D-2, which specifies APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER has been amended. • Form D-3, which specifies APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OR DEREGISTRATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS has been amended. • Form D-4, which specifies APPLICATION FOR REMOTE PILOT LICENCE (TO BE FILED BY RPTO) has been amended. • Form D-5, which specifies APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION OF REMOTE PILOT TRAINING ORGANISATION has been amended. [Notification No. G.S.R. 108(E)]

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## **CERC (Ancillary Services) Regulations, 2022**

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on January 31, 2022 has issued Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Ancillary Services) Regulations, 2022. This has come into force from January 31, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • Eligibility for an SRAS Provider - A generating station or an entity having energy storage resource or an entity capable of providing demand response, on standalone or aggregated basis, connected to inter-State transmission system or intra-State transmission system, shall be eligible to provide Secondary Reserve Ancillary Service, as an SRAS Provider. • Selection of SRAS Providers and Despatch of SRAS - SRAS Provider shall be selected on regional basis by the Nodal Agency for providing SRAS-Up or SRAS-Down based on the Custom Participation Factor. • Price Discovery of TRAS - The price discovery for TRAS-Up shall be based on the principle of Uniform Market Clearing Price, subject to market splitting in case of congestion. • Accounting and Settlement of SRAS and TRAS - Accounting of SRAS shall be done by the Regional Power Committee on a weekly basis, based on SCADA data. [Notification No. RA-14026(11)/3/2019-CERC]

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## **TRAI extends last date to receive comments/ counter comments on Consultation Paper on 'Promoting Local Manufacturing in the Television Broadcasting Sector'**

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on February 14, 2022 has issued Extension of last date to receive comments/ counter comments on TRAI Consultation Paper on 'Promoting Local Manufacturing in the Television Broadcasting Sector'. The following has been stated namely: - • The last date for receiving written comments and counter comments has been extended up to February 23, 2022 and March 9, 2022 respectively. • The comments/counter-comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form at advbcs-2@traigov.in or jtdvbc-3@traigov.in. [Press Release No. 11/2022]

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## **TRAI issues consultation paper on “Promoting Networking and Telecom Equipment Manufacturing in India”**

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on February 11, 2022 has issued consultation paper on “Promoting Networking and Telecom Equipment Manufacturing in India”. The following has been stated namely: - • TRAI intends to examine measures that should be taken to meet the demand of growing market both within the country and outside. It also intends to solicit views on measures required for transforming the telecommunication manufacturing landscape and establish the country as an export hub. • Views of stakeholders on existing concerns in Networking and Telecom Equipment Manufacturing are invited by March 11, 2022. Counter comments if any may be submitted by March 25, 2022. The comments and counter comments may be sent preferably in electronic form at [advbbpa@trai.gov.in](mailto:advbbpa@trai.gov.in) with a copy to [jtadvbbpa-3@trai.gov.in](mailto:jtadvbbpa-3@trai.gov.in). [Press Release No. 10/2022]

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## **RBI issues Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Credit Derivatives) Directions, 2022**

Feb 11, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 10, 2022 has issued Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Credit Derivatives) Directions, 2022. This has come into force on May 9, 2022. The following directions has been stated namely: - • Eligible participants - The following persons shall be eligible to participate in credit derivatives market: 1. Residents 2. Non-residents, who are eligible to invest in corporate bonds and debentures. • Protection buyers and sellers for Credit Default Swaps in OTC market - Retail users shall be allowed to buy protection only for the purpose of hedging • Reference Entities and Obligations for Credit Default Swaps in OTC market - The reference entity in a CDS contract shall be a resident entity who is eligible to issue any of the debt instruments • Directions for exchanges - Exchanges may offer standardised single-name CDS contracts with guaranteed settlement. [Notification No. FMRD.DIRD.11/14.03.004/2021-22]

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## **Govt. of India notifies on Central sector scheme on agricultural education**

Feb 11, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on February 08, 2022 has issued a notification on the administration of Central Sector Scheme Agricultural Education- Netaji Subhas ICAR International Fellowship to provide aid to the students in the field of agriculture and allied sciences research and education and implemented through various Higher Agricultural Institutions in India. The following points have been issued by the ministry: (1) Every beneficiary who is Citizen of India, desirous of availing the benefits under the Scheme is required to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar or undergo Aadhaar authentication. (2) Every beneficiary who is Citizen of India, desirous of availing the benefits under the Scheme, who does not possess an Aadhaar or has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar shall have to apply for Aadhaar enrolment by.....,

provided he or she is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per the provisions of Section 3 of the said Act, and such individuals may visit any Aadhaar enrolment centre (list available at Unique Identification Authority of India (here in after referred to as "UIDAI") website [www.uidai.gov.in](http://www.uidai.gov.in)) for Aadhaar enrolment. (3) As per regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department through its Implementing Agencies, is required to offer Aadhaar Enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, and in case there is no Aadhaar enrolment centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department through its Implementing Agencies shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by Department of becoming UIDAI Registrar: Provided that till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the beneficiary, benefits under the Scheme shall be given to such beneficiaries subject to production of the following documents, namely: – (a) (i) if he or she has enrolled, his or her Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip; or (ii) a copy of his or her request made for Aadhaar enrolment, as specified in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 2; and (b) any one of the following documents: (i) Bank passbook with photograph; or (ii) Voter Identity Card issued by the Election Commission of India; or (iii) Ration Card; or (iv) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card issued by the Income Tax Department; or (v) Passport; or (vi) Driving Licence issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988); or (vii) Certificate of identity having photo of such member issued by a Gazetted Officer on an official letter head; or (viii) any other documents specified by the Department: Provided further, that the aforesaid documents shall be checked by an officer specifically designated by the Department for that purpose. • Arrangements to be made by the implementation agencies to provide hassle free services (i) wide publicity through media and individual notices shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the requirement of Aadhaar under the Scheme and they may be advised to get themselves enrolled at the nearest Aadhaar Enrolment Centres available in their areas by....., in case they are not already enrolled. The list of locally available Enrolment Centres shall be made available to them. (ii) in case, the beneficiaries of the Scheme are not able to enrol for Aadhaar due to non- availability of Enrolment Centres within near vicinity such as in Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department through its Implementing Agencies is required to create Aadhaar Enrolment facilities at convenient locations, and the beneficiaries can be requested to register their requests for Aadhaar enrolment by giving their names, addresses, mobile numbers along with other documents as specified in the proviso to sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 1, with the concerned official of the Implementing Agencies or through the web portal provided for the purpose. (iii) in case, the beneficiaries under the Scheme have enrolled for Aadhaar, however, are not able to produce Aadhaar number for any reason whatsoever, the Department through its Implementing Agencies shall provide "Search My Aadhaar" facility through UIDAI's Enrolment and Update Client by facilitating Aadhaar Enrolment facilities at convenient locations, and the beneficiaries may be requested to search their Aadhaar in assisted mode by giving their names, addresses, mobile numbers, finger prints and other details, with the operator required to search beneficiary's Aadhaar, subject to the provisions of the said Act and regulations made thereunder with respect to restriction on sharing, circulating or publishing of Aadhaar Number . • In case where aadhar authentication fails due to some reasons: (a) in case of poor fingerprint quality, iris scan facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby the Department shall through its Implementing Agencies make provisions for iris scanners along with finger print scanners for delivery of benefits in seamless manner; (b) in case of difficulty in fingerprints or iris authentication of senior citizens of the beneficiaries, face authentication, shall be used. The Department through its Implementing Agencies shall make arrangements for face authentication wherever feasible, for those senior citizens or those beneficiaries whose other modes of authentication fail. (c) in case of biometric authentication through finger prints or iris or face authentication is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar One Time Password (OTP) or Time-Based One-Time Password (TOTP) with limited time validity, as the case may be, shall be preferred; (d) in all other cases where biometric, OTP or TOTP authentication is not possible, services or benefits may be given on the basis of physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can

be verified through the Quick Response (QR) code printed on the Aadhaar letter. For this, the Department through its Implementing Agencies shall provide Quick Response (QR) code readers at point of service delivery to read Quick Response (QR) code printed on Aadhaar letter or E-Aadhaar which allows verifying the authenticity of Aadhaar card in an offline manner. This Quick Response code shall preferably be read through Secure Quick Response code reader developed by UIDAI as it provides digitally signed details of Aadhaar Holder. In all such cases the benefit or service may be provided after duly recording the transaction in the exceptions handling Register made for this purpose, which is to be reviewed and audited periodically by the Department through its Implementing Agencies responsible for implementation of the Schemes. Maintenance of these Registers and periodic inspection shall be an essential component of exceptions handling mechanism. [Notification No. S.O. 562 (E)]

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## **RBI issued Notification regarding Voluntary Retention Route for FPIs investment in debt**

Feb 11, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 10, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Voluntary Retention Route' (VRR) for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) investment in debt. This has been applicable from April 1, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • Eligible investors - Any FPI registered with SEBI is eligible to participate through this Route. Participation through this Route shall be voluntary. • Eligible instruments - Under VRR-Govt, FPIs will be eligible to invest in any Government Securities as well as State Development Loans (SDLs). • Management of portfolio - Successful allottees shall invest at least 75% of their CPS within three months from the date of allotment. The retention period will commence from the date of allotment of limit. • Other relaxations - Investments made through the Route shall not be subject to any minimum residual maturity requirement, concentration limit or single/group investor-wise limits applicable to corporate bonds • Other operational aspects - Utilisation of limits and adherence to other requirements of this Route shall be the responsibility of both the FPI and its custodian. [Notification No. RBI/2021-22/156]

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## **FSSAI issued order regarding Standards of Foods for Inborn Errors of Metabolism**

Feb 11, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on February 10, 2022 has issued order regarding Standards of Foods and Infants with Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEM). This will come into effect from April 1, 2022. The following IEM conditions approved has been stated namely: - • Amino acid metabolic disorders – Protein and amino acid free diet powder. • Defects in the intraluminal hydrolysis of fat; defective mucosal fat absorption; defective lymphatic transport of fat – Milk protein-based powder with medium-chain triglycerides (MCT) for children and adults. • Galactosemia – Galactose free formula • Homocystinuria – Methionine free diet powder [Notification No. Stds/SP-05/Orders/FSSAI (E1317)]

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## **DoT issues Guidelines for Registration Process of M2M Service Providers(M2MSP) & WPAN/WLAN Connectivity Provider for M2M Services**

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunication (DoT) on February 8, 2022 has issued Guidelines for Registration Process of M2M Service Providers(M2MSP) & WPAN/WLAN Connectivity Provider for M2M Services. The following has been stated namely: - • M2MSP Registration may be granted to any Company registered under Indian Companies Act-2013, as amended from time to time or any LLP (Limited Liability Partnership) registered under LLP Act-2008, as amended from time to time or a partnership firm to provide M2M Services who fulfils the terms and conditions prescribed by the Authority. • M2MSP shall take the Telecom Resources from an Authorized Telecom Licensee having valid license under Indian Telegraph Act, 1885. In addition, M2MSP is authorized to use WPAN/WLAN technologies in unlicensed spectrum/frequency exempt band to provide M2M services. In case of use of WPAN/WLAN technologies in unlicensed spectrum/frequency exempt band, the network has to mandatorily connect to licensed telecom operators network for backhaul connectivity. • Registrant shall take necessary measures to prevent objectionable, obscene, unauthorized or any other content, messages or communications infringing copyright, intellectual property etc., in any form, from being carried on the network, consistent with the established laws of the country. Once specific instances of such infringement are reported to the Registrant by the enforcement agencies, the Registrant shall ensure that the carriage of such material on the network is prevented immediately. [Notification No. 4-10/2015-NT]

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## **MSDE issues Objectives and Status of PMKVY**

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on February 09, 2022 has issued the objectives and Status of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). The objective of the scheme is to impart short duration skill development training and certification to youth and to make them employable for better livelihood across the country. Since inception, till December 31, 2021, 1.34 crore candidates have benefited from the PMKVY across the country. PMKVY has two training components, namely, Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). \*Disclaimer – Kindly find the detailed state wise information on the provided link.

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## **MoHFW issues Draft Medical Devices (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on February 9, 2022 has issued Draft Medical Devices (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend Medical Devices Rules, 2017. In rule 87 which specify “Provision for sale of medical devices” the following amendments has been made namely: - • Sub rule (1)(A) has been inserted namely: - “Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), any person intends to sale medical devices exclusively as referred in clause (zb) of rule 3 shall obtain registration certificate as provided

hereinafter in these rules” • Rule 87(A) has been inserted namely: - “Registration Certificate to sell, stock, exhibit or offer for sale or distribute a medical device including in vitro diagnostic medical device” • Rule 87(B) has been inserted namely: - “Conditions of registration certificate to sell, stock, exhibit or offer for sale or distribute a medical device including in vitro diagnostic medical device” • Rule 87 (C) has been inserted namely: - “Validity of registration certificate” • Rule 87 (D) has been inserted namely: - “Suspension and cancellation of Registration Certificate” Objections and suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Under Secretary (Drugs), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Room No. 434, C Wing, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi - 110011 or emailed at [drugsdiv-mohfw@gov.in](mailto:drugsdiv-mohfw@gov.in) before 45 days from February 9, 2022. [Notification No. G.S.R 104(E)]

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## **DOT issues Invitation of Expression of Interest for innovators and Startups**

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on February 09, 2022 has issued the Invitation of Expression of Interest for innovators and Startups and MSMEs and other stakeholders who are involved in Research and development in the area of open RAN (Radio Access Network) through setting up of an open RAN Lab in PPP / Collaborative mode. The key role of the Open RAN Lab will be to extend testing facility for proliferation of Open RAN ecosystem in India. In order to achieve above objective, TEC intends to engage with interested parties having existing testing facility for Open RAN who would be willing to collaborate with TEC through Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/Agreement in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode to make available their Open-RAN testing infrastructure to other stakeholders working in this area for carrying out Interoperability/Conformance/Functional/Performance/End-to-End Quality of Service(QoS) testing under the overall aegis of TEC (DoT). Interested parties may submit their proposal through e-mail to Shri Anand Katoch, Director(RC) Telecom Engineering centre Room no. 606 C, 6th Floor Khurshid Lal Bhawan Janpath, New Delhi-110001, Phone: +91 11 23737409 / +91 9650410580, E-mail: [dirrc-tec@gov.in](mailto:dirrc-tec@gov.in) [Notification No. 4-4/2021-RC/TEC]

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## **DoT issues License Agreement for UL**

Feb 09, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on February 8, 2022 has issued License Agreement for Unified License. The following has been stated namely: - • Ownership of the Licensee Company - FDI up to 100% under automatic route subject to observance of licensing and security conditions by licensee as well as investors as notified by the DoT from time to time. • Financial conditions - A one-time non-refundable Entry Fee for each authorized Service shall be paid. The total amount of Entry fee shall be subject to a maximum of Rs. 15 Crore. • Spectrum allotment and use - This License Agreement does not confer any right to assignment and use of spectrum for which separate specific Frequency Assignment shall be required from Wireless Planning and Coordination (WPC) Wing. • Access service - The Service Area of Access Service shall be the Telecom Circle/Metro area. License/Authorization for Access Service, if granted for more than one Service Area (Telecom Circle/Metro), shall be administered separately for each Service Area. • Security Conditions - Licensee shall ensure that the Base Stations, Cell Sites or Radio Transmitters, as the case may

be, to provide mobile telephone services near International Border of India, wherever located and established shall be as far away from such border as feasible and such Base Stations, Cell Sites or Radio Transmitters shall work in such a fashion that radio signal(s), emanating there from, fade out when nearing or about to cross international border and become unusable within a reasonable distance across such border. For this purpose, suitable technical infrastructure shall be installed by the Licensee.

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## **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) ensures the use of Indian pharmacopoeia reference standards and impurity standards for quality testing of drugs**

Feb 09, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on February 04, 2022 ensures the use of Indian pharmacopoeia reference standards and impurity standards for quality testing of drugs. • In order to fulfil the requirements of the Drugs and Cosmetics (D&C) Act, 1940 and Rules 1945 there under, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has entrusted Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) with mandates of publishing the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) at regular intervals along with the certification and distribution of IP Reference Standards (IPRS) and Impurity Standards. • IPRS are specifically required for establishing conformance to the IP standards. An IPRS, being an integral and essential component of the IP standard, is an official standard that alone is authoritative in assessing the quality of drugs and use of any unauthorised Reference Standard is a noncompliance of the IP standards. • Moreover, as per the Schedule M of the D&C Act, Part 1, Quality Control System (16.14) - "Pharmacopoeia reference standards, working standards, references, spectra, other reference materials and technical books, as required, shall be available in the Quality Control Laboratory of the licensee". • IPC has been making efforts to promote the use of IPRS and Impurity Standards by the manufacturers and testing laboratories and steps are being taken to stop the use of unauthorized standards in quality control testing. • However, despite all these efforts, the current trends of the sale IPRS and Impurity Standards from IPC do not match with the number of pharmaceutical manufacturers and testing laboratories in India. Rather, it has been observed that there is a tendency among the stakeholders to procure unauthorised Reference Standards from dubious sources and to use them in routine drug analysis. • Using unauthorised Reference Standards is an illegal act in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940. Also, such malpractices could be the cause of manufacture and marketing of counterfeit/spurious drugs in India which may have serious consequences on the health of its citizens. • In order to further ensure the use of authentic IPRS and Impurity Standards, IPC has taken an initiative to trace the details of the Reference Standards being used in quality control analysis by different stakeholders and to share with IPC necessary information w.r.t. purchase of IPRS and Impurity Standards. [Notification No. T.11013/02/2018-AR&D]

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## **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) has included Dissolution Test in Prolonged-release Formulations in IP and Adoption of Flexible Monograph Approach**

Feb 09, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) on February 04, 2022 has included Dissolution Test in Prolonged-release Formulations in IP and Adoption of Flexible Monograph Approach. It has been agreed that IPC would start including the dissolution tests in prolonged release monographs which are under development. Simultaneously, revision of official monographs will also be taken up by IPC for inclusion of dissolution specifications based on three point criteria: • Dissolution profile of the first product approved by the CDSCO, • Dissolution profile recommended by OGD/USP, • Dissolution profile proposed by the stakeholders (to be accompanied with clinical data/ IVIVC data of their equivalence with first product approved by the CDSCO.) In order to address the issue of different dissolution profiles of different brands currently being marketed in India, flexible monograph approach will be adopted in the IP with multiple dissolution specifications in one monograph to assess the quality of all approved products. Accordingly, labelling requirements of such products would specify the dissolution method number on the label of the product for effective implementation of the flexible monographs. If there will a proposal from stakeholders to include a different dissolution profile in the IP monograph, bioequivalence data with International reference product or first product approved by the CDSCO will be required before including alternative dissolution specifications in the IP. Monographs on the widely used drugs, such as Metformin, Sodium valproate, Domeperidone and Rabeprazole, to be prioritized for setting dissolution specifications in the IP.

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## **MEA issues exemption of payment of passport fee for passports damaged/lost due to Shaheen**

Feb 09, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on February 8, 2022 has issued Notification regarding exemption of payment of passport fee for passport holders whose passport got damaged or lost due to tropical cyclone “Shaheen” and by heavy rains in Sultanate of Oman. The following has been stated namely: - • Applicable only to such passport holders whose passports have been damaged or lost due to the tropical cyclone “Shaheen” in Sultanate of Oman in October, 2021. • Duplicate passport shall be issued to all the applicants desirous of availing such exemption with same particulars as in their previous passport and for remaining period of validity. • such exemption shall remain in force for a period of three months from February 8, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 515 (E)]

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## **IFSCA issues Report of the Expert Committee on Investment Funds**

Feb 08, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on February 7, 2022 has issued Report of the Expert Committee on Investment Funds. The following has been stated namely: - • Framework for accredited investor - Proposed that a framework for Accredited Investors may be introduced in IFSC to permit such investors to: - 1. Invest in various securities and financial products without any minimum size restriction. 2. Invest in certain securities and financial products designed exclusively for such investors. 3. Relax certain regulatory restrictions (disclosures/investment restrictions, etc.) for products and services offered to Accredited Investors only. • Framework for distributors - Entities approved by the IFSCA will have to comply with the code of conduct namely: - 1. The distributor shall not take client assets (including money), directly or

indirectly in its custody and shall only provide distribution services. 2. The entities intending to undertake activities such as Investment Adviser, Stockbroker, etc., shall seek IFSCA registration separately under the appropriate framework

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## **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy extends the timeline for self-certification for SPV inverters**

Feb 08, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy on February 02, 2022 has issued a notification to extend the timeline for the self-certification for SPV inverters which was earlier December 31, 2021, now has been extended till June 30, 2022 subject to the condition that such manufacturers have valid IEC certificates corresponding to IS (IS 16221(Part 2):2015/IEC 62109-2:2011 for item No 4 and IS 16169:2014/IEC 62116:2008 for item No. 5) specified in the Solar Photovoltaics, Systems, Devices and Components Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2017. [Notification No. S.O. 513(E)]

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## **IFSCA seeks comments/suggestions on International Financial Services Centres Authority (Fund Management) Regulations, 2022**

Feb 08, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on February 07, 2022 has issued a notification to seek comments / views/ suggestions from public on the proposed International Financial Services Centres Authority (Fund Management) Regulations, 2022. The Draft IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2022 to provide for comprehensive regulations for host of activities related to fund management viz. retail schemes (including exchange traded funds), non-retail schemes (alternative investment funds), PMS, investment trusts (REIT and InvIT), ESG schemes, self-managed family investment fund, etc. The Foremost provisions of the Draft regulations are as follows: • Single registration for multiple activities: A fund manager intending to undertake host of activities related to fund management viz. manage retail schemes (including Exchange Traded Funds), non-retail schemes (alternative investment funds), undertake portfolio management services or operate as manager to various investment trusts (REIT and InvIT) can do so by seeking a single unified registration from IFSCA. A fund manager intending to manage funds or activities for non-retail investors only shall have lower eligibility requirements. Further, a special registration with light touch requirements shall be accorded to a fund manager intending to invest in unlisted securities of start-ups, emerging or early-stage companies mainly involved in new products, new services, and technology through a venture capital scheme in IFSC. The detailed eligibility and regulatory requirements for fund managers, retail schemes, nonretail schemes, venture capital schemes, portfolio management services and investment trusts have been prescribed. Substance requirements in terms of minimum Key Management Personnel (KMPs) with experience, infrastructure requirements, key activities such as investment management from IFSC, etc., have also been prescribed in the draft regulations. Further, to ensure grandfathering of existing Alternative Investment Funds and to ensure continuity of the current regulatory and tax regime in IFSC, suitable regulations have been included. • Green Channel: Venture Capital Schemes or non-retail schemes soliciting

money from accredited investors only shall qualify for a green channel i.e. the schemes filed can open for subscription by investors immediately upon filing with IFSCA. The requirements on scheme size, number of investors, permissible investments, etc. have been detailed in the draft regulations.

- Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs): Considering that ETFs offer a means to gain exposure to specific markets or asset classes at a low cost, registered fund managers in IFSC shall be able to launch not just Index based ETFs but also Active ETFs and Commodity based ETFs. Fund Managers for Gold and Silver ETFs in addition to physical bullion shall also be able to invest directly in Bullion Depository Receipts to be traded in IFSC. Innovative structures for ETFs shall be considered with prior approval of IFSCA and the concerned stock exchanges. To ensure sufficient liquidity in ETFs, stock exchanges in IFSC shall prescribe a framework for market makers.
- Stressed Assets: Realising the important role of IFSC in the Government initiative of addressing the issue of NPAs faced by banks, a framework has been prescribed for special situation funds to be launched by fund managers in IFSC.
- Environment Social Governance (ESG): Growing number of investors expect fund managers to make ESG issues integral to their investment strategies. With the intent of making IFSC as a hub for host of activities related to sustainable finance, disclosures have been proposed to be mandated at entity level and scheme level.
- Family Office: Globally, there is an increasing need for having a formal structure for managing and preserving the wealth of the HNIs and Ultra HNIs and their families. This has paved a need for conceptualisation of a regime for family offices in India. Accordingly, a framework to facilitate self-managed investment fund of a family office has been proposed. Further, a fund manager has also been permitted to undertake portfolio management for multi-family office. The comments and suggestions from public are invited on the proposed IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2022 contained in Annexure - I to this paper. Comments may be sent by email to Mr. Pavan Shah, Deputy General Manager, IFSCA at [pavan.shah@ifsc.gov.in](mailto:pavan.shah@ifsc.gov.in) with a copy to [kalpesh.mehta@ifsc.gov.in](mailto:kalpesh.mehta@ifsc.gov.in) latest by February 28, 2022. The comments should be in the following format (MS Word or MS Excel format only)

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## International Financial Services Centres Authority (FinTech Incentive) Scheme, 2022

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on February 02, 2022 has issued the International Financial Services Centres Authority (FinTech Incentive) Scheme, 2022 to promote the establishment of a world class FinTech Hub, comparable with those located in advanced International Financial Centres (IFCs) across jurisdictions, at International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in India by providing financial support to FinTech activities in the form of specific grant(s) as specified in the scheme, based on their eligibility and fulfilment of terms and conditions as may be specified.

- This scheme shall be open to - a) Domestic FinTechs seeking access to overseas markets; b) Domestic FinTechs seeking listing on IFSCA recognised stock exchanges; c) Foreign FinTechs seeking market access to IFSCs in India and work within the Authority's regulatory framework; d) Foreign FinTechs seeking access to domestic market under Inter-Operable Regulatory Sandbox (IORS) framework; e) Domestic FinTechs extending business to the IFSCs either by way of authorisation or registration or through the regulatory sandbox.
- Scope of the Incentive Scheme The Grants contemplated under this scheme shall be available to eligible FEs: (1) who are part of the Authority's Regulatory or Innovative Sandbox; (2) who participate in the Authority's supported Accelerators or Cohorts or Special Programs; or (3) who are referred to by the entity(ies) including regulatory or supervisory bodies having Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) or collaboration or special arrangement with the Authority for strengthening identified area of common interest.
- Types of Incentives for eligible applicants subject to meeting the terms and conditions as may be specified (1) FinTech Start-up grant- This



grant shall be utilized for developing a product or a service and related 'go- to-market' initiatives for a start-up with a novel FinTech idea or solution. An eligible FE may receive up to Rs. 15 lacs under this scheme. The grant is expected to meet expenses towards product development, manpower costs, IT costs, etc. At this stage the focus is on converting the idea into an MVP. (2) Proof of Concept (PoC) grant- This grant shall be utilized for the purpose of conducting a PoC by an early or mature FE in domestic market or overseas. An amount of up to Rs. 50 lacs may be provided to an eligible FE for the purpose of conducting a PoC either in Indian markets or overseas and shall cover expenses towards manpower costs, IT costs, marketing, prototyping costs etc. (3) Sand-box grant- This grant shall be utilized by FEs to experiment with innovative products or services in a sandbox. An amount of upto Rs. 30 lacs may be provided to an eligible FE to cover the costs of developing a software, prototyping, manpower costs, consulting, tech-related, IT related, admin costs, etc. (4) Green FinTech Grant- This grant shall be utilized towards developing solutions facilitating sustainable finance and sustainability linked finance, including 'Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)' investments. An amount of up to Rs. 75 lacs of grant may be provided to an eligible FE focussed on sustainable finance. (5) Accelerator Grant- This grant shall be utilized for supporting accelerators at the IFSC. An amount of up to Rs. 10 lacs of grant may be provided to an eligible Accelerator applicant for capacity building, build capabilities around mentors, bringing investors, bringing more projects or PoC, tie ups, etc. (6) Listing Support Grant - The grant shall be utilized for supporting Domestic FEs aspiring to go for listing on stock exchanges recognised by the Authority. An amount of up to Rs. 15 lacs may be provided to an eligible Domestic FE for meeting expenses pertaining to road shows, international travel and listing requirements, etc. [Notification No. IFSCA/2021-22/GN/022]

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## **DAHD extends the permission under applicable air luggage rules for pet animals**

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying on February 04, 2022, has issued a notification to extend the timeline of the permission under applicable Air Luggage rules for pet dogs and pet cats by amending the proviso of the notification no. S.O. 1495 (E), dated June 11, 2014. The following amendment in the proviso has been made: "Provided that a pet dog or pet cat as permitted under the applicable baggage rules shall be allowed to be imported through Cochin International Airport, Cochin till 30th June 2022." The extension has been provided till June 30, 2022 which was March 31, 2021 earlier. [Notification No. S.O. 489(E)]

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## **MoD issues Implementation Framework for Use of Certification in Trials**

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on February 4, 2022 has issued Implementation Framework for Use of Certification in Trials. The following has been stated namely: - • Physical evaluation and environmental tests will only be carried out for critical parameters and other parameters will be evaluated based on vendor certification duly supported by accredited laboratories and certification agencies, to avoid duplication. • Certification can be obtained by vendors after evaluation of the system from a recognised lab/ any other authorised agency. These are accepted in the following order of precedence: - 1. International/ NABL

accredited lab certification and certification agencies. 2. OEM Certification. 3. Vendor Certification. • These guidelines need to be implemented in the following manner namely: - 1. RFI needs to suitably aligned for obtaining requisite inputs from industry and stakeholders to arrive at parameters for certification. 2. Trial Team may be authorised to accept or reject the certification documents based on scrutiny by user, DGQA/DGNAI/DGAQA or technical representatives of Trial Team.

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## **MoFPI extends the benefits of PMKSY for year 2021-22 to 2025-26**

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) on February 04, 2022 has issued a notice to extend the benefits of the umbrella scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojna (PMKSY). PMKSY is a comprehensive package which will result in creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. It will not only provide a big boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country but also help in providing better prices to farmers, creating huge employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods. The following schemes will be continued under PMKSY: (i) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, (ii) Creation of Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters, (iii) Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities, (iv) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FTL), (v) Human Resources and Institutions- Research & Development (vi) Operation Greens [Notice No. P-12027/13/2020-PC]

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## **Draft Drugs (.....Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 04, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on February 01, 2022 has issued the Draft Drugs (.....Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Drugs Rules, 1945. The following amendment has been made: • In Schedule H, after serial number 551 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be inserted, namely:— “552. Acitretin”. [Notification No. G.S.R. 75(E)]

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## **IFSCA (Insurance Web Aggregator) Regulations, 2022**

Feb 04, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on January 31, 2022 has issued International Financial Services Centres Authority (Insurance Web Aggregator) Regulations, 2022. This has come into force on January 31, 2022. The following was stated namely: - • Eligibility criteria for registration as IWA - The Authority while considering an application for grant of registration as IWA shall take into account all matters which are necessary for carrying out the functions of the IWA. • Consideration of application - The Applicant

desirous of operating as an IWA in an IFSC shall submit an application form to the Authority • Professional indemnity insurance – Every IWA shall purchase and maintain at all times, a professional indemnity insurance cover in the manner as prescribed. • Online Sale of Insurance – The manner and process of online sale of Insurance shall be in compliance with guidelines as may be specified by the Authority.

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## **MNRE issues incentives for adoption of Renewable Energy**

Feb 04, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on February 3, 2022 has issued notification regarding Incentives for Adoption of Renewable Energy. Several steps have been undertaken to promote renewable energy which are namely: - • Permitting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 100 percent under the automatic route, • Waiver of Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) charges for inter-state sale of solar and wind power for projects to be commissioned by June 30, 2025. • Declaration of trajectory for Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) up to the year 2022 • Setting up of Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Parks to provide land and transmission to RE developers on a plug and play basis • Schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM), Solar Rooftop Phase II, 12000 MW CPSU Scheme Phase II, etc. • Laying of new transmission lines and creating new sub-station capacity under the Green Energy Corridor Scheme for evacuation of renewable power • Setting up of Project Development Cell for attracting and facilitating investments • Standard Bidding Guidelines for tariff based competitive bidding process for procurement of Power from Grid Connected Solar PV and Wind Projects. • Government has issued orders that power shall be dispatched against Letter of Credit (LC) or advance payment to ensure timely payment by distribution licensees to RE generators. [Release ID: 1795250]

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## **FSSAI issues Directions regarding declaration of percentage contribution to RDA for different age groups**

Feb 03, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on February 3, 2022 has issued Directions regarding declaration of percentage (%) contribution to Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for different age groups. The following has been stated namely: - • The foods which are targeted to a specific age group or physiological condition, respective RDA's may be considered for declaring per serve percentage (%) RDA. [Notification No. SS-T017/1/2022-Standard-FSSAI (E4478)]

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## **Ministry of power makes amendments in certain guidelines**

Feb 03, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power on February 03, 2022 has issued a resolution to amend the Guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Round-The Clock Power from Grid Connected Renewable Energy Power Projects, complemented with Power from any other source or storage. The following amendment has been made: • Paragraph 6.4, which specifies Weighted Average Levelized Tariff as the Bidding Parameter has been substituted, namely: “6.4 Weighted Average Levelized Tariff as the Bidding Parameter: The bidding evaluation parameter shall be the weighted average levelized tariff per unit supply of RTC power. The Procurer shall invite bids wherein the bidder shall quote the first year weighted average levelized Tariff in Rs./kWh. The quoted tariff shall comprise of four part – Fixed component [RE power (fixed), non-RE power (fixed)] and Variable component [Non -RE power (scalable for fuel), and non-RE power (escalable for transportation)]. The Fixed component of tariff of the RE power and Non RE power shall be quoted for each year of the term of PPA. The variable component of the Non RE power shall be quoted as on scheduled date of commissioning. The levelised tariff shall be arrived at using the CERC escalation indices for the type of fuel quoted by the bidder and the discount factor to be specified in the bidding document. The bidder shall also quote the proportion of energy from RE sources and non-RE source that he wishes to supply. The weighted average levelised tariff per unit supply shall be arrived at for the term of PPA and proportion of energy from RE sources and Non RE source. The bidder shall be selected on the basis of least quoted ‘weighted average levelised Tariff’. The bidder (called the L1 bidder) quoting the least weighted average levelised Tariff (called the L1 tariff) shall be allocated the quantum of power offered by him. If the allocated quantum of power is less than the total quantum of power to be contracted, the capacity allocation shall be on the basis of "Bucket filling" i.e. capacity quoted by L1 bidder at L1 rates shall be allocated first, then the capacity quoted by next lowest bidder (called the L2 bidder) at the rates quoted by him (called the L2 rates) shall be allocated and so on, till the tendered capacity is fully exhausted.” [Resolution No.23/05/2020-R&R]

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## MoEFCC issues National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change

Feb 03, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on February 3, 2022 has issued National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) The following has been stated namely: - • Established to support adaptation activities in the States and Union Territories (UTs) of India that are vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change • Coastal Regulation Zone Notification 2019 has been notified to conserve and protect the unique environment of coastal stretches and marine areas to promote sustainable development. • Activities relating to coastal areas are undertaken namely: - 1. Promotion of integrated farming system of Kaipad in coastal wetlands of North Kerala 2. Management and rehabilitation of coastal habitats and biodiversity for climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Livelihood in Gulf of Mannar, Tamil Nadu 3. Climate Resilient interventions in Dairy Sector in coastal and Arid areas in Andhra Pradesh [Notification No. Release ID: 1795075]

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## TRAI Extends the implementation plan of the New Regulatory Framework 2020

Feb 03, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on February 3, 2022 has issued Extension of Implementation Plan – New Regulatory Framework 2020. The following has been stated namely: - • Broadcasters has to report to the Authority any change in name, nature, language, Maximum Retail Price (MRP) per month of channels, composition of bouquets and MRP of bouquets of channel by February 28, 2022. • The Broadcasters who have already submitted their RIOs may revise it by February 28, 2022. • All the Distribution Platform Operators (DPOs) shall report to the Authority, Distributor Retail Price (DRP) of pay channels, composition of bouquet of pay channels/ free-to-air channels and DRP of bouquets of pay channels by March 31, 2022. • The DPOs who have already submitted their RIOs in compliance may also revise their RIOs by March 31, 2022 • Distributors of television channels shall ensure that services to the subscribers are provided as per the bouquets or channels opted by the subscriber with effect from June 1, 2022 [Notification No. RG-8/1/(9)/2021-B&CS]

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## **TRAI extends the date for comment and counter comments on its consultation paper**

Feb 02, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) o February 01, 2022 has extended the timelines for the comments and counter comments on the consultation paper on “Regulatory Framework for Promoting Data Economy Through Establishment of Data Centres, Content Delivery Networks, and Interconnect Exchanges in India”. Earlier the date for comments was January 13, 2022 and for counter comments was January 27, 2022, Now TRAI has decided to extend the last date for submission of Written Comments and Counter Comments up to February 10, 2022 and February 24, 2022 respectively. [Press Release No. 08 /2022]

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## **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has extended the sales of five medical devices up to July 31, 2022**

Feb 01, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on January 31, 2022 has extended the sales under Notification under Para 19 of the DPCO, 2013. In continuation to the Notification No. S.O. 2808(E), has capping the trade margin of five medical devices, namely, (i) Pulse Oximeter, (ii) Blood Pressure Monitoring Machine, (iii) Nebulizer, (iv) Digital Thermometer, and (v) Glucometer at first point of sale upto 31st January, 2022 is further extended up to July 31, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 401(E)]

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## **National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development General Rules, 2022**

Feb 01, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on January 28, 2022 has issued the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development General Rules, 2022. The foremost provisions of the rules are as follows: • Term of office

of Chairperson and other directors.—(1) The Chairperson and the Managing Director, every Deputy Managing Director and every other director who is other than a director nominated by the Central Government under clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 6 shall,— (a) in case of a director who is other than a director elected under clause (e) of the said sub-section, hold office for such term not exceeding five years as the authority nominating or appointing him may determine; (b) in case of a director elected under clause (e) of the said sub section, hold office for a term of three years: Provided that the Chairperson and every director nominated or appointed under sub-section (1) of section 6 shall hold office during the pleasure of the authority nominating or appointing him: Provided further that the Managing Director and the Deputy Managing Directors shall not hold office as such after they have attained the age of sixty-five years and sixty-two years, respectively. (2) A director referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be eligible for re-appointment, subject to an overall term not exceeding ten years. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rules (1) and (2), in respect of any director referred to in sub-rule (1),— (a) the Central Government may remove him from office under section 10; (b) the Central Government or the Board or the shareholders, as the case may be, may remove him as provided in sub-section (1) of section 11; (c) the Central Government shall have the right to terminate the term of his office at any time before the expiry of his term by giving him notice of three months' salary and allowances, under sub-section (2) of section 11; (d) the seat of the director shall become vacant if he becomes subject to any of the disqualifications or the removal referred to in clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 12, or if he absents himself as in clause (b) of the said sub-section; (e) the director may resign his office by giving such notice as is provided in sub-section (2) of section 12: Provided that he shall specify in such notice the reasons for his resignation and shall affirm that there is no material reason other than those specified. (4) If the Chairperson is rendered incapable of carrying out his duties by infirmity or otherwise in circumstances not involving the vacation of his office, or is absent on leave, the Central Government in consultation with the Reserve Bank may appoint another person to act in his place during his absence. (5) If the Managing Director is rendered incapable of carrying out his duties by infirmity or otherwise in circumstances not involving the vacation of his office, or is absent on leave, the Board may appoint a Deputy Managing Director to act in his place during his absence. • Other terms and conditions of service of directors other than whole-time directors.— (1) Every director, other than a director who is an officer of the Central Government or is a whole-time director, shall be entitled to receive such sitting fee for attending meetings of the Board and committees as may be determined by the Board on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, subject to such fee not exceeding such limit as may apply in respect of sitting fee applicable to a director of a company under the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013). (2) A director referred to in sub-section (3) of section 9 shall be entitled to travelling and halting expenses, if any, on such basis as may be determined by the Board, for travel undertaken in connection with the work of the Institution. (3) In addition to sitting fee and travelling and halting expenses for travel in connection with the work of the Institution, a director referred to in sub-rule (1) may, on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and as determined by the Board, be paid a fixed remuneration which is considered commensurate with their individual responsibilities and demands on time and sufficient to attract qualified competent individuals and is guided by market practices: Provided that the said remuneration, in respect of such a director who is other than the Chairperson, shall not exceed twenty lakh rupees per annum or such higher amount as may be determined by the Reserve Bank in respect of remuneration payable to non-executive directors of commercial banks. • Disclosure of interest.—(1) Every director, in pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 16, shall disclose the nature of his concern or interest in any body corporate, which shall include shareholding, by giving a notice in writing in Form 1 set out in the Schedule to these rules. (2) Every notice received under sub-rule (1) shall be kept at the head office of the Institution, kept in the custody of the Company Secretary or such other person as the Board may authorise for this purpose, and be preserved for a period of ten years from the end of the financial year to which it relates. • Use of electronic records and electronic signature.—For the purposes of these rules, any requirement of— (a) giving



a notice in writing shall be satisfied if the same is given in the form of an electronic record as defined in the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000); (b) a person signing a notice shall be satisfied if he affixes thereon his electronic signature as defined in the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000). [Notification No. G.S.R. 51(E)]

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## Labour

### **MoLE extends the tenure of industries engaged in food stuffs as public utility services**

Feb 28, 2022 | Central | Labour



The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on February 25, 2022 has issued a notification to declare that all the industries engaged in food stuffs which is covered under item 6 of the First Schedule to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 shall continue to work as the public utility services for further tenure of six months starting from February 28, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 857(E)]

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### **MoLE extends the tenure of industries engaged in production of manufacture of certain oils as public utility services**

Feb 28, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on February 25, 2022 has issued a notification to declare that all the industries engaged in manufacture or production of mineral oil (crude oil), motor and aviation spirit, diesel oil, kerosene oil, fuel oil, diverse hydrocarbon oils and their blends including synthetic fuels, lubricating oils and the like, which is covered under items 26 of the First Schedule to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 shall continue to work as the public utility services for further tenure of six months starting from February 28, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 856(E)]

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### **Ministry of Labour and Employment issues notification regarding service in fuel gasses as public utility service**

Feb 28, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on February 25, 2022 has issued notification regarding industry engaged in the processing or production or distribution of fuel gases (coal gas, natural gas and the like) to be a public utility service. This is in effect from February 25, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • Industries engaged in the processing or production or distribution of fuel gases (coal gas, natural gas and the

like) to be a public utility service for a period of 6 months from February 25, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 858(E)]

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## **Ministry of Labour and Employment issues Draft Employees' State Insurance (Central) Amendment Rules, 2022**

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on February 24, 2022 has issued the Draft Employees' State Insurance (Central) Amendment Rules, 2022 to further amend the Employees' State Insurance (Central) Rules, 1950. This shall be effective for the period from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. The following has been amended namely: - • Rule 55 which specify "Sickness Benefit" the following proviso has been inserted namely: - "Provided that person appointed before 01.04.2020 shall be qualified to claim sickness benefit for benefit period, January 2021-June 2021, if the contributions in respect of him/her were payable for not less than 39 days in the contribution period from April, 2020- September, 2020 or for not less than seventy-eight days in the contribution period from October, 2019 to March, 2020 and the daily rate of Sickness benefit for them shall be as provided in sub-rule (2) calculated on basis of standard benefit rate during the contribution period from April, 2020 to September, 2020 or October, 2019 to March, 2020 respectively" • Rule 56 which specify "Maternity Benefit" the following proviso has been inserted namely: - "Provided that an Insured Women shall be eligible to claim maternity benefit for a confinement occurring or expected to occur in the benefit period January 2021-June 2021 if contributions in respect of her were payable for not less than 35 days in the immediately preceding two consecutive contribution periods from October, 2019 to March, 2020 and April, 2020- to September, 2020" Objections and suggestions may be addressed to Shri Madan Chaurasia, Under Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001 or Email at madan.c@nic.in within 30 days from February 24, 2022. [Notification No. G.S.R. 152(E)]

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## **MoLE extends public utility service status of an industry**

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on February 17, 2022 has issued a notification to further extend the status of Public Utility Service to the Bank Note Paper Mill India Private Limited, Mysore, Karnataka which is covered under item 32 of the First Schedule to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The tenure of the said industry has been extended for further six months with effect from February 19, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 780(E)]

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## **MoLE extends public utility service status of Iron and Steel industry**

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on February 17, 2022 has issued a notification to further extend the status of Public Utility Service to the iron and steel industry, which is covered under item 7 of the First Schedule to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. MoLE declares the services engaged in the iron and steel industry to be a public utility service for the purposes of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 for a further period of six months from the date of publication of this notification. [Notification No. S.O. 783(E)]

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## **ESIC eases the eligibility conditions under 'ESIC COVID-19 Relief Scheme'**

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to make certain relaxations in the 'ESIC COVID-19 Relief Scheme'. The following relaxation has been provided by ESIC: "The deceased Insured Person must have been in employment on the date of diagnosis of COVID- 19 disease and contributions for at least 35 days should have been paid or payable in respect of him / her during a period of maximum one year immediately preceding the diagnosis of COVID-19 disease resulting in death." Any objection or suggestions, which may be received from any person in respect of notification within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication, will be considered by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation. The objections and suggestions, if any, may be addressed to Shri S Biswas, Insurance Commissioner, (e-mail Id: dir-pnd@esic.nic.in) Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Panchdeep Bhawan, CIG Marg, New Delhi 110002. [Notification No. N-12/13/01/2019-P&D]

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## **Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (Eol) for Empanerment of Hospitals/Health care organisations (HCos) / Diagnostic Centres for providing Super-speciality treatment and^ diagnostic services in the North-East Region (NER)'**

Feb 03, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Regional Director on January 27, 2022 invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from Government/Semi Government / CGHS panel / Private Hospitals / Diagnostic centers of repute located in the North East Region (Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh) for providing super-speciality treatment & diagnostic services on cashless basis as per OGHS rates (given at its website) to ESI beneficiary. The applicants can be download Eol which comprises the Application forms along with Annexures A to F from the website at [www.esic.nic.in/tenders](http://www.esic.nic.in/tenders) or [www.aprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app](http://www.aprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app) Those empaneled hospitals / Health Care Organisations (HCOS) / Diagnostic Centres which are under extension period are required to apply afresh in response to this tender The Expression of Interest (EOI) should be completed in all respects and submitted online as per schedule as mentioned. (No. 43. U. 16/ L2/ 20t9 / Empanelment/Med)

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## Commercial

### The Central Motor Vehicles (Motor Vehicle Accident Fund) Rules, 2022

Feb 28, 2022 | Central | Commercial



The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on February 25, 2022 has issued The Central Motor Vehicles (Motor Vehicle Accident Fund) Rules, 2022. This shall come into force on April 1, 2022. The following has been stated namely: -

- Establishment of Motor Vehicle Accident Fund - – The Motor Vehicle Accident Fund shall comprise of the following three accounts: Account for Insured Vehicles, Account for Uninsured Vehicles or Hit and Run Motor Accident and Hit and Run Compensation Amount.
- Powers and functions of Trustees - For the furtherance of the objects of the Trust, and matters incidental or ancillary to the attainment thereof, the trust shall make the periodical review of the working and utilisation of the Motor Vehicles Accident Fund (Trust Corpus), and make recommendations to the Central Government for relevant corrective steps, wherever necessary.
- Disbursement of fund for cashless treatment - Subject to the scheme, the disbursement of the fund for cashless treatment shall be in accordance with this rule.
- Disbursement of fund for hit and run compensation. - In case of hit and run motor accidents, the compensation under section 161 shall be disbursed from the Hit and Run Compensation Account in accordance with the Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022. [Notification No. G.S.R. 162(E)]

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### Central Motor Vehicles (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2022

Feb 28, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on February 25, 2022 has issued the Central Motor Vehicles (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. This has come into force on February 25, 2022. The following amendments has been made namely: -

- Rule 93 (1)(A) Clause (VI) which specify “Motor vehicle Category N” the following proviso has been inserted namely: - “Provided also that vehicles carrying two wheelers can have maximum of three decks to carry vehicles with load body not projecting over the driver's cabin”
- Rule 93(1)(A)(VII) which specify “Trailers Category T” the following proviso has been inserted namely: - “Provided also that vehicles carrying two wheelers can have maximum of three decks to carry vehicles with load body not projecting over the driver’s cabin” [Notification No. G.S.R. 161(E)]

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## Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022

Feb 28, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on February 25, 2022 has issued the Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022. The foremost provisions of the scheme are as followed:

- Powers and functions of Standing Committee. — The Standing Committee shall- (a) periodically review the working of this scheme, including consideration of the General Insurance Council Report referred to in paragraph 24, and its implementation and direct corrective steps, wherever necessary; (b) consider the issues raised in the quarterly reports of the District Level Committee and provide guidance or directions, including on prevention of fraud in implementation of this scheme, wherever called for; (c) make recommendations to the Central Government for amendment of this scheme to enable the efficient disbursement and working of the Hit and Run Compensation Account, specifically with respect to prevention of fraud; (d) provide procedure for conduct of business by the Standing Committee and District Level Committee.
- Quorum. — Not less than five members shall form a quorum: Provided that if at any meeting there is no quorum, the Chairperson may adjourn the meeting to a date not less than seven days later, informing the members present and sending notices to other members that he proposes to dispose off the business at the adjourned meeting, whether there is a quorum or not, and he may thereupon dispose off the business at such adjourned meeting.
- Decision. — Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting and, in case of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- Powers and functions of District Level Committee. — The District Level Committee shall undertake all functions connected with the implementation of this scheme at the District Level, and it shall also perform the following functions, namely: - (a) to evaluate the progress of implementation of this scheme in the concerned District and take corrective steps, wherever necessary; (b) to submit a report on quarterly basis to the Standing Committee, including in electronic form and the report shall, inter alia, include month-wise statistics about the claim applications received, awarded, pending and reasons for pendency; (c) to keep close liaison with other authorities in the district so as to ensure that this scheme gets adequate publicity; (d) to provide guidance or clarifications to concerned authorities and claimants, wherever called for; and (e) to raise awareness about the rights available to claimants and the provision of compensation under this scheme.
- Procedure for making claim application. — (1) The applicant shall submit an application seeking compensation under this scheme in Form I, including through electronic means, along with a copy of claim raised by the hospital providing the treatment, if any, as per Scheme for Cashless Treatment formulated under section 162, and the undertaking in Form IV, and such other documents mentioned in Form I, including through electronic means, to the Claims Enquiry Officer of the Sub-Division or Taluka in which the accident took place. (2) Where the Claims Enquiry Officer does not accept the grounds advanced by the applicant he shall record speaking order and communicate to the applicant reasons for not accepting the claim application.
- Sanctioning of claims. — (1) Subject to sub- paragraph (2), on receipt of report of the Claims Enquiry Officer, the Claims Settlement Commissioner shall sanction the claim, as far as possible, within a period not exceeding fifteen days from the date of receipt of such report and communicate the sanction order in Form III, and the Forms and documents received from the claimant, to the Trust constituted under rule 4 of the Central Motor Vehicles (Motor Vehicle Accident Fund) Rules, 2022 or the General Insurance Council, as the case may be, with a copy to the following: — (a) the Claims Enquiry Officer; (b) the claimant; (c) the concerned Motor Accident Claim Tribunal; (d) the concerned Transport Commissioner; (e) General Insurance Council headquarters. (2) Claims Settlement Commissioner shall deduct the claim raised by the hospital which has provided cashless treatment as per the scheme framed under section 162 and sanction the balance amount: Provided that the amount spent on cashless treatment of the victim shall be transferred from the Hit and Run Compensation Account to the Account for Uninsured Vehicles or Hit and Run Motor Accident of the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund: Provided further that if the claim raised by the hospital which



has provided cashless treatment as per the scheme framed under section 162, is greater than the fixed sum compensation under section 161, no compensation shall be paid to the claimant or legal representative of the deceased, whichever the case may be. (3) Where the Claims Settlement Commissioner has any doubt in respect of the report submitted by the Claims Enquiry Officer, he shall return the report to the Claims Enquiry Officer for further enquiry, indicating the specific points on which the enquiry is to be made. • Payment of compensation. — (1) In the case of claims arising out of death of an accident victim, the compensation awarded under paragraph 22 shall be made to the legal representatives of the deceased decided by the Claims Enquiry Officer. (2) In the case of claims arising out of grievous hurt, the compensation awarded under paragraph 22 shall be made to the person injured. (3) On behalf of the Trust referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 22, General Insurance Council (GIC), immediately on receipt of the sanction order in Form III, and the Forms and documents from the claimant, shall make the e-payment to the bank account as provided by the claimant or legal representative of the deceased, as the case may be, and simultaneously send intimation to all the concerned authorities to whom the copy of the sanction order is endorsed. (4) The payment under sub-paragraph (3) shall be made within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the sanction order: Provided that the payment may be made within a further period of thirty days, for reasons to be recorded in writing to the Claims Settlement Commissioner. (5) Upon disbursement of the compensation under sub-paragraph (3), the Claims Enquiry Officer shall maintain a record, including in electronic form, of the claim awarded and the date of payment made, which shall be used to populate the quarterly report under clause (b) of paragraph 13. • Annual report. — The General Insurance Council shall prepare an annual report on the working of this scheme and submit the same before the Standing Committee, with a copy to the Central Government. This scheme shall come into force from April 01, 2022. [Notification No. G.S.R. 163(E)]

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## Central Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2022

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on February 23, 2022 has issued The Central Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. This shall come into force on the date of the final publication. The following has been amended namely: - • Rule 112 which specifies “Exhaust Gases” has new sub-rule (9) inserted namely: - “On and after six months from the date of commencement of the Central Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2022, Special Purpose Vehicle, viz. Cash Vans shall comply with the requirements stated in AIS-163:2020, as amended from time to time, till the corresponding BIS specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016(11 of 2016)” • Rule 125 G which specifies “Safety belt, collapsible steering column, auto dipper and padded dash boards” new sub-rule (7) has been inserted namely: - “On and after six months from the date of commencement of the Central Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2022, Special Purpose Vehicle, viz. Cash Vans, manufactured by Original Equipment Manufacturers, shall comply with the requirements of AIS-163, as amended from time to time, till the corresponding BIS specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (11 of 2016).” [Notification No. G.S.R. 153(E)]

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## Ministry of Commerce and Industry issues the Draft Indian Boiler (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on February 24, 2022 has issued the Draft Indian Boiler (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Indian Boiler Regulations, 1950. This shall come into force on the final date of publication. The following has been amended namely: - • Regulation 4J(3) which specify "Procedure for Recognition of Competent Person" the following has been substituted for clause (i) namely: - "An examination shall be conducted by the Central Boilers Board Examination Standing Committee or an agency or Regional Examination Standing Committees authorized by it." Objections or suggestions may be addressed to the Secretary, Central Boilers Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade), Room No. 358, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi- 110 011 or sent by email at [tsg.narayannen@nic.in](mailto:tsg.narayannen@nic.in) within 45 days from February 24, 2022. [Notification No. G.S.R. 156(E)]

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## Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has issued draft Inland Vessels [Life Saving Appliances] Rules 2022

Feb 22, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on February 22, 2022 has issued the draft of the Inland Vessels [Life Saving Appliances] Rules 2022. This shall come into force on the date of final publication. The following has been stated namely: - • Threshold of Compliance - All existing inland vessels shall comply with the requirements existing prior to coming into force of these rules • Equipment Standards and Guidance - Any particular piece of life saving appliances, equipment or machinery that the inland vessels shall be provided with or carried onboard; shall be in accordance with a national or international standard such as BIS/ ISO • Retro-reflective material - Life-saving appliances shall be fitted with retro-reflective material and the dimensions and location of the material shall be in accordance with national/international standards, Objections or suggestions may be sent to the Director (IWT), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Room No. 439, Transport Bhawan, 1-Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001, or by email at [abhay.sarode@gov.in](mailto:abhay.sarode@gov.in) and [uttam.mishra27@gov](mailto:uttam.mishra27@gov) within 30 days from February 22, 2022. [Notification No. G.S.R. 140(E)]

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## BIS issues date of establishment for certain Indian Standards

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 15, 2022 has issued Date of Establishment for certain Indian Standards. The following Indian Standards has been Established on February 10, 2022 namely: - • IS 4972 (Part 2) : 2022/ISO 8430-2 : 2016 Resistance Spot Welding Part 2 Electrode Holders ■ Morse Taper Fixing (First Revision) • IS 4972 (Part 5) : 2022/ISO 5183-2 : 2000 Resistance Spot Welding Part 5 Electrode Adapters, Male Taper 1 : 10 ■ Parallel Shank Fixing for End-Thrust Electrodes (First Revision) • IS/ISO 13611 : 2014 Interpreting ■ Guidelines for Community Interpreting • IS/ISO 26262-6 : 2018 Road Vehicles ■ Fundamental Safety Part 6 Product Development at the Software Level [Notification No.

HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (308)]

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## **BIS specifies date of establishment and date of withdrawal of certain Indian standards**

Feb 18, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 18, 2022 has issued a notification to specify the date of establishment and date of withdrawal of their older versions of Indian Standards. The Indian Standards are as followed: • IS 15464 : 2022 Anhydrous Ethanol for Use as Blending Component in Motor Gasoline ■ Specification (First Revision) • IS 17821 : 2022, Ethanol as a Fuel for Use in Positive Ignition Engine Powered Vehicles ■ Specification The date of Establishment for these Indian Standards is February 10, 2022 and the withdrawal date of their older version is March 09, 2022. [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (307)]

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## **PESO notifies all stakeholders to use NSWS portal**

Feb 18, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) on February 16, 2022 has issued a notification to request all its stakeholders to use the National Single Window System (NSWS), which is a digital platform for guidance of investors to identify and to apply for approvals as per their business requirements. This portal <https://www.nsws.gov.in/> can be accessed through URL. The National Single Window System provides information across 32 Central Departments and 15 States and currently, the portal hosts applications for approvals from 19 Central Departments and 14 State Governments. The platform is built to serve as a single window platform for identifying approvals based on user input and further guidance for submission of applications by investors. PESO has also launched online paperless application submission and approval process for all the approvals / licenses issued under the various Rules administered by PESO. As a step ahead, PESO and National Informatics Centre (NIC), Nagpur has integrated the application modules with National Single Window System (NSWS) Portal. PESO requests to all the stakeholders to use NSWS portal extensively and essentially submit all their PESO applications for approval, hence forth through NSWS portal only. [Notification No. G.40/Misc/R.Min]

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## **BIS amends Establishment and withdrawal date of certain Indian Standards**

Feb 18, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 18, 2022 has issued a notification to specify the date of establishment and date of withdrawal of their older versions of Indian Standards. The Indian Standards are as followed: • IS/ISO 105-J03 : 2009 Textiles ■ Tests for Colour Fastness Part J03 Calculation of Colour Differences • IS/ISO 105-S01 : 1993 Textiles ■ Tests for Colour Fastness Part S01 Colour Fastness to

Vulcanization : Hot Air • IS/ISO 105-S02 : 1993 Textiles ■ Tests for Colour Fastness Part S02 Colour Fastness to Vulcanization : Sulfur Monochloride • IS 1390 : 2022/ISO 3071 : 2020 Textiles ■ Determination of pH of Aqueous Extract (Third Revision) • IS 3077 : 2022 Roasted and Ground Coffee ■ Specification (Third Revision) • IS 5189 : 2022, Cold Polymerized Raw Styrene- Butydiene Rubber ■ Specification (Second Revision) • IS 5797 : 2022/ISO 1825 : 2017 Rubber Hoses and Hose Assemblies for Aircraft Ground Fuelling and Defuelling ■ Specification (Fifth Revision) • IS 6313 (Part 2) : 2022 Anti-Termite Measures in Buildings ■ Code of Practice, Part 2 Pre-Constructional Chemical Treatment Measures (Fourth Revision) • IS 6313 (Part 3) : 2022 Anti-Termite Measures in Buildings ■ Code of Practice, Part 3 Treatment for Existing Buildings (Fourth Revision) • IS 10655 : 2022/ISO 6134 : 2017 Rubber Steam Hose ■ Specification (Second Revision) • IS 11923 : 2022, Cocoa Mass (Cocoa/Chocolate Liquor) ■ Specification (First Revision) • IS 16593 (Part 4) : 2022/IEC 60974-4 : 2016, Arc Welding Equipment, Part 4 Periodic Inspection and Testing (First Revision) • IS 16593 (Part12) : 2022/IEC 60974- 12 : 2011, Arc Welding Equipment, Part 12 Coupling Devices for Welding Cables • IS 16616 : 2022/ISO 349 : 2020 Hard Coal ■ Audibert-Arnu Dilatometer Test (First Revision) • IS 17789 : 2022 Gas Oil ■ Specification • IS 17792 : 2022 Vacuum Gas Oil (VGO) ■ Specification • IS 17793 : 2022 Kerosene Intermediate ■ Specification • S 17809 : 2022/ISO/TR 21092 : 2004, Essential Oils ■ Characterization • IS 17817 : 2022/ISO 21084 :2019 Textiles ■ Method for Determination of Alkylphenols (AP) • IS 17827 : 2022/ISO 6658 : 2017 Sensory Analysis ■ Methodology ■ General Guidance • IS 17829 : 2022/ISO 5495 : 2021 Sensory analysis ■ Methodology ■ Paired Comparison Test The date of Establishment for these Indian Standards is February 11, 2022 and the withdrawal date of some of their older version is March 10, 2022. [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (309)]

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## **BIS issues establishment and withdrawal dates for certain Indian Standards**

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 15, 2022 has issued Date of Establishment and Date of Withdrawal for certain Indian Standards. The following has been stated namely: - The following Indian Standards has been established on February 11, 2022 namely: - • IS 2577 (Part 6) : 2022/ISO 8820- 6 : 2019 Road Vehicles ■ Fuse-Links Part 6 Single-Bolt Fuse-Links (Third Revision) • IS 12539 : 2022/ISO 3907 : 2009 Hardmetals ■ Determination of Total Carbon ■ Gravimetric Method (First Revision) • IS 17762 : 2022/ISO/TR 11636 : 2009 Health Informatics ■ Dynamic on-demand Virtual Private Network for Health Information Infrastructure • IS 17830 : 2022/ISO 8587 : 2006 Sensory Analysis ■ Methodology ■ Ranking • IS 17844 : 2022/ISO 18123 : 2015 Solid Biofuels ■ Determination of the Content of Volatile Matter The following Indian Standards has been Withdrawn on March 10, 2022 namely: - • IS 4840 : 2006/ISO 4490 : 2001 Metallic Powders ■ Determination of Flow Time by Means of a Calibrated Funnel (Hall Flowmeter) (Second Revision) • IS 12539 : 1988 Determination of Total Carbon in Hardmetals by Gravimetric Method • IS 12619 : 1989 Printing Industry ■ Safety Code • IS 15574 : 2005/ISO 5754 : 1978 Sintered Metal Materials, Excluding Hardmetals ■ Unnotched Impact Test Piece [Notification no. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (310)]

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## **Draft Central Motor Vehicles (.... Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 16, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH) on February 15, 2022 has issued the Draft Central Motor Vehicles (.... Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The following amendment has been made: • In rule 129, which specifies Transportation of goods of dangerous or hazardous nature to human life, after clause (iv), clause (v) has been inserted, namely: “(v) every goods carriage carrying any dangerous or hazardous goods shall be equipped with or fitted with a vehicle tracking system device as per AIS 140.” All persons likely to be affected thereby; and 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. 127(E)]

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## **MoRTH issues enforcement date of section 44 of Motor vehicle Act**

Feb 16, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH) on February 15, 2022 has issued a notification to appoint February 15, 2022 as the implementation date of section 44 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, which specifies Production of vehicle at the time of registration. “44. (1) Subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Central Government in this behalf, a motor vehicle sold by an authorised dealer shall not require production before a registering authority for the purposes of registration for the first time. (2) Subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the State Government, a person in whose name a certificate of registration has been issued shall not be required to produce the vehicle registered or transferred before a registering authority.” This provisions of this section shall come into force from February 15, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 691(E)]

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## **Central Motor Vehicles (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 16, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on February 15, 2022 has issued the Central Motor Vehicles (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. This has come into force on February 15, 2022. The following amendments has been made namely: - • Rule 138 which specify “Signals and additional safety measures for motor vehicle” the following sub-clause (7) has been inserted namely: - “After one year from the date of publication of the Central Motor Vehicles (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022, the driver of a motorcycle shall ensure the following safety measures while carrying a child between the age of nine months and four years, on the vehicle as a pillion, namely: - (i) For children below four years, Safety harness shall be used for attaching the child to the driver of the motorcycle.

[Notification No. G.S.R. 126(E)]

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## **Aircraft (Carriage of Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 14, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Ministry of Civil Aviation on February 11, 2022 has issued the Aircraft (Carriage of Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Aircraft (Carriage of Dangerous Goods) Rules, 2003. The following amendments have been made: • In rule 9A, which specifies Mis-declared or undeclared dangerous goods, in sub-rule (2), clause (ii) has been substituted, namely: (ii) the name and address of the shipper and his agent; • In rule 10A, which specifies Inspection, has been substituted, namely: 1) The Director-General, or any other person authorised by the Central Government in this behalf by a general or special order in writing may, at any reasonable time, enter any place to which access is necessary and inspect any services, equipment, documents and records with a view to ensuring compliance with the provisions of these rules. (2) The operator, shipper, training establishment and every other person concerned with carriage of dangerous goods shall allow the person so authorised, access to any part of the aircraft, building or any facility including equipment, records, documents and personnel, and shall co-operate in exercising his powers or carrying out his duties under these rules. (3) The Director-General, or any other person authorised under sub-rule (1), may carry out investigation into alleged violations by an entity performing any function under these rules and for such investigation, the authorised person may exercise the power under sub-rule (1). • In rule 12A, which specifies Establishment and approval of Training Programme, sub-rule (9) has been substituted, namely: “(9) The fee shall be paid electronically in the manner as specified by the Director-General.”. [Notification No. G.S.R. 112(E)]

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## **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways issued Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 14, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on February 11, 2022 has issued the Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The shall come into effect on the date of the final publication. The following amendments has been made: - • Rule 125 which specify “Safety belt, collapsible steering column, auto dipper and padded dash boards” the following has been inserted namely: - “Provided further that, for motor vehicles of category M1 manufactured on and after 01st October 2022, the specifications of Safety Belt Assemblies shall conform to IS:15140:2018, as amended from time to-time” Objections or suggestions, if any, may be sent before 30 days of February 11, 2022, to the Joint Secretary (MVL, Transport, Toll), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001 or Email at comments-morth@gov.in. [Notification No. G.S.R. 106(E)]

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## Safety Glass (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2022

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on February 10, 2022 has issued the Safety Glass (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2022 to further amend the Safety Glass (Quality Control) Order, 2020. This has come into force on February 10, 2022. The following amendments has been made: - • Paragraph 1, sub paragraph (2) shall be substituted namely: - "It shall come into force with effect from April 1, 2023" [Notification No. S.O. 620(E)]

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## BIS specifies date of Establishment and withdrawal for certain Indian Standards

Feb 11, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to specify the date of Establishment and withdrawal for certain Indian Standards. The Indian Standards are as followed: • IS/ISO 105-A03 : 2019 Textiles ■ Tests for Colour Fastness Part A03 Grey Scale for Assessing Staining (First Revision) • IS/ISO 105-P01 : 1993 Textiles ■ Tests for Colour Fastness Part P01 Colour Fastness to Dry Heat (Excluding Pressing) • IS/ISO 105-S03 : 1993 Textiles ■ Tests for Colour Fastness Part S03 Colour Fastness to Vulcanization: Open Steam • IS 1083 : 2022, Industrial White Oil ■ Specification (Second Revision) • IS 1204 : 2022 Methods for Testing Tar and Bituminous Materials ■ Determination of Residue of Specified Penetration (Second Revision) • IS 1205 : 2022, Methods for Testing Tar and Bituminous Materials ■ Determination of Softening Point ■ Ring and Ball Apparatus (Second Revision) • IS 1206 (Part 2) : 2022 Methods for Testing Tar and Bituminous Materials ■ Determination of Viscosity Part 2 Absolute Viscosity (Second Revision) • IS 1798 : 2022 Spices and Condiments ■ Black pepper, Whole and Ground ■ Specification (Third Revision) • IS 3576 : 2022, Spices and Condiments ■ Turmeric, Whole and Ground ■ Specification (Fourth Revision) • IS 4403 : 2022, Spices and Condiments ■ Ajowan (Bishops Seed) ■ Specification (Third Revision) • IS 11327 : 2022 Requirements for Refrigerant Condensing Units (Second Revision) • IS 11999 : 2022/ISO 10113 : 2020 Metallic Materials ■ Sheet and Strip ■ Determination of Plastic Strain Ratio (Second Revision) • IS 17195 : 2022/ISO 9512 : 2019 Cigarettes ■ Determination of Ventilation ■ Definitions and Measurement Principles (First Revision) • IS 17681 : 2022 Bottled Water Dispensers ■ Specification • IS 17699 : 2022 Standard Classification of Silicon Carbide (SiC) Refractories • IS/ISO/IEC TR 20547-1 : 2020 Information Technology ■ Big Data Reference Architecture, Part 1 Framework and Application Process • IS/ISO/IEC TR 24028 : 2020 Information Technology ■ Artificial Intelligence ■ Overview of Trustworthiness in Artificial Intelligence • IS/ISO/IEC TR 24030 : 2021 Information Technology ■ Artificial Intelligence (AI) ■ Use Cases The date of Establishment of the Indian Standards is January 27, 2022 and the withdrawal date is February 26, 2022. [Notification No.HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (303)]

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## BIS issues date of Establishment and Withdrawal for specific Indian Standards

Feb 11, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 1, 2022 has issued the date of Establishment and Withdrawal for Certain Indian Standards. The following Indian Standards has been Established on January

31, 2022 namely: - • IS 1060 (Part 1) : 2022 Methods of Sampling and Test for Paper and Allied Products Part 1 Test Methods for General Purpose (Second Revision) • IS 1925 : 2022 Bidis — Specification (Fifth Revision) • IS 4404 : 2022 Spices and Condiments — Cloves, Whole and Ground — Specification (Fourth Revision) • IS/ISO 20121 : 2012 Event Sustainability Management Systems — Requirements with Guidance for Use The following Indian Standards has been withdrawn on February 28, 2022 namely: - • IS 1060 (Part 1) : 1966 Methods of Sampling and Test for Paper and Allied Products Part 1 (Revised) • IS 1207 : 1978 Methods for Testing Tar and Bituminous Materials — Determination of Equiviscous • IS 1925 : 2016 Bidis — Specification (Fourth Revision) • IS 2344 : 1994 Flake Type Chewing Tobacco (Zarda) — Specification (Second Revision) [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (304)]

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## **BIS corrects the date of withdrawal of an Indian Standard**

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 01, 2022 has issued a corrigendum to make correction in the date of withdrawal in the Notification No. HQ-PUB012/1/2020-PUB-BIS (178), published on 23 June 2021. The following correction has been made: The date of withdrawal for the Indian Standard IS 3521 : 1999 Industrial Safety Belts and Harness – Specification, (Third Revision) was December 10, 2021, which has now been corrected to June 10, 2022. [Corrigendum No. HQ-PUB012/1/2020-PUB-BIS (302)]

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## **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution issues notification regarding implementation plan on hoarding of edible oils and oilseeds**

Feb 09, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution on February 9, 2022 has issued notification regarding implementation plan on hoarding of edible oils and oilseeds. The following has been stated namely: - • For edible oils, the stock limit specified were namely: - 1. 30 quintals for retailers 2. 500 quintals for wholesalers 3. 30 quintals for retail outlets of bulk consumers 4. 1000 quintals for its depots. Processors of edible oils would be able to stock 90 days of their storage capacities. • Edible oilseeds, the stock limit were namely: - 1. 100 quintals for retailers 2. 2000 quintals for wholesalers. Processors of edible oilseeds would be able to stock 90 days production of edible oilseeds • In case the stocks held by respective legal entities are higher than the prescribed limits then it has to be declared on the portal and brought to the prescribed stock limits within 30 days of February 9, 2022. [Release ID. 1796747]

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## **BSE issues Clarifications on submission of Holding Statement**

Feb 09, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bombay stock Exchange (BSE) on February 9, 2022 has issued Clarifications on submission of Holding Statement. The following has been stated namely: - • Members shall not include the securities lying in the clients' demat accounts under block mechanism at the end of the day in the weekly Holding Statement uploaded to Exchange. [Notification No. 20220209-5]

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## **Aadhaar (Authentication and Offline Verification) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022**

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on February 4, 2022 has issued Aadhaar (Authentication and Offline Verification) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Aadhaar (Authentication and Offline Verification) Regulations, 2021. This shall come into force on February 4, 2022. The following amendments has been made namely: - • Regulation 2(1) which Specifies "Definition" has the following amendments namely: - 1. Regulation 2(1)(ab) inserted namely: - "Aadhaar Letter" means a document for conveying the Aadhaar number to a resident". 2. Regulation 2(1)(bd) inserted namely: - "Aadhaar PVC Card" means a Polyvinyl Chloride Card (PVC), issued by the Authority upon payment of prescribed charges, which has Aadhaar number, demographic information and photograph of an Aadhaar number holder printed on it along with Aadhaar Secure QR code and is equivalent to paper-based Aadhaar Letter" • Regulation 16 which specify "Use of e-KYC authentication facility" has the following amendments namely: - 1. Regulation 16 B has been inserted namely: - "Manner of voluntary use of Aadhaar number" 2. Regulation 16 C has been inserted namely: - "Conditions for accepting an Aadhaar number as proof of identity of the Aadhaar number holder" [Notification No. K-11020/240/2021/Auth/UIDAI]

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## **BSE Notifies of Holiday**

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on February 7, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Trading Holiday. The following has been stated namely: - • Monday, February 07, 2022 notified as a trading holiday on account of public holiday declared under Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 vide RBI press release 2021-2022/1674 dated February 6, 2022. [Notification No. 20220207-1]

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## **Draft Central Motor Vehicles (.....Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 04, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on February 03, 2022 has issued the Draft Central Motor Vehicles (.....Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The following amendment has been made: • Rule 62, which specifies Validity of certificate of fitness, in sub-rule (1), clause (b) has been substituted, namely: "(b) renewal of certificate of fitness in respect of transport

vehicles Two years for vehicles up to eight years old and one year for vehicles older than eight years. Fitness shall be done mandatorily, only through an Automated Testing Station registered in accordance with the rule 175 for recognition, regulation and control of automated testing station as under – i. For Heavy Goods Vehicles/Heavy Passenger Motor Vehicles with effect from 01st April 2023 onwards, and ii. for Medium Goods Vehicles/Medium Passenger Motor Vehicles and Light Motor vehicles (Transport) with effect from 01st June 2024 onwards.” All persons likely to be affected thereby; and 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 (Transport), email: comments-morth@gov.in, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001. 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 only will be considered by the Central Government. [Notification No. G.S.R. 98(E)]

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## **Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order, 2022**

Feb 04, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on February 03, 2022 has issued the Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order, 2022 to further amend the Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs Order 2016. The following amendment has been made: • In clause 3, which specifies Removal of licensing requirements, stock limits and movement restrictions on certain foodstuffs, in sub-clause (2) item (iii) has been substituted. This Order shall come into force with immediate effect. [Order No. S.O. 452(E)]

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## **BSE amends circular about Schemes of Arrangement by Listed Entities**

Feb 03, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on February 3, 2022 has issued amendment in circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/DIL2/CIR/P/2022/11 dated February 1, 2022 which specify “Schemes of Arrangement by Listed Entities” The following was stated namely: - • Part I Para A 2(k) which specify “No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the lending scheduled commercial banks/ financial institutions/ debenture trustees, from not less than 75% of the secured creditors in value” has been inserted. [Notification No. 20220203-1]

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**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution invites public consultation for declaring the quantity of edible oil, Vanaspati, ghee in terms of weight in the**

## pre-packages

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on February 1, 2022 has issued notification inviting public consultation for declaring the quantity of edible oil, Vanaspati, ghee in terms of weight in the pre-packages. The following was stated namely: -

- The views and submissions are requested from all the concerned spheres of industry, associations, consumers, stakeholders, Voluntary Consumer Organisation in the matter of manner of declaration of the quantity in pre packages containing edible oil, vanaspati, ghee etc.
- The comments/feedback are invited in this regard from the stakeholders within 20 days from February 1, 2022 at dirwm-ca@nic.in or physically to Director Legal Metrology, Room No 461A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

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## Budget Highlights for 2022-2023

Feb 01, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Finance Minister on February 01, 2022 has given out the budget for 2022-2023. Here's a sector-wise budget proposal: Taxes — The government will tax income from digital asset transfers at 30% — No deduction allowed while computing income except cost of acquisition — Loss cannot be set off from any other income — Gift of cryptocurrencies to be taxed at receiver's end — A new provision to allow taxpayers to file an updated return — Updated return can be filed within 2 years from the end of the relevant assessment year. — Alternate Minimum Tax for cooperative societies to be cut to 15% — Proposal will reduce surcharge on cooperative societies to 7%, for those whose income is between Rs 1 crore and Rs 10 crore — Tax deduction limit increased to 14% on employers contribution to NPS account of state govt employees Economy — Capex target expanded by 35.4 per cent — from Rs 5.54 lakh crore to Rs 7.50 lakh crore — India's growth highest among all major economies; we are now in a strong position to withstand challenges — The goal is complementing macro-growth with micro-all-inclusive welfare, digital economy and fintech, tech-enabled development, energy transition and climate action — ECLGS cover expanded by Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh crore — Top focus of the budget this year are: PM Gati Shakti, Inclusive Development, Productivity Enhancement, Sunrise Opportunities, Energy Transition, Climate Action, Financing of investments — Productivity-linked incentive schemes in 14 sectors have received excellent response; received investment intentions worth Rs 30 lakh crore — Economic recovery benefitting from public investment and capital spending. This Budget will provide impetus to growth Jobs — ECLGS extended till March 2023, 60 lakh jobs eyed in next 5 years — Efforts of central, state governments leading to jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities — Digital ecosystem for skilling and livelihood to be launched. — This will aims to skill, reskill, upskill citizens through online training. — API based skill credentials, payment layers to find relevant jobs and opportunities Infrastructure — National highway network to be expanded by 25,000 kms during FY 22-23 — Desh stack e-portal to be launched to promote digital infra — Strategic transfer of ownership of Air India completed now — 2,000 kms to be brought under Kavach by FY 22-23 — Four multi-modal national parks contracts will be awarded in FY23 — One product one railway station will be popularised, 400 new Vande Bharat trains to be introduced — PM Gatishakti masterplan for expressways will be formulated in next financial year — 100 PM Gati Shakti terminals to be set up in next three years — Focus on public investment to modernise infrastructure over the medium term, leveraging tech platform of Gati Shakti via a multi-modal approach — PM Gati Shakti will pull forward the economy and will lead to more jobs and opportunities for the youth Housing & urban planning — Rs 48, 000 crore is allotted for PM Awas Yojana

— In 2022-23, 80 lakh houses will be completed for identified beneficiaries of PM Awas Yojana; 60,000 houses will be identified as beneficiaries for PM Awas Yojana in rural & urban areas — 60,000 crore allocated for providing access to tap water to 3.8 crore households — In 2022-23, 80 lakh households will be identified for the affordable housing scheme — A high-level committee for urban planners and economists to be formed for recommendations on urban capacity building, planning implementation, and governance. — 5 existing academic institutions for urban planning to be designated as Centre for Excellence with endowment fund of Rs 250 cr — Modern building by-laws will be introduced — A high-level panel to be set up for urban planning — Govt to promote use of public transport in urban areas MSMEs & startups — Rs 6,000 crore programme to rate MSMEs to be rolled out over 5 years — MSMEs such as Udyam, e-shram, NCS & Aseem portals will be inter-linked, their scope will be widened — They will now perform as portals with live organic databases providing G-C, B-C & B-B services such as credit facilitation, enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities — A fund with blended capital raised under co-investment model facilitated through NABARD to finance startups in agriculture & rural enterprises for farm produce value chain — Startups will be promoted for Drone Shakti Agriculture — Govt to pay Rs 2.37 lakh crore towards procurement of wheat and paddy under MSP operations — 2022-23 has been announced as International Year of Millets — Railways will develop new products for small farmers and MSMEs — A rationalised scheme to increase domestic oilseed production will be brought in to cut down imports — Kisan Drones for crop assessment, land records, spraying of insecticides expected to drive a wave of technology in agri sector — Ken Betwa river linking project worth Rs 44,605 crore announced — Draft DPRs for 5 river links have been finalised — Finance startups to be incentives to aid rural enterprises — Natural farming will be promoted along Ganga river corridor — A completely paperless, e-bill system will be launched by ministries for procurement Electric Vehicles — Battery swapping policy to allow EV charging stations for automobiles will be framed Education — States to be encouraged to revise syllabi of agricultural universities to meet needs of natural, zero-budget & organic farming, modern-day agriculture — One class, one TV channel' program of PM eVIDYA will be expanded from 12 to 200 TV channels — This will enable all states to provide supplementary education in regional languages for classes 1 to 12 — Digital university to be set up to provide education; to be built on hub and spoke model — 1-Class-1-TV Channel to be implemented to provide supplementary education to children to make up for loss of formal education due to Covid Finance & inclusion — 100% of 1.5 lakh post offices will come on the core banking system, enabling financial inclusion and access to accounts through net banking, mobile banking, ATMs, and also provide online transfer of funds between post office accounts and bank accounts — This will be helpful especially for farmers and senior citizens in rural areas, enabling inter operability, and financial inclusion. — IBC amendments to enhance efficiency of resolution process — Facilitate cross-border insolvency resolution — To speed up voluntary winding up of companies — 75 digital banks in 75 districts will be set up by scheduled commercial banks to encourage digital payments Healthcare — An open platform for the national digital health ecosystem will be rolled out — It will consist of digital registries of health providers and health facilities, unique health identity and universal access to health facilities — 95 per cent of 112 aspirational districts have made significant progress in health, infra — For mental health counselling, a National Tele Mental Health Program will be launched Telecommunication — Spectrum auction will be conducted in 2022 for the rollout of 5G — Scheme for design led manufacturing to be launched for 5G ecosystem as part of PLI scheme to enable affordable broadband and mobile communication in rural and remote areas — 5 pc of USO Fund to be provided for R&D and technology upgradation Women & Children — Recognising the importance of 'Nari Shakti', 3 schemes were launched to provide integrated development for women and children — 2 lakh Anganwadis to be upgraded for improving child health Ease of Business — 75,000 compliances have been eliminated and 1,486 union laws repealed to make it easier for businesses — Next phase of ease of doing business, ease of living to be launched — Voluntary exit for corporates to be cut down to 6 months from 2 years Defence — Govt committed to reduce import and promote self reliance in defense sector — 68 per cent of capital for defence sector to be



earmarked for local industry Railways — 400 new generation Vande Bharat trains to be manufactured in next 3 years — 2,000 km of rail network to be brought under indigenous technology KAWACH for safety and capacity augmentation.

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## **Ministry of Chemical and fertilizers amends Acetic Acid (Quality Control) Order, 2019**

Feb 01, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers on January 31, 2022 has issued a notification to provide the date of commencement of the order by amending the Acetic Acid (Quality Control) Order, 2019 which was issued vide notification number S.O. 2791(E) dated August 05, 2019. This order shall come into force on August 03, 2022. [Order No. S.O. 396(E)]

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## **Ministry of Chemical and fertilizers amends Aniline (Quality Control) Order, 2019**

Feb 01, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers on January 31, 2022 has issued a notification to provide the date of commencement of the order by amending the Aniline (Quality Control) Order, 2019 which was issued vide notification number S.O. 2792(E) dated August 05, 2019. This order shall come into force on August 03, 2022. [Order No. S.O. 397(E)]

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## **Ministry of Chemical and fertilizers amends Methanol (Quality Control) Order, 2019**

Feb 01, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers on January 31, 2022 has issued a notification to provide the date of commencement of the order by amending the Methanol (Quality Control) Order, 2019 which was issued vide notification number S.O. 2793(E) dated the August 05, 2019. This order shall come into force on August 03, 2022. [Order No. S.O. 398(E)]

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## **Ministry of Chemical and fertilizers amends Morpholine (Quality Control) Order, 2020**

Feb 01, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers on January 31, 2022 has issued a notification to provide the date of commencement of the order by amending the Morpholine (Quality Control) Order, 2020 which was issued vide notification number S.O. 1893(E) dated June 16, 2020. This order shall come into force on August 03,

2022. [Order No. S.O. 399(E)]

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## Finance & Taxation

### CBIC issues notification regarding Implementation of automation in the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017

Feb 28, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation



The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on February 27, 2022 has issued notification regarding Implementation of automation in the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017. This shall come into effect from March 1, 2022. The following has been stated namely: -

- The process is being automated. The Rules prescribe the submission of the necessary details electronically, through the common portal
- Procedure to be followed by an importer –
  1. One-time prior intimation of intent to avail IGCR Benefit
  2. Import of goods at concessional rate
  3. Receipt of goods
  4. Goods sent for job work from importer's premises
  5. Monthly statement and maintenance of account
- Transitional measures - In order to account for the stock of goods imported under IGCR that are already existing in the premises of the importer or job worker on the date of transition to the new procedure, an option is being provided to the importer to record the details of all such goods according to the bills of entry, invoice and item, in the monthly statement by linking their past bills of entry in the common portal. [Notification No. 04/2022-Customs]

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### Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways issues Draft Inland Vessels [Prevention and Containment of Pollution] Rules 2022

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on February 22, 2022 has issued the Draft Inland Vessels [Prevention and Containment of Pollution] Rules 2022. This shall come into force on the date of the final publication. The following has been stated namely: -

- Threshold of Compliance - All existing vessels shall, comply with the requirements existing prior to coming into force of these rules
- Sewage - The discharge of sewage into inland waterways is prohibited
- Use of Antifouling Paints - The use of environmentally harmful organotin compounds in antifouling paints is prohibited
- Surveys under these Rules - an initial survey before the vessel is put in service or before the Certificate required is issued for the first time, which shall include a complete survey of its structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements and material so as to ensure that such structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements and material fully comply with the requirements of these rules. Objections or suggestions may be sent to the Director (IWT), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Room No. 439, Transport Bhawan, 1-Parliament Street, New Delhi 110001, or by email at

abhay.sarode@gov.in and uttam.mishra27@gov.in within 30 days from February 22, 2022. [Notification No. G.S.R. 155(E)]

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## **CBIC amends Notification which specifies registered person**

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on February 24, 2022 has issued amendment to the Notification No. 13/2020 – Central Tax, dated the March 21, 2020 which specify “registered person”. This shall be in effect from April 1, 2022. The following amendment has been made namely: - • The following substitution is made in the first paragraph namely: - “registered person, other than those referred to in sub-rules (2), (3), (4) and (4A) of rule 54 of the said rules, whose aggregate turnover in a financial year exceeds twenty crore rupees, as a class of registered person who shall prepare invoice and other prescribed documents, in terms of sub-rule (4) of rule 48 of the said rules in respect of supply of goods or services or both to a registered person.” [Notification No. 01/2022 – Central Tax]

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## **DGFT amends the Export Policy of Remdesivir Injection and API, Amphotericin-B Injections, Enoxaparin and Intra-Venous Immunoglobulin**

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on February 24, 2022 has issued a notification to revise the Export Policy of Remdesivir Injection and API, Amphotericin-B Injections, Enoxaparin (Formulation and API) and Intra-Venous Immunoglobulin. The following items have been moved from restricted category to free category: • Injection Remdesivir and Remdesivir Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) • Amphotericin – B Injections • Enoxaparin (Formulation and API) • Intra-Venous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) (Formulation and API) [Notification No. 56/2015-2020]

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## **DGFT notifies on issuance of RCMC through online platform**

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on February 24, 2022 has issued a notice to facilitate electronic issuance/renewal/amendment of Registration Cum Membership Certificate (RCMC)/ Registration Certificate (RC) has been implemented through online platform. The objective of the platform is to provide an electronic, contact-less single window for RCMC/RC related processes. DGFT also informed that from April 01, 2022, it will be mandatory for the exporters to file Registration Cum Membership Certificate (RCMC)/ Registration Certificate (RC) applications (for issue/renewal/amendment) through the common digital portal of c RCMC Platform. The prevailing procedure of submitting applications directly to the designated Registering Authorities will continue only till March 31, 2022. All Registering Authorities as notified under Appendix-2T are

requested to ensure that they are on-boarded on eRCMC portal before March 31, 2022. Registering Authorities, who have already on-boarded are advised to adopt c-RCMC platform as single point for handling RCMC related processes. The Registering Authorities are also advised to conduct outreaches & issue suitable advisories to the members/exporters to use the e-RCMC platform before the stated timelines. [Trade Notice 35/ 2021-22]

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## **MoF extends ADD on Jute products namely, Jute Yarn/Twine (multiple folded/cabled and single), Hessian fabric, and Jute sacking bags**

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 24, 2022 has issued a notification to reimpose the Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on Jute products” namely, Jute Yarn/Twine (multiple folded/cabled and single), Hessian fabric, and Jute sacking bags which falls under Tariff Headings 5307, 5310, 5607 or 6305 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, originating in or exported from Bangladesh and Nepal by amending an older notification that is Notification No. 01/2017 -Customs(ADD), dated 5th January, 2017. The following amendment has been made: • In the said notification paragraph 3, has been substituted, namely: “3. Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2, the anti-dumping duty shall remain in force up to and inclusive of the 30th June, 2022, unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier.” The effect of this notification is that the ADD on jute products has been extended till June 30, 2022. [Notification No. 10/2022-Customs (ADD)]

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## **MoF re-imposes ADD on Glazed/Unglazed Porcelain/Vitrified tiles in polished or unpolished finish with less than 3% water absorption**

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 24, 2022 has issued a notification to reimpose the Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on Glazed/Unglazed Porcelain/Vitrified tiles in polished or unpolished finish with less than 3% water absorption which falls under headings 6907 or 6914 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 originating in, or exported from, the People's Republic of China and imported into India. The review has been done and the following findings have been provided: o the subject goods continue to be exported to India at prices below normal value resulting in continued dumping. o there is a likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury upon cessation of the existing anti-dumping duties. and has recommended continued imposition of an anti-dumping duty on imports of the subject goods, originating in, or exported from the subject country and imported into India. The anti-dumping duty imposed under this notification shall be effective for a period of five years (unless revoked, suspended and amended earlier) from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette and shall be paid in Indian currency. [Notification No. 09/2022-Customs (ADD)]

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## **DGFT revises the import policy of items under ITC(HS) 8524 and 8525 of Chapter 85 of ITC(HS) 2022, Schedule – I (Import Policy)**

Feb 25, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on February 24, 2022 has issued a notification to revise the Export Policy of items under ITC(HS) 8524 and 8525 of Chapter 85 of ITC(HS) 2022, Schedule – I (Import Policy). The following items have been moved to free category from restricted category: o 8524 11 00 - Of liquid crystals o 8524 12 00 - Of organic light-emitting diodes (OLED) o 8524 19 00 - Other o 8524 91 00 - Of liquid crystals o 8524 92 00 - Of organic light-emitting diodes (OLED) o 8524 99 00 - Other o 8525 89 00 - Other [Notification No. 55/2015-2020]

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## **Shipping Bill (Post export conversion in relation to instrument based scheme) Regulations, 2022**

Feb 23, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 22, 2022 has issued the Shipping Bill (Post export conversion in relation to instrument based scheme) Regulations, 2022. The following provisions have been laid down by the Ministry: • Manner and time limit for applying for post export conversion of Shipping Bill in certain cases. – (1) The application for conversion shall be filed in writing within a period of one year from the date of order for clearance of goods under sub-section (1) of section 51 or section 69 of the Act, as the case may be: Provided that the jurisdictional Commissioner of Customs, having regard to the circumstance under which the exporter was prevented from applying within the said period of one year, may consider and decide, for reasons to be recorded in writing, to extend the aforesaid period of one year by a further period of six months: Provided further that the jurisdictional Chief Commissioner of Customs, having regard to the circumstances under which the exporter was prevented from applying within the said period of one year and six months, may consider and decide, for reasons to be recorded in writing, to extend the said period of one year and six months by a further period of six months. (2) For the purpose of computing the period of one year under sub-regulation (1), the period, during which stay was granted by an order of a court or tribunal, shall be excluded. (3) The jurisdictional Commissioner of Customs, may, in his discretion, authorize the conversion of shipping bill, subject to the following, namely : – (a) on the basis of documentary evidence, which was in existence at the time the goods were exported; (b) subject to conditions and restrictions provided in regulation 4; (c) on payment of a fee in accordance with Levy of fees (Customs Documents) Regulations, 1970. (4) Subject to the provision of sub-regulation (1), the jurisdictional Commissioner of Customs shall, where it is possible so to do, decide every application for conversion within a period of thirty days from the date on which it is filed. • Conditions and restrictions for conversion of Shipping Bill. - (1) The conversion of shipping bill and bill of export shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions, namely :- (a) fulfilment of all conditions of the instrument based scheme to which conversion is being sought; (b) the exporter has not availed benefit of the instrument based scheme from which conversion is being sought; (c) no condition, specified in any regulation or notification, relating to presentation of shipping bill or bill of export in the Customs Automated System, has not been complied with; (d) no contravention has been noticed or investigation initiated against the exporter under the Act or any other law, for the time being in force, in respect of such exports; (e) the shipping bill or bill of export of which the conversion is sought is one that had been filed in relation to instrument based scheme. [Notification No. 11/2022-Customs (N.T.)]



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## **RRA issues recommendations on Online Submission of Returns**

Feb 21, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Regulations Review Authority (RRA) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 18, 2022 has issued recommendations regarding the Online Submission of Returns. RRA proposed to convert the paper based/e-mail-based returns listed below to online filing. The exact date of online filing of the returns listed in the Annex would be notified in due course. Till such time, the returns may continue to be submitted as hitherto. The following returns have to be converted: • FCY-Rupee Option Transactions • List of Offices/Branches of AD Bank Maintaining Rupee Accounts of Non-Resident Banks • Suspicious Transactions undertaken by Non-Resident Importer/Exporter • Interest Rate Risk Positions for clients • Cross-border remittances arising out of Rupee interest rate derivatives transactions undertaken by non-residents • FX transactions with clients across various channels [Notification No. RBI/2021-22/173 FMRD.DIRD.13/14.03.59/2021-22]

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## **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways issues Draft Inland Vessels (Safe Navigation, Communication and Signals) Rules 2022**

Feb 21, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on February 18, 2022 has issued the Draft Inland Vessels (Safe Navigation, Communication and Signals) Rules 2022. This has come into force on the date of the final publication. The following has been stated: - • Equipment Standards and Guidance - Any particular piece of equipment or machinery that the inland vessels shall be provided with in compliance with these Rules; shall be in accordance with national or international standards such as BIS/ISO etc • Head-on situation - When two inland vessels are meeting on reciprocal or nearly reciprocal courses so as to invoke risk of collision each shall alter her course to starboard so that each shall pass on the port side of the other. • Lights to be exhibited by vessel engaged in dredging - A vessel engaged in dredging, in addition to the lights in sub-rule (2) of Rule 26 shall exhibit, two all-round red lights or two balls in a vertical line to indicate the side on which obstruction exists. Objections or suggestions, if any, to these draft rules may be sent by 30 days from February 18, 2022 to the Director (IWT), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Room No. 439, Transport Bhawan, 1-Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001, or by email at abhay.sarode@gov.in and uttam.mishra27@gov.in. [Notification No. G.S.R. 139(E)]

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## **RRA issues recommendations on Discontinuation/Merger/Online Submission of certain Returns**

Feb 21, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Regulations Review Authority (RRA) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 18, 2022 has issued recommendations regarding the Discontinuation/Merger/Online Submission of Returns. RRA proposed to

convert the paper based/ e-mail-based returns listed below to online filing. The exact date of online filing of the returns listed below would be notified in due course. Till such time, the returns may continue to be submitted as hitherto. Further, banks are advised to discontinue submission of returns as mentioned below.

List of Returns to be converted into Online submission • Report on issue of Subordinated Debt, raising of Upper Tier II Capital, Perpetual Debts and Equity Capital (Qualified Institutional Placements-QIP , Preferential issue to Promoters, GDR issue) together with copy of document • Payment of dividend • Form II • Form III • Annual Certificate • Certificate regarding continuance of the “fit and proper” status of all major shareholder

List of Returns – Discontinuation of submission to DoR • Leverage Ratio reporting • Table 34 (Distribution of offices population/group wise) [Notification No. RBI/2021-22/168 DoR.RRA.88/01.01.101/2021-22]

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## **RRA issues recommendations on Discontinuation/Merger/Online Submission of Returns**

Feb 21, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Regulations Review Authority (RRA) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 18, 2022 has issued recommendations regarding the Discontinuation/Merger/Online Submission of Returns. RRA proposed to discontinue/merge the returns listed below. Further, it is also proposed to convert, the paper based/ e-mail-based returns listed below , into online filing. The exact date of discontinuation/merger and online filing of the returns, would be notified in due course.

List of Returns to be Discontinued/ Merged: • Details of guarantee availed and invoked of from non- resident entities

List of Returns to be converted into Online submission • FII Weekly • MTSS • Statement on default in MTT • Details of remittances made by NRO account • Overseas Principal-wise list of Sub Agents • Declaration confirming the veracity of the list placed on RBI website • List of additional locations • Statement of Foreign Currency Account/s maintained in India in their names with AD Category-I Banks out of export proceeds of Foreign Currency Notes/ encashed Travelers' Cheques • Statement of the amount of foreign currency written off during a financial year • Form RMC-F • Statement of the collateral held by MTSS Indian Agents • Details of Online Payment Gateway Service Providers (OPGSP) arrangements • Extension of time in respect of clean credit for import of rough, cut and polished diamonds • Advance remittances made for import of rough diamonds without a bank guarantee or standby letter of credit, where the amount of advance payment is equivalent to or exceeds USD 5,000,000/- • ESOP reporting • FLM-8 (Sale and purchase of foreign currency) • LO/BO/PO • Reporting of Long term Advance • Form ECB • Form ECB 2 • Form TC [A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No.26]

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## **CBIC determines the Exchange Rate of Foreign Currency relating to Imported and Exported Goods on February 17, 2022**

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on February 17, 2022 releases the Exchange Rate Notification for valuation of goods for purposes of assessment under the Customs Act, 1962. In international trade, the value of goods is determined by converting the foreign currency into INR using the customs exchange rate. This is the deemed value of goods on which a duty of customs will be chargeable. The CBIC has issued an exchange rate Notification determining the rate of exchange of conversion of the below

mentioned foreign currencies in Indian rupees which will be effective from February 18, 2022: • Australian Dollar • Bahrain Dinar • Canadian Dollar • Chinese Yuan • Danish Kroner • EURO • Hong Kong Dollar • Kuwait Dinar • New Zealand Dollar • Norwegian Kroner • Pound Sterling • Qatari Riyal • Saudi Arabian Riyal • Singapore Dollar • South African Rand • Swedish Kroner • Swiss Franc • Turkish Lira • UAE Dirham • US Dollar • Japanese Yen • Korean Won [Notification 10/2022 - Customs (N.T.)]

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## **CBIC modifies tariff value of Crude Oil, Palm Oil, Gold, Silver, Areca Nuts etc as on February 15, 2022**

Feb 16, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on February 15, 2022 amends the Notification No. 36/2001- Customs (N.T.) dated August 03, 2001 which specifies the fixation of tariff value for the following goods: • Crude Palm Oil • RBD Palm Oil • Others- Palm Oil • Crude Palmolein • RBD Palmolein • Others – Palmolein • Crude Soya Bean Oil • Brass Scrap (all grades) • Gold, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 356 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated June 30, 2017 is availed. • Silver, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 357 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated June 30, 2017 is availed. • Silver, in any form, other than medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver. • Medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver falling under sub-heading 7106 92, other than imports of such goods through post, courier, or baggage. • Gold coins having gold content not below 99.5% and gold findings, other than imports of such goods through post, courier, or baggage. • Areca Nuts The Table 1, 2 and 3 provided in the Notification will be substituted for the existing tables in its parent Notification. These tables contain the details about Chapter headings, descriptions of goods and tariff value. [Notification No. 09/2022- Customs (N.T.)]

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## **DGFT issued notification regarding Issuance of Replenishment Authorisation**

Feb 15, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on February 15, 2022 has issued Notification Regarding Issuance of Replenishment Authorisation. The following has been stated namely: - • A new online module for filing of electronic, paperless applications for Issuance of Replenishment Authorisation has been introduced. This is in effect from February 21, 2022. • All applicants seeking Replenishment Authorization for Gems and Consumables may apply online on the DGFT website. • New applications for issuance need to be submitted online. • Replenishment Authorisation for Gems and Consumables will continue to be issued on security paper. • Applications submitted before February 21, 2022 through legacy system will continue to be processed through legacy system by RAs. [Notification No. 34/2021-22]

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## Ministry of Finance amends notification on Aluminium Foil

Feb 15, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on February 14, 2022 has issued amendment to Notification No. 23/2017-Customs (ADD), dated May 16, 2017 which specify "Matter of Aluminium Foil" The following amendment has been made namely: - • Paragraph 3 has been inserted namely: - "Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2, the anti-dumping duty imposed on the subject goods shall remain in force up to and inclusive of the June 15, 2022, unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier". [Notification No. 8/2022-Customs (ADD)]

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## RBI issues clarifications on Prudential norms on Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning pertaining to Advances

Feb 15, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 15, 2022 has issued a notification regarding the clarifications on Prudential norms on Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning pertaining to Advances. The following clarification have been made: • The definition of 'out of order', as clarified in the Circular, shall be applicable to all loan products being offered as an overdraft facility, including those not meant for business purposes and/or which entail interest repayments as the only credits. • The 'previous 90 days period' for determination of 'out of order' status of a CC/OD account shall be inclusive of the day for which the day-end process is being run. • In case of borrowers having more than one credit facility from a lending institution, loan accounts shall be upgraded from NPA to standard asset category only upon repayment of entire arrears of interest and principal pertaining to all the credit facilities. • The circular does not make any changes to the requirements related to reporting of information to CRILC, which will continue to be governed in terms of extant instructions for respective entities<sup>1</sup>. • The circular does not, in any way, interfere with the extant guidelines on implementation of Ind-AS by NBFCs. NBFCs shall have time till September 30, 2022 to put in place the necessary systems to implement this provision. [Notification No. RBI/2021-2022/158 DOR.STR.REC.85/21.04.048/2021-22]

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## Ministry of commerce and Industry revises import policy for Moong

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on February 11, 2022 has issued a notification to revise the import policy for Moong [Beans of the SPP Vigna Radiata (L.) Wilczek]. The import policy for the moong was under "free" category and now has been revised under "Restricted" category. [Notification NO. S.O. 624(E)]

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## MoF amends extends validity of certain notifications

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 12, 2022 has issued a notification to make amendment in certain older notifications to extend their validity. The following amendments have been made: Notification No 48/2021-Customs, dated the 13th October, 2021, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 733(E)., dated the 13th October, 2021 o The validity of the above said notification has been extended till September 30, 2022. Notification No. 49/2021-Customs, dated the 13th October, 2021, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 734(E)., dated the 13th October, 2021. o The table has been amended. o The validity of the said notification has been extended till September 30, 2022. This notification shall come into force on February 13, 2022. [Notification No. 16/2022-Customs]

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## **RBI issues Operational Instructions for Transactions in Credit Default Swap (CDS) by Foreign Portfolio Investors**

Feb 11, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 10, 2022 has issued Operational Guidelines for Transactions in Credit Default Swap (CDS) by Foreign Portfolio Investors. The Instructions are as followed: • Selling of CDS protection by all FPIs shall be subject to a limit specified by the Reserve Bank from time to time. • The aggregate limit of the notional amount of CDS sold by FPIs shall be 5% of the outstanding stock of corporate bonds. • Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL) shall disseminate the utilisation of aggregate limit based on the reporting by the market makers for transactions in OTC market and reporting by stock exchanges for transactions on exchanges. • FPIs shall not sell any CDS protection once aggregate limit is utilised. The limit utilised for CDS protection sold by the FPI shall be released upon the exit of the CDS position by the FPIs. • Debt instruments received by FPIs as deliverable obligation and debt instruments purchased by FPIs for meeting deliverable obligation in physical settlement of CDS contracts shall be reckoned under the investment limits for corporate bonds as specified in A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 05 dated May 31, 2021, as amended from time to time. In case of non-availability of investment limit at the time of physical settlement, such debt instruments shall be adjusted against the revised limits in the subsequent review of investment limits. • The notional amount of protection sold by FPIs, and the debt instruments received as deliverable obligation as well as debt instruments purchased for meeting deliverable obligation by FPIs in physical settlement of CDS contracts shall not be subject to minimum residual maturity requirement / short-term limit, concentration limit or single/group investor-wise limits applicable to FPI investment in corporate bonds as specified in paragraphs 4(b), (e) and (f) respectively of A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 31 dated June 15, 2018. These Directions shall come into force on May 09, 2022. [Circular No. 23]

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## **DGFT issues procedure for allocation of quota of pet coke for certain industries**

Feb 11, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign trade (DGFT) on February 10, 2022 has issued a public notice regarding the procedure for allocation of quota of pet coke. DGFT notifies the procedure/ mechanism to implement the restriction imposed on import of Calcined Pet Coke and Raw Pet Coke for year 2022-2023. Conditions and modalities of application for import of Pet coke. i. Imports will be subject to guidelines laid down by

MoEF&CC issued vide OM No Q- 18011/54/2018-CPA and para wise compliance may be submitted with the application for consideration of release of quota. ii. The annual quantity limitation in import will be operated on fiscal year basis. Accordingly, the total quantity permitted for import per annum by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and available for import is (i) Calcined Pet Coke for use as Calcined Pet coke in Aluminium Industry is 0.5 Million MT and (ii) Raw Pet Coke for CPC manufacturing industry is 1.4 Million MT. This is available for all industrial units in these two sectors. iii. All eligible entities desiring to avail quota as mentioned above, may apply for import license as per procedure mentioned in Trade Notice No. 49 dated 15 March, 2019 along with State Pollution Control Board Certificate (SPCB)/ Pollution Control Committee (PCC) indicating capacity of the unit as on 09.10.2018 (Hon'b1e Supreme Court Order in Writ Petition No. 13029/1985) and also valid consent certificate from SPCB/ PCC, in the name of user industrial units indicating the quantity permitted for import and its usage on a monthly and yearly basis. iv. Completed online application along with the required documents mentioned must be submitted on or before February 28, 2022. Further, applicants are also required to submit undertaking along with the online application regarding utilization of import license issued to them for FY 2021-22 and surrender any unutilized quantity by 28.02.2022. Failure to do so would result in deduction of such quantity from their allocation for the year 2022-23. v. If documents received are found in order, the online application will be considered by Exim Facilitation Committee (EFC) in DGFT(HQ) for grant of import authorization. The import authorization shall be valid till 31.03.2023 only. vi. If, after obtaining permission/license for the year 2022-23, importer cannot utilize/ import the entire quantity for which the license has been issued, the applicant shall intimate the same to DGFT through email at import-dgft@nie.in on or before 31.12.2022 in order to facilitate distribution of the unutilized quota to other applicants who had applied initially. Failure to utilize allotted quantity and non—surrender will disqualify the applicant for future quota and the unutilized quantity will be deducted from their entitlement. vii. Further, the quantity allocated during FY 2022-23 to the user applicants, if not utilized or surrendered to DGFT; the quantity left unutilized will be deducted from the quota for which applicant would be eligible in FY 2023-24, for better resource viii. Holders of the license for import of Pet Coke would keep the DGFT (HQ) informed of the details of his import consignments i.e., the quantity of import, source and date of import along with details of Bill of entry in respect of each consignment on clearance of goods from Customs. Subsequently, a consolidated report within 30 days of the expiry of import authorization period must be submitted to the DGFT (HQ), giving consolidated details of all imports made during the period. ix. EFC in DGFT will evaluate and allocate quota among applicants and licenses will be issued by the DGFT(HQ). x. Import consignments of such consignments may be cleared given that the 'Out of charge' has been authorised by the Customs Authorities on or before March 31, 2023. [Public Notice No. 48/ 2015-2020]

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## **RBI notifies on Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (Reserve Bank) Directions**

Feb 11, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 10, 2022 has issued a notification for the banks in India who have Authorised Dealer Category-I (AD Cat-I) license under FEMA, 1999 and they shall be eligible to offer Foreign Currency Settled OIS (FCS-OIS) based on the Overnight Mumbai Interbank Outright Rate (MIBOR) benchmark published by Financial Benchmarks India Pvt. Ltd. (FBIL) to persons not resident in India as well as to other AD Cat-I banks. Banks can undertake these transactions through their branches in India, through their International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Banking Units (IBUs) or through their foreign branches (in case of foreign banks operating in India, through any branch of the parent bank). Banks may undertake FCS-OIS transactions beyond onshore market hours. These Instructions shall come into force with immediate



effect. \*Disclaimer – the updated directions is provided on the given link/document. [Notification No. RBI/2021-22/157 FMRD.DIRD.12/14.03.046/2021-22]

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## **DGFT issues Notification of Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System), 2022**

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on February 9, 2022 has issued Notification of Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System) 2022 [ITC(HS)2022] in sync with Finance Act, 2021. The following has been stated namely: - • The modifications/amendments in the chapter-wise Policy Conditions is at Annexure-I which specify “change in Policy No. 03 - Import of UAS/UAVs/RPAs” • The List of ITC(HS) codes introduced/deleted/amended/split/merged is at Annexure-II which specify “certain items and their policy status” • The modifications/amendments in the Section Notes, Chapter-wise Main Notes, Supplementary Notes, Chapter heading, sub-headings and description of ITC(HS) codes is at Annexure-III. [Notification No. 54/2015-2020]

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## **Master Circular - Asset Reconstruction Companies**

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 10, 2022 has issued the Master Circular - Asset Reconstruction Companies to have all current instructions/ guidelines on the subject at one place, the Reserve Bank of India issues updated circulars/ guidelines. The instructions contained in The Asset Reconstruction Companies (Reserve Bank) Guidelines and Directions, 2003 (vide Notification No. DNBS.2/CGM(CSM)-2003, dated April 23, 2003) together with Guidance Notes. Applicability of the Guidelines / Instructions : (1) The provisions of these guidelines/ instructions shall apply to ARCs registered with the Reserve Bank of India under Section 3 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. However, in respect of the trust/s mentioned in paragraph 7 herein, the provisions of paragraphs 3, 4, 5,8, 9(i), 9(iii) 11,12,13 and 14 shall not be applicable. 1(2) ARCs covered by Rule 4 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 are required to comply with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) for the preparation of their financial statements. In order to promote a high quality and consistent implementation as well as facilitate comparison and better supervision, the Reserve Bank has issued regulatory guidance on Ind AS vide circular DOR (NBFC).CC.PD.No.109/ 22.10.106/ 2019-20 dated March 13, 2020 which along with subsequent instructions on the subject is applicable on such ARCs for preparation of their financial statements from financial year 2019-20 onwards. [Circular No. RBI/2021-22/154 DOR.SIG.FIN.REC 84/26.03.001/2021-22]

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## **BSE issues Revision in redemption pay-out date for schemes under Liquid category**

Feb 08, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on February 08, 2022 has issued a notice on Revision in redemption payout date for schemes under Liquid category after receiving communication from AMC's regarding the revision in redemption pay-out for valid orders received under Liquid category schemes. BSE notified that redemption pay-out as mentioned above shall be released to member's/client's bank account on February 08, 2022 subject to receipt of funds by Exchange from respective AMCs. [Notice No. 20220208-3]

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## **CBIC determines the Exchange Rate of Foreign Currency relating to Imported and Exported Goods on February 04, 2022**

Feb 04, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on February 03, 2022 releases the Exchange Rate Notification for valuation of goods for purposes of assessment under the Customs Act, 1962. In international trade, the value of goods is determined by converting the foreign currency into INR using the customs exchange rate. This is the deemed value of goods on which a duty of customs will be chargeable. The CBIC has issued an exchange rate Notification determining the rate of exchange of conversion of the below mentioned foreign currencies in Indian rupees which will be effective from February 04, 2022: • Australian Dollar • Bahrain Dinar • Canadian Dollar • Chinese Yuan • Danish Kroner • EURO • Hong Kong Dollar • Kuwait Dinar • New Zealand Dollar • Norwegian Kroner • Pound Sterling • Qatari Riyal • Saudi Arabian Riyal • Singapore Dollar • South African Rand • Swedish Kroner • Swiss Franc • Turkish Lira • UAE Dirham • US Dollar • Japanese Yen • Korean Won [Notification 08/2022 - Customs (N.T.)]

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## **Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Amendment Rules, 2022**

Feb 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) vide notification dated February 01, 2022 has issued the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Amendment Rules, 2022 further amending the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017. Through this amendment- • Rule 4 which specifies with 'Importer to give prior information has been substituted & reads as- The importer shall provide one-time information on the common portal in Form IGCR-1 (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty). • Rule 5 which specifies with 'Procedure to be followed has been substituted & reads as- The importer who intends to avail the benefit of an exemption notification shall mention the IIN and continuity bond number and details while filing the Bill of Entry. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, at the Customs Station of importation, shall allow the benefit of the exemption notification to the importer. Once a Bill of Entry is cleared for home consumption, the bond submitted by the importer gets debited automatically in the customs automated system and the details shall be made available electronically to the Jurisdictional Custom Officer. • Rule 6 which specifies with 'Importer to maintain records' has been substituted & reads as- (i) The importer shall maintain an account in such manner to clearly indicate the quantity and value of goods imported, date of receipt of the goods imported in the relevant premises, goods consumed, goods sent for job work, nature of job work carried out, goods received after job work, goods re-exported, and goods remaining in stock, according to Bills of Entry and shall produce the said account as and when required by the Deputy

Commissioner of Customs or the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the premises or where the goods imported shall be put to use for the manufacture of goods or for rendering output service. (ii) The importer shall submit a monthly statement on the common portal in the Form IGCR-3 (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) appended to these rules by the tenth day of the following month - Rule 6A which specifies with 'Procedure for allowing imported goods for job work' has been substituted & reads as- (i) The importer shall maintain a record of the goods sent for job work during the month and mention the same in the monthly statement. (ii) The importer shall send the goods to the premises of the job worker under an invoice or wherever applicable through an e-way bill, mentioning the description and quantity of the goods. (iii) The maximum period for which the goods can be sent to the job worker shall be 6 months from the date of invoice or an e-way bill. - Rule 7 which specifies with 'Re-export or clearance of unutilized or defective goods' has been substituted & reads as- The importer who has availed the benefit of an exemption notification shall use the goods imported in accordance with the conditions specified in the concerned exemption notification within 6 months from the date of import and with respect to unutilized or defective goods so imported, the importer has an option to either re-export such goods or clears the same for home consumption within the said period. The importer who opts to re-export such goods shall record the details of necessary export documents in the monthly statement. - Form ICGR-1 which deals with 'Prior information to be provided by the importer' has been revised. - Form ICGR-3 which deals with 'Monthly Statement' has been revised. (Notification No. 07/2022 - Customs (N. T.))

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## **BSE notifies on Applicability of Event based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM)**

Feb 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on February 02, 2022 has issued a notice on Applicability of Event based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM). The following has been stated by BSE: E-ASM of 2.5% shall be applicable on all the running contracts and yet to be launched contracts in Turmeric till Wednesday, February 23, 2022. All other margins will continue to be levied as applicable. [Notice No. 20220202-53]

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## **Ministry of Commerce and Industry Extends Last Date for Submitting applications for Scrip based FTP Schemes**

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on February 1, 2022 has issued Extension of Last Date for Submitting applications for Scrip based FTP Schemes. The following was stated namely: - • The last date for submitting online applications stands revised to February, 28 2022 for the following schemes 1. for MEIS (for exports made in the period July 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 and April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020) 2. SEIS (for service exports rendered for FY 18-19 and FY 2019-20 3. 2 % additional ad hoc incentive 4. ROSCTL (for exports made from March 7, 2019 to December 31, 2020) 5. ROSL (for exports made upto March 6, 2019 for which claims have not yet been disbursed under scrip mechanism). [Notification No. 53/2015-2020]

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## Ministry of Finance amends notification in reference to exemption of goods

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on February 1, 2022 has issued amendment to Notification No. 27/2011-Customs dated the March 1, 2011 which specify "Exemption of certain goods" This has come into force on February 2, 2022. The following amendments has been made namely: - • S. No. 20B which specify "Steatite (talc)" has been omitted • S. No. 38B has been inserted namely: - "Raw hides and skins of buffalo" [Notification No. 10/2022-Customs]

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## MoF amends a notification which specifies exempted goods from customs tariff

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to amend an older notification, that is notification No. 25/1999-Customs, dated February 28, 1999, which specifies goods which are exempted from the customs tariff act. The following amendments have been made: • The following proviso has been inserted in the opening paragraph: "Provided further that nothing contained in this notification shall apply after 31st March, 2024." • List A and List B has been amended. This notification shall come into force from February 02, 2022. [Notification No. 14/2022-Customs]

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## MoF amends an older notification related to exempted goods from customs tariff act

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to amend an older notification, that is Notification No. 82/2017-Customs, dated October 27, 2017, which is related to the list of goods which are being exempted from the customs tariff act. The following amendment has been made: • The table of the abovesaid notification has been amended and certain new entries have been inserted. This notification shall come into force on February 02, 2022. \*Disclaimer – for newly inserted entries kindly refer to the attached document. [Notification No. 07/2022-Customs]

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## MoF amends certain older notification to insert explanation

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to amend certain older notification to insert explanation in the notifications. The following amendments have been made in the notifications: • Notification No. 146/94-Customs, dated the 13th July, 1994 vide number G.S.R. 575(E), dated the 13th July, 1994. In the said notification, after the TABLE, the following Explanation shall be inserted,

namely: - "Explanation. – For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that under the provisions of sub-section (4A) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962, this conditional exemption shall, unless varied or rescinded, be valid upto the 31st March, 2023."; • Notification No. 147/94-Customs, dated the 13th July, 1994 vide number G.S.R. 576(E), dated the 13th July, 1994. In the said notification, after the TABLE, the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely: - "Explanation. – For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that under the provisions of sub-section (4A) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962, this conditional exemption shall, unless varied or rescinded, be valid upto the 31st March, 2023."; • Notification No. 39/96-Customs, dated the 23rd July, 1996 vide number G.S.R. 291(E), dated the 23rd July, 1996. In the said notification, - (i) in the TABLE, S. Nos. 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 24, 29, 30, 31, 31A, 31B, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted; (ii) after paragraph 2, the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely: - "Explanation. – For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that under the provisions of sub-section (4A) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962, this conditional exemption shall, unless varied or rescinded, be valid upto the 31st March, 2023."; • Notification No. 50/96-Customs, dated the 23rd July, 1996 vide number G.S.R. 302(E), dated the 23rd July, 1996. In the said notification, the following Explanation shall be inserted, at the end, namely: - "Explanation. – For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that under the provisions of sub-section (4A) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962, this conditional exemption shall, unless varied or rescinded, be valid upto the 31st March, 2023." • Notification No. 30/2004-Customs, dated the 28th January, 2004 vide number G.S.R. 81(E), dated the 28th January, 2004. In the said notification, the following Explanation shall be inserted, at the end, namely: - "Explanation. – For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that under the provisions of sub-section (4A) section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962, this conditional exemption shall, unless varied or rescinded, be valid upto the 31st March, 2023." • Notification No. 81/2005-Customs, dated the 8th September, 2005 vide number G.S.R. 569(E), dated the 8th September, 2005. In the said notification, the following Explanation shall be inserted, at the end, namely: - "Explanation. – For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that under the provisions of sub-section (4A) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962, this conditional exemption shall, unless varied or rescinded, be valid upto the 31st March, 2023." • Notification No. 5/2017-Customs, dated the 2nd February, 2017 vide number G.S.R. 89(E), dated the 2nd February, 2017. In the said notification, the following Explanation shall be inserted, at the end, namely: - "Explanation. – For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that under the provisions of sub-section (4A) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962, this conditional exemption shall, unless varied or rescinded, be valid upto the 31st March, 2023." • Notification No. 16/2017-Customs, dated the 20th April, 2017 vide number G.S.R. 394(E), dated the 20th April, 2017. In the said notification, after the TABLE, the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely- "Explanation. – For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that under the provisions of sub-section (4A) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962, this conditional exemption shall, unless varied or rescinded, be valid upto the 31st March, 2023." • Notification No. 32/2017-Customs, dated the 30th June, 2017 vide number G.S.R. 767(E), dated the 30th June, 2017. In the said notification, in the TABLE, against S. No. 2, in column (3), the following Explanation shall be inserted, at the end, namely: - "Explanation. – For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that under the provisions of sub-section (4A) of section 25 of the Customs Act, 1962, this conditional exemption shall, unless varied or rescinded, be valid upto the 31st March, 2023." This notification shall come into force on February 02, 2022. [Notification No. 09/2022-Customs]

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## Ministry of Finance amends Notifications relating to Customs Act

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on February 1, 2022 has issued amendments to certain Notifications. The following Notifications were amended namely: - • Notification No. 37/2017-Customs, dated June 30, 2017 – S. No. 6 and 7 which specify “All Goods” has been omitted with effect from February 2, 2022. • Notification No. 52/2017-Customs, dated the June 30, 2017 – S. No 5 which specify “Liquefied natural gas (LNG)” has been omitted with effect from May 1, 2022. [Notification No. 06/2022-Customs]

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## Ministry of Finance rescinds certain notifications

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on February 1, 2022 has issued notification to rescind certain notifications. This notification has come into force on February 2, 2022, The notifications are namely: - • Notification No. 190/1978-Customs, dated September 22, 1978 • Notification No. 191/1978-Customs, dated September 22, 1978. [Notification No. 04/2022-Customs]

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## MoF notifies list of goods exempted from customs duty

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to specify the list of goods which are exempted under the Customs act, 1962 and falls under the first schedule of the customs tariff act, 1975. The goods in the list are as followed: • Vibrator motor for use in manufacture of wrist wearable devices (commonly known as smart watches). • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 1. • Battery for use in manufacture of wrist wearable devices (commonly known as smart watches). • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 3. • Printed Circuit Board Assembly (PCBA) for use in manufacture of wrist wearable devices (commonly known as smart watches). • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 5. • Display assembly for use in manufacture of wrist wearable devices (commonly known as smart watches). • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 7. • Charging cable for wrist wearable devices (commonly known as smart watches) • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 9. • The following parts, components and accessories of wrist wearable devices (commonly known as smart watches), namely: - (i) Watch dial front panel (ii) Watch dial back panel (iii) Key (housing part) (iv) Key lock (housing part) (v) Strap long side (silicone or other material(s) adjustable strap) • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 11. This notification shall come into force on February 02, 2022. [Notification No. 11/2022-Customs]

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## MoF rescinds imposition of ADD from Flat rolled product of steel, plated or coated with alloy of Aluminium and Zinc

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation



The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to revoke or rescind the imposition of Anti- Dumping Duty (ADD) from Flat rolled product of steel, plated or coated with alloy of Aluminium and Zinc by amending the principle notification that is Notification No. 16/2020-Customs (ADD), dated June 23, 2020, which specifies the Imposition of ADD on Flat rolled product of steel, plated or coated with alloy of Aluminium and Zinc. [Notification No. 7/2022-Customs (ADD)]

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## **MoF specifies list of exempted goods under customs duty**

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to specify the list of goods which are exempted under the Customs act, 1962 and falls under the first schedule of the customs tariff act, 1975. The goods in the list are as followed: • Battery for use in Smart Meters. • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 1. • Communication module for use in manufacture of Smart Meters • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 3. • Antenna for use in manufacture of Smart Meters. • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 5. • Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) or Back light for LCD for use in manufacture of Smart Meters. • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 7. • Relay for use in manufacture of Smart Meters. • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 9. • Smart Meters • Printed Circuit Board Assembly (PCBA) for use in manufacture of Smart Meters. • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 12. This notification shall come into force on February 02, 2022. [Notification No. 13/2022-Customs]

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## **MoF specifies the list of exempted goods used in hearable devices under customs duty**

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to specify the list of goods which are exempted under the Customs act, 1962 and falls under the first schedule of the customs tariff act, 1975. The goods in the list are as followed: • Battery for use in manufacture of hearable devices. • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 1. • Printed Circuit Board Assembly (PCBA) for use in manufacture of hearable devices. • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 3. • Speaker assembly for use in manufacture of hearable devices • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 5. • The following parts, components and accessories of hearable devices, namely: (i) Rubber parts (ii) Plastic parts (iii) Screws (iv) Magnets (v) Connect parts (vi) Earlaps (vii) Mic Gaskets (viii) Mic Membrane (ix) Ear hooks (x) Rotary Pin (xi) Wires (xii) Earbud Button Housing (xiii) Speaker Cavities (xiv) Silicone fins (xv) Earmuffs (xvi) Ear shell (xvii) Outer and inner moulds (xviii) Right earbud upper housing (xix) Earcup/ Ear-Cushions (xx) Ear-gel (xxi) Neckband and Headband (wired and moulded) (xxii) Charging case housing (xxiii) Right earbud driver sealing (xxiv) Earbud board masking EVA (xxv) Earbud bottom housing (xxvi) Revolving Shaft (Metal and plastic) (xxvii) Metal ear shells (xxviii) Copper foil. • Inputs or parts or sub-parts for use in manufacture of items mentioned at S. No. 7. • All goods • All goods, other than hearable devices. • All goods other than those mentioned at S. Nos 3, 5, and 7. This notification shall come into force on February 02, 2022. [Notification No.

12/2022-Customs]

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## Ministry of Finance amends certain notifications

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on February 1, 2022 has issued amendments in certain notifications. This shall come into effect from February 2, 2022. The following Notifications have been amended namely: - • Notification No. 25/2002- Customs, dated March 1, 2002 – The following Proviso was inserted after the opening paragraph: - “Provided further that nothing contained in this notification shall apply after 31st March, 2024” • Notification No. 24/2005- Customs, dated March 1, 2005 – Sr. No. 38A has been inserted namely: - “All goods for use solely and exclusively with goods covered under S. Nos. 1 to 38” • Notification No. 25/2005 - Customs, dated March 1, 2005 – S No. 32A has been inserted namely: - “All goods for use solely and exclusively with goods covered under S. Nos. 1 to 32” • Notification No. 8/2020- Customs, dated February 2, 2020 – Sl. No. 1A has been inserted namely: - “Surgical needles falling under tariff item 9018 32 10 for use in manufacture of surgical sutures falling under tariff item 3006 10 10” [Notification No. 15/2022-Customs]

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## MoF rescinds imposition of ADD from High -Speed Steel of Non-Cobalt Grade

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to revoke or rescind the imposition of Anti- Dumping Duty (ADD) from the High -Speed Steel of Non-Cobalt Grade by amending the principle notification that is Notification No. 38/2019-Customs (ADD), dated September 25, 2019, Which specifies the Imposition of ADD on High -Speed Steel of Non-Cobalt Grade. [Notification No. 6/2022-Customs (ADD)]

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## Ministry of Finance amends notification regarding exemption of certain excisable goods

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on February 1, 2022 has issued amendment to Notification No. 11/2017-Central Excise dated June 30, 2017 which specify “exemption of certain excisable goods”. The following was stated namely: - • Sl. No. 2 which specify “Motor spirit commonly known as petrol” the following proviso has been inserted namely: - “Provided that nothing contained in this Sl. No. shall apply to motor spirit, commonly known as petrol, which is intended for retail sale to consumers, not so blended with ethanol or methanol as conforming to Bureau of Indian Standards specifications from time to time for blended motor spirit” • Sl. No. 3 which specify “High speed diesel (HSD)” the following new serial number and entries 3A has been inserted namely: - “High speed diesel (HSD) intended for retail sale, not so blended with alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids obtained from vegetable oils, commonly known as bio-diesels as conforming to Bureau of Indian

Standards specifications from time to time for blended diesel – 1. Without a brand name 2. With a brand name [Notification No. 1/2022-Central Excise]

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## **Ministry of Finance amends notification regarding Exemption of certain goods under Customs**

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on February 1, 2022 has issued notification to further amend Notification No. 50/2017-Customs, dated the June 30, 2017 which specify “exemption of certain goods under Customs Act, 1962” The following has been amended namely: - • S. No. 4 which specify “Atlantic Salmon” has been omitted. • In S. No 6 which specify “Live SPFL. vannamei broodstock” has the following clause inserted namely: - “6A – 0306 - Live Black tiger shrimp (*Penaeus monodon*)” • S. No. 180 which specify “Nickel oxide and hydroxide” has been omitted. • In S. No. 403 which specify “Parts and raw materials for manufacture of goods to be supplied in connection with the purposes of off- shore oil exploration or exploitation” the following proviso has been inserted namely: - “Provided that nothing contained in this S. No. shall have effect after the March 31, 2023” [Notification No. 02/2022-Customs]

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## **MoF amends Description of goods in an older customs notification**

Feb 02, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to amend certain entries in the table related to description of goods in an older customs notification that is Notification No. 11/2018-Customs, dated February 02, 2018. The following amendments have been made: • In serial No. 01, column (2) which specifies Description of Goods has been amended. • Serial No. 03, column (2) which specifies Men's or boy's overcoats, car coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski-jackets), wind-cheaters, wind- jackets and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, other than those of heading 6103, of wool or fine animal hair ,falling under tariff item 6101 90 90 has been omitted. • Serial No. 04, column (2) which specifies Upholstery fabrics falling under the following headings or sub-headings- 5208 39, 5209 31, 5209 32, 5209 39, 5209 49, 5210 39, 5211 31, 5211 32, 5211 39, 5211 49, 5407 61, 5516 22 00, 5516 23 00, 5802 30 00 has been omitted. This notification shall come into force on February 02, 2022. [Notification No. 03/2022-Customs]

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## **CBIC modifies tariff value of Crude Oil, Palm Oil, Gold, Silver, Areca Nuts etc as on January 31, 2022**

Feb 01, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on January 31, 2022 amends the Notification No. 36/2001- Customs (N.T.) dated August 03, 2001 which specifies the fixation of tariff value for the following

goods: • Crude Palm Oil • RBD Palm Oil • Others- Palm Oil • Crude Palmolein • RBD Palmolein • Others – Palmolein • Crude Soya Bean Oil • Brass Scrap (all grades) • Gold, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 356 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated June 30, 2017 is availed. • Silver, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 357 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated June 30, 2017 is availed. • Silver, in any form, other than medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver. • Medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver falling under sub-heading 7106 92, other than imports of such goods through post, courier, or baggage. • Gold coins having gold content not below 99.5% and gold findings, other than imports of such goods through post, courier, or baggage. • Areca Nuts The Table 1, 2 and 3 provided in the Notification will be substituted for the existing tables in its parent Notification. These tables contain the details about Chapter headings, descriptions of goods and tariff value. [Notification No. 06/2022- Customs (N.T.)]

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## **DGFT amends the Export policy of Syringes**

Feb 01, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 31, 2022 has issued a notification to make amendment in the Export policy of the Medical Syringes. Syringes with or without Needles of the following denominations : - 0.5 ml/ 1ml AD syringes. - 0.5 ml/1 ml/2 ml/3 ml disposable syringes. - 1ml/2 ml/3 ml RUP Syringes. The above said syringes which falls under HS Code 90183100 or any other code have been made free from immediate effect. [Notification No. 52 /2015-2020]

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**MHA notifies to Ensure Compliance on COVID Containment Measures**

Feb 28, 2022 | Central | EHS



The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on February 27, 2022 has issued a notification to ensure compliance on COVID Containment measures. The Central Government has directed all the State/ UT Governments and State/ UT Authorities to implement a risk assessment based approach on the opening of economic activities, as provided in Annexure-I (Provided in the attachment), until March 31, 2022. It is further directed that the National Directives for COVID-19 Management, specified below, shall continue to be followed throughout the country.

- Face covering: Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and during transport.
- Social distancing: Individuals must maintain an adequate distance in public place and at work places.
- Spitting in public places will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.
- Screening & hygiene: Provisions for hand wash or sanitizer will be made at work places.
- Ventilation: In closed places, proper ventilation should be ensured.

[Notification No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)]

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**Ministry of Power notifies on supply of Ash to increase ash utilisation**

Feb 24, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Power on February 22, 2022 has notified on supply of Ash to increase ash utilisation generated by Thermal Power Plants (TPPs). Thermal power plants may charge for ash cost and transportation, in case the thermal power plant is able to dispose the ash through other means. The provisions of ash free of cost and free transportation is to be applicable; only if the thermal power plant serves a notice on the construction agencies/mine owner for the same. It is pertinent to note that the objective of the Government is to provide affordable power to consumers. Any Extra costs without making efforts to monetize disposal of ash by TPPs lead to increase in electricity tariff, which is to be borne by the consumers.

- Procedure to be followed to dispose of ash:
  - o The Power plants shall provide ash to user agencies as stipulated in the MoEF&CC Notification dated 31.12.2021 through a transparent bidding process only.
  - o If after bidding/ auction, some quantities of ash still remains un-utilized, then only, as one of the options, it could be considered to be given free of cost on first come first serve basis, if the user agency is willing to bear the transportation cost.
  - o If ash remains un-utilized even after the steps taken in paras above, TPP shall bear the cost of transportation of ash to be provided free to the eligible projects/mine owners.

Even after steps taken in Paras 5.1 to 5.3 above, if the ash remains un-utilized, TPPs shall serve notice on the construction agencies/mine owners located within 300 kms from TPPs to use ash mandatorily in their projects /filling of mine voids. o The Ash shall be offered to the prospective user agencies as stipulated in the MoEF&CC Notification dated 31.12.2021 on competing demand basis, i.e. user agency who offers the highest price and meets the transportation cost will be offered the ash on priority, This will reduce the tariff of electricity and burden on the consumers. It will also be in accordance with sound vigilance practices. o The power plant may offer Ash subject to their technical restrictions such as precautions required for Dyke stability and safety etc. The power plants having lower Ash utilization shall make all efforts to increase its Ash Utilization. o in case, ash is provided free of cost and free transportation; prospective consumers shall be obliged to source the Ash from the nearest TPPs, to reduce the cost of ash transportation. "If the nearest TPP refuses to do so, the prospective consumers shall approach Ministry of Power for appropriate directions.

- Procedure to be followed for transportation cost to be borne by IPPs: o The transportation cost wherever required to be borne by the TPPs, shall be discovered on a competitive bidding process basis only. TPPs shall prepare a panel of transportation agencies every year based on competitive bidding for transportation in slabs of 50 Kms, which may be used for the period. The TPPs shall call for bids well in advance, so that the transportation panel is in place as soon as the previous panel expires. There should be no gap between the expiry of existing panel and the finalization of the fresh panel. o TPPs are advised to invite open bids by keeping a lower bid threshold of minimum 50 tones so that even small and medium commercial enterprises can also take part in the bid process. The Appropriate Commission shall scrutinize any expenses regarding ash utilization proposed to be passed through in tariff by the Generation Company in accordance with these guidelines to ensure that the least possible burden is passed on to electricity consumers and full transparency is ensured by Generating Company as envisaged in these Guidelines. [Notification No. 9/7/2011-st. th.(Vol IV)]

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## Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2022

Feb 23, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on February 22, 2022 has issued the Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2022 to further amend the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986. This has come into force on February 22, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • In Schedule – I entry SI No. 74 which specify “emission standards for brick kilns” the following has been substituted namely: - “Minimum stack height (Vertical Shaft Brick Kilns) 1. Kiln capacity less than 30,000 bricks per day - 14 m (at least 7.5m from loading platform) 2. Kiln capacity equal or more than 30,000 bricks per day - 16 m (at least 8.5m from loading platform)” • All new brick kilns shall be allowed only with zig-zag technology or vertical shaft or use of Piped Natural Gas as fuel in brick making and shall comply to these standards as stipulated in this notification • Brick kilns should be established at a minimum distance of one kilometre from an existing brick kiln to avoid clustering of kilns in an area • The brick kiln owners shall ensure that the road utilized for transporting raw materials or bricks are paved roads and the Vehicles shall be covered during transportation of raw material/bricks. [Notification No. G.S.R. 143(E)]

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## **Draft Environment (Protection) first Amendment Rules, 2022**

Feb 21, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on February 18, 2022 has issued the Environment (Protection) first Amendment Rules, 2022 to further amend the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986. The following amendments have been made: • In schedule I, which specifies Standards for Emission or Discharge of Environment Pollutants, serial no. 88 and 95 have been substituted. All persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft notification shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing this notification are made available to the public. Any person interested in making any objections or suggestions on the proposals contained in the draft notification may forward the same in writing, for consideration of the Central Government within the period specified above to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003, or send it to the e-mail address: [sundeep.2040@nic.in](mailto:sundeep.2040@nic.in) and [sonu.singh@gov.in](mailto:sonu.singh@gov.in). [Notification No. G.S.R. 138(E)]

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## **Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on February 16, 2022 has issued the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. The following amendment has been made: • Schedule II, which specifies Guidelines on Extended Producer Responsibility for Plastic Packaging, has been inserted. [Notification No. G.S.R. 133(E)]

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## **Ministry of power issues green hydrogen policy**

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Power February 17, 2022 has issued the Green Hydrogen Policy to reduce the global warming levels to 2 degrees Celsius and try to cap it at 1.5 degree Celsius. After careful consideration, the government has decided the following: • Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia shall be defined as Hydrogen/Ammonia produced by way of electrolysis of water using Renewable Energy, including Renewable Energy which has been banked and the Hydrogen/Ammonia produced from biomass. • The waiver of inter-state transmission charges shall be granted for a period of 25 years to the producer of Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia from the projects commissioned before 30 June 2025. • Green Hydrogen / Green Ammonia can be manufactured by a developer by using Renewable Energy from a co-located Renewable Energy plant, or sourced from a remotely located Renewable Energy plants, whether set up by the same developer, or a third party or procured renewable energy from the Power Exchange. Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia plants will be granted Open Access for sourcing of Renewable Energy within 15 days of receipt of application complete in all respects. The Open Access charges shall be in accordance with Rules as laid down. • Banking shall be permitted for a period of 30 days for Renewable Energy used for making Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia. • The charges for banking shall be as fixed by the State Commission which shall not be more than the cost differential between the average tariff of renewable energy bought by the

distribution licensee during the previous year and the average market clearing price (MCP) in the Day Ahead Market (DAM) during the month in which the Renewable Energy has been banked. • Connectivity, at the generation end and the Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia manufacturing end, to the ISTS for Renewable Energy capacity set up for the purpose of manufacturing Green Hydrogen / Green Ammonia shall be granted on priority under the Electricity (Transmission system planning, development and recovery of Inter State Transmission charges) Rules 2021. • Land in Renewable Energy Parks can be allotted for the manufacture of Green Hydrogen / Green Ammonia. • The Government of India proposes to set up Manufacturing Zones. Green Hydrogen / Green Ammonia production plant can be set up in any of the Manufacturing Zones. • Manufacturers of Green Hydrogen / Green Ammonia shall be allowed to set up bunkers near Ports for storage of Green Ammonia for export/ use by shipping. The land for the storage purpose shall be provided by the respective Port Authorities at applicable charges. • Renewable Energy consumed for the production of Green Hydrogen / Green Ammonia shall count towards RPO compliance of the consuming entity. The renewable energy consumed beyond obligation of the producer shall count towards RPO compliance of the DISCOM in whose area the project is located. • Distribution licensees may also procure and supply Renewable Energy to the manufacturers of Green Hydrogen / Green Ammonia in their States. In such cases, the Distribution licensee shall only charge the cost of procurement as well as the wheeling charges and a small margin as determined by the State Commission. • Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) will establish a single portal for all statutory clearances and permissions required for manufacture, transportation, storage and distribution of Green Hydrogen / Green Ammonia. The concerned agencies/authorities will be requested to provide the clearances and permissions in a time-bound manner, preferably within a period of 30 days from the date of application. • In order to achieve competitive prices, MNRE may aggregate demand from different sectors and have consolidated bids conducted for procurement of Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia through any of the designated implementing agencies. [Notification No. 23/02/2022- R&R]

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## MoHFW notifies regarding new drugs related to COVID-19 outbreak

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on February 10, 2022 has issued a notification regarding the manufacture and stock of new drugs which are related to Covid-19 outbreak. The following points have been issued by the MoHFW under Drug rules 1945 and clinical trials rules 2019: (a) In case a person intends to manufacture and stock a new drug for COVID-19, which is under clinical trial for marketing authorisation for sale or distribution, then, such person shall have to obtain permission in Form CT-06 to conduct clinical trial of such drug and on successful completion of the clinical trial and after obtaining permission in Form CT-23 from the Central Licensing Authority under the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019, he shall make an application under rule 69 or rule 70A or rule 75 or rule 75A of the Drugs Rules, 1945, as the case may be, to the concerned Licensing Authority appointed by the State Government along with the permission obtained for conducting clinical trial in Form CT-06 under the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019, for grant of license to manufacture and stock the drug for sale or distribution under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act) and the rules made thereunder: Provided that the requirement of prior permission from the Central Licensing Authority under rule 81 of the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 to manufacture the new drug as required under rule 83 of the said rules shall be deferred in public interest to meet the emergent situation arisen out of COVID-19 and such person shall obtain the said permission after successful completion of the clinical trial and submission of application along with fees, data and particulars in accordance with the

provisions of the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019. The Central License Approving Authority or the State Licensing Authority, as the case may be, if satisfied that requirements under the provisions of the said Act and the Drugs Rules, 1945 and the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 have been complied with, grant License in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs Rules, 1945 to manufacture and stock the new drug subject to the condition that the licensee shall sell or distribute the new drug only after obtaining permission for such new drug in Form CT-23 from the Central Licensing Authority under the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019. [Notification No. S.O. 553(E)]

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## **CPCB notifies on Prohibition of production, stocking, distribution, sale & use of single use plastic**

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on February 04, 2022 has issued a notice to inform all Producers, Stockists, Retailers, Shopkeepers, e-commerce Companies, Street Vendors, Commercial Establishments (Malls/ Market place/ Shopping Centres/ Cinema Houses/ Tourist locations/ Schools/ Colleges/ Office Complexes/ Hospitals & other Institutions) and general public to stop production, stocking, distribution, sale and usage of identified SUP items. The production, stocking, distribution, sale & use of single use plastic shall be prohibited from July 01, 2022. The following products shall be prohibited from July 01, 2022: (a) Ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration; (b) Plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers; [Notification No. F.No. B-17011/7/PWM/2022]

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## **MoEF issues Draft notification on Aerial ropeways**

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change on February 02, 2022 has issued a draft notification to remove Aerial ropeways from the list of projects or activities requires prior Environmental Clearances by amending Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E), dated the 14th September, 2006. The following amendment has been made: • In the schedule which specifies the list of projects or activities requires prior Environmental Clearances, item no. 7(g) which specifies Aerial ropeways has been omitted. All person likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft notification shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing this notification are made available to the Public; Any person interested in making any objections or suggestions on the proposal contained in the draft notification may forward the same in writing for consideration of the Central Government within the period so specified to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110 003, or send it to the e-mail address atsujit.baju@gov.in anddiriapolicy- moefcc@gov.in. [Notification S.O. 491(E)]

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## CPCB Invites comments/suggestions on proposed draft "Environmental Guidelines for Compressed Biogas Plant (CBG)/Bio-CNG Plants"

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on January 31, 2022 has issued a circular for Inviting comments/suggestions on proposed draft "Environmental Guidelines for Compressed Biogas Plant (CBG)/Bio-CNG Plants" The Highlights of the guidelines are as followed: Handling of Solids Waste / Input material

1. Biodegradable solid waste/input material should be stored in such a manner that leachates formed do not get mix with any natural water body or stream.
2. If solids have any fire hazard possibility due fire extinguishing system should be set up.
3. Reject/undigested Solids should be disposed in accordance with MHW Rules and shall not be mixed with digested slurry for disposal.
4. Digested solid/sludge shall be used for producing FOM or Bio-compost. In case of Bio-compost, following shall be ensured:
  - a) The composting facilities of adequate size may be designed through expert institutions in the field.
  - b) The compost yard be provided with impermeable base with facility for collection of leachate and surface water run-off into lined drains leading to a leachate treatment and disposal facility.
  - c) The composting facility shall not be located within 300 m from the nearest dwelling and 100 m from any well or water course.
  - d) Necessary precaution shall be taken to minimise nuisance of odour, flies, rodents, bird menace and fire hazard.
  - e) The windrow area shall be provided with impermeable base. Such a base shall be made of concrete or compacted clay of 50 cm thick having permeability coefficient less than 10–7 cm/sec. The base shall be provided with 1 to 2 per cent slope and circled by lined drains for collection of leachate or surface run-off.
  - f) Leachate collection system shall be constructed. Leachate can be re-circulated in compost plant for moisture maintenance.
  - g) The end product compost shall meet the standards prescribed under Fertilizer Control Order notified from time to time.
  - h) The daily logbook record of the solid waste generated and bio-compost shall be maintained.
5. Groundwater monitoring
  - a) Location of piezometer- wells: Minimum at 2 places along the periphery of the bio-compost yard such that one is in the upstream of the Ground water flow direction and one in the downstream direction.
  - b) Hand pump: at least 30 meters depth, located within 500 meters to 1 Km from yards. Water quality of hand pump should be tested pre and post monsoon.
6. Approach Road to bio-compost yard: The entrance of the Bio-compost yard should be paved all-weather road for approach of vehicles.
7. Packaging and Labelling/Marking -The bio-compost or Bio manure shall be packed and labelled/marked properly.
8. Storage facilities for ready compost should be covered under shed having platform.
9. All other wastes such as iron filings, waste oils, transformer oils, batteries & other e-waste should be recycled using registered vendors.

II Solid Manure:

10. Solid manure should be stored in leachate-free way.
11. Solid manure can be used in farms with or without any value addition in conformity with requirements of Gazette Notification No. 2051 dated 14.07.2020 & No. 1972 dated 01.06.2021.
12. Solid manure may be converted to PROM (Phosphate Rich Organic Manure), Organic Potash fertilizer, organic silica fertilizer etc.

III Liquid Manure (Fermented Organic Manure):

13. Digested slurry while producing FOLM should be separated for solids as much as possible.
14. Use decanter, screw press, filter media or drying pit for separation of solids.
15. Liquid manure should be stored in leachate-free way.
16. Liquid manure can be used in farms with or without any value addition after confirming the stipulated quality requirements.
17. Liquid manure can be applied in farms after required treatment, depending on feed material and in conformity with requirements of Gazette Notification No. 2051 dated 14.07.2020 & No. 1972 dated 01.06.2021 and applicable effluent discharge standard. There shall be no adverse impact of application of digested biogas slurry on soil & environment.
18. Impermeable tank having total storage capacity of 15 days shall be provided for storing the liquid manure.
19. Any concurrent use of fertilizers (along with LOM) shall be done judiciously to avoid any superimposed effect.
20. In no case, the Liquid manure/effluent/leachate shall not be discharged into the drain/nallah/surface water bodies/channels/rivers.

21. The liquid concentrated nutrient rich fertilizer product after post processing shall be labelled and packed in containers for sale. 22. The daily logbook record of the Liquid manure produced by the unit shall be maintained. IV Self-monitoring system 23. A flow-meter shall be installed at the wastewater/slurry generation/discharge line to quantify the slurry being generated for treatment. A PTZ camera shall be installed at storage tank and bio-compost area to monitor the bio-composting operation. V Scrubber System: 24. CBG Plants use following types of scrubbers: a) Iron chelating based for H<sub>2</sub>S removal. • Disposal of sulphur recovered from the process should be sold/disposed-off in correct manner as per rule. • All waste streams coming from plant should be suitably treated & recycled/reused. In no case, effluent enters water body. b) PSA for CO<sub>2</sub> removal • Exhaust gas being released to atmosphere in safe manner. • Height of exhaust gas chimney to be raised to 3m above the roof level at least. • Iron filings, silica gel should be disposed of through certified vendors. c) Membrane for CO<sub>2</sub> removal • Membrane material disposal should be done through registered vendors only. d) Water scrubber for CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S removal. • Effluent generated which is high in acids should be neutralized by using suitable method & then disposed-off after meeting the notified effluent discharge norms. VI Other Requirements 25. Ambient air quality monitoring shall be regularly carried out. 26. Odour nuisance at down-wind direction on the boundary of processing plant shall also be checked regularly & accordingly necessary steps for its control shall be taken. 27. The Gensets shall comply with the latest Indian emission norms for Gas based Engines. 28. The biogas plants may be integrated with Solar PVs to make these plants cost economically viable 29. The CBG plant shall install flow meter at all water abstraction points for measuring water consumption & maintain logbook for the same. It is requested that comments/suggestions, if any, may please be provided to CPCB by email in (mscb.cpcb@nic.in, eepkm.cpcb@nic.in) for finalization of said guidelines. [Circular No. F.No.CP.99/6/2022-IPC-111-HO-CPCB-HO]

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## Secretarial

### SEBI (Stock Brokers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Feb 24, 2022 | Central | Secretarial



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 23, 2022 has issued the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Stock Brokers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Stock Brokers) Regulations, 1992. This has come into force on February 23, 2022. The following amendments have been made namely: - • In regulation 2(1) which specify “Definition” has clause (ca) substituted to clause (cb). New clause (ca) has been inserted namely: - ““professional clearing member” means a member having clearing and settlement rights in any recognized clearing corporation, but not having trading rights in any recognized stock exchange.” • Schedule V, Part A Clause(i) which specify “Applied to stock brokers in cash segment” clause 1B has been inserted namely: - “This schedule shall apply to every stock broker who deals in electronic gold receipt segment and every clearing member/self-clearing member who clears and settles trades in electronic gold receipt segment, from the date of grant of registration. • Schedule 5, Clause 5 which specify Every recognized stock exchange shall collect from every stock broker in cash segment, the fee payable” has been substituted with the following, namely: - “The quantum of net worth to be maintained by the stock broker/clearing member, as specified in Table 1 of this Schedule, shall be reckoned for all segments/stock exchanges.” [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/73]

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### SEBI (Depositories and Participations) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Feb 24, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 23, 2022 has issued Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participations) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018. This has come into force on February 23, 2022. The following has been amended namely: - • Regulation 35(a)(viii) which “specifies Consideration of application for grant of certificate of registration” the provisos has been substituted namely: - “Provided that the stock broker shall have a networth of rupees three crores {within one year of the date of notification of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022}, which shall be increased to rupees five crores {within two years of the date of notification of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) (Amendment)



Regulations, 2022} Provided further that a self-clearing member fulfilling the networth requirements as provided under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Stock Brokers) Regulations, 1992 shall also be eligible to register as a depository participant” [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/74]

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## **BSE issues guidelines for trading members to trade in certain segments**

Feb 18, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on February 18, 2022 has issued a notice regarding the compliance of certain guidelines to its trading member that shall be considered as compliant and permitted to trade in the respective segment viz Equity, Equity Derivatives, Currency Derivatives, Commodity, SLB and Debt Market w.e.f. April 01, 2022. The guidelines are as followed: • Compliant with 6 KYC attributes viz Name, Complete address (including PIN code No. in case of address is in India), PAN, valid Mobile number, valid email address, Income details/range. • Custodian details updated for Clients availing custodian services. • PAN verification status of the client is Valid. Client trading accounts not meeting the above guidelines, shall not be permitted to trade by the Exchange in the respective segments Equity, Equity Derivatives, Currency Derivatives, Commodity, SLB and Debt Market w.e.f. April 01, 2022. Trading members are required to have adequate checks built into their system, to ensure that no order is placed by the non-compliant clients. [Notice No. 20220218-2]

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## **SEBI issues notification regarding Corrigendum to Master Circular for Depositories on Opening of demat account in case of HUF**

Feb 17, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 17, 2022 has issued Notification relating to Corrigendum to Master Circular for Depositories on Opening of demat account in case of HUF. The following amendments has been made: - • Subsection 1.2(a) which specify “Death of Karta” the following has been substituted namely: - “In the event of death of Karta of HUF, the name of the deceased Karta in the Beneficial Owner (BO) account shall be replaced by the new Karta appointed by the member of the HUF who in such a case shall be senior most member of the family.” [Notification No. SEBI/HO/MRD2/DDAP/CIR/P/2022/20]

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## **BSE notifies on submission of complete financial documents of the financial year**

Feb 15, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on February 15, 2022 has issued a notice to all its trading member to submit the complete financial documents such as Net worth Certificate, Auditor’s Report & Audited Annual Accounts for the financial year ended on March 31, which is related with the MCA notification dated February 14, 2022, which specified that there will be no levy of additional fees for submission of Annual Financial

Statements for the financial year ended as on March 31, 2021 till March 15, 2022. Trading Members require any clarification on the aforesaid matter, please send an email on [membership.ops@bseindia.com](mailto:membership.ops@bseindia.com) [Notice No. 20220215-20]

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## **SEBI issues Standard Operating Guidelines for the Vault Managers and Depositories - Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment**

Feb 15, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Secretarial](#)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 14, 2022 has issued the Standard Operating Guidelines for the Vault Managers and Depositories - Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment to ensure ease of compliance for the market participants in the EGR ecosystem as well as effective implementation of the Regulations, Standard Operating Guidelines under Regulation 28 of SEBI (Vault Managers) Regulations, 2021 read with Regulation 97 of SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018. The guidelines mandates the Vault Managers are mandated for creation and extinguishment of EGR. The Standard Operating Guidelines is provided in Annexure 1. The modalities for deposit of gold, creation of EGR, withdrawal of gold and extinguishment of EGR are stipulated in Annexure-2. This circular shall come into force with immediate effect. [Circular No. SEBI/HO/CDMRD/DMP/P/CIR/2022/19]

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## **SEBI issues notification regarding Trading features pertaining to the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment**

Feb 15, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Secretarial](#)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 14, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Trading features pertaining to the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment. This circular has come into force on February 14, 2022. Guidelines has been issued on the following subjects namely: - • Trade Timings – Trading Hours, Trade Timings. • Transaction charges by stock exchanges - Trades executed for EGR on their trading platform must be equitable and in the interest of investors. • Call Auction in Pre-open session – Duration, Reference Price, Price limit. • Block and Bulk Deal - Orders placed shall be within  $\pm 1\%$  of the reference price. • Price Bands - The initial price limit for the price band shall be set at 10% of the previous closing price. • Investor Protection Fund (IPF) & Investor Service Fund (ISF) - Maintained by the respective stock exchanges can be utilized for the purpose of settling investor claims and investor awareness. • Unique Client Code (UCC) - E-PAN, members shall verify the authenticity of e-PAN with the details on the website of IT Department and maintain the soft copy of PAN in their records. [Notification No. SEBI/HO/CDMRD/DMP/P/CIR/2022/18]

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## **LLP(Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 14, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Secretarial](#)

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on February 11, 2022 has issued the Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Limited Liability Partnership Rules, 2009. This shall come to force on April 1, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • Rule 19 which specify “A limited liability partnership or a body corporate or any other entity which already has a name which is similar to or which too nearly resembles the name of a limited liability partnership incorporated subsequently” the following rule 19A has been inserted namely: - “Allotment of new name to existing LLP under sub-section (3) of section 17” • Rule 37 which specify “limited liability partnership is not carrying on any business or operation” the following rules has been inserted namely: - 1. Rule 37A which specify “Adjudication of penalties” has been inserted 2. Rule 37B which specify “Appeal against order of adjudicating officer” has been inserted 3. Rule 37C which specify “Registration of appeal” has been inserted. 4. Rule 37D which specify “Disposal of appeal by Regional Director” has been inserted [Notification No. G.S.R. 109(E)]

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## **MCA issues date of coming into force of certain provisions under LLP (Amendment) Act, 2021**

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on February 11, 2022 has issued notification announcing date where certain provisions of Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Act, 2021 has come into force. The following has been stated namely: - • Sections 1 to 29 of Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Act, 2021 has come into force on April 1, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 621(E)]

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## **Central govt. applies certain section of companies act to LLPs**

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on February 11, 2022 has issued a notification to direct Limited Liability Partnership firms related to the provisions of sections 90, 164, 165, 167, sub-section (5) of section 206, sub-section (3) of section 207, 252 and section 439 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013), shall apply to limited liability partnership. The following amendment have been made: • Section 90, which specifies Investigation of beneficial ownership of shares in certain cases, sub-section (1) to (11) have been amended. • Section 164, which specifies Disqualifications for appointment of director, sub-section (1) has been amended. • Section 164, which specifies Disqualifications for appointment of director, sub-section (2) has been substituted, namely: “(2) No person, who is or has been a director of a company or designated partner of limited liability partnership, as the case may be, which— (a) has not filed financial statements or the Statement of Account and Solvency or annual returns, as the case may be, for any continuous period of three financial years; or (b) has failed to repay the deposits accepted by it or pay interest thereon or to redeem any debentures on the due date or pay interest due thereon or pay any dividend declared and such failure to pay or redeem continues for one year or more, shall be eligible to become or continue as a designated partner of that limited liability partnership or to become designated partner in other limited liability partnerships for a period of five years from the date on which the said company or limited liability partnership fails to do so: Provided that where a person becomes as a designated partner of a limited liability partnership which is in default of clause (a) or clause (b), he shall not incur disqualification for a period of six months from the date

he becomes designated partner.” • Section 165, which specifies Number of directorships, sub-section (1) has been substituted, namely: “(1) No person shall become designated partner in more than twenty limited liability partnerships.” • Section 165, which specifies Number of directorships, sub-section (3) has been substituted, namely: “(3) Any person holding office as designated partner in limited liability partnerships more than the limits as specified in sub-section (1) ,immediately before this notification shall, within a period of one year from such notification , - (a) choose not more than specified limit of those limited liability partnerships , as limited liability partnerships in which he wishes to continue to hold the office of designated partner; (b) resign his office as designated partner in the other remaining limited liability partnerships; and (c) intimate the choice made by him under clause (a), to each one of the limited liability partnerships in which he was holding the office of designated partner before such notification and Registrar having such jurisdiction in respect of each limited liability partnership.” • Section 165, which specifies Number of directorships, sub-section (4) (5) (6) have been amended. • Section 167, which specifies Vacation of office of director sub-section (1) and (2) have been amended. • Section 167, which specifies Vacation of office of director sub-section (3) has been substituted, namely: “(3) where all the designated partners of limited liability partnership vacate their offices under any of the disqualifications specified in sub-section (1) , the partners or, in their absence, the Central Government shall appoint the required number of designated partners who shall hold office till the designated partners are appointed by the limited liability partnership .” • Section 205, which specifies Functions of company secretary, sub-section (5) has been substituted, namely: “(5) The Central Government may, if it is satisfied that circumstances so warrant, direct inspection of books and papers of a limited liability partnership by an inspector appointed by it for the purpose.” • In section 252, which specifies Appeal to Tribunal, sub-section (1), (2) and (3) have been amended. • Section 439, which specifies Offences to be non-cognizable, sub-section (1) has been substituted, namely: “(1) Notwithstanding anything in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, (2 of 1974) every offence under this Act shall be deemed to be non-cognizable within the meaning of the said Code.” • Section 439, which specifies Offences to be non-cognizable, sub-section (2) has been substituted, namely: “(2) No court shall take cognizance of any offence under this Act which is alleged to have been committed by any limited liability partnership or any designated partners or partners or employee thereof, except on the complaint in writing of the Registrar, or a partner of limited liability partnership, or of a person authorised by the Central Government in that behalf: Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to a prosecution by limited liability partnership of any of its officers .” • Section 439, which specifies Offences to be non-cognizable, sub-section (4) has been substituted, namely: “(4) The provisions of sub-section (2) shall not apply to any action taken by the liquidator of a limited liability partnership in respect of any offences alleged to have been committed in respect of any of the matters in Chapter XIII of this Act or rules for winding up and dissolution of limited liability partnership. Explanation. - The liquidator of the limited liability partnership shall not be deemed to be an officer of the limited liability partnership within the meaning of sub-section (2).” [Notification No. G.S.R. 110(E)]

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## MCA relaxes levy of additional fees in filing certain e-forms

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on February 14, 2022 has issued relaxation on levy of additional fees in filing e-forms AOC-4, AOC-4 (CFS), AOC-4 XBRL, AOC-4 Non-XBRL and MGT-7/MGT-7A. The following has been stated namely: - • No additional fees shall be levied upto March 15, 2022 for the filing of e-forms AOC-4, AOC-4 (CFS), AOC-4 XBRL, AOC-4 Non-XBRL. • No additional fees shall be levied up to March 31, 2022 for filing of e-forms MGT-7/MGT-7A. [Notification No. 01/2022]

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## **Companies (Accounts) Amendment Rules, 2022**

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on February 11, 2022 has issued the Companies (Accounts) Amendment Rules, 2022 to further amend the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014. This has come into force from February 11, 2022. The following has been amended namely: - • Rule 12 which specify “Filing of financial statements and fees to be paid thereon” the following rule (1B) has been inserted namely: - “Every company covered under the provisions of sub-section (1) to section 135 shall furnish a report on Corporate Social Responsibility in Form CSR-2 to the Registrar for the preceding financial year (2020-2021) and onwards as an addendum to Form AOC-4 or AOC-4 XBRL or AOC-4 NBFC (Ind AS), as the case may be” [Notification No. G.S.R. 107(E)]

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## **MCA delegates power U/s 17 of LLP act 2008**

Feb 14, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on February 11, 2022 has issued a notification to delegate power to the Regional Directors at Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, New Delhi, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Guwahati, the powers and functions vested in it under section 17 of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 (6 of 2009). This notification shall come into force with effect from April 01, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 623(E)]

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## **SEBI issues notification regarding AMCs**

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 9, 2022 has issued notification on Audit Committee of Asset Management Companies (AMCs). This circular shall be in effect from August 1, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • Role - The Audit Committee of the AMC shall be responsible for oversight of financial reporting process, audit process, company’s system of internal controls, compliance to laws and regulations and other related process, with specific reference to operation of its Mutual Fund business. • Membership - The Audit Committee of AMC shall have minimum three directors as members. • Meetings – The Chairperson of the Audit Committee shall call the meeting as and when required. However, at least four meetings shall be called in a financial year and not more than one hundred and twenty days shall elapse between two meetings. • Reporting – The internal auditor shall submit its report to the Audit Committees of AMC and the Board of AMC. [Notification No. SEBI/HO/IMD-I DOF2/P/CIR/2022/17]

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## **IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022**

Feb 10, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on February 9, 2022 has issued the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016. This has come into force on February 9, 2022. The following amendments have been made namely: - • Regulation 18 which specifies "Meetings of the committee" has been substituted namely: - "A resolution professional may convene a meeting of the committee as and when he considers necessary." • Regulation 39A which specifies "Preservation of records" has been substituted namely: - "The interim resolution professional or the resolution professional, as the case may be, shall preserve copies of all such records which are required to give a complete account of the corporate insolvency resolution process." [Notification No. IBBI/2021-22/GN/REG/080]

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## **SEBI issues Notification regarding conversion of Private Unlisted InvIT into Private Listed InvIT**

Feb 09, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 9, 2022 has issued Notification regarding conversion of Private Unlisted InvIT into Private Listed InvIT. The following has been stated namely: - • Registered unlisted InvIT which has issued units, may list its units on a recognised stock exchange, subject to it complying with the requirements specified for privately placed and listed InvIT and in the manner specified by the Board from time to time. • A Private Unlisted InvIT may list its units and convert into a Private Listed InvIT on making a private placement of units through a fresh issue and/or an offer for sale. • Post issuance and listing of such units through private placement, the Private Unlisted InvIT shall stand transformed and shall be considered a Private Listed InvIT and it shall be required to comply with the prescribed provisions. [Notification No. SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS\_Div3/P/CIR/2022/16]

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## **SEBI issues Notification regarding Framework for conversion of Private Listed InvIT into Public InvIT**

Feb 09, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 9, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Framework for conversion of Private Listed InvIT into Public InvIT. The following has been stated namely: - • A Private Listed InvIT may convert into a Public InvIT on making a public issue of units through a fresh issue and/or an offer for sale in terms of the InvIT Regulations in the prescribed manner. • Post issuance and listing of such units through public issue in accordance with this circular, the Private Listed InvIT shall stand transformed and shall be considered a Public InvIT and it shall be required to comply with all provisions of the InvIT Regulations prescribed for Public InvITs. [Notification No.



SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS\_Div3/P/CIR/2022/15]

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## **SEBI issues Guidelines on Accounting with respect to Indian Accounting Standards**

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 4, 2022 has issued Guidelines on Accounting with respect to Indian Accounting Standards. This shall be in effect from April 1, 2023. The following has been stated namely: - • Mutual Fund Schemes shall prepare the opening balance sheet as on date of transition and the comparatives as per the requirements of IND AS. • Perspective historical per unit statistics requires disclosure of scheme wise per unit statistics for the past 3 years. Mutual Fund schemes shall furnish following additional information in perspective historical per unit statistics namely: - 1. Label the previous Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) information prominently as not being prepared in accordance with IND AS. 2. Disclose the nature of the adjustments that would be required to make it comply with IND AS. Mutual Funds schemes need not quantify those adjustments. [Notification No. SEBI/HO/IMD-II/DOF8/P/CIR/2022/12]

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## **SEBI issues Disclosures in the abridged prospectus and front cover page of the offer document**

Feb 07, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 4, 2022 has issued Disclosures in the abridged prospectus and front cover page of the offer document The following was stated namely: - • The disclosures in the abridged prospectus shall be as prescribed under Annexure A and the disclosure on front outside cover page shall be as per Annexure B • A copy of the abridged prospectus shall be made available on the website of issuer company, lead managers, registrar to an issuers and a link for downloading abridged prospectus shall be provided in price band advertisement. • The Issuer Company/Merchant Bankers (MBs) shall ensure that the disclosures in the abridged prospectus are adequate, accurate and does not contain any misleading or mis-statement. • The Issuer Company/MBs shall ensure that the qualitative statements in the abridged prospectus shall be substantiated with Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and other quantitative factors. Also, no qualitative statement shall be made which cannot be substantiated with KPIs. • Further, the issuer company/MBs shall insert a Quick Response (QR) code on the front page of the documents such as front outside cover page, abridged prospectus, price band advertisement, etc. as deemed fit by them. • The recognized stock exchanges are directed to bring the provisions of this circular to the notice of the listed companies and also to disseminate the same on their website. [Notification No. SEBI/HO/CFD/SSEP/CIR/P/2022/14]

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## **SEBI amends the Master Circular of Schemes of Arrangement by Listed Entities**

Feb 01, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board on India (SEBI) on February 01, 2022 has issued a circular to make amendment in the Schemes of Arrangement by Listed Entities in the Part I Para A 2(k) master circular dated December 22, 2020. The following amendment has been made: “No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the lending scheduled commercial banks/ financial institutions/ debenture trustees, from not less than 75% of the secured creditors in value.” This Circular shall be applicable for all the schemes filed with the stock exchanges after November 16, 2021 [Circular No.: SEBI/HO/CFD/DIL2/CIR/P/2022/11]

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for short-term procurement/sale of power) Regulation, 2022

Feb 11, 2022 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) on February 10, 2022 has issued the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for short-term procurement/sale of power) Regulation, 2022. The foremost provisions of the regulation are as followed:

- **Sale of Surplus power** The licensees shall make all efforts to sell the surplus power that is available during certain time blocks/periods through the exchanges, DEEP e-bidding portal or through Banking/Swapping/Forward contracts provided such sales do not lead to the imposition of load reliefs and/or increase in overall power purchase costs. All such sales shall be got ratified by the Commission fortnightly.
- **Ministry of Power Guidelines on short-term power procurement** The guidelines/procedure prescribed by the Ministry of Power, Gol for short-term power procurement in various orders issued from time to time shall be scrupulously followed by licensees while procuring short term power. These guidelines will not be applicable for energy purchases from the exchanges and through Banking/Swapping arrangements.
- **Placing of information on websites** The monthly/weekly/day-ahead power requirement communicated by SLDC to the licensees and the monthly/weekly/day-ahead/intraday power procurements/Sale by the licensees shall be made available on the websites of the licensees and SLDC within 48 hours of such procurements/sale with ease of access to the current as well as archived data.
- **Power to amend** The Commission may, at any time, add, vary, alter, modify, delete or amend any provisions of this Regulation.
- **Power to dispense with the requirement of the Regulation** The Commission shall have the power, for reasons to be recorded in writing and with notice to the affected parties, to dispense with the requirements of any provision of this Regulation in a specific case or cases subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified.
- **Powers to remove difficulties** If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Regulation, the Commission may, by general or specific order, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, as may appear to be necessary for removing the difficulty.
- **Real-Time Data** The SLDC shall make available the real-time data of generation from all the sources/generators and demand to the dedicated monitoring cell of the licensees, and the Commission.
- **Furnishing of the information to the Commission** The licensees shall submit the following periodical information on short-term procurement to the Commission through email:
  - a. The details of real-time/intraday/day-ahead market power procurements and sales (block-wise quantum of power and rate per unit) by the end of every day.
  - b. The details of weekly power procurement and sales in TAM (Term Ahead Market) for the next week and power supply status for the immediate previous week by the end of Wednesday of the present week.
  - c. The details of power procurements and sales for the next month and power supply status for the immediate previous month by the end of the 10th day of the present month.
 The daily/weekly/monthly reports of the licensees shall also include the shutdown/ breakdown/generation details of the approved sources in the Retail Supply Tariff Order supported by the data furnished by the generators. Further, the reports shall clearly indicate day wise/block wise details of the breakup of the energy procured to meet the shortages, maintain grid security (intra-day) and save power purchase costs.
- **Power to relax time limits** The Commission may relax the time limits specified in this Regulation for various activities for sufficient reasons to be recorded in writing. [Notification No. Lr. No.APERC/Secy/F.No.S-19 (Vol.II)/D.No.93/2022]

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## Assam

### Assam Govt. issues measures amid COVID

Feb 15, 2022 | State | Assam

The Health & Family Welfare Department, Assam on February 14, 2022 has issued measures to be followed by passengers travelling to Assam through Air, railway and road transportation and those attending Hospitals for emergency and OPD services. This has come into force from February 15, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • Mandatory testing on arrival at Airports, Railway Stations, Road Border Points, etc shall be discontinued. However symptomatic patients are requested to test for COVID for diagnostic purposes voluntarily, at any recognised COVID testing facility. • Mandatory testing for COVID for any patient coming to the Medical College Hospitals and other Hospitals for emergency/OPD services shall be discontinued. However symptomatic patients may be requested to test for COVID for diagnostic purposes as applicable. [Notification No. HLA.614/2020/68]

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### Assam Govt. issues guidelines amid COVID

Feb 08, 2022 | State | Assam

The State Disaster Management Authority, Assam on January 24, 2022 has issued guidelines amid COVID. This has come into effect from January 25, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • If positivity of COVID-19 in any area reaches more than 20 cases in the last seven days, the jurisdictional District Magistrate will notify such areas as total containment zone. • Emergency services will continue round the clock and essential services including shops dealing with groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, animal fodder, etc. will remain open up to usual time of closure. • Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through e-commerce in such areas will continue round the clock [Notification No. ASDMA-29151202212]

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### Assam Govt. enacts certain sections under GST Act

Feb 07, 2022 | State | Assam

The Finance Department, Assam on February 2, 2022 has issued the enactment of certain section under the Assam Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2021. The following has been stated namely: - • Section 50 which specify "Interest on delayed payment of tax" as at Sl. No. 6 of the Assam Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2021 has come into force. [Notification No. FTX.56/2017/Pt-IV/165]

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## Bihar

### Govt. of Bihar issues tax rates for vehicles purchased in public auction

Feb 25, 2022 | State | Bihar

The Government of Bihar on February 24, 2022 has issued a notification to specify the Tax rates to be applicable on the vehicles which are purchased by the public in public auctions by inserting serial no. 09, in the schedule I, of Bihar Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1994. The following serial no.09 has been inserted, namely: Serial No. 09 - Vehicle purchased in public auction, Tax rates - Transport and Non-transport vehicles that are owned by the State Government in light of the rule-57 of Central Motor Vehicle Rule, 1989, the highest bid price in the public auction shall be the purchase price of such vehicles and tax shall be imposed as per the corresponding category of vehicle and tax fixed thereupon. [Notification No. 06/Vivid-19/2017-1283]

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### Bihar Goods and Services Tax (Tenth Amendment) Rules, 2021

Feb 22, 2022 | State | Bihar

The Government of Bihar on February 21, 2022 has issued the Bihar Goods and Services Tax (Tenth Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Bihar Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. The following amendments have been made:

- In rule 36, which specifies Documentary requirements and conditions for claiming input tax credit, sub-rule (4) has been substituted, namely: “(4) No input tax credit shall be availed by a registered person in respect of invoices or debit notes the details of which are required to be furnished under sub-section (1) of section 37 unless,- (a) the details of such invoices or debit notes have been furnished by the supplier in the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 or using the invoice furnishing facility; and (b) the details of such invoices or debit notes have been communicated to the registered person in FORM GSTR-2B under sub-rule (7) of rule 60.”
- In rule 80, which specifies Annual return, Sub-rule (1A) has been inserted, namely: “(1A) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), for the financial year 2020-2021 the said annual return shall be furnished on or before the twenty-eighth day of February, 2022.”
- In rule 80, which specifies Annual return, Sub-rule (3A) has been inserted, namely: “(3A) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (3), for the financial year 2020-2021 the said self-certified reconciliation statement shall be furnished along with the said annual return on or before the twenty-eighth day of February, 2022.”
- In rule 95, which specifies Refund of tax to certain persons, in sub-rule (3) after clause (c) the following proviso has been inserted, namely: “Provided that where Unique Identity Number of the applicant is not mentioned in a tax invoice, the refund of tax paid by the applicant on such invoice shall be available only if the copy of the invoice, duly attested by the authorized representative of the applicant, is submitted along with the refund application in FORM GST RFD-10.”
- Rule 144A, which specifies Recovery of penalty by sale of goods or conveyance detained or seized in transit has been inserted, namely: “Recovery of penalty by sale of goods or conveyance detained or seized in transit.- 144A.— (1) Where the person transporting any goods or the owner of such goods fails to pay the amount of penalty under sub-section (1) of section 129 within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the copy of the order passed under sub-section (3) of the said section 129, the proper officer shall proceed for sale or disposal of the goods or conveyance so detained or seized by preparing an inventory and estimating the market value of such goods or conveyance: Provided that where the detained or seized goods are perishable or hazardous in nature or are likely to

depreciate in value with passage of time, the said period of fifteen days may be reduced by the proper officer. (2) The said goods or conveyance shall be sold through a process of auction, including e-auction, for which a notice shall be issued in FORM GST DRC-10 clearly indicating the goods or conveyance to be sold and the purpose of sale: Provided that where the person transporting said goods or the owner of such goods pays the amount of penalty under sub-section (1) of section 129, including any expenses incurred in safe custody and handling of such goods or conveyance, after the time period mentioned in sub-rule (1) but before the issuance of notice under this sub-rule, the proper officer shall cancel the process of auction and release such goods or conveyance. (3) The last day for submission of bid or the date of auction shall not be earlier than fifteen days from the date of issue of the notice referred to in sub-rule (2): Provided that where the detained or seized goods are perishable or hazardous in nature or are likely to depreciate in value with passage of time, the said period of fifteen days may be reduced by the proper officer. (4) The proper officer may specify the amount of pre-bid deposit to be furnished in the manner specified by such officer, to make the bidders eligible to participate in the auction, which may be returned to the unsuccessful bidders, forfeited in case the successful bidder fails to make the payment of the full amount, as the case may be. (5) The proper officer shall issue a notice to the successful bidder in FORM GST DRC-11 requiring him to make the payment within a period of fifteen days from the date of auction: Provided that where the detained or seized goods are perishable or hazardous in nature or are likely to depreciate in value with passage of time, the said period of fifteen days may be reduced by the proper officer. (6) On payment of the full bid amount, the proper officer shall transfer the possession and ownership of the said goods or conveyance to the successful bidder and issue a certificate in FORM GST DRC-12. (7) The proper officer shall cancel the process and proceed for re-auction where no bid is received or the auction is considered to be non- competitive due to lack of adequate participation or due to low bids. (8) Where an appeal has been filed by the person under the provisions of sub- section (1) read with sub-section (6) of section 107, the proceedings for recovery of penalty by sale of goods or conveyance detained or seized in transit under this rule shall be deemed to be stayed: Provided that this sub-rule shall not be applicable in respect of goods of perishable or hazardous nature. ” • Rule 154, which specifies Disposal of proceeds of sale of goods or conveyance and movable or immovable property has been substituted, namely: (1) The amounts so realised from the sale of goods or conveyance, movable or immovable property, for the recovery of dues from a defaulter or for recovery of penalty payable under sub-section (3) of section 129 shall,- (a) first, be appropriated against the administrative cost of the recovery process; (b) next, be appropriated against the amount to be recovered or to the payment of the penalty payable under sub-section (3) of section 129, as the case may be; (c) next, be appropriated against any other amount due from the defaulter under the Act or the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 or any of the State Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and the rules made thereunder; and (d) the balance, if any, shall be credited to the electronic cash ledger of the owner of the goods or conveyance as the case may be, in case the person is registered under the Act, and where the said person is not required to be registered under the Act, the said amount shall be credited to the bank account of the person concerned; (2) where it is not possible to pay the balance of sale proceeds, as per clause (d) of sub-rule (1), to the person concerned within a period of six months from the date of sale of such goods or conveyance or such further period as the proper officer may allow, such balance of sale proceeds shall be deposited with the Fund; • FORM GST DRC-10, which specifies Notice for Auction under section 79 (1) (b) or section 129(6) of the Act has been substituted. [Notification No. S.O. 72]

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## **Bihar Govt. amends Bihar motor vehicle taxation act 1994**

Feb 03, 2022 | State | Bihar



The Government of Bihar on February 02, 2022 has issued a notification to make certain amendments in the Bihar Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1994. The following amendment has been made: • In schedule I, which specifies rate of motor vehicle tax, in Part C, serial No. 08, has been inserted, namely: Serial No. 08, Construction Equipment Vehicle and other non-transport vehicles of this class, which are not covered under any category (1) 6% of the Ex-Showroom Price of the vehicles as One Time Tax for 15 years. (2) In case of renewal, tax shall be levied on the basis of the percentage of tax specified in Colum-1 after considering the age of the vehicle from the date of its first registration as specified under part-A, clause-A schedule-1 of Bihar Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1994. (3) One Time Tax at the rate of 6% shall be imposed on registration of Construction Equipment Vehicle registered under sl. no.-7 of part-C of schedule-1 of Bihar Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1994, provided that One Time Tax shall be calculated after deduction of the amount of tax according to clause-B part-A of schedule-1 . [Notification No. 02/Tax/Fee-11/2021, Circum./666]

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## **Bihar Govt. amends the Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021**

Feb 03, 2022 | State | Bihar

The Government of Bihar, on February 1, 2022 has issued amended the Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021. This has come into effect from February 1, 2022. The following amendment has been made namely: - • Schedule-V which specify “submission of Scrapping certificate at the time of registration. If registration is made for the submission of the Certificate of Deposit of the vehicle” has been inserted namely: - 1. In case of non-transport vehicle 25% rebate in current Motor Vehicle Tax shall be given, which shall be availed up to 15 years from the date of registration. 2. In case of transport vehicle 15% rebate in current Motor Vehicle Tax shall be given, which shall be availed up to 08 years from the date of registration. of the current tax shall be used up to 08 years from the date of registration. [Notification No. 02/Tax/Fee-10/2021, Circum./658]

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## Delhi

### Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Forum for Redressal of Grievances of the Consumers and Ombudsman) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Feb 25, 2022 | State | Delhi

The Government of Delhi on February 24, 2022 has issued the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Forum for Redressal of Grievances of the Consumers and Ombudsman) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Forum for Redressal of Grievances of the Consumers and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2018. The following amendments have been made:

- In regulation 5, which specifies Constitution of Forum, sub-regulation (3) has been substituted, namely: “(3) Forum shall consist of five members including the Chairperson.”
- Regulation 6, which specifies Qualifications for appointments of Chairperson and Members of the Forum, has been substituted, namely: 6. Qualifications for appointments of Chairperson and Members of the Forum - (1) Chairperson and Members shall be persons of ability, integrity and standing who have adequate knowledge of, and have experience of at least 20 years in dealing with problems relating to engineering, finance, commerce, economics, law, management, administration or consumer affairs with minimum qualification of a graduate degree from a recognized university: Provided that out of five members (including Chairperson), One Member shall be designated as Legal Member and one Member shall be Technical. (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in Sub-Regulation (1), the Commission may appoint any person as the Chairperson from amongst persons who is, or has been, a District Judge: Provided that nothing contained in these Regulations for procedure for appointment of Chairperson shall apply to appointment of a person as Chairperson who is or has been a District Judge. (3) The Legal Member shall be a person possessing a degree in law from a recognized university and having at least 20 years of experience in handling legal matters. (4) The Technical Member shall be a person possessing degree in Electrical/Electronic engineering from a recognized university having at least 20 years’ experience. He shall also have adequate knowledge of power sector and have shown capacity in dealing with problems relating to consumer affairs. (5) The age of the applicant on the date of occurrence of vacancy shall be such that he may be able to serve at least one term of three (3) years at the Forum. (6) No person shall be eligible to be appointed as Chairperson of the Forum if he has been in the service of a Distribution Licensee or in the holding company or subsidiary of such holding company of a Distribution Licensee at any time during preceding two (2) years from the date of occurrence of the vacancy: Provided that for this sub-regulation, the service rendered as a Member of the Forum shall not be considered as service of a Distribution Licensee. (7) No person shall be appointed to the Forum or continue to be a member if he suffers from any of the disqualifications mentioned in Regulation 10 (3) or if he has reached the age of 67.”
- In regulation 09, which specifies Term of office and conditions of service, sub-regulation (1) has been substituted, namely: (1) The Chairperson or Member shall hold office for a term of three years from the date he enters upon his office: Provided that subject to fulfilment of the conditions of eligibility the Chairperson or Member of the Forum shall be eligible for reappointment for a second term up to three (3) years and no further: Provided further that for the purpose of reappointment, the condition of age limit under Regulation 6 (5) shall not be applicable: Provided also that no Member or Chairperson shall hold office after attaining the age of sixty- seven (67) years.
- In regulation 15, which specifies Grievance Handling Procedure of the Forum, sub-regulation (11) has been substituted, namely: “(11) The quorum of the Forum shall be three and each member shall have one vote and in case of equality of votes, the Chairperson of the Forum or the senior most member of the Forum discharging the functions of the Chairperson of the Forum presiding over the meeting, as the case may be, shall have a casting vote.”
- Regulation 39, which specifies Power of Relaxation has been inserted, namely: 39. Power of Relaxation- The Commission may in public

interest and for reasons to be recorded in writing relax any provisions of these regulations.” [Notification No. F. 11(1938)/DERC/2021-22/7263/1878]

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## **Delhi Government to adopt e-vehicles amid air pollution crisis**

Feb 09, 2022 | State | Delhi

The Government of NCT of Delhi on February 08, 2022 has issued a Draft notification to take certain steps to control the air pollution in the state as transport sector is the main source of air pollution in Delhi especially PM2.5 emissions and vehicular emission also contribute upto 80 percent of nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide in Delhi's air. The Commission further advised that such plan of action by GNCTD may contain amongst others, inter alia, the following priority areas: (i) The prioritization may include early electrification of public transport, para transit, feeder service, large delivery fleet and vehicles owned by Government being high milage vehicles. (ii) Mandate a certain percentage in respect of vehicles mentioned in (i) above. (iii) Enhancement of this percentage in the medium term and long term plan. (iv) Mandate a percentage for public vehicles including auto-rickshaw, buses, feeder services, government vehicles, delivery fleets etc. may be high compared to personal vehicles. The Transport Department, Government of NCT of Delhi has to ensure that all the aggregators and delivery service providers (e.g., food delivery, e-commerce logistics providers, couriers) adopt electric vehicles in terms of induction in the new onboarded fleet as per the following proportion: Two wheeler – 10 % with in 3 months and 50% within March 31, 2023 Four wheeler – 05 % with in 3 months and 25% within March 31, 2023 Any violation of the above directions shall be punishable under Section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 which includes imprisonment upto five years and / or with fine which may extend to Rs. One Lakh or with both. Quarterly action taken reports are required to be submitted to Department of Environment, GNCTD on email ID: [senv@nic.in](mailto:senv@nic.in) in annexed format. All persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration by the Hon`ble Lieutenant Governor, Government of NCT of Delhi on or after the expiry of sixty days from the date of publication of this Notification in the official Gazette. Objections or suggestions to this draft Notification may be addressed to the Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi, 6th Level, 'C' –Wing, Delhi Secretariat, I.P Estate, New Delhi-110002 or on e-mail at [senv@nic.in](mailto:senv@nic.in). [Notification No. F. No. 10 (47)/ENV/2021/ 7253]

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## **Delhi Govt. notifies regarding Observance of GFR 2017 and other guidelines while processing the financial proposals**

Feb 04, 2022 | State | Delhi

The Revenue Department, Delhi on February 2, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Observance of GFR 2017 and other guidelines while processing the financial proposals. The following was stated namely: - • Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanctions - Delegation of powers to HODS" should be strictly followed. Obtain A/A & E/s at initial stage before initiating Codal formalities • Billing of tentage - Clear Work Order along with name of site and items mentioned in the latest rate contract should be given by an officer, not below the rank of Tehsildar, before beginning any tentage work in the District. • Codal Formalities as per GFR 2017 - All DMs must ensure that all codal formalities are strictly followed as per the GFR 2017 and

procurements should be done only through Government e-Marketplace (GeM). [Notification No. F. 1(334)/Acctt./Budget Funds/Natural calamities/2021-22/1718-53]

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## Goa

### Govt. of Goa issues guidelines for educational institutes in the state

Feb 21, 2022 | State | Goa

The Directorate of Education (GOA) on February 18, 2022 has issued a circular regarding the guidelines to be followed by all the Education Institutes for smooth functioning of the schools. The following guidelines have been laid by the directorate: • Timing concessions if required may be given to the students for initial days. • Exams to be held in OFFLINE mode only. • School uniform may not be insisted upon. [Circular No. Acad/Misc/173/Cir./2022/195]

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### Govt. of Goa restricts transportation of liquor in the state

Feb 21, 2022 | State | Goa

The Finance Department of Goa on February 09, 2022 has issued a notification to restrict the transportation of liquor and stated that no liquor shall be transported from one place to another within the State of Goa and the following shall be the maximum quantity of liquor which can be possessed by any person within the State of Goa without a permit issued in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and the rules made thereunder during the period from 6.00 p.m. of February 12, 2022 till 06.00 p.m. of February 14, 2022 and on March 10, 2022, in view of polling and counting of votes for the General Election to the Goa Legislative Assembly, 2022, as per- section 135C of The Representation of the People Act, 1951, namely: (a) Three quart bottles of Indian made foreign liquor or foreign liquor other than beer and six bottles of beer of 650 ml for any person including his family. (b) Three quart bottles of country liquor for any person including his family. This Notification shall remain in force only from 6.00 p.m. of February 12, 2022 till 06.00 p.m. of February 14, 2022 and on March 10, 2022, in the entire State of Goa, in view of polling and counting of votes for the General Election to the Goa Legislative Assembly, 2022. [Notification No. 2/1/95-FIN(R&C)/PART B / 85]

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### Govt. of Goa to re-open schools due to decline in Covid-19 cases

Feb 18, 2022 | State | Goa

The Directorate of Education (Goa) on February 17, 2022 has issued a circular to notify the re-opening of schools for classes I to XII, keeping in view of the decline in Covid-19 cases in the state. The schools shall be re-open from February 21, 2022 with all the precautionary measures and according to the SOP provided by the Government. [Circular No. Acd/Misc/173/cir./2022/185]

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## **Govt. of Goa restricts sale of liquor amid General Election**

Feb 11, 2022 | State | Goa

The Department of Information and Publicity, Goa on February 11, 2022 has issued Notification regarding restriction on sale of liquor. The following was stated namely: - • All licensed premises "for the sale of liquor" will be closed from 6.00 p.m. of February 12, 2022 till 06.00 hrs, of February 14, 2022 and on March 10, 2022, in the entire State of Goa, in view of polling and counting of votes for the General Election to the Goa Legislative Assembly, 2022. • The licensed premises having licence for Bar and Restaurant may be allowed to keep the restaurant open for serving food only and the Bar counter shall be closed and no liquor shall be allowed to be served • The owner of the premises having Bar and Restaurant shall also display a board in the premises stating that no liquor will be served and that only the restaurant is open for serving food. [Notification No. 2022/01]

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## **Goa Govt. issues Holiday on February 14, 2022**

Feb 09, 2022 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on February 7, 2022 has issued Notification declaring Holiday on February 14, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • Monday, February 14, 2022 has been declared as a "Public Holiday" being the "Polling Day". • The aforesaid holiday shall be a "paid holiday" • It is applicable on the following namely: - 1. Industrial workers of the State of Goa 2. Daily wage workers of the Government Departments and State Government Industrial Departments 3. Commercial and industrial workers of private establishments in the State of Goa 4. All private establishments 5. Daily wage/casual workers employed in any business, trade industrial undertakings or any other establishments. [Notification No. 2/2/2010-GAD-III/447]

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## **Govt. of Goa extends the COVID-19 restrictions and precautions**

Feb 09, 2022 | State | Goa

The General Administration Department of Goa on February 08, 2022 has issued an office memorandum to extend the COVID-19 related restrictions and Precautions till February 15, 2022. The precautions and restrictions are as followed: (i) Persons with Disabilities and Pregnant women employees shall be exempted from attending office, but are required to work from home. (ii) Those officers/ staff who are not attending office and working from home shall be available on telephone and other electronic means of communication at all times. They should attend office, if called for and if any exigency of work demands. (iii) All Officers/Staff have to ensure strict compliance with covid- appropriate behaviour viz. frequent washing of hands/ sanitization, wearing a mask/ face cover, observing social distancing at all times. (iv) Proper cleaning and frequent sanitization of workplace, particularly of the frequently touched surfaces may be ensured. HoDs may also ensure non-crowding in corridors, canteens etc. (v) The marking of attendance through Aadhar based Biometric Attendance System is exempted till 15/02/2022. However, all the employees are required to mark their attendance in Attendance Registers manually. Further, Offices/Departments having face/card reader Attendance System shall continue marking their attendance. [Office Memo - No.37/2/2020-GAD-II/(P.F)/452]



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**Govt. of Goa declares holiday for District and subordinate courts**

Feb 07, 2022 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on February 06, 2022 has issued a notice to declare February 07, 2022 as holiday to mourn the sad demise of Veteran singer Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar ji and to pay respect to the departed soul. The cases listed on February 07, 2022 shall be taken up on February 08, 2022, and this holiday shall be compensated in the near future. [Notice No. DSC/HOL/121/2022/1058]

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**Govt. Of Goa extends the restrictions under section 144 of criminal procedure code**

Feb 02, 2022 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on January 31, 2022 has issued a notification to extend the restriction on the activities related to election under section 144 of criminal procedure code. The following restrictions have been imposed: 1. No road shows, Pad-yatras, cycle/bike/vehicle rallies and processions shall be allowed till February 11, 2022. 2. Physical public meetings of Political parties or contesting candidates shall be allowed in designated open spaces with a maximum of 1000 persons or 50% of the capacity of the ground whichever number is lesser w.e.f February 01, 2022. 3. Door to Door campaigning shall be allowed for a maximum of 20 (Twenty) persons including candidate(excluding security personnel). 4. Indoor meetings shall be allowed for maximum of 500 persons or 50% of the capacity of the hall whichever is less. 5. Political parties and contesting candidates shall ensure the compliance of COVID appropriate behaviour & guidelines and Model Code of Conduct at all occasions during the activities connected with elections. 6. Between 8pm and 8am, no rallies and public meetings shall be allowed on any campaign day. This order shall come into force with immediate effect, failure to comply with this order shall be liable for Penal action under Section 188 of Indian Penal and other provisions of laws in force. [Order No.37/19/2020/L&O/MAG/ 1863]

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat Govt. amends notification regarding scheme to distribute essential commodities

Feb 23, 2022 | State | Gujarat

The Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Gujarat on February 18, 2022 has issued amendment to Notification No. GTH/2018/1/PDS/112017/1296/C dated January 10, 2018 which specify "scheme to distribute essential commodities". The following has been stated namely: - • The figures and letters "on or before the 31st December, 2021" in the notification has been substituted namely: - "On or before 31st March, 2022". [Notification No. GHTH/2022/02/PDS/112017/1296/C]

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### Gujarat Govt. issues clarification with respect to section 8 of the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972

Feb 17, 2022 | State | Gujarat

The Labour, Skill Development & Employment Department, Gujarat on February 9, 2022 has issued Notification regarding clarification with respect to Provision of section 8 of the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 on whether the Controlling Authority is required to issue the certificate only with regard to the unpaid amount of gratuity by the employer to the person entitled thereto or the said authority is required to issue the certificate not only with regard to the unpaid amount of gratuity but also including the amount of compound interest on such unpaid amount of gratuity. The following has been stated namely: - • "That amount" means the amount of gratuity which is payable under the Act by the employer to the person entitled thereto but has not been paid by the employer within the prescribed time limit. And, the Controlling Authority is required to issue a certificate only with regard to the unpaid amount by the employer to the concerned person. • After the Controlling Authority issues the certificate of the unpaid amount, the duty is cast upon the District Collector to recover the said unpaid amount along with the compound interest at such rate as the Government of India may specify, from the date of expiry of the prescribed time, as arrears of land revenue and pay the same to the person entitled thereto. [Notification No. CMO/102021/303909/M-3]

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### Govt of Gujarat issues IT/ITES policy 2022-27

Feb 09, 2022 | State | Gujarat

The Department of Science and Technology of Gujarat on February 09, 2022 has issued the IT/ ITES policy for years 2022 – 2027. The foremost provisions of the policy are as follows: • The key objectives of the Policy are: 1) To act as a catalyst in the growth of the IT/ITES ecosystem 2) To enable the stakeholders of the IT/ITES sector to create state-of-the-art IT infrastructure in the form of ready to occupy co-working office spaces 3) To enable the creation of high-skilled IT human resources in the state 4) To encourage large-scale investment in the IT/ITES sector through special provisions for mega IT/ITES projects 5) To establish the state as a hub for innovation in Emerging and Advanced Technologies • Targets The proposed Policy aims to

achieve the following milestones in the next five years: 1) Place Gujarat in the top five performing states of India in IT sector 2) Increase Gujarat's annual IT exports from INR 3,000 Cr. to over INR 25,000 Cr. 3) Generate more than one lakh new IT/ITES jobs in the State 4) Become the national leader in terms of world-class IT infrastructure, Data Centers and Innovation Centres in Emerging Technologies. • Policy Validity The Policy will be valid from the date of issuance of this Policy GR and shall remain in force till 31st March 2027 or till the declaration of a new or revised Policy, whichever is earlier. • Interpretation The Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat, is authorised for interpretation of any provision and to give clarification/decision with reference to any provision under this resolution, keeping in view the objective of the Policy and schemes, and it will be final and binding to all. • Power to Amend the Policy Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing paras, the Government holds the right to review and amend various aspects of the Policy from time to time. [GR. No. ITP/10/2021/583612/IT]

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## **Govt. of Gujarat issues Draft revision of minimum wages for Labour in sugarcane cutting and loading industry**

Feb 07, 2022 | State | Gujarat

The Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department of Gujarat on February 05, 2022 has issued a Draft notification to revise the rates of minimum wages to the employees working in the sugarcane cutting and loading industry. The following rates has been proposed: • For Labour employed in Sugarcane Cutting and Loading shall be payable at the rate of Rs. 476/ per tonne. All persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft notification will be taken into consideration by the Government of Gujarat, after the expiry of two months from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette Any objections or suggestions which may be received by the Deputy Secretary, Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department, Block No.5, 6th Floor, New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar from any person in respect of the said draft notification on or before the expiry of the aforesaid period will be taken into consideration by the Government. [Notification NO.KHR-2022-17-LVD-10-2013-137275(P.F.)-M(2)]

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## Haryana

### Haryana Govt. issues notification regarding Payment of DA to employees

Feb 23, 2022 | State | Haryana

The Finance Department, Haryana on February 22, 2022 has issued notification regarding payment of dearness allowance to Haryana Government employees who are drawing pay as per 6th Pay Structure. This has come into force from July 1, 2021. The following has been stated namely: - • The Dearness Allowance payable to Haryana Government employees, who are drawing their pay as per 6th pay structure, shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 189% to 196% of the pre-revised basic pay with effect from July 1, 2021. • Enhanced DA shall be payable with the pay of February, 2022 and arrear for the months of July, 2021 to January, 2022 shall be payable in the month of March, 2022. [Notification No. 4/3/2016-5FR/20640]

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### Haryana Govt. declares Holiday on February 14

Feb 11, 2022 | State | Haryana

The Government of Haryana on February 9, 2022 has issued notification declaring February 14, 2022, Monday as holiday. The following has been stated namely: - • February 14, 2022, Monday shall be observed as paid holiday for the General Election to Legislative Assembly of the Uttarakhand. • Employees of various factories, shops and private establishments located in Haryana are also allowed to take leave (paid). [Notification No. 28/02/2005-3GS-II]

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## Himachal Pradesh

### **Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Himachal Pradesh Amendment Act, 2020**

Feb 11, 2022 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on February 02, 2022 has issued the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Himachal Pradesh Amendment Act, 2020 to amend the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, its applicability to Himachal Pradesh. The following amendments have been made: • In section 1, which specifies short title and commencement, sub-section (4) which specifies applicability, the threshold limit which was 20 or more employees earlier has been revised to 30 or more employees. • Repeal of the Himachal Pradesh Ordinance No. 3 of 2020 and savings.—(1) The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Himachal Pradesh Amendment Ordinance, 2020 is hereby repealed. (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance so repealed, shall be deemed to have been validly done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act. [Notification No. Act. No. 01 of 2022]

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### **HP Govt. issues Grant of DA**

Feb 11, 2022 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on February 9, 2022 has issued Grant of Dearness Allowance to the employees of the State Government. The following has been stated namely: - • The Dearness Allowance has been enhanced from 28% to 31% with effect from July 1, 2021. • Additional Dearness Allowance shall be paid in cash with the salary of February 2022 payable in March, 2022 and the arrears accrued from July 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022 shall be credited in the GPF Accounts of the employees with the salary of February, 2022. [Notification No. Fin(C)-B(7)-1/2021]

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## Karnataka

### **Draft Karnataka Educational Institutions (Classification and Registration) (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 25, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on February 24, 2022 has issued the Draft Educational Institutions (Classification and Registration) (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Karnataka Educational Institutions (Classification and Registration) Rules, 1997. The following amendment has been made: In rule 3, which specifies Procedure for registration of Educational Institution, sub-rule (3) has been substituted, namely: “(3)(a) Registration and processing fee once paid shall be applicable for next three years; and (b) in case, if the applicant fails to fulfil all the conditions within stipulated time of three years, Registration and processing fee once paid shall not be refunded for any reason” All persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration after five days from the date of its publication in the official Gazette. Any objection of suggestion which may be received by the State Government from any person with respect to the said draft before the expiry of the period specified above will be considered by the State Government. The objections and suggestions may be addressed to the Principal Secretary to Government, Education Department (Primary and Secondary), M.S.Building, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001. [Notification No. ED 52 PGC 2020]

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### **Karnataka State AYUSH University Act, 2021**

Feb 18, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on February 17, 2022 has issued the Karnataka State AYUSH University Act, 2021 to meet the ever increasing complexity of growth and development in the field of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy system to set a standard to perform multiple functions in Academics, Research, Consultancy, think-tank, training and knowledge dissemination, to meet the needs of Government in the field of public health, ayush industry, development of medical plant resource, academia and society at large and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The foremost provisions of the Act is as followed: • Establishment and Incorporation of the University.- (1) There shall be established, in the State of Karnataka, an affiliating University called the Karnataka State AYUSH University for the furtherance of the objects of the university as detailed under section 4. (2) The University shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid, having perpetual succession and a common seal with powers, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire and hold property, to contract, to do such other things necessary for the purposes of this Act and shall, by the said name, sue and be sued. (3) In all suits and other legal proceedings by or against the University, the pleadings shall be signed and verified by the Registrar and all the processes in such suits and proceedings shall be issued to and served on the Registrar. (4) The Headquarters of the University shall be at Shivamogga having jurisdiction over the entire State of Karnataka. • Power to issue directions.- The Chancellor may either suo moto or on the recommendation of the Government, issue such directions as may be necessary or expedient in the interest of both administration and academic functioning of the University and in particular to ensure peace and tranquillity and to protect the property and finances. • Power to annul the orders of the University.- The Government may by order published in the official Gazette annul any order, notification, resolution or any proceedings of the University,



which in its opinion is not in conformity with the provisions of the Act or statutes, regulations or ordinances or is otherwise inconsistent with the policy of the Government. Making of the statutes and their enactment.- (1) The Executive Council may, from time to time, make new or additional statutes or may amend or repeal the statutes referred to above: Provided that, the Executive Council shall not make, amend or repeal any statute affecting the status, powers or constitution of any authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion in writing on the proposed changes and any opinion so expressed shall be considered by the Executive Council. (2) The Executive Council may take up for consideration, the draft of a statute either on its own motion or on a proposal made by the Academic Council. When the draft is not proposed by the Academic Council, the Executive Council shall obtain the opinion of the Academic Council thereon before considering the same. (3) The Executive Council shall obtain the opinion of the Finance Committee in respect of such of the statutes involving financial implications. (4) The Executive Council, if it thinks necessary, may also obtain the opinion of any officer, authority or body of the University in regard to the draft of the statute, before taking it up for consideration. (5) Every new statute or addition to the statutes or any amendment or repeal of a statute shall be submitted by the Executive Council to the Chancellor for assent, who may assent thereto or withhold assent or remit it to the Executive Council for reconsideration within two months. (6) The statute shall have no validity unless it has been given assent by the Chancellor.

• Power to make the rules.- (1) The State Government may, by notification and after previous publication make rules for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act. (2) Every Rule made under this Act shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made before each House of the State Legislature while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the Rule or both the Houses agree that the Rule should not be made, the Rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that Rule.

• Powers of Government to direct Audit.- (1) The State Government shall have the power to direct, whenever deemed necessary, an audit of the accounts of the University, by such auditors as it may specify. (2) Whenever the accounts of the University are audited by the Accountant General and the report thereof with observations or in respect of the items held for want of clarifications are made available to the University for further comments or remarks, the University shall within thirty days from the date of receipt of such report, furnish its comments or remarks to the Accountant General through the State Government.

• Annual Report.- (1) The Executive Council shall prepare the Annual Report containing all the particulars highlighting the activities of the University, its targets and achievements concerning each financial year and submit the same to the Academic Council before 30th of June of every year. The Academic Council may pass resolutions thereon and forward the same to the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall then take action in accordance therewith. The action taken thereon shall be intimated to the Academic Council at its next meeting. The Annual Report shall also be uploaded on the University Website regularly. (2) Copies of the Annual Report incorporating the resolutions of the Academic Council and a report of the actions taken by the Executive Council of the University shall be forwarded to the State Government before 30th of September every year. The State Government shall lay the same before both the Houses of the State legislature at their next sessions.

• Power to amend the schedule.- (1) The Executive Council may with the prior approval of the Chancellor and the State Government, by notification amend the schedule. (2) A copy of every notification made under sub-section (1) shall be laid before each House of the State Legislature, as soon as may be, after it is made.

• Removal of difficulties at the commencement.- (1) If any difficulty arises as to the first constitution or reconstitution of any authority of the University or giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the State Government may by notification, make such provision not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as may appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty: Provided that, no such notification shall be issued after the

expiry of five years from the date of commencement of this Act. (2) Every notification issued under sub-section (1) shall be laid as soon as may be after it is issued, before each House of the State Legislature while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more sessions, and if before the expiry of the said period, either House of the State Legislature makes any modifications in any notification or directs that any notification shall not have effect and if the modification or direction is agreed to by the other House, such notification shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that notification. [Act 08 of 2022]

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## **Draft Karnataka Educational Institutions (Registration and Recognition of Commerce Institutes) (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 15, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on February 10, 2022 has issued the Draft Karnataka Educational Institutions (Registration and Recognition of Commerce Institutes) (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Karnataka Educational Institutions (Registration and Recognition of Commerce Institutes) Rules, 1999. The following amendment have been made: • In rule 2L, which specifies Definitions sub-rule (3) has been substituted, namely: “(3) must have passed Diploma in Commercial practice conducted by polytechnic by Technical Board; or” • In rule 2L after sub-rule (3), so substituted, the following new sub-rule has been inserted, namely: “(4) must have passed PUC or equivalent examination and office automation and graphic designer course conducted by the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board.” • In rule 2N, which specifies definitions, in clause (1) the amount has been increased from 3000 to 6000. • In rule 2N, which specifies definitions, in clause (2) the amount has been increased from 1500 to 3000. All the persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration after thirty days from the date of its publication in the official Gazette. Any objection or suggestion which may be received by the State Government from any person with respect to the said draft before the expiry of period specified above will be considered by the State Government. Objections and suggestions may be addressed to the Principal Secretary to Government, Education Department (Primary and Secondary), M.S.Building, Bangalore-560001. [Notification No:ED135 SOH 2011]

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## **Karnataka Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022**

Feb 14, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on February 10, 2022 has issued the Karnataka Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Karnataka Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. The following amendments have been made: • In rule 36, which specifies Documentary requirements and conditions for claiming input tax credit, sub-rule (4) has been substituted, namely: “(4) No input tax credit shall be availed by a registered person in respect of invoices or debit notes the details of which are required to be furnished under sub-section (1) of section 37 unless,- (a) the details of such invoices or debit notes have been furnished by the supplier in the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 or using the invoice furnishing facility; and (b) the details of such invoices or debit notes have been communicated to the

registered person in FORM GSTR-2B under sub-rule (7) of rule 60.” • In section 80, which specifies Annual return, sub-rule (1A) and 3(A) has been inserted, respectively: “(1A) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), for the financial year 2020-2021 the said annual return shall be furnished on or before the twenty-eighth day of February, 2022.”; “(3A) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (3), for the financial year 2020-2021 the said self-certified reconciliation statement shall be furnished along with the said annual return on or before the twenty-eighth day of February, 2022.” • In rule 95, which specifies Refund of tax to certain persons, in sub-rule (3) after clause (c) the following proviso has been inserted, namely: “Provided that, where Unique Identity Number of the applicant is not mentioned in a tax invoice, the refund of tax paid by the applicant on such invoice shall be available only if the copy of the invoice, duly attested by the authorized representative of the applicant, is submitted along with the refund application in FORM GST RFD-10.”; • Rule 144A, which specifies Recovery of penalty by sale of goods or conveyance detained or seized in transit has been inserted, namely: “144A.-Recovery of penalty by sale of goods or conveyance detained or seized in transit.- (1) Where the person transporting any goods or the owner of such goods fails to pay the amount of penalty under sub-section (1) of section 129 within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the copy of the order passed under sub-section (3) of the said section 129, the proper officer shall proceed for sale or disposal of the goods or conveyance so detained or seized by preparing an inventory and estimating the market value of such goods or conveyance: Provided that, where the detained or seized goods are perishable or hazardous in nature or are likely to depreciate in value with passage of time, the said period of fifteen days may be reduced by the proper officer. (2) The said goods or conveyance shall be sold through a process of auction, including e-auction, for which a notice shall be issued in FORM GST DRC-10 clearly indicating the goods or conveyance to be sold and the purpose of sale: Provided that, where the person transporting said goods or the owner of such goods pays the amount of penalty under sub-section (1) of section 129, including any expenses incurred in safe custody and handling of such goods or conveyance, after the time period mentioned in sub-rule (1) but before the issuance of notice under this sub-rule, the proper officer shall cancel the process of auction and release such goods or conveyance. (3) The last day for submission of bid or the date of auction shall not be earlier than fifteen days from the date of issue of the notice referred to in sub-rule (2): Provided that, where the detained or seized goods are perishable or hazardous in nature or are likely to depreciate in value with passage of time, the said period of fifteen days may be reduced by the proper officer. (4) The proper officer may specify the amount of pre-bid deposit to be furnished in the manner specified by such officer, to make the bidders eligible to participate in the auction, which may be returned to the unsuccessful bidders, forfeited in case the successful bidder fails to make the payment of the full amount, as the case may be. (5) The proper officer shall issue a notice to the successful bidder in FORM GST DRC-11 requiring him to make the payment within a period of fifteen days from the date of auction: Provided that, where the detained or seized goods are perishable or hazardous in nature or are likely to depreciate in value with passage of time, the said period of fifteen days may be reduced by the proper officer. (6) On payment of the full bid amount, the proper officer shall transfer the possession and ownership of the said goods or conveyance to the successful bidder and issue a certificate in FORM GST DRC-12. (7) The proper officer shall cancel the process and proceed for re-auction where no bid is received or the auction is considered to be non- competitive due to lack of adequate participation or due to low bids. (8) Where an appeal has been filed by the person under the provisions of sub-section (1) read with sub-section (6) of section 107, the proceedings for recovery of penalty by sale of goods or conveyance detained or seized in transit under this rule shall be deemed to be stayed: Provided that, this sub-rule shall not be applicable in respect of goods of perishable or hazardous nature. ”; • Rule 154, which specifies Disposal of proceeds of sale of goods or conveyance and movable or immovable property, has been substituted, namely: “154. Disposal of proceeds of sale of goods or conveyance and movable or immovable property.– (1) The amounts so realised from the sale of goods or conveyance, movable or immovable property, for the recovery of dues from a defaulter or for recovery of penalty payable under sub-section (3) of

section 129 shall,- (a) first, be appropriated against the administrative cost of the recovery process; (b) next, be appropriated against the amount to be recovered or to the payment of the penalty payable under sub-section (3) of section 129, as the case may be; (c) next, be appropriated against any other amount due from the defaulter under the Act or the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 or the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 or any of the State Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and the rules made thereunder; and (d) the balance, if any, shall be credited to the electronic cash ledger of the owner of the goods or conveyance as the case may be, in case the person is registered under the Act, and where the said person is not required to be registered under the Act, the said amount shall be credited to the bank account of the person concerned. (2) where it is not possible to pay the balance of sale proceeds, as per clause (d) of sub-rule (1), to the person concerned within a period of six months from the date of sale of such goods or conveyance or such further period as the proper officer may allow, such balance of sale proceeds shall be deposited with the Fund." • FORM GST DRC-10, which specifies Notice for Auction under section 79 (1) (b) or section 129(6) of the Act has been substituted. • FORM GST DRC-11 has been amended. • FORM GST DRC-12 has been amended. • FORM GST DRC-22 has been substituted. • FORM GST DRC-23 has been amended. • FORM GST APL-01 has been amended. • FORM GST DRC – 22A has been inserted. The major provisions of this amendment shall come into force from January 01, 2022. [Notification No. FD 02 CSL 2021]

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## **Govt. of Karnataka issues the list of holidays under Negotiable Instrument act**

Feb 03, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on February 03, 2022 has issued the Draft list of Public holidays under Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. The Draft list of holidays are as followed: • Uttarayana Punyakala, • Makara Sankranti Festival • Republic Day • Maha Shivaratri • Yearly Closing of Bank Accounts • Ugadi Festival • Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi, • Mahaveera Jayanthi • Good Friday • Basava Jayanthi / Akshaya Tritiya, Khutub-E-Ramzan • Last Day of Moharam • Independence Day • Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vrata • Mahanavami, Ayudhapooja • Vijayadasami • Naraka Chaturdashi • Balipadyami, Deepavali • Kannada Rajyothsava • Kanakadasa Jayanthi [Notification No. DPAR37 HHL 2021]

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## Kerala

### **KSEB issues guidelines for smooth implementation of DBT Scheme**

Feb 24, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) on February 21, 2022 has issued guidelines to enable smooth implementation of DBT Scheme. The guidelines issued are namely: - • The subsidy amount should be paid in advance to the bank account opened by the beneficiary groups/Padasekhara Samithies • The amount to be paid by the individual/ group/ Padasekhara Samithi for two months should be calculated based on the electricity consumption of the previous months and returned to the Krishi Bhawan from the concerned Electricity Section Office along with the invoice for the total amount. • If instance of misutilization of funds or electricity by the beneficiary is noticed, the fact thereof shall be shared by Agriculture department and KSEBL and remittance towards such beneficiary shall not be made out of Government funds. • The Director of Agriculture development/farmers welfare should take steps to prepare the online system required for the implementation of the scheme and provide user facility as per the requirements of KSEB and view facility and user facility to the Finance Department in the said online portal. [Notification No. t38 /2022 (KSEB/TRAC/FO/DBT)]

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### **Govt. of Kerala launches Prathibha Dhanasahaya Scheme for Financially Backward Students**

Feb 24, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on February 23, 2022 has issued a notification to launch the Prathibha Dhanasahaya Scheme for Financially Backward Students. The Highlights of the schemes are as followed: • A scholarship of Rs.1 lakh will be provided to highly skilled graduates, those who belong to economically backward families. • Students who have successfully completed their academic year 2020-21 from the academic institutions of Kerala which are affiliated with various universities in the State and those who have scored above 75% marks can be eligible to apply for the scholarships. • Applicants' annual income should be less than Rs 2.5 lakh. • Students can apply through the official scholarship distribution online portal of the Department of College Education, <https://dcescholarship.kerala.gov.in> from February 21 to March 5 with the supporting documents like Graduation Certificate, Consolidated Mark List, Income Certificate etc. For details related to the application contact Gokul G. Nair- 9746969210, Aneesh Kumar. Y P- 7907052598, Abhijit. AS- 6238059615, E-mail ID: [cmscholarshipdce@gmail.com](mailto:cmscholarshipdce@gmail.com).

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### **Govt. Of Kerala invites Applications for the special loan to the families of Scheduled Castes who have died due to covid**

Feb 21, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on February 21, 2022 has issued a notification to invite applications for the special loan to the families of Scheduled Castes who have died due to covid. Special Family Loan Scheme (SMILE) implemented by the Kerala State Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation for the immediate family members/dependents of the Scheduled Castes who have died due to Covid. The scheme is being implemented with the assistance of the National Commission for Scheduled Caste Finance Development for the rehabilitation of families whose livelihood has been cut off due to the death of the income-earning person of the family. The details of the scheme are as followed: • If a Scheduled Caste person who died due to Covid capture is the main source of income for the family, his / her family member/dependent can apply for the loan. • The loan is for starting self-employment ventures with an investment of up to a maximum of Rs. 5 lakhs. • Beneficiaries are required to pay three to five percent of the total project cost. The interest rate on the loan is 4.5 percent per annum. The loan repayment period is five years. • The annual family income of the applicant should be less than Rs. 3 lakhs. In addition to the certificate required to prove that the death of the main income earner was due to covid, an official document confirming the relationship between the applicant and the deceased person should also be produced. • The applicant will also be liable to comply with the other existing loan terms of the Corporation. Those interested should submit the application along with the specified details to the Corporation office at Thiruvananthapuram / Kilimanoor within 26 days. Contact the District Offices of the Corporation for more information. Phone: 0471-2723155 (Thiruvananthapuram), 0470-2673339 (Kilimanoor).

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## **Govt. of Kerala cancels provisions of Work From home to allotted categories**

Feb 17, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on February 16, 2022 has issued a notification to cancel the provision of the 'work from home' allotted to certain special sections of the employees working in the Government and Private Sector in the context of the covid expansion in the State.

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## **Kerala Govt. notifies of various welfare schemes**

Feb 15, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on February 14, 2022 has issued Notification regarding welfare schemes of the Department of Women and Child Development. The following schemes has been mentioned namely: - • 'Abhaya Kiranam' project - Shelter and care scheme for Homeless Widows • Mangalya Scheme - Provides financial aid up to Rs. 25,000 for the remarriage of Poor Widows and Legally Divorced • Educational assistance scheme - For children of women household families • Padavukal' - Higher education funding scheme that finances the tuition fees, hostel fees, and mess fees for widowed children Submit Applications through [www.schemes.wcd.kerala.gov.in](http://www.schemes.wcd.kerala.gov.in)

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## **KSEB issues order regarding revising connected load for all LT consumers based on self-declaration**

Feb 08, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) on February 5, 2022 has issued order regarding revising connected load for all LT consumers based on self-declaration. The following has been stated namely: - • Accord sanction to extend the facility for revising connected load for all LT consumers based on self-declaration announced vide BO dated October 26, 2021, for the period till March 31, 2022. [Notification No. 101 /2022 (D (D&IT)/D6-AE3/Ease of Doing Business/2018-19]

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## **Govt. of Kerala revises the guidelines issued for International Travellers**

Feb 07, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Department of Health (Kerala) on February 05, 2022 has issued the revised guidelines which were issued for the International Travellers. The guidelines are as followed: • All international travellers arriving in Kerala should undergo self-diagnosis and RTPCR screening if they have any symptoms, no matter how long they have been staying in Kerala. • Two percent of international passengers on board will be randomly screened The cost of an inspection will be borne by the state. • International travellers should continue self-monitoring for seven days from the date of arrival in the state and check for any symptoms • Samples of all covid positive international travellers will be sent for genetic testing. • The treatment of covid positive passengers will be as per the existing guidelines. • On the eighth day of arrival, a rapid antigen test is performed to ensure safety.

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## Lakshadweep

### Lakshadweep govt. issues Draft Lakshadweep Tenacy Regulation, 2021

Feb 25, 2022 | State | Lakshadweep

The Lakshadweep Administration on February 24, 2022 has issued The Draft Lakshadweep Tenacy Regulation, 2021. This shall come into force by notification in the official gazette. The following has been stated namely: -

- Tenancy – Notwithstanding anything contained in this regulation or any other law for the time being in force, no person shall, after the commencement of this Regulation, let or take on rent any premises except by an agreement in writing.
- Rent – The rent payable in respect of a premises shall be the rent agreed to between the landlord and the tenant in accordance with the terms of the tenancy agreement.
- Rent Authorities, their powers and Appeal – The District Collector or District Magistrate shall, with the previous approval of the Administrator, appoint an office, not below the rank of Deputy Collector, to be the Rent Authority within his jurisdiction. Suggestions/Comments from the members of the public are to be sent by March 26, 2022 5PM at Addl.dm-lk@nic.in [Notification No. F.34/32/2021-LR]

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## Manipur

### **MANIREDA issues Notification for maintenance of GCRTS**

Feb 10, 2022 | State | Manipur

The Manipur Renewable Energy Development Agency (MANIREDA) on February 9, 2022 has issued Notification for maintenance of GCRTS installed in Manipur. The following has been stated namely: - • Channel Partners are to submit MPWC report before Due Date to avoid delayed release of applicable central financial assistance. Further, to avoid delay in release of Security Deposit. • Beneficiaries who have not received applicable subsidy are to update their bank accounts for deposition of the subsidy. • Unsatisfactory performance of the solar power plants installed at the premises are to be reported for timely rectification. [Notification No. 62/03-II/2018/RT(Pvt)/Firms/MANIREDA]

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## Meghalaya

### **Govt of Meghalaya extends the implementation of online registration and auto renewal**

Feb 14, 2022 | State | Meghalaya

The Labour Department of Meghalaya on February 01, 2022 has issued a notification to extend the implementation of Online Registrations and Auto Renewals of Certificates of Registrations and Licences which are related to The Motor Transport Worker's Act, 1961, and The Building and Other Construction Workers' (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. The details and information submitted in the online application, with regards to the following Forms, by the applicant should prove to be correct and true. (a) The Motor Transport Worker's Act, 1961 (i) Form I [Rules 4 & 8]: Application for Registration of a Motor Transport Undertaking (b) The Building and Other Construction Workers' (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 (i) Form I [Rule 23] Application for Registration of Establishments (or Principal Employer) employing building and other construction workers. Automatic, Non-Discretionary Deemed Renewals will be enabled with collection of reasonable fees done in a transparent online, non-discretionary and automatic manner. [Notification No. LBG.39/2014/pt/474]

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## Orissa

### **Odisha Govt. issues notification regarding single use plastic**

Feb 21, 2022 | [State](#) | [Orissa](#)

The State Pollution Control Board, Odisha on February 19, 2022 has issued Notification for Prohibiting Production, Stocking, Distribution, Sale and Use of Single Use Plastic (SUP) Items. The following has been stated namely: -

- Stop Production, stocking, distribution, sale and usage of identified SUP items.
- Concerned entities to ensure zero inventory of the aforementioned SUP items by June 30, 2022.

[Notification No. 2634]

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu Govt. issues restrictions amid COVID

Feb 17, 2022 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Tamil Nadu on February 15, 2022 has issued restrictions amid COVID. This has been implemented from February 16, 2022 to March 3, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • Marriage and Marriage related gathering shall be permitted with guests not exceeding 200. • Funeral/Last rites gathering shall be permitted by not exceeding 100 persons. • All other restrictions imposed earlier for controlling the Covid-19 activities shall be withdrawn, except the above-mentioned restrictions. The following activities are also permitted: - 1. Play Schools and Nursery Schools (LKG, UKG) will be permitted to function. 2. Exhibitions will be permitted • General Instruction: - 1. The public may be requested to wear face mask and maintain social distance in public place without fail by following preventive measures and to take double dose vaccine. 2. Shops shall have mandatory hand hygiene (hand sanitizer with dispenser), Thermal screening at the entrance. 3. Management shall ensure that the workers and customers wear face masks compulsorily failing which action will be taken as per the law in force. • Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against. [Notification No. 75]

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### Govt. of Tamil Nadu declares holiday due to elections

Feb 11, 2022 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu on February 09, 2022 has issued a notification to declare February 19, 2022 (Saturday) as a public Holiday due to urban local body elections in certain areas under negotiable Instruments act, 1881. [Notification No. II(1)/MAWS/17(a)/2022]

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## Tripura

### **Govt. of Tripura implements Tripura Road Development Cess against sale of Petrol and Diesel**

Feb 21, 2022 | State | Tripura

The Finance Department of Tripura on February 19, 2022 has issued a notification to implement the Tripura Road Development Cess against sale of Petrol and Diesel at the first point of sale with effect from January 01, 2022. [Notification NO. F. 1 - 1 (49)-TAX/2021]

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### **Tripura Govt. bring Tripura Road Development Cess (Second Amendment) Act, 2021 into force**

Feb 21, 2022 | State | Tripura

The Finance Department, Tripura on February 19, 2022 has issued Notification relating to Tripura Road Development Cess (Second Amendment) Act, 2021. This has come into force on January 1, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • Tripura Road Development Cess (Second Amendment) Act, 2021 has come into force from January 1, 2022. [Notification No. F. 1 - 1 (49)-TFX|2021]

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### **Govt. of Tripura revises wages for the Palatana Power Project workers**

Feb 17, 2022 | State | Tripura

The Labour Department of Tripura on February 16, 2022 has issued a notification to revise the wages for workers engaged in Palatana Power Project. These wages shall come into effect from October 01, 2022. The following revision in the wages have been made: • Highly Skilled, Rs. 14,040 • Skilled, Rs. 12,038 • Semi-Skilled, Rs. 10,452 • Un-skilled, Rs. 9,802 [Notification No.F.12 (62) - LAB/ENF/IR/2012/1196-1202]

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### **Government of Tripura reviews the covid-19 related restrictions**

Feb 01, 2022 | State | Tripura

The Tripura Disaster Management Authority on January 31, 2022 has issued an order regarding the latest Covid-19 related restrictions to be implemented in the state. Corona Night Curfew is imposed throughout the State from 10 PM to 5 AM Following CORONA restrictions shall be in force throughout the State: • Meeting/gathering at any closed spaces (upto a maximum 50% of capacity only) will be allowed by maintaining aggressive COVID appropriate behaviour to contain spread of COVID-19 virus. Seating arrangement should be made maintaining social distance norm of 2 yard distance. Video recording shall be

done for any such events to ensure that restrictions were maintained. • No public meetings in open spaces are allowed. • Movie Halls/Multiplexes, Swimming Pool etc. may be opened with 50% capacity only. • Gymnasium, sports complexes & stadia etc. may be allowed with 50% capacity only. • All standalone shops and commercial establishments including shopping complexes/Malls, Beauty parlours, Barber shops may remain open only from 6 AM to 9 PM. Medicine shops, however, shall remain open at all times. Shop owners will ensure social distancing and wearing of masks among the customers. Bazaar committees should deploy volunteers to ensure social distancing. • Restaurants/dhabas will operate only up to 9 PM with only 50% of their total capacity. Restaurant in hotels will operate up to 9 PM for outside guests with 50% of their total capacity but In-house guests will avail services at all times. Number of persons allowed inside the Restaurant/dhabas will be not more than one person per 36 sq. ft. of indoor area including shop owners and their service personnel. Maximum No. of persons permissible for entry as per these norms shall be prominently displayed by the Restaurant/dhabas at the entry gate. • Meeting, as far as possible, shall be conducted on video-conferencing and personal meetings with visitors, unless absolutely necessary in public interest, are to be avoided. Physical meeting, if necessary, is to be held with limited participants only by maintaining aggressive COVID appropriate behaviour. • All Government and non-government offices shall operate at 100% attendance. The aggressive COVID appropriate behaviour has to be followed by officials and staff of all categories. All Officers/Staff have to ensure strict compliance with COVID appropriate behaviour viz. frequent washing of hands/sanitization, wearing a mask/face cover, observing social distancing etc. at all times. • Proper cleaning and frequent sanitization of workplace, particularly of the frequently touched surfaces may be ensured. HoDs may also ensure non-crowding in corridors, canteens etc. • People should avoid unnecessary movement outside home or workplace. In case of need, movement may take place by following aggressive COVID appropriate behaviour. All persons other than family members (not as a member of a family) shall maintain strictly 6 feet (2 Yards X 2 Yards) distance from each other on roads and other public places at all times. Only family members are exempted (they can walk on road and other places together). • Marriage functions will be allowed following aggressive COVID appropriate behaviour. People returning from marriage function having valid invitation card will be exempted from the night curfew. • All religious places may remain open for public maintaining aggressive COVID appropriate behaviour. • Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places, in all work places and during transport. All DMs shall issue detailed order on corona curfew under section 144 Cr.P.C with specific condition for compliance. Any violations are liable to be proceeded against as per provisions of Section 51 to 60 of Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal section under Section 188 IPC and other legal provisions as applicable. The Government has also imposed measures under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1987, main provisions of which are at Annexure B. This order shall come into force w.e.f. February 01, 2022 and up to February 10, 2022. \*Disclaimer – Kindly find the exemptions in the annexure A of the attached document.

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## West Bengal

### **West Bengal Govt. issues notification regarding decrease in VDA**

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The Labour Department, West Bengal on January 24, 2022 has issued Notification regarding decrease in Variable Dearness Allowance. This shall come into force on January 1, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • No decrease in Variable Dearness Allowance for the period January 1, 2022 to July 30, 2022. • Variable Dearness Allowance remaining the same, as it was during the period of July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. [Notification No. Labr/79/(LC-IR)/25024/3/2021]

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