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BIS specifies the date of withdrawal and establishment of a certain Indian Standard

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 28, 2022 has issued a notification to specifies the date of establishment and withdrawal of the latest revision of an Indian standard. The Indian Standards is as followed: • IS 550 (Part 1) : 2014 Safes, Part 1 Specification (Fifth Revision) The date of withdrawal of the Indian standard shall be July 20, 2022. • IS 550 (Part 1) : 2022 Safes, Part 1 Specification (Sixth Revision) The date of Establishment of this revision shall be January 21, 2022. [Notification No. HQ-PUB012/4/2020-PUB-BIS (295)]

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BIS issues date of establishment and withdrawal for Indian standards relating to Electrotechnical Vocabulary

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 28, 2022 has issued the date of establishment and Withdrawal of certain Indian standards relating to Electrotechnical Vocabulary. The following was stated for the Date of establishment as January 21, 2022 namely: - • IS 1885 (Part 86) : 2022/IEC 60050-704 : 1993 • Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 86 Transmission • IS 1885 (Part 87) : 2022/IEC 60050-713 : 1998 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 87 Radio Communications : Transmitters, Receivers, Networks and Operation • IS 1885 (Part 88) : 2022/IEC 60050-725 : 1994 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 88 Space Radio Communications The following was stated for the Date of Withdrawal as February 20, 2022 namely: - • Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 65 Transmission • IS 1885 (Part 18) : 1967 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 18 General Terms on Radio- Communications IS 1885 (Part 19) : 1967 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 19 Radiocommunication Circuits • IS 1885 (Part 20) : 1967 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 20 Radiowave Propagation • IS 1885 (Part 22) : 1967 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 22 Equipments for Radiocommunications, Transmitting and Receiving • IS 1885 (Part 23) : 1967 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 23 Radio Telegraphy and Mobile Radio IS 1885 (Part 25) : 1967 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 25 Radiolocation and Radio-Navigation • IS 1885 (Part 66) : 1988 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 66 Space Radio Communication [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (296)]

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BIS makes amendment in certain Indian Standards

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 28, 2022 has issued a notification to specifies the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards. The Indian Standards is as followed: • IS 16484 : 2017, Liquid Off-Take Valve Fitting to Gas Cylinders or Tanks (Mobile or Static) for Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) ■ Specification • IS 16720 : 2018 Pulverized Fuel Ash-Cement Bricks ■ Specification The Date of establishment of the Indian standards shall be January 24, 2022 and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force is April 23, 2022. [Notification No. HQ-PUB014/2/2020-PUB-BIS (299)]

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BIS modifies certain Indian Standards

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 28, 2022 has issued the date of establishment and Date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force relating to Sanitary Napkins. The following was stated for the Date of establishment as January 21, 2022 and Date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force as April 20, 2022 respectively: - • IS 5405 : 2019 Sanitary Napkins ■ Specification (Second Revision) - Amendment No. 1 Jan 2022 • IS 17514 : 2021 Reusable Sanitary Pad/Sanitary Napkin/Period Panties ■ Specification - Amendment No. 1 Jan 2022 [Notification No. HQ-PUB014/1/2020-PUB-BIS (298)]

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BIS specifies date of withdrawal of certain Indian Standards

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 28, 2022 has issued a notification to specifies the date of withdrawal of certain Indian Standards. The Indian Standards and their respective dates of withdrawal are as followed: • IS 1885 (Part 11) : 1966 Electrotechnical Vocabulary Part 11 Electrical Measurements, January 12, 2022. • IS 1885 (Part 43): 1977 Electrotechnical Vocabulary, Part 43 Electrical Equipment used in Medical Practice, January 12, 2022. • IS 1885 (Part 49): 1978 Electrotechnical Vocabulary, Part 49 Industrial Process Measurement and Control January 12, 2022. • IS 7352: 1974, Specification for X-ray Lead - Rubber Protective Aprons, November 02, 2021 • IS 9395 : 1979 Specification for Bed, Intensive Care, October 14, 2021. • IS 11293 (Part 1) :1985 Guidelines for Design of Grout Curtains, Part 1 Earth and Rockfill Dams, June 29, 2021. • IS 11293 (Part 2) :1993 Guidelines for Design of Grout Curtains Part 2 Masonry and Concrete Gravity Dams June 29, 2021. • IS 14574: 1998/ ISO 4371:1984 , Measurement of Liquid flow in Open Channels by Weirs and Flumes- End Depth Method for Estimation of Flow in Non- Rectangular Channels with a Free Overall (Approximate Method), June 29, 2021. • IS 15466 : 2004, Rubber Seals for Hydraulic Gates ■ Specification, June 29, 2021. • IS/ISO/TR 16056-1:2004, Health Informatics - Interoperability of Telehealth Systems and Networks, Part 1 Introduction and Definitions, January 07, 2021. • IS/ISO/TR 16056-2:2004, Health Informatics - Interoperability of Telehealth Systems and Networks, Part 2 Real-Time Systems, January 07, 2021. [Notification No. HQ-PUB017/1/2020-PUB-BIS (301)]

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BIS amends IS relating to Sanitary Napkins

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BIS specifies the date of establishment for certain Indian Standards

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 28, 2022 has issued a notification to specifies the date of establishment of certain Indian Standards. The Indian Standards is as followed: • IS 17853 : 2022 Equipment for Manufacture of Fortified Rice Kernel – Specification • IS 17854 : 2022 Equipment for Manufacture of Fortified Rice – Specification The Establishment date of the above said Indian Standards shall be January 24, 2022. [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (297)]

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Central Motor Vehicles (First Amendment) Rules, 2022

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The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on January 27, 2022 has issued the Central Motor Vehicles (First Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The following amendments have been made: • In rule 125 C, which specifies Body building and approval, in sub-rule (1) the following proviso has been inserted, namely: "Provided further that the provisions of AIS-135 shall be applicable to Type III buses, as specified in AIS-052(Rev.1), which are manufactured on and after twelve months from the date of commencement of the Central Motor Vehicles (First Amendment) Rules, 2022." • In rule 125 C, which specifies Body building and approval, in sub-rule (2) the following proviso has been inserted, namely: "Provided that the provisions on fire protection in occupant compartment of AIS-135 shall be applicable to school buses, as specified in AIS-063, which are manufactured on and after twelve months from the date of commencement of the Central Motor Vehicles (First Amendment) Rules, 2022."; • In rule 125 C, which specifies Body building and approval, in sub-rule (7) the following serial no. 7A has been inserted, namely: "7A, which specifies Fire Alarm and Protection system in occupant compartment" [Notification No. G.S.R. 48(E)]

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BIS specifies date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 19, 2022 has issued a notification to provide the date of establishments and withdrawal for certain Indian standards. The Indian standards are as follows: • IS 919 (Part 1) : 2014/ISO 286-1 : 2010 Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) ■ ISO Code System for Tolerances on Linear Sizes, Part 1 Basis of Tolerances, Deviations and Fits (Third Revision) • IS 17269 : 2021 Identification, Labelling and Marking of Pashmina Products (First Revision) The date of establishment of the amendment is January 17, 2022 and the withdrawal date of the earlier standard shall be February 16, 2022. [Notification No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (293)]

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Ministry of Road Transport and Highways amends notification regarding standards to be used in the manufacture of a motor vehicle

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The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on January 27, 2022 has issued amendment to Notification S.O. 1365(E), dated the December 13, 2004 which specify “standards to be used by every manufacturer in the manufacture of a motor vehicle” The following has been stated namely: - • In S. No. 8 which specify “Wheel rims fitted in all motor vehicles” the following has been substituted namely: - “Date of Commencement/Validity – September 21, 2022” • In S. No. 6 which specify “Side door impact for all passenger cars.” The following has been substituted namely: - “Date of Commencement/Validity – September 21, 2022” [Notification No. S.O. 359 (E)]

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

Jan 28, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on January 27, 2022 has issued the Draft Central Motor Vehicles (.....Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The following amendments have been made: • In Rule 115B, which specifies, Mass emission standards for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or Bio-Compressed Natural Gas (Bio-CNG) or Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Driven Vehicles, in paragraph A, which specifies Original Equipment/Converted Gasoline Vehicles in sub-rule 2, in clause (a), sub-clause (5) has been inserted, namely: “(v) For the vehicles manufactured on and after the 1st day of April 2016, the type approval norms as applicable, subject to minimum of Bharat Stage-IV emission norms for two and three wheeler.” • In Rule 115B, which specifies, Mass emission standards for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or Bio-Compressed Natural Gas (Bio-CNG) or Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Driven Vehicles, in paragraph A, which specifies Original Equipment/Converted Gasoline Vehicles, in sub-rule III, has been inserted. • Rule 115B - Mass emission standards for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)

or Bio-Compressed Natural Gas (Bio-CNG) or Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Driven Vehicles, in paragraph B, which specifies O.E. CNG Vehicles/Converted Diesel Vehicle, sub rule III, has been inserted. • Rule 115B - Mass emission standards for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or Bio-Compressed Natural Gas (Bio-CNG) or Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Driven Vehicles, paragraph CA, which specifies CB. Replacement of In-use BS VI Diesel engine by new CNG engine for vehicle categories L,M&N with GVW less than 3.5T has been inserted. • In Rule 115C, which specifies Mass emission standards for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (hereinafter in this rule referred to as LPG) driven vehicles, sub-rule 3(a)(v) has been inserted, namely: “(v) For the vehicles manufactured on and after the 1st day of April 2016, the type approval norms as applicable subject to minimum of Bharat Stage-IV emission norms for two and three wheeler.” • In Rule 115C, which specifies Mass emission standards for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (hereinafter in this rule referred to as LPG) driven vehicles, sub-rule 5 has been inserted. • In Rule 115C, which specifies Mass emission standards for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (hereinafter in this rule referred to as LPG) driven vehicles, sub-rule (7A), which specifies Replacement of In-use BS VI Diesel engine by new LPG engine for vehicle categories L,M&N with GVW less than 3.5T has been inserted. 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; The objections or suggestions which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules before the expiry of the period aforesaid will be considered by the Central Government; Objections and suggestions to these draft rules, if any, may be sent to the Joint Secretary (MVL), email: comments-morth@gov.in, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001. [Notification No. G.S.R. 47(E)]

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BIS specifies the amendment date of a certain Indian Standard

Jan 27, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 25, 2022 has issued a notification to provide the amendment date of a certain Indian Standard. The following Indian Standard has been amended: • IS 2796 : 2017, Motor Gasoline — Specification (Sixth Revision) The date of establishment of the amendment shall be January 21, 2022 and Date till which the standard without the amendment shall be February 20, 2022. [Notification No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (294)]

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Ministry of Heavy Industries issues Guidelines of The Scheme on Enhancement of Competitiveness In The Indian Capital Goods Sector- Phase-II

Jan 27, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Heavy Industries on January 25, 2022 has issued Guidelines of The Scheme on “Enhancement of Competitiveness In The Indian Capital Goods Sector- Phase-II” For Assistance to Common Technology Development And Services Infrastructure. The following was stated namely: - • The scheme has following components namely: - 1. Identification of Technologies through Technology Innovation Portals 2. Setting up of four New Advanced Centres of Excellence and augmentation of Existing Centres of Excellence 3. Promotion of skilling in Capital Goods Sector– creation of Qualification packages for skill levels 6 and

above • Setting up of four Common Engineering Facility Centres (CEFCs) and augmentation of existing CEFCs - set up by BHEL, HMT, CMTI, ARAI, iCAT and IIT Madras under Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Capital Goods Sector. • General Conditions for implementation of scheme - All expenditure under the Scheme shall be made by PIOs in accordance with GFR 2017 and the Terms and Conditions of the MoU signed with MHI • Application and Approval Procedure - MHI will endeavour to plan, design and implement an online system to receive process, approve and monitor the proposals under the scheme • Intellectual Property Rights - The ownership of IPR generated during the development of the technology under the MHI CG scheme shall vest jointly in the PIO, Industry Partner and MHI [Notification No. 16/1/2017]

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Ministry of Commerce & Industry amends policy on export of Human Hair

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on January 25, 2022 has issued Amendment in Export Policy of Human Hair. This shall come into force on January 25, 2022. The following has been amended namely: - • Human Hair, unworked, whether or not washed or scoured; waste of human hair has been put under restricted category. [Notification No. 51/2015-2020]

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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution withdraws The Direct Selling Guidelines, 2016

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on January 21, 2022 has issued The withdrawal of Direct Selling Guidelines, 2016. The following was stated namely: - • The Direct Selling Guidelines which was published vide notification number GSR 1013(E) dated October 26, 2016 has been withdrawn. [Notification No. G.S.R. 37(E)]

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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued the enforcement date of surrogacy regulation from January 25, 2022

Jan 24, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on January 20, 2022 has issued the enforcement date of The Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021. The Central Government appoints January 25, 2022 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force. [Notification No. S.O 292(E)]

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TRAI has extended the last date to receive comments/ counter comments on TRAI Consultation Paper on ‘Promoting Local Manufacturing in the Television Broadcasting Sector’

Jan 21, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had invited comments / counter-comments of stakeholders on Consultation paper on “Promoting Local Manufacturing in the Television Broadcasting Sector” on dated December 22, 2021. The last date for receiving of written comments and counter-comments were fixed as January 19, 2022 and February 02, 2022 respectively. Keeping in view the request of Industry Associations and stakeholders for extension of time for submission of comments due to current pandemic situation, it has been decided to extend the last date for submission of written comments and counter-comments up to February 09, 2022 and February 23, 2022 respectively. No further requests for extension would be considered. The comments/counter-comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form at advbcs-2@traigov.in or jtadvbcs-3@traigov.in. For any clarification/ information, Shri Anil Kumar Bhardwaj Advisor (B&CS) may be contacted at Tel. No.: +91-11-23237922, or at email-id above. [Release No. 06/2022]

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TRAI has extended the last date to receive comments/counter comments on TRAI Consultation Paper on “Ease of Doing Business in Telecom and Broadcasting Sector”

Jan 21, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had released a Consultation Paper on “Ease of Doing Business in Telecom and Broadcasting Sector” on December 08, 2021. The last date for receiving written comments on the issues raised in the Consultation Paper from the stakeholders was initially fixed as January 05, 2022 and for counter comments as January 19, 2022. However, due to requests from stakeholders for extension of time for submission of comments, the last date for receiving written comments and counter comments was extended up to January 19, 2022 and February 02, 2022 respectively. Keeping in view the current pandemic situation of the country and requests received from Industry Associations and stakeholders for further extension of time for submission of comments, it has been decided to further extend the last date for submission of written comments and counter comments up to February 09, 2022 and February 23, 2022 respectively. No further requests for extension would be considered. The comments/counter comments may be sent to Shri Anil Kumar Bhardwaj, Advisor (B&CS), TRAI, preferably in electronic form at dyadvbcs-1@traigov.in. For any clarification/information, Advisor (B&CS) may be contacted at Telephone Number +91-11-23237922. [Release No. 05/2022]

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BIS issues date of establishment and withdrawal for specified Indian Standards

Jan 21, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) on January 19, 2022 has issued establishment and withdrawal date of certain Indian Standards. The Indian standards established on January 17, 2022 are namely: - • IS

1856:2021 Steel Wire Ropes for Haulage Purposes- Specification (Fourth Revision). • IS 9282:2021 Wire Ropes and Strands for Suspension Bridges- Specification (Second Revision). • IS 10086:2021 Moulds for Use in Tests of Cement, Concrete and Pozzolana –Specification (First Revision). • IS 12586:2021 Brazed Low Carbon Steel Gas Cylinder Not Exceeding 13 Litre Water Capacity –Specification (First Revision). The Indian Standards Withdrawn on April 16, 2022 are namely: - • IS 1856: 2005 Steel Wire Ropes for Haulage Purposes- Specification (Third Revision). • IS 9282:2002 Wire Ropes and Strands for Suspension Bridges- Specification (First Revision). • IS 10086: 1982 Specification for Moulds for Use in Tests of Cement and Concrete • IS 12586:2021 Brazed Low Carbon Steel Gas Cylinder Not Exceeding 13 Litre Water Capacity –Specification. [Notification No. HQ-PUB012/4/2020-PUB-BIS (288)]

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MSME extends date of validity of existing enterprises who are registered

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises on January 19, 2022 amended Notification No. S.O. 2119(E) dated June 26, 2020. The following was stated namely: - • Paragraph 7(3) which specify “Registration of existing enterprises” the following has been substituted namely: - “The existing enterprises registered prior to 30th June, 2020, shall continue to be valid only for a period up to the 31st day of March, 2022” [Notification No. S.O. 278(E)]

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

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Transport and Highways of January 14, 2022 has issued the Central Motor Vehicles (...Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The following amendment has been made: “(9B) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub rule (9) and (9A), for the purpose of this rule following definitions and provisos shall apply: Vehicles of category M1, manufactured after 01st October 2022, shall be fitted with two side/side torso air bags, one each for the persons occupying front row outboard seating positions and two side curtain/tube air bags, one each for the persons occupying outboard seating positions and the requirement for such airbags shall be verified with compliance to AIS-099, as amended from time to time, till the corresponding Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (11 of 2016). Explanation for the purpose of this sub-rule: i) The expression "Side/side torso air bag" means any inflatable occupant restraint device that is mounted to the seats or side structure of the vehicle interior, and that is designed to deploy in a side impact crash to help mitigate primarily torso injury and/or occupant ejection, for the persons occupying front row outboard seating positions. Provided that side/ side torso air bags can also deploy in other crash modes as determined by the vehicle manufacturer. ii) The expression "Side curtain/tube air bag" means any inflatable occupant restraint device that is mounted to the side structure of the vehicle interior, and that is designed to deploy in a side impact crash or rollover to help mitigate primarily head injury and/or occupant ejection for the persons occupying the outboard seating positions. Provided that side curtain/tube air bags can also deploy in other crash modes as determined by the manufacturer.”. 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 a period of thirty

days from the date on which the copies of this notification, as published in the Gazette of India, are made available to the public. Objections or suggestions, 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, on the email: commentsmorth@gov.in Any objections or suggestions which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules before the expiry of the period aforesaid will be considered by the Central Government; [Notification No. G.S.R. 16(E)]

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BIS issues date of withdrawal and Establishment for an Indian Standard

Jan 11, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on December 31, 2021 has issued a notification to provide the date of Establishment and Withdrawal for an Indian Standard. • The date of establishment of IS 8931: 2021, Copper Alloy Single Taps, Combination Tap Assemblies, Stop Valves and Single Lever Mixers for Water Services ■ Specification (Second Revision) is December 29, 2021. • The date of Withdrawal of IS 8931 : 1993 Copper Alloy Fancy Single Taps, Combination Tap Assembly and Stop Valves for Water Services ■ Specification (First Revision) is December 28, 2022. [Notification No. HQ-PUB012/1/2020-PUB-BIS (284)]

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BIS issues establishment and withdrawal date for Implants for Surgery

Jan 11, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on December 31, 2021 has issued notification to notify of the date of establishment and withdrawal for certain Indian standards. The Indian standards which are being Established on December 27, 2021 are as follows: • IS 17750 (Part 7) : 2021/ISO 14708-7 : 2019 Implants for Surgery ■ Active Implantable Medical Devices Part 7 Particular Requirements for Cochlear and Auditory Brainstem Implant Systems (First Revision) The Indian standards which are being withdrawn on December 26, 2022 are as follows: • IS /ISO 14708-7 : 2013 Implants for Surgery ■ Active Implantable Medical Devices Part 7 Particular Requirements for Cochlear Implant Systems [Notification No. Ref: HQ-PUB012/4/2020-PUB-BIS (283)]

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BIS issues date of establishment of amendment in certain Indian Standards

Jan 11, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on December 31, 2021 has issued notification to notify of the date of establishment of amendment and date till which the amendment shall remain in force for certain Indian standards respectively. The following amendments were established on December 30, 2021 and namely: • The Standards which shall remain in force without the amendment till March 29, 2022 are namely: - 1. IS 5149 : 2020 Specification for Maleic Anhydride, Technical (Second Revision) - Amendment No. 2 2. IS 5158 :

1987 Specification for Phthalic Anhydride, Technical (Second Revision) - Amendment No. 2 • The Standards which shall remain in force without the amendment till June 29, 2022 are namely: - 1. IS 6911 : 2017 Stainless Steel Plate Sheet and Strip ■ Specification (Second Revision) - Amendment No. 3 2. IS 14490 : 2018 Plain Copier Paper ■ Specification (First Revision) - Amendment No. 2 3. IS 16240 : 2015 Reverse Osmosis (RO) Based Point-of-Use (PoU) Water Treatment System ■ Specification Amendment No. 2 [Notification No. Ref: HQ-PUB014/1/2020-PUB-BIS (287)]

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BIS issues the date of Establishment and withdrawal for certain Indian Standards

Jan 11, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on December 31, 2021 has issued a notification to provide establishment and withdrawal date of certain Indian Standards. The Indian standards to be established on December 31, 2021 are as followed: • IS 17636 : 2021 Bunk Beds ■ Specification • IS 17637 : 2021 Performance Requirements of Surface Finishes for Furniture Applications • IS 17638 : 2021 Assessment of Surface Finish Resistance to Dry Heat ■ Method of Test • IS 17639 : 2021 Assessment of Surface Finish Resistance to Wet Heat ■ Method of Test • IS 17640 : 2021 Assessment of Surface Resistance to Cold Liquids ■ Method of Test • IS 17641 : 2021 Assessment of Surface Finish Resistance to Impact ■ Method of Test The Indian Standards to be withdrawn on January 30, 2022 are as followed: • IS 5807 (Part 1) : 1975 Method of Test for Clear Finishes for Wooden Furniture Part 1 Resistance to Dry Heat (First Revision) • IS 5807 (Part 2) : 1975 Method of Test for Clear Finishes for Wooden Furniture Part 2 Resistance to Wet Heat (First Revision) • IS 5807 (Part 4) : 1975 Method of Test for Clear Finishes for Wooden Furniture Part 4 Resistance to Marking by Liquids • IS 5807 (Part 6) : 1978 Method of Test for Clear Finishes for Wooden Furniture Part 6 Resistance to Mechanical Damage [Notification No. HQ-PUB012/1/2020-PUB-BIS (286)]

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BIS issues date of Establishment and withdrawal for an Indian Standard

Jan 11, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on December 31, 2021 has issued a notification to provide the date of Establishment and Withdrawal for an Indian Standard. • The date of establishment of IS 745: 2021 Textiles ■ Handloom Cotton Bed Sheets ■ Specification (Fourth Revision) is December 30, 2021. • The date of Withdrawal of IS 745: 2003 Textiles ■ Handloom Cotton Bed Sheets ■ Specification (Third Revision) is June 29, 2022. [Notification No. HQ-PUB012/1/2020-PUB-BIS (282)]

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BIS issues establishment and withdrawal date for Vitreous China Sanitary Appliances and Plastic Equilibrium Float Valves

Jan 11, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on December 31, 2021 has issued notification to notify of the date of establishment and withdrawal for certain Indian standards. The Indian standards which are being Established on December 30, 2021 are as follows: • IS 2556 (Part 6) : 2021 Vitreous China Sanitary Appliances ■ Specification Part 6 Specific Requirements of Urinals and Partition Plates (Fifth Revision) • IS 12234 : 2021 Plastic Equilibrium Float Valves for Cold Water Services ■ Specification (First Revision) The Indian standards which are being withdrawn on June 29, 2022 are as follows: • IS 2556 (Part 6) : 1995 Vitreous Sanitary Appliances (Vitreous China) Part 6 Specific Requirements of Urinals and Partition Plates (Fourth Revision) • IS 12234 : 1988 Specification for Plastic Equilibrium Float Valves for Cold Water Services [Notification No. Ref: HQ-PUB012/4/2020-PUB-BIS (283)]

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Acrylonitrile- Butadiene Styrene (ABS) (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2022

Jan 10, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on January 07, 2022 has issued the Acrylonitrile- Butadiene Styrene (ABS) (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2022 to amend the Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) (Quality Control) Order, 2021. The following amendment has been made: • In para 4, the table which specifies the name of goods or articles, Indian Standard and the Title of the Indian Standard has been amended. [Notification No. S.O.88(E)]

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Polyurethanes (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2022

Jan 10, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on January 07, 2022 has issued the Polyurethanes (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2022 to amend the Polyurethanes (Quality Control) Order, 2021. The following amendment has been made: • In para 4, the table which specifies the name of goods or articles, Indian Standard and the Title of the Indian Standard has been amended. [Notification No. S.O.89(E)]

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Draft Guidelines for Type Tests validity of Electro-Mechanical Equipment and Draft Guidelines for Model Quality Assurance Plan (MQAP) for major Electro-Mechanical Equipment in Thermal Power Sector

Jan 06, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Ministry of Power on January 04, 2022 has issued the Draft Guidelines for Type Tests validity of Electro-Mechanical Equipment and Draft Guidelines for Model Quality Assurance Plan (MQAP) for major Electro-Mechanical Equipment in Thermal Power Sector. • A Committee on Standardization of Testing Protocols for Electro-Mechanical Equipment in Power Sector under the Chairmanship of Member (GO&D and Hydro), CEA was constituted in November 2021. In the meetings of the Committee, following decisions were

taken: (i) CEA Guideline for Type Testing protocols for major Electro-Mechanical Equipment covering all segments of Power Sector (i.e. Thermal, Hydro, RE, Transmission and Distribution), shall be made part of the CEA regulations to make it enforceable. (ii) Model QAP (Quality Assurance Plan) for major Electro-Mechanical Equipment for all segments/ sub-sectors of Power Sector shall also be framed and made part of the CEA Regulations on “Technical Standards for Construction of Electric Plants and Electric Lines” to make them enforceable. (iii) Five (5) Sub-Groups were constituted to identify the major Electro-Mechanical Equipment in respective sub-sectors of Power Sector, and prepare the Type Testing Protocols and Model QAPs for same and also prepare draft CEA Guidelines on Type Testing protocols/ QAPs for legally enforceable by making it as a part of the CEA’s Regulation on “Technical Standards for Construction of Electric Plants and Electric Lines”, for which the amendment/ repeal process for said 2010 Regulations is currently underway. • In view of point no. (iii) above, a sub-group was constituted comprising of representative from NTPC, MAHAGENCO and Tata Power for thermal sub-sector of power sector and the above documents i.e. i) Draft Guidelines for Type Tests validity of Electro-Mechanical Equipment and ii) Draft Guidelines for Model QAP (Quality Assurance Plan) for major Electro-Mechanical Equipment for Thermal Power Projects have been prepared and are attached herewith for wider circulation for your valuable comments/ suggestions. The documents are also available on CEA website at following links: (i) https://cea.nic.in/wpcontent/uploads/te____td/2022/01/DRAFT_GUIDELINES_FOR_THE_VALIDITY_PERIOD_OF__TYPE_TESTS_CONDUCTED_ON_MAJOR_ELECTRICAL__MECHANICAL_EQUIPMENT_IN_THERMAL_POWER_SECTOR-1.pdf (ii) https://cea.nic.in/wpcontent/uploads/te____td/2022/01/DRAFT_GUIDELINES_FOR_MODEL_QUALITY_ASSURANCE_ • All stakeholders are requested to send their comments/ suggestions latest by 18th February, 2022 on email cetdtd-cea@gov.in and okshukla@nic.in. [File No.CEA-TH-17/1/2021]

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Circulation of Draft Guidelines for Model QAPS for major Electrical & Mechanical (E&M) equipment in Hydro Power Sector

Jan 06, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Commercial](#)

The Ministry of Power on December 29, 2021 has issued the Draft Guidelines for Model QAPS for major Electrical & Mechanical (E&M) equipment in Hydro Power Sector. A Committee for Standardization of Test Protocols for E&M equipment in Power Sector was constituted under the Chair of Member (GO&D and Hydro), CEA vide CEA OM dated 01/11/2021. Further, the Draft Guidelines for Model Quality Assurance Plan (MQAP) for major Electrical & Mechanical equipment in Hydro Power Sector was prepared by the Hydro Sub-Group (copy enclosed) consisting of representatives from a Central PSU (NHPC Ltd.), State PSU (UJVN Ltd.) and Private Sector Utility (M/s Greenko). Quality Assurance aims to keep the quality of a product/ equipment above a specified level and ensures that the product not only meets all customer requirements but also meets the suppliers’ objectives and targets. Further, following a good Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) reduces the chance of costly mistakes and mitigates risk. This is specially required for Power Sector for ensuring quality, reliable and economic power supply as it serves billions of people on a daily basis besides serving commercial and industrial sectors in their contribution to economic growth of country. To achieve this, manufacturers and utilities rely on QAP. However, it has often been observed that there is variance in QAPs being followed by different manufacturers, utilities, etc. suiting their requirements. All the Stakeholders are requested to send their comments/suggestions/inputs on the aforementioned Guidelines to Chief Engineer (HE&TD) Office through email (hetdcea@nic.in) within 45 days from the date of publication for their consideration and finalization of these Guidelines by CEA. [File No. 10/3/HE&TD/2022]

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PESO instructs on Installation of telemetry devices on Liquid Medical Oxygen storage vessels

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Commercial

The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) on December 31, 2021 has issued instructions on Installation of telemetry devices on Liquid Medical Oxygen storage vessels. The installation of telemetry devices will help the management of hospital to take timely decision about indenting LMO and also help LMO supplier to prioritize the supply of LMO among their customers i.e. hospitals and refillers which in turn will reduce the turnaround time of LMO transport tankers. This will also help Oxygen monitoring control rooms to have direct access to the oxygen storage levels of all LMO storage vessels in the country during the crisis times. ALL LS-1A licensees (hospitals/refillers/LMO manufacturers) who have been granted licenses for storage of LMO in bulk by PESO are instructed to install the telemetry devices on LMO storage vessels at the earliest and report in this regard incorporating the license number, telemetry device number, location of installation (including name of the State & District) shall be submitted to PESO on or before January 15, 2022 through email on email id: ndgawade@explosives.gov.in and asonbarse@explosives.gov.in. [Circular NO. G.40(Misc) R.min]

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SEBI {KYC (Know Your Client) Registration Agency} (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Jan 31, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 28, 2022 has issued Securities and Exchange Board of India {KYC (Know Your Client) Registration Agency} (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India {KYC (Know Your Client) Registration Agency} Regulations, 2011. This has come into force from January 28, 2022. The following amendments have been made namely: -

- In Regulation 2 which specify “Definitions” the following new sub-regulation (da) has been inserted namely: - ““change in control”, in relation to a KRA, means: ■ if its shares are listed on any recognised stock exchange, change in control within the meaning of regulations framed under clause (h) of sub-section (2) of section 11 of the Act.”
- In regulation 7 which specify “Grant of certificate of registration” the following sub-regulation (5) has been inserted namely: - “Where the KRA proposes change in control, it shall obtain prior approval of the Board for continuing to act as such after the change.”
- In regulation 15 which specify “Functions and obligations of the KRA” the following sub-regulation (da) has been inserted namely: - “KRA shall carry out an independent validation of the KYC records uploaded onto its system by the intermediary in such a manner as specified by the Board from time to time” [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/72]

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DoT issues Guidelines for Grant of UL (VNO)

Jan 31, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The on January 17, 2022 has issued Guidelines for Grant of Unified License (Virtual Network Operators). The following was stated namely: -

- The applicant must be an Indian company, registered under the Companies Act, 2013 (or a partnership firm or an organized registered under Shop and Establishment Act or a legal person for Access Services Category B)
- One Applicant can have only one Unified License(VNO). The applicant can apply for authorization for more than one service and service area subject to fulfillment of all the conditions of entry simultaneously or separately at different time. The tenure of such authorization will run concurrently with the Unified License (VNO).
- A one-time non-refundable Entry Fee for authorization of each Service and service area shall be payable before signing of license agreement and thereafter for each additional authorization.
- If at any time, any averments made or information furnished for obtaining the license is found incorrect, the application and the license if granted thereto on the basis of such application, may invite penalties and/or cancellation as may be deemed fit by the Licensor. [Notification No. 20-577/2016 AS-I (Vol.-III)]

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SEBI issues Change in control of the asset management company involving scheme of arrangement

Jan 31, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 31, 2022 has issued notification regarding Change in control of the asset management company involving scheme of arrangement under Companies Act, 2013. To streamline the process of providing approval to the proposed change in control of an AMC involving scheme of arrangement the following has been decided namely: -

- The application seeking approval for the proposed change in control of the AMC under Regulation 22(e) of MF Regulations shall be filed with SEBI prior to filing the application with the NCLT
- Upon being satisfied with compliance of the applicable regulatory requirements, an in-principle approval will be granted by SEBI
- The validity of such in-principle approval shall be three months from the date of issuance, within which the relevant application shall be made to NCLT
- Within 15 days from the date of order of NCLT, applicant shall submit specified documents to SEBI for final approval. The provisions shall be applicable to all the applications for change in control of AMC for which the scheme(s) of arrangement are filed with NCLT on or after March 1, 2022.

[Notification No. SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-I DOF5/P/CIR/2022/10]

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International Financial Services Centres Authority (Insurance Intermediary) Regulations, 2021

Jan 28, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on January 28, 2022 has issued the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Insurance Intermediary) Regulations, 2021 which aim to put in place the process of registration and operations of insurance intermediaries in an International Financial Services Centre under the regulatory purview of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019. The foremost provisions of the regulations are as follows:

- Procedure for issuance of Certificate – (1) The Authority on being satisfied that the applicant fulfils the conditions as specified under Regulation 5(3), shall first issue an in-principle approval to the applicant for compliance with requirements viz, minimum capital infusion, training requirements of branch head, professional indemnity policy and such other requirements as may be deemed necessary by Authority for issuance of Certificate. (2) The Authority on being satisfied with the compliance under sub-regulation (1) and also the compliance required to be fulfilled under the provisions of the Act, Rules, regulations, circulars and guidelines may issue a Certificate in the form specified in SCHEDULE-V of these Regulations stating thereof category for which registration is granted. (3) The certificate granted under sub-regulation (2) shall be valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of its issuance unless it is revoked or cancelled by the Authority; (4) If, after considering the application, the Authority is of the opinion that registration cannot be granted, it shall communicate the deficiencies to the applicant giving it thirty (30) days' time to rectify them. (5) If the applicant fails to rectify such deficiencies to the satisfaction of the Authority within the specified time, the Authority may refuse to grant registration and shall communicate the same to the applicant, giving reasons for such refusal. Provided that no such refusal shall be made by the Authority without giving the applicant an opportunity to make

written submissions on the grounds on which the registration is proposed to be refused.

- **Renewal of Certificate** - (1) The application for renewal of certificate along with renewal fee as specified by the Authority shall be submitted by the IIIO in the form specified in SCHEDULE-VI of these Regulations at least ninety (90) days before the expiry of the certificate. Provided that the IIIO shall pay applicable additional fee by way of penalty, if the renewal application does not reach the Authority thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the registration ceases to remain in force, but reaches before the date on which such registration expires; Provided further that an application for renewal of registration under this regulation may be considered if the application is filed within a period of sixty (60) days from the date on which the registration ceases to remain in force along with the applicable additional fee by way of penalty, and the Authority is satisfied with the reasons for delay and have condoned the same. Provided also that a renewal application received after sixty (60) days from the date on which the registration ceases to remain in force will be considered only after a lapse of twelve (12) months from the date of submission of the late application. However, during the interregnum, the certificate of the IIIO shall cease to exist and it shall not solicit any new business, except servicing the existing policies till the expiry of the contract. (2) The provisions of Regulations 6 and 7 as applicable to the grant of registration shall also apply to an application for renewal of registration of an IIIO. (3) An IIIO whose certificate is expired and is pending for renewal, shall not engage in any fresh insurance business except for servicing the existing policyholders till the renewal of registration. (4) The Branch Head / Principal officer and/or Broker Qualified Persons or a Specified Person of an IIIO before seeking a renewal of certificate shall have completed the requisite training as may be specified by the Authority. (5) During processing of the application for renewal of certificate, the Authority may call for additional information /documents from the IIIO and it shall be the duty of the applicant to submit the required information/documents to the Authority within the specified time. (6) The Authority shall, on being satisfied that the applicant fulfils all the conditions for renewal of the certificate, renew the certificate as per format specified in SCHEDULE-V of these regulations for a further period of three (3) years. (7) In case the certificate is cancelled or surrendered or whose renewal is rejected by the Authority, the applicant may file a fresh application for registration only after one (1) year from the date when such cancellation/surrender/refusal of renewal has become effective.
- **General obligations of an IIIO** - (1) The IIIO shall have the word 'Insurance Broker' / 'Insurance Brokers' / 'Insurance Broking' / 'Third Party Administrator' / 'Surveyor or Loss Assessor' in their name to reflect their line of activity and to enable the public to differentiate the insurance intermediary registered with the Authority from other non-registered insurance related entities. Provided that the above requirement shall not be applicable for foreign insurance intermediary who is desirous of setting up its branch office in the IFSC. Foreign insurance intermediary may continue its name as approved by its home country regulatory or supervisory Authority. (2) Every IIIO shall display: (i) certificate issued by the Authority at a prominent place in its office; (ii) its name registered with the Authority, address of the Registered and Corporate Office, registration number, granted by the Authority the category for which it is registered, validity period of the registration, in all its correspondences with all stakeholders. (3) An IIIO shall not use any other name in its correspondence/ literature/ letter heads without the prior approval of the Authority. (4) An IIIO shall commence business, for which it has been registered, within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of grant of certificate by the Authority; Provided that if an IIIO is not able to commence business within the specified period, it can, before the time expiry of the time, but at least thirty (30) days in advance, make an application, for an extension of time to the Chairperson of the Authority. (5) On receipt of the application, the Chairperson of the Authority, shall examine it and communicate the decision there on, in writing. (6) No extension of time shall be granted by the Chairperson of the Authority beyond eighteen (18) months from the date of grant of certificate under these regulations.
- **Power to specify procedures and issue clarification:** For the purpose of implementation of these regulations and matter incidental thereto, or in order to facilitate and regulate financial services related to insurance and reinsurance business activities in an IFSC, the Authority may specify norms, procedures, processes,

manners or provide relaxations, by way of guidelines or circulars in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

• Action in case of Default - (1) If pursuant to an inspection or investigation or otherwise, the Authority is of the opinion that the operations of an IIIO are not being conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act, rules or regulations or circulars and guidelines issued thereunder or its activities are not in the interests of the International Financial Services Centres, the Authority may take appropriate disciplinary action against it including but not limited to suspension or cancellation of certificate after giving an opportunity to the IIIO, of making its submissions. (2) Without prejudice to the above, the Authority may take any other action as it deems fit, under the Act. • Surrender of Certificate: An Applicant shall be allowed to close its IIIO and surrender its certificate only with the prior approval of the Authority.

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DoT amends voice mail/audiotex/UMS License Agreement for change in time period of storage of CDR/EDR/IPDR

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The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 21, 2022 has issued Amendment in Voice Mail/Audiotex/UMS License Agreement for change in time period of storage of Call Detail Record (CDR)/Exchange Detail Record (EDR)/ IP Detail Record (IPDR). The following was amended namely: - • Clause 27.4 which specify "Storing of information for at least one year period" has been substituted namely: - "The information shall be stored for at least two year period." • Clause 27.5 which specify "Maintaining log details" has been substituted namely: - "The Licensee shall maintain all commercial records/Call Detail Record/Exchange Detail Record/ IP Detail Record with regard to the communications exchanged on the network. Such records shall be archived for at least two years for scrutiny by the Licensor for security reasons and may be destroyed thereafter unless directed otherwise by the Licensor. Licensor may issue directions/instructions from time to time with respect to commercial records/CDR/IPDR/EDR. [Notification No. No.-311-Misc/2017-CS-I]

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DOT amends certain clause the PMRTS license agreement

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The Department of Telecommunications (DOT) on January 27, 2022 has made amendment in certain clause of the Public Mobile Radio Trunk service (PMRTS) license agreement under condition 4.1 of the schedule which empowers the licensor to modify the terms and conditions of the license agreement if it necessary to do so in public interest. The following amendment has been made: • PART-VI, which specifies SECURITY CONDITIONS, clause 37.16 has been amended, namely: 37.16 The Licensee shall maintain all commercial records/ Call Detail Record (CDR)/ Exchange Detail Record (EDR)/ IP Detail Record (IPDR) with regard to the communications exchanged on the network. Such records shall be archived for at least two years for scrutiny by the Licensor for security reasons and may be destroyed thereafter unless directed otherwise by the Licensor. Licensor may issue directions /instructions from time to time with respect to commercial records/ CDR/IPDR/ EDR. [Notification No.-311-Misc/2017-CS-I]

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FSSAI issues SOP on Regulatory Action against Malpractices in Disposal of UCO

Jan 28, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on January 27, 2022 has issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Regulatory Action against Malpractices in Disposal of Used Cooking Oil (UCO). The following has been stated namely: - • It is essential to ensure that the UCO collected by the FSSAI enrolled biodiesel plants, manufacturers of soap, lubricant, etc. is utilized only for preparation of the intended product and not re-directed to food supply chain. • In case any malpractice is observed then suitable regulatory action must be taken against them by FSSAI regulatory officials. Similar action has to be taken against FBOs not disposing UCO as per instructions. • SOP on regulatory action against malpractices in disposal of Used Cooking Oil (UCO) states the following namely: 1. Relevant regulatory Provisions relating to UCO 2. Regulatory Officials should take enforcement and surveillance activities as prescribed. [Notification No. 18/1/2021-FSSAI]

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MHI issues guidelines of the scheme for enhancement of competitiveness in the Indian capital goods sector- phase-II

Jan 28, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Heavy Industry (MHI) on January 25, 2022 has issued the guidelines of the scheme for enhancement of competitiveness in the Indian capital goods sector- phase-II for assistance to common technology development and services infrastructure to expand and enlarge the impact created by Phase I pilot scheme, thereby providing greater impetus through creation of a strong and globally competitive capital goods sector that contributes at least 25% to the manufacturing sector. The scope of this scheme is aimed at: (i) strong and globally competitive capital goods sector manufacturing sector and to increase the ability of the capital goods sector to meet the domestic demand and to make India a net exporter of capital goods. (ii) Creating a self-sustaining eco system for research and innovation for manufacturing technologies through the use of Technology Innovation Portals. (iii) Enhancing the skills of the existing manpower and to expand the availability of highly skilled manpower for the sector particularly in niche skills like robotic welding, precision machining, metallurgy, metrology, computer aided designing of machine parts, thermal analysis, sound and since vibration Creating a that contributes at least 25% to the engineering, designing of high precision tools and their manufacturing etc. (iv) Providing infrastructure for testing quality of processes / products developed and manufactured to ensure that they comply with international mandatory standards. Regular testing and certification shall facilitate improvement in quality of capital goods and make them globally competitive. (v) Creation of common engineering infrastructure for designing and manufacturing for the benefit of MSMEs and other industries of the Capital Goods Sector which are unable to access the latest high technology machines required for manufacturing and which will also encourage development of supply chains to develop quality products of international standards besides boosting industrial production. (vi) Promotion of smart manufacturing and to facilitate adoption of relevant, robust and affordable technologies for Industry 4.0 in the Capital Goods sector in order to improve efficiency and productivity. (vii) Promotion of progressive indigenization of technologies for capital goods, by engaging local industry, as an active partner in innovation and development of new products, in partnership with premier institutions, in the forefront of industrial innovations, through creation of Industry Accelerators. • General Conditions for implementation of

scheme: a. All expenditure under the Scheme shall be made by PIOs in accordance with GFR 2017 and the Terms and Conditions of the MoU signed with MHI. b. The PIO shall not dispose of or lease out or create any charge over the assets created by utilizing the assistance provided under this scheme, without written permission from the MHI. c. The PIO shall not change the form or the basic objectives/ outputs/ outcomes of the approved proposal, without prior approval of MHI. The objectives/ output/ outcomes of the assisted project indicating its objects shall not be amended without recommendation of PRMC and further written permission of MHI. The financial assistance provided under this scheme would be of non-recurring and capital nature. Funds may not be used directly to pay salaries and allowances etc. for the institute's faculty, staff or administrators. However, services may be charged to the Centres. d. All PIOs shall open a new saving bank account in a public sector bank for the receipt of financial assistance from MHI. e. The accounts of the PIO shall be audited every year and the PIO shall be required to submit annual financial statements to MHI, at the end of each financial year. f. The PIO shall be required to maintain a fixed assets register of equipment/assets procured by utilizing grant funds for verification by MHI at any time. In case of failure to utilize the sanctioned funds within time or its misuse, misappropriation or diversion or violation of any one or more of the conditions mentioned above, the Government will be entitled to recover the entire assistance amount with interest, in addition to taking such other legal action, as necessary as per GFR/Govt. orders. g. Central Government may also prescribe such other conditions, as necessary, before sanction/release of assistance. [Notification No. 16/1/2017-HE & MT]

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Telecommunication Tariff (Sixty Sixth Amendment) Order

Jan 28, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on January 27, 2022 has issued The Telecommunication Tariff (Sixty Sixth Amendment) Order, 2022 to further amend The Telecommunication Tariff Order, 1999. This shall come into force on 60 days from January 27, 2022. The following was amended namely: - • Clause 6 which specify "Flexibility and Packages" the following sub-clauses has been inserted namely: - 1. "(xi) Every Telecom Service Provider shall offer at least one Plan Voucher, one Special Tariff Voucher and one Combo Voucher having a validity of thirty days." 2. "(xii) Every Telecom Service Provider shall offer at least one Plan Voucher, one Special Tariff Voucher and one Combo Voucher which shall be renewable on the same date of every month" [Notification No. C-3/7/(5)/2021-FEA-1]

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DGFT specifies Procedures for application for Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) under FTA/CECA for FY2022-23

Jan 28, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 27, 2022 has issued the Procedures for application for Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) under FTA/CECA for FY2022-23 and stated that all such applications are to be submitted online using the "e-Tariff Rate Quota" system. The last date for e-TRQ applications for FY2022-23 is February 28, 2022. NOTE: TRQ applications should not be submitted as 'Licence for Restricted Imports. The applicant may navigate to the DGFT Website to apply online as follows-- DGFT Website (<https://dgft.gov.in>) --> Services --> Import Management System --> Apply for TRQ For guidance on these e-

processes, the Help manual & FAQs may be accessed on the DGFT Website -- > Learn -- > 'Application Help & FAQs'. For any further assistance you may utilize any of the following channels [Trade Notice No. 33/2021-2022]

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Ministry of MSME extends the validity of Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM)

Jan 28, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises on January 19, 2022 has issued a notification to extend the validity of Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM) by amending an older notification that is Notification No. S.O. 2119 (E), dated June 26, 2020. The following amendment has been made: • In paragraph 7, of the said notification which specifies Registration of existing enterprises, sub-para (3) has been amended, namely: "The existing enterprises registered prior to 30th June, 2020, shall continue to be valid only for a period up to the 31st day of March, 2022 ." *This extends the validity of the UAM by one year. [Notification No S.O. 278(E)]

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Ministry of textiles extends the timeline for submission of applications under the PLI scheme of textiles

Jan 28, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Textiles on January 27, 2022 has issued a notice to extend the date submission of applications under the Product Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme of textiles. Earlier the last date of accepting application was January 31, 2022, now the date has been extended to February 14, 2022 for the same. The eligible applicants may apply through online only. The link is <https://pli.texmin.gov.in/mainapp/Default>. Detailed guidelines of the Scheme are available at [https://pli.texmin.gov.in/Guidelines/Approved Guidelines for PLI scheme for Textiles.pdf](https://pli.texmin.gov.in/Guidelines/Approved%20Guidelines%20for%20PLI%20scheme%20for%20Textiles.pdf). [File No. 12015/03/2020-IT]

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Certification Scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Jan 27, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Civil Aviation on January 26, 2022 has issued the Certification Scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems. This version of the Scheme covers the certification of UAS for the following scenarios: i. Flying in visual line of sight ii. Flying in day and night iii. Flying below 400 feet • Governing structures Scope: This document explains the governing structure of the Certification Scheme for UAS (also referred to as 'the Scheme') and the roles and responsibilities of various organizations and committees involved in operating the Scheme. Objectives: The objective of this document is to clearly define the roles of various organizations / committees involved in the operation of the Scheme. • Certification Criteria o Objective : The objective of this document / certification criteria is to provide the minimum requirements for airworthiness (safety and security

requirements) of the UAS and enable the evaluation of UAS for certification under this Scheme. o Scope This Certification Criteria is applicable to UAS being manufactured by indigenous manufacturers and importers of UAS in India. For the purpose of ease, indigenous manufacturers, importers and assemblers of UAS are being termed as manufacturer under this UAS Certification Scheme. This Scheme is applicable to Civil Unmanned Aircraft Systems. The current Drone Rules 2021 cover all scenarios of drone operations including flying in visual line of sight, flying beyond the visual line of sight, day operations, night operations, flying below and above 400 feet, flying in segregated airspace and flying alongside the manned aircraft. This version of the Scheme covers the certification of UAS for the following scenarios: Flying in visual line of sight Flying in day and night Flying below 400 feet [Notification No. S.O. 347(E)]

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DoT amends ILD License for change in time period of storage of CDR/EDR/IPDR

Jan 27, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 25, 2022 has issued amendment to the ILD License (Other than UL) for change in time period of storage of Call Detail Record (CDR)/ Exchange Detail Record (EDR)/IP Detail Record (IPDR). The following amendments has been made namely: - • Clause 23 which specify “Security Conditions” has been substituted namely: - “The Licensee shall maintain all commercial records/Call Detail Record (CDR)/ Exchange Detail Record (EDR)/ IP Detail Record (IPDR) with regard to the communications exchanged on the network. Such records shall be archived for at least two years for scrutiny by the Licensor for security reasons and may be destroyed thereafter unless directed otherwise by the Licensor. Licensor may issue directions/instructions from time to time with respect to commercial records/ CDR/IPDR/EDR.” [Notification No. 10-54/2010-CS-III (Vol. II)]

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Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) First Amendment Regulations, 2022

Jan 27, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on January 25, 2022 has issued the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) First Amendment Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018. This has come into force on January 25, 2022. The following has been amended namely: - • Regulation 4(4)(a) which specify “Specific Requirements for Primary food packaging” the following proviso has been inserted namely: - “Provided further that food grade packaging materials as specified in regulation 4(1) to (3), which may or may not contain plastic as component compatible with the water to be packaged may also be used. In such cases requirements of transparency would not apply” [Notification No. Std/SP-08/A-1.2019/N-01]

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DGFT further extends the date for mandatory filing of non-preferential certificate of Origin through Digital platform

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 24, 2022 has issued a notice to further extend the date for mandatory filing of non-preferential certificate of Origin through Digital platform. DGFT states that the transition period for mandatory filing of applications for Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin through the e-CoO Platform has been extended till March 31, 2022. The existing systems for submitting and processing non-preferential CoO applications in manual/ paper mode is permitted for the stated time period and the electronic system is not being made mandatory. It is informed that feedbacks and suggestions for further ease of operations, received from exporters and issuing agencies are duly being taken into consideration. Various enhancements rolled out or proposed to be rolled out are – i. Bulk upload of line items from file (to save efforts on keying-in each item) ii. Creation of duplicate/cloned application from an existing application (to save efforts on repetitive entries) iii. E-Wallet facility for bulk payments of user charges (to avoid payment gateway interaction in each CoO submission) iv. Aadhaar e-sign facility for authentication(in-lieu of Digital Signature Certificates) Exporters and Issuing Agencies already onboarded are advised to make maximum use of the e-CoO platform for process familiarisation and ease of operations. Agencies as notified under Appendix-2E are required to ensure they are onboarded before March 31, 2022, failing which the agencies shall be de-notified. The concerned agencies may reach out over email to [ddg2egov-dgft\[at\]gov\[dot\]in](mailto:ddg2egov-dgft[at]gov[dot]in) for any guidance or clarifications in regard to the on-boarding process. Any other technical/procedural issues may be brought to the attention of the CoO Helpdesk within the time prescribed. For guidance on Exporter registration and application submission process, the Help Manual & FAQs may be accessed on the e-CoO Platform landing page(<https://coo.dgft.gov.in>) [Trade Notice No. 32/2021-22]

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SEBI issues circular regarding Issuance of Securities in dematerialized form in case of Investor Service Requests

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 25, 2022 has issued circular regarding Issuance of Securities in dematerialized form in case of Investor Service Requests. This shall come into force on January 25, 2022. The following was stated namely: - • Listed companies shall henceforth issue the securities in dematerialized form only. • The securities holder/claimant shall submit duly filled up Form ISR-4. the RTA/Issuer Companies shall obtain the original securities certificate(s) for processing of service requests. • The RTA/Issuer Companies shall verify and process the service requests and thereafter issue a 'Letter of confirmation' in lieu of physical securities certificate(s), to the securities holder/claimant within 30 days. • The 'Letter of Confirmation' shall be valid for a period of 120 days from the date of its issuance. • The RTA/Issuer Companies shall issue a reminder after the end of 45 days and 90 days from the date of issuance of Letter of Confirmation, informing the securities holder/claimant to submit the demat request. • In case the securities holder/claimant fails to submit the demat request within the aforesaid period, RTA/Issuer Companies shall credit the securities to the Suspense Escrow Demat Account of the Company. [Notification No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD_RTAMB/P/CIR/2022/8]

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DoT amends INSAT-MSS reporting services licence agreement

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 24, 2022 has amended the INSAT-MSSR by the Condition 5, Part-1 of License Agreement for provision of INSAT-MSS Reporting Services which provides the Licensor right to modify at any time the License, if in the opinion of the Licensor it is necessary or expedient to do so in public interest or in the interest of the security of the State or for the proper conduct of telegraphs. The following amendment has been made: • In schedule II, clause 32, which specifies Security Conditions, sub-clause 32.16, has been substituted, namely: “32.16 The LICENSEE shall maintain all commercial records/ Call Detail Record (CDR)/Exchange Detail Record (EDR)/ IP Detail Record (IPDR) with regard to the communications exchanged on the network. Such records shall be archived for at least two years for scrutiny by the Licensor for security reasons and may be destroyed thereafter unless directed otherwise by the Licensor. Licensor may issue directions/ instructions from time to time with respect to commercial records/CDR/IPDR/EDR.” [File No. 815-66/2021-SAT/1]

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DoT amends License Agreement for provision of VSAT service using INSAT system for change in time period of storage of CDR/EDR/IPDR

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunication (DoT) on January 24, 2022 has issued Amendment in License Agreement for provision of VSAT service using INSAT system for change in time period of storage of Call Detail Record (CDR)/Exchange Detail Record (EDR)/IP Detail Record (IPDR). The following was amended namely: - • Clause 23 which states “Security Condition” has been substituted namely: - “The Licensee shall maintain all commercial records/Call Detail Record (CDR)/Exchange Detail Record (EDR)/ IP Detail Record (IPDR) with regard to the communications exchanged on the network. Such records shall be archived for at least two years for scrutiny by the licensor for security reasons and may be destroyed thereafter unless directed otherwise by the Licensor.” [Notification No. 815-66/2021-SAT]

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DoT notifies on illegal facilitation / sale of wireless jammers on online platforms

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 24, 2022 has notified on illegal facilitation and sale of wireless jammers which are capable of disrupting the authorised telecom & other wireless networks. The sale and use of wireless jammers is illegal. Therefore, its facilitation/ sale by the on-line platforms as well as any other off-line dealer/ seller for general consumption shall be viewed as an illegal activity. Jammers may be allowed only under exceptional circumstances only when authorised by Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat as per the Guidelines issued in this regard (available on <https://cabsec.gov.in/others/jammerpolicy/>). The sale and use of any wireless device/ equipment without the authorisation/ license under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (ITA, 1885) and/ or Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 (IWTA, 1933), unless exempted by rules, is illegal. All e-commerce portals and offline dealers are

hereby advised against sale & purchase of any kind of wireless devices/ equipments without ensuring proper compliance to provisions of ITA, 1885 & IWTA, 1933; failing which legal action under these acts, Information Technology Act, 2000 & any other security guidelines/ provisions, shall be initiated. [File No. R-11018/08/2021-PP]

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SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 24, 2022 has Issued Securities and Exchange Board of India (Alternative Investment Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012. This shall come into force on January 24, 2022. The following has been amended namely: - • Clause 19I which specify "Definitions" has been inserted namely: - "For the purposes of this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined herein shall bear the meanings assigned to them below and their cognate expressions and variations shall be construed accordingly - "resolution applicant" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016" • Clause 19J which specify "Applicability" has been inserted namely: - "The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to special situation funds and schemes launched by such special situation fund" • Clause 19K which specify "Registration of special situation funds" has been inserted namely: - "An applicant may apply for registration as a special situation fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II of these Regulations" • Clause 19L which specify "Investment in special situation funds" has been inserted namely: - "Each scheme of a special situation fund shall have a corpus as may be specified by the Board" • Clause 19M which specify "Investment by special situation funds" has been inserted namely: - "Special situation funds shall invest only in special situation assets and may act as a resolution applicant under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016" [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/68]

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TRAI issues direction to DPOs to ensure compliance in regard to listing of channels in electronic programme guide

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on January 24, 2022 has issued Direction to all Distribution Platform Operators (DPOs) to ensure compliance in regard to listing of channels in electronic programme guide. The following was stated namely: - • The Distribution Platform Operators (Multi System Operators, DTH Operators, HITS Operator and IPTV Operators) has to 1. Ensure compliance by ensuring that all the television channels of a particular language in a genre are displayed together consecutively in the electronic programme guide and one television channel appears at one place only. 2. Furnish compliance report via email to interconnect-bcs@traf.gov.in within fifteen days from January 24, 2022. [Notification No. No. D-1/2/(1)/2022-B AND CS(2)]

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FSSAI issued directions regarding the disposal of used cooking oil (UCO)

Jan 24, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Security Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on January 21, 2022 has issued a direction regarding the disposal of used cooking oil (UCO). The following provision has been removed with immediate effect: “provided that the cooking oil having developed Total Polar Compounds (TPC) of more than 25% shall not be topped up with fresh oil.” This provision has been reviewed keeping in view the available testing protocol and related enforcement issues. [File No. RCD-18/1/2021-Regulatory-FSSAI-Part (2)]

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IFSCA (Registration of Insurance Business) Regulations, 2021

Jan 24, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on January 21, 2022 has issued the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Registration of Insurance Business) Regulations, 2021. This shall come into force from January 21, 2022. The following clause has been introduced namely: - • Registration - No person shall commence the business of insurance or re-insurance in an IFSC without obtaining registration from the Authority in accordance with these Regulation. • Eligibility Conditions for Registration are namely: - 1. The Applicant must be duly registered with IRDAI for undertaking the business of insurance or re-insurance in India 2. The Applicant has to be granted a No Objection Certificate by the IRDAI to set up place of business in an IFSC. • An IIO registered with the Authority may carry any of the following class of businesses as may be permitted by the Authority subject to such conditions as may be specified: - 1. Life Insurance Business 2. General Insurance Business 3. Health Insurance Business 4. Re-insurance Business • Power to specify procedures and issue clarification: For the purpose of implementation of these Regulations and matter incidental thereto, or in order to facilitate and regulate financial services related to insurance and re-insurance in an IFSC, the Authority may specify such norms, procedures, processes, manners or provide clarification and relaxations, by way of guidelines or circulars, as it may deem fit. [Notification No. IFSCA 268]

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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued the enforcement date of assisted reproductive technology act from January 25, 2022

Jan 24, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on January 20, 2022 has issued the enforcement date of The Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) ACT, 2021. The Central Government appoints January 25, 2022 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force. [Notification No. S.O 291(E)]

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IFSCA Issues Circular Regarding Qualified Jewellers Importing Gold Through India International Bullion Exchange

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The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on January 19, 2022 has issued circular regarding Qualified Jewellers importing gold through India International Bullion Exchange. The following was stated namely: - • In this context, it has been decided that the entities fulfilling the following conditions shall be considered as 'Qualified Jewellers' and shall be permitted to transact as trading members/clients of trading members: - 1. The entity must have filed due GST returns up to the preceding month prior to making an application to the IIBX. Further, a certificate should be submitted by the entity, duly attested by a practising chartered accountant or a practising cost accountant or a practising company secretary, stating that 90% of the average annual turnover in the last 3 financial years are through dealing in goods under precious metals. • The net worth shall be determined as follows: "'Net Worth" means the aggregate value of the paid-up share capital (or capital contribution) and all reserves created out of the profits, securities premium account and debit or credit balance of profit and loss account, after deducting the aggregate value of the accumulated losses, deferred expenditure and miscellaneous expenditure not written off, as per the balance sheet, but does not include reserves created out of revaluation of assets, write-back of depreciation and amalgamation." • A Qualified Jeweller on boarded by IIBX may transact on the exchange platform in the following manner: "Client: Pursuant to on boarding by the exchange as a Qualified Jeweller, the entity may register as a client with a registered bullion trading member in accordance with the applicable norms." [Notification No. 329/IFSCA/DPM/TS/QJ/2021-22/1]

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New Drugs and Clinical Trials (.....Amendment) Rules, 2022

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The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on January 21, 2022 has issued the New Drugs and Clinical Trials (.....Amendment) Rules, 2022 to amend the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019. The following amendment have been made: • In rule 8, in subrule 3(ii), at the end, the following Proviso shall be inserted, namely: Provided that, where no communication has been received from the Central Licensing Authority to the applicant within the forty-five working days period, the registration of ethics committee shall be deemed to have been granted by the Central Licensing Authority and such registration shall be deemed to be legally valid for all purposes and the applicant shall be authorized to initiate clinical trial in accordance with these rules. • In rule 8, after sub-rule 3, the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely: (3A) The applicant who has taken deemed approval under the Proviso to sub-rule 3(ii) shall before initiating the functions of the Ethics Committee, inform the Central Licensing Authority in Form CT-02A and the Central Licensing Authority shall on the basis of the said information, take on record the Form CT-02A which shall become part of the official record and shall be called deemed registration of the Central Licensing Authority. • In rule 22, in sub-rule (2), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: Provided that, where no communication has been received from the Central Licensing Authority to the applicant within the ninety working days period, the permission to conduct all clinical trial shall be deemed to have been granted by the Central Licensing Authority and such permission shall be deemed to be legally valid for all purposes and the applicant shall be authorized to initiate clinical trial in accordance with these rules. • In rule 22, after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be

inserted, namely: (2A) The applicant who has taken deemed approval under the proviso to sub-rule (2) shall before initiating the clinical trial, inform the Central Licensing Authority in Form CT-06A and the Central Licensing Authority shall on the basis of the said information, take on record the Form CT-06A which shall become part of the official record and shall be called deemed approval of the Central Licensing Authority. • In rule 24, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:— Provided that, where no communication has been received from the Central Licensing Authority to the applicant within the ninety working days period, the permission to conduct all clinical trial shall be deemed to have been granted by the Central Licensing Authority and such permission shall be deemed to be legally valid for all purposes and the applicant shall be authorized to initiate clinical trial in accordance with these rules: Provided further that the applicant who has taken deemed approval under this rule shall before initiating the clinical trial, inform the Central Licensing Authority in Form CT-06A and the Central Licensing Authority shall on the basis of the said information, take on record the Form CT-06A which shall become part of the official record and shall be called deemed approval of the Central Licensing Authority. • In rule 34, in sub-rule (2), the following Proviso shall be inserted, namely:— Provided that, where no communication has been received from the Central Licensing Authority to the applicant within the ninety working days period, the permission to conduct bioavailability or bioequivalence study of the new drug or investigational new drug shall be deemed to have been granted by the Central Licensing Authority and such permission shall be deemed to be legally valid for all purposes and the applicant shall be authorized to initiate such study in accordance with these rules. • In rule 34, after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:— (2A) The applicant who has taken deemed approval under the proviso to sub-rule (2) shall before initiating bioavailability or bioequivalence study of the new drug or investigational new drug, inform the Central Licensing Authority in Form CT-07A and the Central Licensing Authority shall on the basis of the said information, take on record the Form CT-07A which shall become part of the official record and shall be called deemed approval of the Central Licensing Authority. • In rule 53, in sub-rule(1) and sub-rule (2), the following Proviso shall be inserted, namely:— Provided that, where no communication has been received from the Central Licensing Authority to the applicant within the period of ninety working days, the permission to manufacture new drugs or investigational new drugs for clinical trial or bioavailability or bioequivalence study or test and analysis shall be deemed to have been granted by the Central Licensing Authority and such permission shall be deemed to be legally valid for all purposes and the applicant shall be authorized to manufacture the new drug or investigational new drug for said purposes in accordance with these rules. • In rule 53, after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:— (2A) The applicant who has taken deemed approval under the proviso to sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (2) shall before manufacturing the new drug or investigational new drugs for the said purposes inform the Central Licensing Authority in Form CT-11 A and the Central Licensing Authority shall on the basis of the said information, take on record the Form CT-11A which shall become part of the official record and shall be called deemed approval of the Central Licensing Authority. • In rule 60, in sub-rule (1)(ii), following proviso shall be inserted, namely:— Provided that, where no communication has been received from the Central Licensing Authority to the applicant within the period, to manufacture unapproved active pharmaceutical ingredient for development of pharmaceutical formulation for test or analysis or clinical trial or bioavailability and bioequivalence study shall be deemed to have been granted by the Central Licensing Authority and such permission shall be deemed to be legally valid for all purposes and the applicant shall be authorized to manufacture the new drug or investigational new drug for said purposes in accordance with these rules. • In rule 60, in sub-rule (2)(ii), for the proviso attached thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:— Provided that, where no communication has been received from the Central Licensing Authority to the applicant within the period, to manufacture unapproved active pharmaceutical ingredient for development of pharmaceutical formulation for test or analysis or clinical trial or bioavailability and bioequivalence study shall be deemed to have been granted by the Central Licensing Authority and such permission shall be deemed to be legally valid for all purposes and the applicant shall be authorized to manufacture the new drug

or investigational new drug for said purposes in accordance with these rules. Provided further that in case of rejection, the applicant may request the central Licencing Authority, to consider the application within a period of sixty days from the date of rejection of the application on payment of fee as specified in the Sixth Schedule and submission of required information and documents. • In rule 60, after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:— (2A) The applicant who has taken deemed approval under the proviso to sub-rule (1) shall before manufacturing the new drug or investigational new drugs for the said purposes inform the Central Licensing Authority in Form CT-15A and the Central Licensing Authority shall on the basis of the said information, take on record the Form CT-15A which shall become part of the official record and shall be called deemed approval of the Central Licensing Authority. [Notification No. G.S.R. 32(E)]

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Draft Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2022

Jan 24, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on January 20, 2022 has issued the Draft Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Insecticides Rules, 1971. The following amendment has been made: • In rule 19, which specifies Manner of Labelling, sub-rule (5) has been substituted, namely: “(3). The lower portion of the square referred to in sub-rule (3) shall contain the color specified in column (8) of the table below, depending on the classification of the insecticides specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said table. 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 Gazette of India are made available to the public; 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 of thirty days will be considered by the Central Government; Objections and suggestions in respect to the said draft Rules may be forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001. *Disclaimer – Kindly find the detailed table in the provided document. [Notification No. G.S.R. 33(E)]

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FSSAI issues authorised mechanism for recycled plastic manufacturers

Jan 24, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Security Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on January 21, 2022 has issued the authorised mechanism for recycled plastic manufacturers regarding the use of recycled plastics as food contact material. The following mechanism have been issued: • Applicant desirous to manufacture Food Contact Materials (FCM) from recycled materials would apply to the FA in the prescribed performa by paying a fee of Rs. 2000/ (Two thousand) only to the Senior Accounts Officer, FSSAI via cheque/DD or through E-Payment (available on www.fssai.gov.in.) • Such applicants may be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer-FSSAI for obtaining authorization. • The applications received shall be scrutinised and an appropriate recommendation would be made to the CA for approval within 30 days of the receipt of the application as specified in the guidelines. • Upon approval of the CA, the applicant would be issued an authorization letter similar to the lines of approvals issued under products/claims approval with a general condition that, the FA

reserves the right to inspect the records, premises, manufacturing and other related facilities of the applicant prior/post authorization'. • The list of recyclers so authorized by the FA would be hosted on the website through an appropriate order and the list would be updated regularly. [File No: STD/SC/A-40]

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DoT issues Amendment in MNP License Agreement for rationalization of Bank Guarantees

Jan 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 19, 2022 has issued Amendment in MNP License Agreement for rationalization of Bank Guarantees. This has come into effect from January 19, 2022. The following was amended namely: - • Clause 16.1 which specify “Performance Bank Guarantee” the following has been substituted namely: - “Performance Bank Guarantee (PGB) in prescribed format shall be submitted for amount equal to Rs. 20 Lakh, initially, valid for two years before signing the License Agreement. On completion of one year from successful commencement of operation of MNP service in the licensed MNP zone on the designated date/time by the Licensee, except in case specifically restricted by Licensor/DoT, 50% of the PBG amount shall be released while the remaining 50% of the PBG shall be released after the expiry of the license period.” [Notification No. 20-271/2010 AS-I (Vol.IV)]

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DoT amends MNP License Agreement for change in FDI in Telecom Sector

Jan 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 19, 2022 has issued Amendment in MNP License Agreement for change in FDI in Telecom Sector. This has come into effect from January 19, 2022 The following was stated namely: - • Clause 9 which specify “Ownership of the Licensee Company” has been substituted namely: - “FDI upto 100% under automatic route subject to observance of licensing and security conditions by Bidder Company as well as investors as notified by the DoT from time to time.” [Notification No. 20-271/2010 AS-I (Vol.-IV)]

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Drugs (Amendment) Rules, 2022

Jan 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on January 18, 2022 has issued the Drugs (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Drugs Rules, 1945. The following amendment has been made: • In rule 96, after sub-rule (4), following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:— “(5) Every active pharmaceutical ingredient (bulk drug) manufactured or imported in India shall bear Quick Response code on its label at each level packaging that store data or information readable with software application to facilitate tracking and tracing. The stored data or information shall include the following minimum particulars, namely:— (i) Unique product identification

code, (ii) Name of the API, (iii) Brand name (if any), (iv) Name and address of the manufacturer, (v) Batch no., (vi) Batch size, (vii) Date of manufacturing, (viii) Date of expiry or retesting, (ix) Serial shipping container code, (x) Manufacturing licence no. or import licence no. (xi) Special storage conditions required (if any).". [Notification No. G.S.R. 20(E)]

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Draft Medical Devices (.....Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jan 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on January 18, 2022 has issued the Draft Medical Devices (.....Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Medical Device Rules, 2017. The following amendment has been made: • After rule 43, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:— “43A. Suspension and cancellation of license.— (1) If the manufacturer or licensee fails to comply with any of the conditions of an import license, or any provisions of the Act and these rules, the Central Licensing Authority may after giving the manufacturer or licensee an opportunity to show cause why such an order should not be passed, by an order in writing stating the reasons therefor, cancel a license issued under rules, or suspend it for such period as it thinks fit either wholly or in respect of any of the part of medical device to which it relates or direct the licensee to stop import, sale or distribution of the said medical device and, thereupon, order the destruction of medical device and the stock thereof in presence of officer authorized by Central Licensing Authority, if in its opinion, the licensee has failed to comply with any of the conditions of the license or with any provisions of the Act or rules made thereunder: Provided that a person who is aggrieved by the order passed by the Central Licensing Authority under this rule may, within thirty days of the serving of the order, may file appeal to the Central Government, and the Central Government may, after such enquiry into the matter, as it considers necessary and after giving the said appellant an opportunity for hearing, pass such order as it thinks fit.”. [Notification No. G.S.R. 23(E)]

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Drugs (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2022

Jan 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) on January 20, 2022 has issued the Drugs (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Drugs Rules, 1945. The following amendment has been made: • In Schedule K, in the table, after serial number 38 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely:■ [Notification No. G.S.R. 30(E)]

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FSSAI issues Direction regarding operationalization regarding use of recycled plastics

Jan 21, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on January 18, 2022 has issued Direction regarding operationalization regarding use of recycled plastics. The following was stated namely: - • The Provisions of Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2022 has come into operation from January 18, 2022. • The following amendment has been made to Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2028 namely: - 1. Regulation 4 which specify “Specific Requirements for Primary food packaging” clause (e) has been inserted namely: - “Products made of recycled plastics including carry bags may be used for packaging, storing, carrying or dispensing of food products as and when standards and guidelines are framed by the Food Authority. Such packaging materials shall also comply with any other national standards/regulations as applicable.” • The guidelines for recycling of post-consumer PET for food contact applications & acceptance criteria for recycled PET resin for food contact applications is also made effective for implementation. [Notification No: STD/SC/A-40]

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Ministry of Power extends date of submission of comments on Draft Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Rules, 2021

Jan 21, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Ministry of Power on January 17, 2022 has issued Extension of timeline for submission of comments on Draft Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Rules, 2021. The following was stated namely: - • Date of submission of comments is extended to “January 24, 2022” • Comments may be sent at debranjn.chattopadhyay@nic.in [Notification No. 23/22/2019-R&R (Part-4A)]

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DoT amends MNP License agreement for AGR

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The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 19, 2022 has issued Amendment in MNP License Agreement for Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR). This has come into effect from October 1, 2021. The following amendment has been made namely: - • Clause 24.1 which specify “Definition of ‘Adjusted Gross Revenue’ has been substituted namely: - “Definition of Gross Revenue, Applicable Gross Revenue (ApGR) and Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR)” [Notification No. 20-271/2010 AS-I (Vol.IV)]

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DoT amends MNP License Agreement for change in interest rate, penalty and interest on penalty on delayed payment of License Fee or any other dues

Jan 21, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 19, 2022 has issued Amendment in MNP License Agreement for change in interest rate, penalty and interest on penalty on delayed payment of License Fee or any other dues. This has come into force on October 1, 2021. The following amendment has been made •

Clause 25.5 which specify “Delay in payment of license fee payable or any other dues” has been substituted namely: - “Any delay in payment of License Fee or any other dues payable under the License, beyond the stipulated period will attract interest at a rate which will be 2% above the one year MCLR.” • Clause 25.8 which specify “Total amount paid as quarterly License fee less than 10% of the payable License Fee” has been omitted. [Notification No. 20-271/2010 AS-I (Vol.IV)]

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Ministry of Power has extended the timeline for submission of comments on Draft Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Rules, 2021

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power on January 17, 2022 has extended the timeline for submission of comments on Draft Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Rules, 2021. It is stated that the time for submission of comments is extended by seven (7) days i.e. up to January 24, 2022. [Notification No. 23/22/2019-R&R]

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MSME (Amendment) Rules, 2022

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises on January 19, 2022 has issued the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Fund Rules, 2016. This shall come into force on January 19, 2022. The following amendments have been made namely: - • In Rule 6 which specify “Approval and release of money from fund” the following new sub-rule (5) has been inserted namely: - “The criteria based on which sums may be released under sub-section (3) of section 14 of the Act are as under, namely: - (a) The beneficiary of the fund shall be a micro or small or medium enterprise and shall file the memorandum under sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Act (b) The fund shall be mandatorily utilised for the project or scheme or activity for which it is approved by the Governing Council (c) The fund shall be disbursed as per the guidelines notified for that particular project or scheme or activity as referred to in sub-rule (2) (d) Beneficiary of this fund cannot claim benefits from any other Scheme or programme of Central Government or any State Government or Union territory Administration for that project or scheme or activity.” [Notification No. G.S.R. 29(E)]

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The Medical Devices (...Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide notification dated January 18, 2022, has issued the Medical Devices (... Amendment) Rules, 2022 further amending the Medical Devices Rules, 2017. The following amendment has been made: - A new proviso shall be inserted in item (iii) in sub-rule (2), of rule 19B which

reads as- Provided that in case the applicant submits, on or before February 28, 2022, an undertaking that applicant shall obtain the ISO 13485 certificate on or before May 31, 2022, in lieu of a certificate of compliance as referred in clause (iii) of sub-rule (2) of rule 19B, a provisional registration number shall be generated which will remain valid up to May 31, 2022, or the date on which the applicant obtained such ISO certificate whichever is earlier. The said generated provisional registration number shall be valid for all purposes. · Rule 19C shall be substituted which reads as- After furnishing of the above information on the “Online System for Medical Devices” established by Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation for this purpose by the applicant's registration number will be generated. The manufacturer may, if so desired, mention the registration number or provisional registration number for a period up to May 31, 2022, thereafter it shall be mandatory for all registered holders. · A new proviso shall be inserted in item (iii) in sub-rule (2), of rule 19D which reads as- Provided that in case the applicant submits, on or before February 28, 2022, an undertaking that applicant shall obtain the ISO 13485 certificate on or before May 31, 2022, in lieu of a certificate of compliance as referred in clause (iii) of sub-rule (2) of rule 19D, a provisional registration number shall be generated which will remain valid up to May 31, 2022, or the date on which the applicant obtained such ISO certificate whichever is earlier. The said generated provisional registration number shall be valid for all purposes. · Rule 19E shall be substituted which reads as- After furnishing of the above information on the “Online System for Medical Devices” established by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation for this purpose by the applicant's registration number will be generated. Importers may, if so desired, mention the registration number or provisional registration number, as the case may be, for a period up to May 31, 2022, thereafter it shall be mandatory for all registered holders. (Notification no: G.S.R. 19(E))

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Draft New Drugs and Clinical Trials (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2022

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on January 18, 2022 has issued the draft New Drugs and Clinical Trials (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019. The following amendment has been made: •In rule 2, under sub-rule (1), in clause (I), the following clause shall be inserted, namely: ■ “(Ia) “Designated Registration Authority” means the authority designated under sub-rule (1) of rule 17;” •In the principal rules, in Eighth Schedule, in Form CT-03,■ (a)In para1,■ (i) for the words, “The designated authority”, the words “The Designated Registration Authority” shall be substituted; (ii) the words, “Regulation of”, shall be omitted; (b) For the words, “Central Licensing Authority”, the words “Designated Registration Authority” shall be substituted. (Notification No. G.S.R.21(E))

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Ministry of Civil Aviation notifies regarding operating of air transport services to/from Diu aerodrome

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Civil Aviation on January 4, 2022 has issued Notification regarding operating of air transport services to/from Diu aerodrome. The following was stated namely: - • No person shall operate scheduled air transport services to/from Diu aerodrome after June 30, 2022 unless it has been licensed by the Director General of Civil Aviation. [Notification No. AV-11012/7/2020-A]

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MNRE issues permissions required for movement of personnel and goods for Essential operation of renewable power generation utilities

Jan 19, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) on January 14, 2022 has issued permissions required for movement of personnel and goods for Essential operation of renewable power generation utilities (Solar Power Plants, Wind Power Plants, Solar-Wind Hybrid Power Plants, Small Hydro Power Plants, Biomass/Biogas based Power Plants, etc.) in view of restrictions being imposed due to rising cases of COVID-19. The following was stated namely: - • Ministry has request the addressees to facilitate/ensure uninterrupted movement of personnel, goods and services required for operation of Renewable Energy Generating Stations (REGS). • It is requested that the functioning of corporate offices of renewable energy generating stations may also be allowed, with safeguards as appropriate, as these offices carry out off-field crucial processes / operations like forecasting, scheduling, planning, remote monitoring, supervision and control which are critical for smooth operation of Renewable Energy Generating Stations (REGS). [Notification No. F. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR]

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Ministry of Power issues Revised Consolidated Guidelines & Standards for Charging Infrastructure for EV

Jan 19, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power on January 14, 2022 has issued Revised Consolidated Guidelines & Standards for Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles (EV). The following was stated namely: - • Owners may charge their Electric Vehicles at their residence/Offices using their existing electricity connections. • Any individual/entity is free to set up public charging stations provided that, such stations meet the technical, safety as well as performance standards and protocols laid down as well as norms/Standards/ Specifications laid down by Ministry of Power, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and Central Electricity Authority (CEA) from time to time. • Database of Public EV Charging Stations – BEE shall create and maintain a national online database of all the Public Charging Stations in consultation with State Nodal Agencies (SNAs). • Tariff for supply of electricity to public EV Public Charging Stations shall be a single part tariff and shall not exceed the “Average Cost of Supply” till March 31, 2025. [Notification No. 12/2/2018-EV (Comp No. 244347)]

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MNRE amends The Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019

Jan 19, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) on January 13, 2022 has issued Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019:

Amendment. This shall be applicable from April 1, 2022. The following amendments has been made namely:

- • Para 3 which states “enlistment of the eligible models and manufacturers of solar PV cells and modules complying with the BIS Standards and publish the same in a list called the "Approved List of Models and Manufacturers", the following shall be substituted namely: - “Accordingly, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has decided to enlist the eligible models and manufacturers of solar PV cells and modules complying with the BIS Standards and publish the same in a list called the "Approved List of Models and Manufacturers" (ALMM). Only the models and manufacturers included in this list will be eligible for use in Government Projects/ Government assisted Projects/ Projects under Government Schemes & Programmes/ Open Access I NetMetering Projects, installed in the country, including Projects set up for sale of electricity to Government under the Guidelines issued by Central Government under section 63 of Electricity Act, 2003 and amendment thereof. The word "Government" shall include Central Government, State Governments, Central Public Sector Enterprises, State Public Sector Enterprises and, Central and State Organisations/ Autonomous bodies” [Notification No. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR-Part(2)]

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FSSAI issues order regarding Raw Cashew Nuts

Jan 19, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on January 18, 2022 has issued Order regarding Import of raw Cashew nuts. The following was stated namely: - • Raw Cashew nuts are notified as “Foods not special”. Hence, standards for the same may be adopted. [Notification No.1828/Misc.Matters/FSSAI/Imports-2021]

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DoT issues guidelines for grant of unified license

Jan 18, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 17, 2022 has issued guidelines for grant of unified license. The following guidelines has been stated namely: - • The applicant must be an Indian company, registered under the Companies Act, 2013 • One Company can have only one Unified License. The applicant company can apply for authorization for more than one service and service area subject to fulfillment of all the conditions of entry simultaneously or separately at different time. The tenure of such authorization will run concurrently with the Unified License. • A one-time non-refundable Entry Fee for authorization of each Service and service area shall be payable before signing of license agreement and thereafter for each additional authorization. • Any applicant who has been issued a Lol for grant of a license in the existing regime prior to UL guidelines, shall be considered for grant of UL with applicable terms and conditions for that authorization only. In such cases, processing fee/entry fee already paid shall be adjusted. In no case, processing fee/entry fee already paid shall be refunded either in part or full. [Notification No. 20-577/2016 AS-I (Vol.III)]

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IRDAI clarifies on Guidelines on Standard Professional Indemnity Policy for Insurance Brokers / Corporate Agent / Web Aggregators / IMF

Jan 18, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on January 17, 2022 has issued clarifications on Guidelines on Standard Professional Indemnity Policy for Insurance Brokers / Corporate Agent / Web Aggregators / IMF after noticing confusion in the meaning of the term 'Capital Employed' mentioned under the Item, "Retention (Each and Every Claim)", of the Policy form under Section III of the Guidelines. IRDAI clarifies that the term 'Capital Employed' refers to the Paid up capital of the entity. [Circular No. IRDAI/INT/CIR/MISC/8/1/2022]

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MeitY invites applications under the Chips to Start-up (C2S) Programme from academia, R&D organisations, start-ups and MSMEs

Jan 18, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Electronics & IT on January 16, 2022 has issued a press release inviting applications under the Chips to Start-up (C2S) Programme from academia, R&D organisations, start-ups and MSMEs. The key highlights are as follows: • The Ministry of Electronics and Information (MeitY) has sought applications from 100 academia, R&D organisations, start-ups and MSMEs under its Chips to Start-up (C2S) Programme. • The Chips to Start-up (C2S) Programme aims to train 85,000 number of high-quality and qualified engineers in the area of Very large-scale integration (VLSI) and Embedded System Design as well as result in development of 175 ASICs (Application Specific Integrated Circuits), Working Prototypes of 20 System on Chips (SoC) and IP Core repository over a period of 5 years. • The programme would be implemented at about 100 academic institutions/R&D organisations across the Country (including IITs, NITs, IIITs, Government/Private Colleges and R&D Organisations). Start-ups and MSMEs can also participate in the programme by submitting their proposals under Academia- Industry Collaborative Project, Grand Challenge/ Hackathons/RFP for development of System/SoC/IP Core(s). • The C2S Programme addresses each entity of the value chain in electronics viz. quality manpower training, research and development, hardware IPs design, System design, application-oriented R&D, Prototype design and deployment with the help of academia, industry, start-ups, and R&D establishments. • C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing), a scientific society operating under MeitY, will serve as the nodal agency for the programme. • Online applications are open at the Chips to Start-up (C2S) website until January 31, 2022. • The project proposals should be submitted at C2S portal (www.c2s.gov.in) in the format prescribed at the portal. The institutions applying under the programme should meet the eligibility criteria defined at the portal and should be in line with the proposals' guidelines. [Release ID: 1790350]

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IRDAI issues "Obligatory Cession for the financial year 2022-23"

Jan 18, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on January 17, 2022 has issued the "Obligatory Cession for the financial year 2022-23" which shall be applicable to Indian Re-insurers and other applicable insurers as per the provisions of Section 101A of the Insurance Act, 1938. The following provision have been laid: ■Percentage of Cession: The percentage cession of the sum insured on each General Insurance Policy to be reinsured with the Indian Re-insurer(s) shall be 4% (four percent) in respect of insurance attaching during the financial year beginning from 1st April, 2022 to 31st March, 2023, except the terrorism premium and premium ceded to Nuclear pool, wherein it would be made 'NIL'. The entire Obligatory Cession is to be placed with General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) only. ■Terms & Conditions: a) Notice of information on cession: i) There would be no limit on sum insured applicable for the cessions made during the period from 1st April, 2022 to 31st March, 2023. ii) In view of the above, the Indian Re-insurer may require the ceding insurer to give immediate notice of underwriting information of any cession exceeding an amount as specified by the former. The ceding insurer shall inform the Indian Re-insurer at all times whenever the cession exceeds such specified limits. b) Commission: Percentage of commission on obligatory cession for different classes of business shall be as follows: i) Minimum 5% for Motor TP and Oil & Energy insurance. ii) Minimum 10% for Group Health insurance. iii) Minimum 7.50% for Crop Insurance. iv) Average Terms for Aviation insurance. v) Minimum 15% for all other classes of insurance business. Commission over and above, can be as mutually agreed between Indian Re-insurer(s) and the ceding insurer. c) Profit Commission: The Indian Re-insurer shall share the profit commission, on 50%:50% basis, with the ceding insurer based on the performance and surplus of the total obligatory portfolio of the ceding insurer, after factoring the following: i) Incurred loss % (to be worked at the end of 3 financial years). ii) Management Expenses at 2%. iii) Profit at 5%. iv) Commission at 15%. v) Loss ratio at 50% to 78%. No profit commission is payable if the loss ratio exceeds 78%. Profit commission shall not exceed 14%. [Notification No. F. No. IRDAI/RI/1/180/2022]

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MeitY invites Applications under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme from domestic semiconductor chip design firms

Jan 18, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Electronics & IT on January 16, 2022 has issued a press release inviting applications under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme from domestic semiconductor chip design firms. The key highlights are as follows: • Under the DLI Scheme, which was announced by MeitY in December, financial incentives and design infrastructure support will be extended to domestic companies, startups and MSMEs across various stages of development and deployment of semiconductor design for Integrated Circuits (ICs), Chipsets, System on Chips (SoCs), Systems & IP Cores and semiconductor linked design for over a period of 5 years. • The scheme, which was a part of ■76,000 crore (\$10 billion) package that the government announced in December, aims to nurture at least 20 domestic companies involved in semiconductor design and facilitating them to achieve turnover of more than ■1500 Crore in the next 5 years. • C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing), a scientific society operating under MeitY, will serve as the nodal agency for implementation of the DLI scheme. • The scheme has three components – Chip Design infrastructure support, Product Design Linked Incentive and Deployment Linked Incentive. • The approved applicants that claim incentives under the scheme will be encouraged to retain their domestic status (i.e., more than 50% of the capital in it is beneficially owned by resident Indian citizens and/ or Indian companies, which are ultimately owned and controlled by resident Indian citizens) for a period of three years after claiming incentives under the scheme. • An applicant must meet the Threshold and Ceiling Limits to be

eligible for disbursement of incentives under the Scheme. • The DLI Scheme will also take a graded and pre-emptive approach to Identify the Products of national priorities and implement strategies for their complete or near complete indigenisation & deployment thereby taking steps towards the import substitution & value addition in strategic & societal sectors. [Release ID: 1790346]

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DoT issues Guidelines for simplified SACFA clearance process for installing communication towers

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 12, 2021 has issued a notification regarding the guidelines for simplified SACFA clearance process for installing communication towers as many cases, not meeting “auto- settle” criteria already agreed by AAI & JCES, are not getting cleared within 30 days, as decided by this Ministry. In the year 2015, AAI, being Member of SACFA Committee, added 121 (now 97 only) un-licensed State Government controlled airports in the protection list; however, they are showing their inability to process the siting cases w.r.t. these airports. 97 such airports are spread over 23 States/UTs (Annex-I). Delay on this account is badly impacting timely roll-out and expansion of telecom networks, especially proliferation of broadband and connectivity in rural and underserved areas, and thus proving to be an impediment in the way towards bridging the digital divide in the country. The following guidelines have been issued: The cases already pending with AAI/JCES beyond 30 days’ time as well as the future cases, not meeting “auto-settle” criteria, if not dealt by AAI/JCES within 30 days’ time, shall be deemed cleared after lapse of 30 days’ time from the date of application. However, the clearance shall have the following condition: “The physical construction of the tower shall not be commenced before the 16 the day of the issuance of clearance”. It is important to note that no airstrip/airport should be recognised by SACFA siting clearance system if it has not taken necessary licenses/clearances from nodal Ministry/Organisation i.e. DGCA/AAI. Therefore, the SACFA system will not recognise these so-called airports (Annex-I) unless they are licensed/authorised by DGCA/AAI & incorporated into NOCAS (No Objection Certificate Application System) of AAI. The auto-settle criteria as agreed by AAI & JCES earlier shall continue to be applied for clearance of sites. [Notification No.: K-19012/16/2019-CFA]

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Govt. of India Bonus on the Rural Postal Life Insurance Policies on their becoming claims, due to death or maturity

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Communications on January 14, 2021 has issued a notification on bonus on the Rural Postal Life Insurance Policies on their becoming claims, due to death or maturity. The following new rates are applicable: Whole Life Assurance (WLA) at the rate of Rs. 60/- per thousand of sum assured Endowment Assurance (EA) (including children policy)) at the rate Rs. 48/- per thousand of sum assured Anticipated Endowment Assurance (AEA) (including GP policies)) at the rate Rs. 45/- per thousand of sum assured Convertible Whole Life Assurance (AEA) (including GP policies)) at the rate Whole Life Bonus rate would be applicable, but on conversion, Endowment Assurance bonus rate will be applicable. Terminal Bonus) at the

rate Rs. 20/- per sum assured of Rs. 10,000/-, subject to maximum of Rs.1000 for Whole Life Assurance and Endowment Assurance policies with term of 20 years or more. The rates of Bonus mentioned above for the Financial Year 2022-23 will be applicable from April 04, 2022. [Notification No. F. No. 04-02/2019-LI]

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Securities and Exchange Board of India (Settlement Proceedings) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Jan 17, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 14, 2022 has issued The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Settlement Proceedings) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018. This shall come into force on January 14, 2022. The following amendments has been made namely: - • Regulation 4(2) which specify "Limitation - Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-regulation (1), the Board may consider the application, if satisfied that there was sufficient cause for not filing it within the specified period and it is accompanied with non-refundable fees as specified in Part-B of the Schedule-I." • In Regulation 13(2) which specify "Proceedings before the internal Committee" the following sub-rule (ba) has been inserted namely: - "Require the applicant to comply with certain condition precedent(s) within a specified time period for consideration of the application for settlement" • In regulation 31 which specify "No settlement order or rejection of a settlement application shall be invalidated on ground of any defect in procedure or determination of the settlement terms or on account of any vacancy in or any defect in the constitution of any committee under Chapter V" Shall be substituted. [Notification No. No SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/62]

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UGC advises on Edtech companies offering online degree and diploma

Jan 17, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on January 16, 2022 has issued a public notice regarding the advisory on Edtech companies provided online degree and diploma programmes in ODL/Online modes in association with some universities/institutions recognized/entitled by the UGC. UGC states that Such a franchisee arrangement is not permissible and action will be taken against defaulting EdTech companies as well as HEIs under applicable laws/ rules/ regulations. [Notice No.: 4-1 12022(DEB- I)]

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FSSAI issues order regarding the use of names of probiotics

Jan 17, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on January 13, 2022 has issued order regarding the use of names of probiotics. The following was stated namely: - • Permission to allow the use of either old or new names of pro-biotic strains for the product packaging has been granted. [Order No.

STD/ADV(S8S)/SP-05/G (E1156)]

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Govt. of India Revises Bonus on the Postal Life Insurance Policies on their becoming claims, due to death or maturity

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Communications on January 14, 2022 has issued a notification on bonus on the Postal Life Insurance Policies on their becoming claims, due to death or maturity. The following terms are applicable: Whole Life Assurance (WLA) at the rate Rs. 76/- per thousand of sum assured Endowment Assurance (EA) (including Joint life & children policies)) at the rate Rs. 52/- per thousand of sum assured Anticipated Endowment Assurance (AEA)) at the rate Rs. 48/- per thousand of sum assured Convertible Whole Life Policies (CWA) Whole Life bonus rate would be applicable, but on conversion, Endowment Assurance bonus rate will be applicable Terminal Bonus) at the rate Rs. 20/- per sum assured of Rs. 10,000/- subject to maximum of Rs. 1000 for Whole life assurance and Endowment assurance policies with term of 20 years or more. The rates of Bonus mentioned above for the Financial Year 2022-23 will be applicable from April 01, 2022. [Notification No F. No. 04-01/2019-LI]

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MoT issues Operational guidelines for PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM Mitra) Parks Scheme

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Textiles (MoT) on January 15, 2022 has issued Operational guidelines for PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM Mitra) Parks Scheme. The following was stated namely: - • selection of PM MITRA Park sites will be done in a two stage selection process on Challenge Method namely: - 1. Selection of Sites offered by State Governments through Challenge Route 2. Development of the Park • Project Monitoring: - MoT will periodically monitor the progress of the projects under the Scheme. Ministry will appoint a Project Management Agency (PMA) which will act as the Technical Support arm by providing secretarial, managerial and implementation support to MoT for effective implementation of the Scheme. • Evaluation Criteria for Preliminary Selection of Sites: - The proposal will have to provide relevant information on all the criteria specified for evaluation of the proposal • Finalization of RFQ, RFP and Concession Agreement and selection of Master Developer: - The Ministry of Textiles will develop model RFQ, RFP and Concession Agreement for selection of Master Developer in parallel with preliminary selection of sites with the assistance of PMA. After selection of sites, these model documents may have to be tweaked (if required) in consultation with recommended parties.

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Draft Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) (Amendment) Rules, 2022

Jan 12, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Civil Aviation On January 11, 2022 has issued the Draft Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents)..... (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to amend Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2017. The following amendments have been made: • In rule 10, which specifies Powers and duties of Investigator, in sub-rule (1), clause (a) has been substituted, namely: “(a) to call and examine any witness relevant to the investigation, by issuing summons under his hand, and to require such witness to furnish or produce information or evidence, or to answer or returns to any inquiries he thinks fit to make; • Rule 18, which specifies Mandatory a [safety] reporting system has been omitted. • Rule 19, which specifies Voluntary a [safety] reporting system has been omitted. All persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration after a period of thirty days from the date on which the copies of the Gazette of India in which this notification is published, are made available to the public. Objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to Shri Pranjal Chandra, Director, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi (Email ID: vesec.moca@nic.in). Any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules before the expiry of the period specified above, will be considered by the Central Government. [Notification No. G.S.R. 11(E)]

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FSSAI issues directions regarding use of Paullinia Cupana (Guarana) as a source of caffeine

Jan 12, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on January 11, 2022 has issued Directions regarding use of Paullinia Cupana (Guarana) as a source of caffeine. The following was stated namely: - • Paullinia Cupana (Guarana) is allowed as a source of caffeine as long as the caffeine isolated and purified has the same structure and properties as pure caffeine. • In case Guarana extract with standardized content of caffeine along with other active components are to be used either as a supplement or as nutraceutical ingredient, such ingredient shall need prior approval under NSF&FI regulations. [Notification No. Std/SP-17A/A-1.21]

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IFSCA specifies Ship Lease as a Financial Product

Jan 11, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on January 07, 2022 has issued a notification to specify that the term “Ship Lease” which shall include operating lease, and hybrid of operating and financial lease, of a ship or ocean vessel, engines of ship or ocean vessel, or any other part thereof, as a financial product under clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 3 of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019 (50 of 2019). [Notification no. F. No. IFSCA/2021-22/GN/021]

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TRAI extends the last date to receive Comments/Counter Comments on TRAI Consultation Paper on “Regulatory Framework for Promoting Data Economy Through Establishment of Data Centres, Content Delivery Networks, and Interconnect Exchanges in India

Jan 11, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on January 10, 2022 has issued a press release to extend the timelines to receive Comments/Counter Comments on TRAI Consultation Paper on “Regulatory Framework for Promoting Data Economy Through Establishment of Data Centres, Content Delivery Networks, and Interconnect Exchanges in India, which was issued on December 16, 2021 and for which the last date for comments was January 13, 2022 and for counter comments it was January 27, 2022. The extended date for the comments is February 03, 2022 and for counter comments it is February 17, 2022. The Comments/Counter Comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form at advbbpa@traigov.in with a copy to jtadvbbpa-1@traigov.in and jtadvbbpa-3@traigov.in respectively. For any clarification / information, Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Advisor (Broadband and Policy Analysis), TRAI may be contacted at Telephone Number Tel. No. +91-11-23236119. [Press Release No.03/2022]

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Ministry of Finance has issued The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2021-22 (Series IX) – Issue Price

Jan 10, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Ministry of Finance on January 7, 2022 has issued The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2021-22 (Series IX) – Issue Price. The following was stated namely: - • The investors who apply and make the payment through digital mode, the issue price of Gold Bond will be Rs 4,736 (Rupees Four thousand seven hundred thirty-six only) per gram of gold. [Release ID: 1788454]

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MoFPI launches COVID Grievance Cell

Jan 10, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) on January 07, 2022 has launched the COVID Grievance Cell after taking into consideration in sudden surge in the COVID-19 cases and steps taken by the States and UTs to control it. MoFPI has a dedicated grievance cell for the food and food related industry to ensure hassle free operations and uninterrupted supply of essentials for citizens. Any queries / issues related to food processing industry may be sent to email: covidgrievance-mofpi@gov.in [Notification No.B-24011/14/2020-PA]

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MeitY to work with NIXI for Aadhaar authentication after the approval of Central Govt.

Jan 07, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on December 30, 2021 has issued a notification with respect to work with the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and after receiving approval from the Central Government. NIXI is allowed to perform Aadhaar authentication, on voluntary basis, in domain booking process. The MeitY and NIXI shall follow all the guidelines released by the Central Government. Under NIXI, the INRegistry is a function with primary responsibility for managing the Country Code Top Level Domains (ccTLDs) that is, operationalisation of .IN domain and ensuring its operational stability, reliability and security. As Aadhaar based authentication is on voluntary basis, paper-based KYC may be used, when registrant provides Government identity card other than Aadhaar card, and in this process, the customer is required to upload or mail the scanned self-attested copies of his documents with the NIXI and the verification of the validity of the details submitted shall be done through mobile and E-mail KYC (through OTP). The customers can upload the following documents along with the self-attestation: • Bank Passbook or Post office Passbook with photo; or • Voter Identity Card; or • Ration Card; or • Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; or • Driving License issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988); or • Passport; or • Identity Card issued under seal of the institution; or • Certificate of Identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tehsildar on an official letter head; or • Any other document as specified by the Central Government. [Notification No. S.O. 69(E)]

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Ministry of Commerce and Industry has issued notification related to operations of the DGFT 'COVID-19 Helpdesk' for International Trade related Issues

Jan 07, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on January 6, 2022 has issued Continuation of operations of the DGFT 'COVID-19 Helpdesk' for International Trade related Issues'. The following was stated namely: - • DGFT has operationalised a 'COVID-19 Helpdesk' to support and seek suitable resolutions to issues arising in respect of International Trade. • Export-Import community may submit information on the DGFT website and submit information relating to their issues on which support is required. [Notice No. 29/2021-2022]

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Government of India (Allocation of Business) Three Hundred and Sixty-sixth Amendment Rules, 2022

Jan 07, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Cabinet Secretariat on January 5, 2022 has issued the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Three Hundred and Sixty-sixth Amendment Rules, 2022 to further amend the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961. This shall come into force on January 5, 2022. The following amendment has been made namely: - • In the Second Schedule which specify "Ministry of Defence (Raksha Mantralaya)" the following shall be inserted namely: - 1. Munitions India Limited. 2. Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited. 3. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited. 4. Troop Comforts Limited. 5. Yantra India Limited. 6.

India Optel Limited. 7. Gliders India Limited. [Notification No. S.O 74(E)]

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NSE launches Digital Portal for filings done with the Exchange

Jan 07, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on January 6, 2022 has issued Launch of Digital Portal for filings done with the Exchange. The following has been stated namely: - • Entities shall make all the filings through the Digital Portal. • The transition from NEAPS to the Digital Portal would be carried out in a phased manner. • All listed entities will receive an email on or before January 8, 2021 from Digital Portal • Annexure 1 with Step-by-step guide on how to migrate Company Super and Sub User on the NSE's New Digital Portal has been inserted. [Notification No. NSE/CML/2022/03]

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IFSCA (Insurance Intermediary) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021

Jan 06, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on January 4, 2022 has issued the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Insurance Intermediary) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 to further amend the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Insurance Intermediary) Regulations, 2021. This shall come into force on January 4, 2022. The following was amended namely: - • In Regulation 13 (6) which specify "Capital / Net-worth Requirement - The IIIO shall submit to the Authority a paid-up capital and net-worth certificate duly certified by its statutory auditor or Chartered Accountant or Practicing Company Secretary, on half yearly basis" the following has been substituted namely: - "The IIIO shall submit to the Authority a paid-up capital and net-worth certificate issued by its statutory auditor, a practicing Chartered Accountant in India, a practicing Company Secretary in India, a practicing Cost Accountant in India or any other person with appropriate qualification, as specified by the Authority, on half yearly basis" • In Regulation 22(3) which specify "Ceiling on business from single client – An insurance intermediary shall along with the audited accounts furnish a certificate certified by a CA/PCS, annually, confirming compliance with this regulation" has been substituted namely: - "An insurance intermediary shall, along with the audited accounts, furnish a certificate by a practicing Chartered Accountant in India, a practicing Company Secretary in India, a practicing Cost Accountant in India or any other person with appropriate qualification, as specified by the Authority, confirming compliance with these regulations" [Notification No. IFSCA/2021-22/GN/REG020]

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IFSCA (Registration of Insurance Business) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021

Jan 06, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on January 4, 2022 has issued the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Registration of Insurance Business) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 to further amend the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Registration of Insurance Business) Regulations, 2021. This shall come into force on January 4, 2022. The following amendments were made namely: - • In Form – B S.No 12 which specify “Certificate from CA / CS Provide a certificate from a practicing Chartered Accountant in India or a practising Company Secretary in India certifying that all the requirements of the Act read with IFSCA(Registration of Insurance Business) Registration 2021 and notifications issued under section 2CA of the Act have been complied with by the Applicant” the following has been substituted namely: - “Certificate from CA/CS/CMA, etc.: - Provide a certificate from a practicing Chartered Accountant in India, a practicing Company Secretary in India, a practicing Cost Accountant in India or any other person with appropriate qualification, as specified by the Authority, certifying that all the requirements of the Act read with IFSCA (Registration of Insurance Business) Regulations, 2021 and notifications issued under section 2CA of the Act have been complied with by the Applicant” • In Form – C S.No. 14 which specify “Certificate from CA / CS Provide a certificate from a practicing Chartered Accountant in India or a practising Company Secretary of India certifying that all the requirements of the Act read with IFSCA (Registration of Insurance Business) Registration 2021 and notifications issued under section 2CA of the Act have been complied with by the applicant” the following has been substituted namely: - “Certificate from CA/CS/CMA, etc.: Provide a certificate from a practicing Chartered Accountant in India, a practicing Company Secretary in India, a practicing Cost Accountant in India or any other person with appropriate qualification, as specified by the Authority, certifying that all the requirements of the Act read with IFSCA (Registration of Insurance Business) Regulations, 2021 and notifications issued under section 2CA of the Act have been complied with by the Applicant” [Notification No. IFSCA/2021-22/GN/REG019]

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UGC notifies educational institutes to consider documents published in DigiLocker as valid

Jan 06, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on January 3, 2022 has issued notification regarding Acceptance of Degree, Mark-sheet and other educational documents presented through the DigiLocker platform-reg. The following was stated namely: - • All Academic Institutions are requested to accept Degree, Mark-sheets and other documents available in Issued documents in DigiLocker account as valid documents. [Notification No. F.1-46/2020(NAD/Digilocker)]

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Draft IRDAI (obligations of an insurer in respect of Motor Third party Insurance Business) Regulations, 2020

Jan 06, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on January 05, 2022 has issued the Draft IRDAI (obligations of an insurer in respect of Motor Third party Insurance Business) Regulations, 2020.

The following are the pointers in the regulations: These Regulations shall be applicable to every insurer carrying on general insurance business and underwriting motor insurance business. The objective of these Regulations is to specify minimum third party motor insurance business that the insurer carrying on general insurance business is required to underwrite under section 32D of the Insurance Act, 1938. The categories of vehicles on which the obligations as provided in the Regulation 5 shall be applicable are: Two wheelers Private vehicles All vehicles plying on the road other than two-wheelers and private cars Any insurer carrying on general insurance business and underwriting motor insurance business shall be exempted from the application of the obligatory requirement during first two financial years of its operations. Any insurer who is primarily engaged in the business of health, reinsurance, agriculture, export credit guarantee is exempted from the applicability of section 32D of insurance act, 1938. For the period of exemption specified in sub clause (a) above, such insurer shall also be excluded from the calculations for determining the minimum obligatory requirements for other existing insurers. These Regulations shall repeal Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Obligation of Insurer in Respect of Motor Third Party Insurance Business) Regulations, 2015 from the date these Regulations come into force. The comments / suggestions should reach in the format attached as Annexure-1 by 25th January, 2022 by e-mail to Mrs. J Anita, General Manager (Non-Life) at janita@irdai.gov.in with a copy to sagar.bangal@irdai.gov.in [Notification No. IRDAI/Reg/x/xx/xxxx]

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IFSCA has issued circular for swift operations by IBUs

Jan 05, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on January 4, 2022 has issued SWIFT Operations to be undertaken by IBUs. The following was stated namely: - • Reference were made to certain circulars namely: - 1. IFSCA Circular F. No. 293/IFSCA/Banking Supervision/2021-22/ dated April 21, 2021 2. IFSCA Circular F. No. 293/IFSCA/Banking Supervision/2021-22/1 dated June 24, 2021 • IBUs need to acknowledge and confirm compliance of the IFSCA Circular regarding implementation of 8-digit distinct BIC SWIFT Code for the IBUs to Banking Supervision Division at ibu-reports@ifsc.gov.in with a copy to the concerned Officer. • Compliance need to be done on or before March 31, 2022. [Notification No. 293/IFSCA/Banking Supervision/2021-22/2]

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Operational Guidelines for Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles for Promoting MMF and Technical Textiles segments

Jan 05, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Textiles on December 28, 2021 has issued Operational Guidelines for Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles for Promoting MMF and Technical Textiles segments. The foremost guidelines are as follows: • General conditions o The Applicant once selected under the Scheme shall form a new company under the Companies Act, 2013 before commencement of investment. This new company will be called "Participant" under the Scheme. o Investment made in anticipation from the date of Scheme Notification shall also be accounted for calculation of threshold investment provided their proposal is approved for participation under the Scheme. In case the required investment is not completed in gestation

period then, balance committed investment can be made during first performance year, provided the required turnover is achieved simultaneously in the same year. o There will be no restriction for making higher investment for enhancing manufacturing capabilities and achieving growth target. o If multiple applications are filed by the same group companies, the entity will have to indicate their preference for proposal to be taken forward at the time of selection. Only one project under PLI will be approved for any group of companies. o The Applicant should have PAN/GST/DIN. o Participating company shall have to do minimum value addition as o required under the scheme, in their own registered factory premises. o The Applicant shall declare the Notified ITC HS lines/ Technical Textiles Products as applicable they shall manufacture in the new participant company. Lines/Products once selected should be adhered to till Scheme duration. In case of any changes, prior approval of MoT will be required. o Turnover achieved from trading and job work will not be accounted for incentives under the Scheme. o Notified goods/Products manufactured by the registered company under the Scheme shall be eligible for the incentives. In other words, goods/Products manufactured by a company other than registered one, even of same group shall not be accounted for calculation of incremental turnover. o Notified Products sold under GST Invoice indicating 8 digit HS code shall only be taken into account for calculation of threshold/incremental turnover. o Participants are eligible to apply for other applicable Schemes administered by Government of India or the State Governments for example, duty remission, duty exemptions, duty drawback etc.. o Foreign (non-resident) investment in the Participant's Company shall be in compliance with the norms delineated under the Consolidated FDI Policy 2020, as amended from time to time. o Participant should commit for setting up of manufacturing facilities to manufacture Notified Product(s) along with appropriate quality and testing facilities having conformity to prescribed BIS Standards or any other International Standard. o The Participant, while dispatching Notified Products out of factory, shall ensure to put "Made in India" tag on each product. o The Applicant and its group company(ies) should neither have been declared as bankrupt or defaulter or reported any fraud by any bank or financial institution or non-banking financial company or placed under black list/denied entity list by any state or central Government department/agencies. o The sample scrutiny of claims of accounts and cost audit of companies (if required) shall be done by Ministry of Textiles through cost auditor. The Consent for audit of their manufacturing site/offices has to be submitted by the company. o The Participant shall maintain consumption and inventory register for inputs and use of raw materials for manufacturing Notified Products. The records shall be preserved for five years after availing incentive for each year or till audit is completed by Ministry, whichever is later. o The Participant shall indicate proper value of the product in the GST invoice on the basis of prevailing market value of the same products. Over-invoicing of products for gaining undue advantage of the Scheme would be viewed seriously and appropriate penalty will be imposed. o The Participant shall submit an undertaking duly Affirmed and Notarized while making application for incentives that statement and documents submitted are true and genuine. • Associated Utilities o Use of existing associated utilities is permitted. However, investment already made in such existing utilities shall not be counted under the Scheme for threshold investment. o Fresh investment in associated utilities commensurate with the manufacturing of Notified Product(s) shall be considered as investment for determining eligibility under the Scheme. • Ineligible investment: o Investments in land and administrative building e.g. office and guest house building will not be covered under the Scheme. • Application fee: o Applicant shall pay Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) for registration under the Scheme. o Application fee once paid shall be non-refundable. o Fee shall be paid through NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card/UPI in the head of Account of MoT. The details of Bank Account for fee payment shall be provided on the PLI portal <http://PLI.texmin.gov.in>. • Eligibility criteria and conditions for claiming incentive o Selected participants meeting the criteria of threshold investment and threshold/ incremental turnover, as prescribed, shall be eligible to claim incentive. The Application Form for disbursement of Incentives is specified on the portal <http://PLI.texmin.gov.in>. The participant shall also furnish all prescribed information. o In case any Participant fails to achieve threshold incremental turnover for any given year, the Participant shall not be eligible for

claiming incentive for that particular financial year. However, the Participant will not be restricted from claiming incentive for subsequent years up to Performance Year 5 and for performance up to FY: 2028-29, provided prescribed and incremental turnover targets are achieved in subsequent financial years. o The incremental turnover of Notified Product(s) should be commensurate with created production capacity under the Scheme.

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RBI issues Retail Direct Scheme –Market Making

Jan 05, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 04, 2022 has issued Retail Direct Scheme –Market Making. The following was stated namely: - • Primary Dealers shall be present on the NDS-OM platform (odd-lot and Request for Quotes segments) throughout market hours and respond to buy/sell requests from Retail Direct Gilt Account Holders (RDGAHs). • Primary Dealers (PDs) may provide buy and sell quotes on the NDS-OM odd lot segment as below: 1. All PDs may provide buy/sell quotes for liquid securities throughout market hours. Alternatively, the secondary market trading time may be divided into time slots and it shall be ensured that PDs provide buy/sell quotes during these time slots for the liquid securities that they hold. Primary Dealers Association of India may decide on the allocation of time slots amongst PDs and inform the same to IDMD, RBI. 2. PDs may strive to achieve turnover on the odd-lot segment on a best effort basis. • In the Request-For-Quotes (RFQ) segment: 1. PDs may be present on the RFQ platform throughout market hours. 2. Any request for buy/sell from the Retail Direct Gilt Account Holders may be responded to by the PDs with a market-relevant quote. [Notification No. RBI/2021-22/147]

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Ministry of Finance notifies of the applicability of Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005

Jan 05, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Finance on January 4, 2022 has issued Notification in regard to applicability of The Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005 in regard to the Foreign Portfolio Investor. The following was stated namely: - • Rule 9(1A) which specify “Every banking company, financial institution and intermediary, as the case may be, shall determine whether a client is acting on behalf of a beneficial owner, identify the beneficial owner and take all reasonable steps to verify his identity” does not apply to the Foreign Portfolio Investor. [Notification No. G.S.R. 5(E)]

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Draft Food Safety and Standard (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2021

Jan 05, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on December 27, 2021 has issued the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2021 to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. The following amendment has been made: • In appendix C, under the heading “II. USE OF PROCESSING AIDS IN FOOD PRODUCTS” Table 11A, which specifies Enzymes derived from Genetically Modified Microorganisms (GMM), has been inserted. All persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft regulations shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of the period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing this notification are made available to the public. Objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi- 110002 or sent on email at regulation@fssai.gov.in. Objections or suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft regulations before the expiry of period so specified, shall be considered by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. *Disclaimer – Kindly find the detailed table in the provided link. [Notification F. No. STD/FA/A-1.30/No.1/2020-FSSAI(P-I)]

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IRDAI (Surety Insurance Contracts) Guidelines, 2022

Jan 05, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Industry Specific](#)

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on January 3, 2022 has issued IRDAI (Surety Insurance Contracts) Guidelines, 2022. This shall come into force from April 1, 2022. The following was introduced in the guidelines namely: - • In Clause 4 which specify “Essential Features of Surety Insurance contract” the following has been inserted namely: - “It shall be a contract of guarantee under Section 126 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872. It is a contract to perform the promise, or discharge the liability of a third person in case of his default. The person who gives the guarantee is called the “Surety”; the person in respect of whose default the guarantee is given is called the “principal debtor”, and the person to whom the guarantee is given is called the “creditor”” • In Clause 6 which specify “Requirements of Underwriting of Surety Insurance Business” the following has been inserted namely: - “General Insurer shall commence Surety Insurance business subject to meeting the requirement of maintaining a solvency margin of not below 1.25 times of the control level of solvency specified by the Authority. Provided that where the solvency margin of the insurer falls below the specified threshold limit at any point of time, the insurer shall stop underwriting new Surety Insurance business until its solvency margin is restored to above the threshold limit” • In Clause 8 which specify “Maintenance of Data Base, Information and Reports” has been inserted namely: - “The data of Surety Insurance contracts underwritten by all general insurers shall be submitted to Insurance Information Bureau of India (IIBI) as may be prescribed” [Notification No: IRDAI/NL/GDL/SIC/01/01/2022]

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The Medical Devices (Amendment) Rules, 2021.

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The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on December 31, 2021 has issued the Medical Devices (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend Medical Device Rules, 2017. The following amendment has been

made: • In Rule 46, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:— “46. Unique device identification of medical device.— With effect from such date as the Central Government may, by order specify, every medical device approved for manufacture for sale or distribution or import, shall bear a unique device identification in the manner as may be specified in such order.”. [Notification No. G.S.R. 918(E)]

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Ministry of Power amends schedule of Energy Conversation Act, 2001

Jan 04, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power on January 03, 2022 has issued a notification to amend certain entries of an schedule to insert item in the Energy Conversation Act, 2001. The following amendments have been made: For Item no. 07, the following entry has been substituted, namely: “7. Sugar – Units of sugar plants or establishment those are under production of sugar and its variants such as white sugar, brown sugar and liquid sugar;” Item No. 09, the following item has been substituted, namely: “9. Chemical – Units of such chemical plants or establishments those are under production of chemicals with following sub-categories: (i) Alkali Chemical (Soda Ash, Potassium Hydroxide); (ii) Inorganic Chemicals; (iii) Organic Chemicals; (iv) Pesticides (Technical); (v) Dyes and Pigments; and (vi) Pharmaceuticals [Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API)]. The following items have been inserted, namely: “16. Ceramic - Units of such ceramic plants or establishments those are under production of vitrified tiles, floor tile, wall tiles and sanitary ware etc. including all variants such as stoneware, porcelain and fire bricks.” “17. Glass - Units of such glass plants or establishments those are under production of glass and it's finished products.” “18. Zinc - Units of such zinc plants or establishments those are under production of zinc and it's finished products.” “19. Copper - Units of such copper plants or establishments those are under production of copper and it's finished products.” “20. Mines including exploration - Units of such mines those are involved in surface, underground or other category of mining of minerals as well as exploration of oil and natural gas.” [Notification NO. S.O. 09 (E)]

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RBI issues Framework for Facilitating Small Value Digital Payments in Offline Mode

Jan 04, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 3, 2022 has issued Framework for Facilitating Small Value Digital Payments in Offline Mode. This shall come into effect from January 3, 2022. The following was stated namely: - • The framework to enable small value digital payments in offline mode using cards, wallets, mobile devices, etc. has been issued namely: - Offline payments may be made using any channel or instrument like cards, wallets, mobile devices, etc. Offline payments shall be made in proximity (face to face) mode only. Offline payment transactions may be offered without Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA). The upper limit of an offline payment transaction shall be ₹200. The total limit for offline transactions on a payment instrument shall be ₹2,000 at any point in time. Replenishment of used limit shall be allowed only in online mode with AFA. • Authorised Payment System Operators (PSOs) and Payment System Participants (PSPs) Acquirers and Issuers (banks and non-banks) - shall ensure compliance with all the applicable instructions. [Notification No. RBI/2021-22/146]

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IFSCA issues Non-applicability or withdrawal of previously issued circulars/directions

Jan 04, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on December 31, 2021 has issued Non-applicability or withdrawal of some circulars/directions previously issued/adopted by the Authority. Due to the IFSCA Banking Handbook that shall come into effect the following circulars has ceased to be applicable namely: - • Under Banking Regulation Act, 1949 – 1. Reserve Bank of India (Financial Services Provided by Banks) Directions, 2016 dated May 26, 2016 (as amended) 2. Master direction on Frauds -Classification and Reporting by Commercial Banks and Select FIs dated July 1, 2016 (as amended) 3. Master Circular–Basel III Capital Regulations dated July 1, 2015 (as amended) 4. Master Circular –Exposure Norms dated July 1, 2015 (as amended) • Under Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934- 1. Legal Entity Identifier Code for participation in non-derivative markets dated November 29, 2018 (as amended) 2. Repurchase Transactions (Repo) (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018 dated July 24, 2018 (as amended) 3. Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2019 dated June 26, 2019(as amended) 4. The Electronic Trading Platforms (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018 dated October 5, 2018 (as amended from time to time) 5. Introduction of Legal Entity Identifier for OTC derivatives markets dated June 1, 2017 (as amended) • Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 – 1. Master Direction–Export of Goods and Services dated January 1, 2016 (as amended) [Notification No. 110/IFSCA/Banking Regulation/2021-22/10]

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NABARD introduces new portal for reporting cyber incidents

Jan 04, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on December 31, 2021 has issued Introduction of CSIR-01 and CSIR02 return in ENSURE portal for reporting of cyber incidents. The following has been stated namely: - • Cyber incidents within 6 hours need to be reported in CSIR-01 return • Further update on the incident need to be reported in CSIR-02 return • The reporting of cyber incident through physical mode is discontinued henceforth. [Notification No. 227/Dos-24/2021]

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IRDAI clarifies on health insurance policy coverage for new covid-19 variant

Jan 04, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on January 03, 2021 has issued a press release to clarify to all the general and health insurance companies related to the new covid-19 Variant Omicron. IRDAI clarified that all health insurance policies issued by all general and health insurance companies that cover treatment costs of Covid-19 also cover the costs of treatment towards Omicron variant of Covid-19 as per terms and conditions of policy contract. The Insurance companies shall put in place effective coordination mechanism with all their network providers (hospitals) for the purpose of making available seamless cashless facility to all policyholders in case of hospitalisation if any and render speedy services to all policyholders and hospitals to co-operate according to the service level agreements (SLA) that

have been entered with insurance companies for the purpose of providing cashless treatment to health insurance policyholders.

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SEBI issues Circular on Options on Commodity Futures-Product Design and Risk Management Framework–Modification in exercise mechanism

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 3, 2022 has issued Circular on Options on Commodity Futures-Product Design and Risk Management Framework–Modification in exercise mechanism. This shall come into force on January 3, 2022. Changes made in the Exercise Mechanism of option contracts on commodity futures are namely: - • All In the money (ITM) option contracts shall be exercised automatically, unless 'contrary instruction' has been given by long position holders of such contracts for not doing so. • Out of the money (OTM) option contracts shall expire worthless. • All exercised contracts within an option series shall be assigned to short positions in that series in a fair and non-preferential manner.

[Notification No. SEBI/HO/CDMRD/DNP/CIR/P/2022/01]

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NHB issues Master Circular on Returns to be submitted by HFCs

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Housing Bank (NHB) on December 31, 2021 has issued Master Circular on Returns to be submitted by Housing Finance Companies (HFCs). This shall be in effect from December 31, 2021. The following was stated namely: - • Returns to be submitted by HFCs - The HFCs are required to submit various returns to the Bank with respect to their deposit acceptance, prudential norms compliance, ALM etc. • Mode of Submission Chapter - The Bank, as part of its green initiatives, paperless approach and e-governance practices, had developed Online Reporting Management Information System (ORMIS), for online submission of returns and various other information by Housing Finance Companies (HFCs). • Interpretations Chapter - the Bank may, if it considers necessary, issue necessary clarifications in respect of any matter covered herein and the interpretation of any provision of the Circular given by the Bank shall be final and binding on all the parties concerned. • Exemption - The Bank may, if it considers it necessary for avoiding any hardship or for any other just and sufficient reason, grant extensions of time to comply with or exempt any housing finance company or class of housing finance companies. [Notification No. NHB(ND)/DOS/Sup. Circular No.7/2021-22]

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Ministry of Finance extends exemption of custom on COVID – 19 Vaccine

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Finance on December 31, 2021 has issued amendment to Notification No. 45/2021-Customs dated the 29th September, 2021 which specify “exemption of customs on COVID-19 Vaccine”. The following amendment has been made namely: - • The notification shall stay in force up to and inclusive of June 30, 2022. [Notification No. 61/2021-Custom]

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SEBI (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) (Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Finance on December 31, 2021 has issued the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) Rules, 1995. This shall come into force on December 31, 2021. The following amendments have been made namely: - • In rule 7 which specify “A notice or an order issued under these rules shall be served on the person” the following shall be substituted namely: - “Service of notices and orders. – A notice or an order issued under these rules shall be served on the person through any of the following modes, namely: – (a) by delivering or tendering it to that person or his duly authorised agent (b) by sending it to the person by fax or electronic mail or electronic instant messaging services along with electronic mail or by courier or speed post or registered post” [G.S.R. 919(E)]

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BSE notifies regarding the Payment of SEBI Turnover Fees of certain derivatives and segments

Jan 31, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation



The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on January 31, 2022 has issued a notice regarding the Payment of SEBI Turnover Fees of Equity Segment/Equity Derivatives/Currency Derivatives Segment/Commodity Derivatives Segment/Interest Rate Derivatives/New Debt Segment/Repo Segment. BSE notifies that the SEBI Turnover fee for the month of December 2021 will be debited to their respective settlement (valan) account by the 3rd working day of the next month i.e, January 05, 2022. Also, SEBI Turnover Fees will no longer be a part of the Settlement Obligation (Valan). It will be debited separately from the members settlement account with appropriate narration against the entry. BSE also requested their Trading members to ensure that sufficient funds are available in their settlement account (valan account) for the purpose of payment of SEBI Turnover Fees. The files of details of all the above stated items will be made available in EXTRANET. *Disclaimer – For detailed information related to the fees document download, kindly refer to the attached document. [Notice No. 20220131-21]

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CBDT amends notification regarding sovereign wealth fund

Jan 27, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on January 25, 2022 has issued amendment to Notification No. S.O. 3952(E), dated November 2, 2020 which specify “The sovereign wealth fund as the specified person for the purposes of the said clause in respect of the investment made by it in India” The following has been amended namely: - • Clause (vii) which specify “earnings of the assessee shall be credited to the account of the Government of Abu Dhabi” has been substituted namely: - “the earnings of the assessee shall be credited either to the account of the Government of Abu Dhabi or to any other account designated by that Government so that no portion of the earnings inures to any private person barring any payment made to creditors or depositors for loan or borrowing [as defined in sub-clause (a) of clause (ii) of Explanation 2 to clause (23FE) of section 10 of the Act] taken for the purposes other than for making investment in India” • Clause (viii) which specify “assessee does not and shall not have any loan, borrowing, advances, deposits or investment other than from Govt. of Abu Dhabi” has been substituted namely: - “the assessee shall not have any loans or borrowings [as defined in sub-clause(a) of clause (ii) of Explanation 2 to clause (23FE) of

section 10 of the Act] , directly or indirectly, for the purposes of making investment in India” • Clause (ix) which specify “the asset of the assessee shall vest in the Government of Abu Dhabi upon dissolution” has been substituted namely: - “the asset of the assessee shall vest in the Government of Abu Dhabi upon dissolution barring any payment made to creditors or depositors for loan or borrowing taken for the purposes other than for making investment in India” [Notification No. S.O. 345(E)]

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MoF extends the period of ADD on “AXLE for TRAILERS”

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on January 24, 2022 has issued a notification to extend the Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on “Axle for Trailers” falling under tariff item 8716 90 10 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, originating in or exported from the People’s Republic of China. The designated authority came to conclusion that: • the fact that the dumped imports continued even after anti-dumping duties and there are practices like circumvention to evade the duties in place show a strong likelihood situation that rate of imports may increase significantly if the existing anti-dumping duties are revoked;’ • that there is a likelihood of continuation/recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry in the event of cessation of duties at this stage, 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. 04/2022-Customs (ADD)]

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Securities and Exchange Board of India (Employees' Service) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 24, 2022 has issued the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Employees' Service) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Employees' Service) Regulations, 2001. The following amendment has been made: • In the schedule which specifies Mode of recruitment, Educational and other qualifications, age limit, experience and other incidental matters related to the recruitment and promotion in the Board's service has been amended. [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/65]

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MoF revokes ADD from “PVC Flex Films”

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on January 24, 2022 has issued a notification to revoke the Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) from the 'PVC Flex Films' which falls under Chapter 39 of the First Schedule of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 originating in or exported from China PR and imported into India by rescinding an older notification no. 42/2016-customs (ADD) dated August 08, 2016. [Notification No. 3/2022-Customs (ADD)]

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DGFT issues clarification in regard to SIMS

Jan 24, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 19, 2022 has issued clarification in regard to Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS). The following was stated namely: - • Re-import of steel packaging purposes will not be covered under SIMS. • No SIMS registration required if the steel item is exported from DTA to SEZ and then imported into DTA from SEZ without value addition or with value addition. [Notification No. 38/2015-2020]

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CBDT issues Guidelines under the Income-tax Act, 1961

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on January 19, 2022 has issued Guidelines under Section 10 the Income-tax Act, 1961 which specify "income-tax exemption on the sum received under a life insurance policy, including any sum allocated by way of bonus on such policy subject to certain exclusions". The following was stated namely: - • Sum received including any sum allocated by way of bonus during the previous year under any one or more ULIPs issued on or after February 1, 2021 shall be exempt under clause (10D) of section 10 of the Act, subject to the satisfaction of other provisions of said clause. [Circular No. 2 of 2022]

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Income tax (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2022

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) January 18, 2022 has issued The Income tax (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2022 to further amend The Income-tax Rules, 1962. This shall come into force on January 18, 2022. The following amendments has been made namely: - • Rule 8 which specify "Income from the manufacture of Tea" the following rule 8AD has been inserted namely: - "Computation of capital gains for the purposes of sub-section (1B) of section 45 – Where any person receives at any time during any previous year any amount under a specified unit linked insurance policy, including the amount allocated by way of bonus on such policy" [Notification No. G.S.R. 24(E)]

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Ministry of Finance issues exemption under Custom Tariff Act, 1975 for the purpose of organising the AFC Women's Asian Cup India, 2022

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on January 18, 2022 has issued exemption of certain goods under Custom Tariff Act, 1975 when imported into India by All India Football Federation for the purpose of organising the AFC Women's Asian Cup India, 2022. The following goods have been exempted under certain conditions namely:

- Kelme Referee kits, ball boy uniform and match-day bibs
- Competitions goods shipped using Aramex
- Molten official match balls.
- Kelme AFC delegations / volunteers attire
- Country Flags
- Sleeves Badges
- WAC mini-Trophy

[Notification No. 1/2022-Customs]

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CBDT issues clarification regarding alignment of Customs Act, 1962 with the CAROTAR, 2020 (Customs Administration of Rules of Origin Under Trade Agreements Rules, 2020)

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on January 19, 2022 has issued Alignment of certain AEO Circulars with CAROTAR, 2020. The following was stated namely: -

- It is clarified regarding the insertion of Section relating to procedure regarding claim of preferential rate of duty under Customs Act, 1962, and the issuance of CAROTAR, 2020 (Customs Administration of Rules of Origin Under Trade Agreements Rules, 2020). The provisions prevail over dispensation and the latter stand suitably aligned to the former.

[Notification No. 02/2022-Customs]

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CBDT extends time period for re-export of ISO containers transporting Liquid Medical Oxygen grade

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) January 18, 2022 has issued Notification Regarding Retention of ISO Containers to meet future requirements. The following was stated namely: -

- field formations to allow extension of time period for re-exports of ISO containers meant for transportation of Liquid Medical Oxygen grade till September 30, 2022.
- As long as ISO containers are in India under a valid lease and the IGST amount is paid on such lease amount under CGST law, the IGST is not required to be paid on the value of the ISO containers, and in such a situation the need for re-export would not arise.

[Circular No. 01/2022-Customs]

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Securities Transaction Tax (1st Amendment), Rules, 2022

Jan 20, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) January 18, 2022 has issued The Securities Transaction Tax (1st Amendment), Rules, 2022 to further amend The Securities Transaction Tax Rules, 2004. This shall come into force on January 18, 2022. The following amendments have been made namely: - • Rule 5 which specifies "Person responsible for collection and payment of securities transaction tax in case of a Mutual Fund", Rule 5A has been inserted namely: - "Person responsible for collection and payment of securities transaction tax in case of Insurance Company" • Rule 6 which specifies "Payment of Securities Transaction Tax" the following has been substituted namely: - "Payment of securities transaction tax.- Every recognised stock exchange, or the trustee of every Mutual Fund or such other person managing the affairs of the mutual fund as may be duly authorised by the trustee in this behalf, or the managing director or a whole-time director, as defined in clauses (54) and (94) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013), duly authorised by the Board of Directors of an insurance company, who is required to collect and pay securities transaction tax under section 100 of the Act, shall pay the amount of such tax to the credit of the Central Government by remitting it into any branch of the Reserve Bank of India or of the State Bank of India or of any authorised bank accompanied by a securities transaction tax challan" • Rule 8 which specifies "Return by whom to be signed" the following sub-rule 8(c) shall be inserted namely: - "In the case of an insurance company by the managing director or a whole-time director as defined in clauses (54) and (94) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) a duly authorised by the Board of Directors of such company in this behalf" [Notification No. G.S.R. 25(E)]

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Registration of Factors (Reserve Bank) Regulations, 2022

Jan 18, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 17, 2022 has issued the Registration of Factors (Reserve Bank) Regulations, 2022 relating to the manner of granting Certificate of Registration to companies which propose to do factoring business. The following provisions have been laid down: Net Owned Fund (NOF) Every company seeking registration as NBFC-Factor shall have a minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF) of ₹5 crore, or as specified by the Reserve Bank from time to time. Registration and matters incidental thereto (1) Every company intending to undertake factoring business shall make an application to the Reserve Bank for grant of certificate of registration (CoR) as NBFC-Factor under the Act and shall ensure compliance with PBC as stipulated in regulation 4 of these regulations. (2) Any existing NBFC-ICC, intending to undertake factoring business, shall make an application to the Reserve Bank for grant of CoR under the Act if it satisfies the following eligibility criteria: (a) not accepting or holding public deposits; (b) total assets of ₹1,000 crore and above, as per the last audited balance sheet; (c) meeting the NOF requirement as prescribed in regulation 3 of these regulations; (d) regulatory compliance. (3) Any existing NBFC-ICC, which does not satisfy the above conditions but intends to undertake factoring business, shall approach the Reserve Bank for conversion from NBFC-ICC to NBFC-Factor. Such NBFCICCs shall comply with the PBC as specified in regulation 4 of these regulations. (4) Application for such conversion shall be submitted with all supporting documents meant for new registration as NBFC-Factor, together with surrender of original CoR issued by the Reserve Bank to the NBFC-ICC under Section 45IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. (5) An entity not registered with the Reserve Bank under the Act, may conduct the business of factoring, if it is an entity mentioned in Section 5 of the Factoring Regulation Act, 2011 i.e. a bank or a body corporate established under an Act of Parliament or State Legislature, or a Government Company. (6) NBFC-Factor or eligible NBFC-ICC which has been granted CoR by the Reserve Bank under these regulations, shall commence factoring business within six months from the date of grant of CoR. Conduct of business and prudential regulations NBFC-Factors or

eligible NBFC-ICCs which have been granted CoR under the Act shall conduct the factoring business in accordance with the Act and rules and regulations framed under the Act or the directions and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank from time to time. [Notification No. DOR.FIN.080/CGM(JPS) – 2022]

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Registration of Assignment of Receivables (Reserve Bank) Regulations, 2022

Jan 18, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 17, 2022 has issued the Registration of Assignment of Receivables (Reserve Bank) Regulations, 2022 related to the manner of filing of particulars of transactions with the Central Registry by a Trade Receivable Discounting System (TReDS) on behalf of Factors. The following provision has been laid down: Registration of assignments of receivables transactions (1) Where any trade receivables are financed through a Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS); the concerned TReDS on behalf of the Factor shall, within a period of ten days, from the date of such assignment or satisfaction thereof, as the case may be, file with the Central Registry the particulars of (a) Assignment of receivables in favour of a Factor in Form I, which shall be authenticated by the authorized person using a valid electronic signature. (b) Satisfaction of any assignment of receivables on full realization of the receivables in Form II, which shall be authenticated by the authorized person using a valid electronic signature. (2) If the particulars referred in the sub-regulation (1) are not filed within the period specified therein, the Central Registrar may, on being satisfied on an application made in this behalf stating the reasons for the delay, allow the said particulars to be filed within such additional time not exceeding ten days as he may specify, upon payment of the fee as prescribed by GoI in Registration of Assignment of Receivables Rules, 2012, as amended from time to time. (3) Every Form for registration of any transaction relating to assignment of receivables or satisfaction of receivables on realisation shall be accompanied by the fee, as prescribed by GoI in Registration of Assignment of Receivables Rules, 2012, as amended from time to time, to be paid to the Central Registrar in the manner as may be specified by the Central Registrar from time to time. *Disclaimer – Kindly find the forms in the attached document. [Notification No. DOR.FIN.081/CGM(JPS)–2022]

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BSE reopens ICICI PRUDENTIAL PASSIVE MULTI-ASSET FOF for ongoing transactions on BSE StAR MF Platform

Jan 18, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on January 17, 2022 has issued a notice to reopen the ICICI PRUDENTIAL PASSIVE MULTI-ASSET FOF for ongoing transactions on BSE StAR MF Platform. The details of the scheme are as follows: ■ICICI PRUDENTIAL PASSIVE MULTI-ASSET FOF GROWTH ■ICICI PRUDENTIAL PASSIVE MULTI-ASSET FOF IDCW REINVESTMENT ■ICICI PRUDENTIAL PASSIVE MULTI-ASSET FOF IDCW PAYOUT ■ICICI PRUDENTIAL PASSIVE MULTI-ASSET FOF DIRECT PLAN GROWTH ■ICICI PRUDENTIAL PASSIVE MULTI-ASSET FOF DIRECT PLAN IDCW REINVESTMENT ■ICICI PRUDENTIAL PASSIVE MULTI-ASSET FOF DIRECT PLAN IDCW PAYOUT [Notice No. 20220118-2]

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DGFT issues Notice regarding De-Activation of IECs not updated at DGFT

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 14, 2022 has issued Notice regarding De-Activation of IECs not updated at DGFT. The following was stated namely: - • All IECs which have not been updated after July 1, 2020 shall be de-activated with effect from February 1, 2022. • The concerned IEC holders are provided an opportunity to update their IEC in the interim period till January 31, 2022 • IEC re-activation after January 31, 2022 need to be done through the DGFT website. The IEC should be updated online. [Trade Notice 31/2021-22]

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CBIC amend the Tariff rates for crude palm oil, Areca Nuts and other items

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on January 14, 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. 03/2022- Customs (N.T.)]

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DGFT amends Handbook of Procedures, 2015-2020

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 14, 2022 has issued Amendment of Para 2.54 (d)(v)(iv) of Handbook of Procedures, 2015-2020. The following has been stated namely: - • Two ports have been added to the existing number of ports namely: - “Import consignments of metallic waste and scrap shall be subject to pre-shipment inspection certificate (PSIC) from the country of origin. However, metallic waste and scrap (both shredded and unshredded) imported from safe countries / region i.e. the USA, the UK, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the EU will not require PSIC if consignments are cleared through these

ten (10) ports namely, Chennai, Tuticorin, Kandla, JNPT, Mumbai, Krishnapatnam, Mundra, Kattupalli, Hazira and Kamarajar. Consignments from these six countries / regions will be accompanied by certificate from the supplier / scrap yard authority to the effect that it does not contain any radioactive materials / explosives. These will however be subject to radiation and explosive checks through portal monitors and container scanner at these ports. Trans-shipments through these countries / regions will not be allowed this facility. Import through remaining eight (8) other ports (for both shredded and unshredded scrap / waste), irrespective of country of origin, will be subject to PSIC.” [Notification No. 46/(2015-2020)]

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Income Tax (1st Amendment) Rules, 2022

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on January 14, 2022 has issued the Income Tax (1st Amendment), Rules, 2022 to further amend the Income-Tax Rules, 1962. This shall come into force on April 1, 2022. The following amendments have been made namely: - • In Rule 21 AJ which specify “Determination of income of a specified fund attributable to units held by non-residents under sub-section (1A) of section 115AD” the following Rules have been inserted namely: - 1. Rule 2AJA has been inserted namely: - “Computation of exempt income of specified fund, attributable to the investment division of an offshore banking unit, for the purposes of clause (4D) of section 10 of the Act” 2. Rule 21AJAA has been inserted namely: - “Determination of income of a specified fund attributable to the investment division of an offshore banking unit under sub-section (1B) of section 115AD of the Act” [Notification No. G.S.R. 15(E)]

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MoF extends the scope of Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF)

Jan 12, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on January 10, 2022 has issued a notification to extend the scope of Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF) to cover all fraud cases involving amount of Rs.3 Crore and above and examine the role of all levels of officials/Whole Time Directors (including ex-officials/ex-WTDs) in Public Sector Banks and Public Sector Financial institutions. The following Cases are to be examined by ABBFF: (a) The ABBFF will examine all cases of total amount involving Rs.3.00 Crore and up to Rs.50.00 Crore also, which are classified as Fraud and reported to RBI by PSBS and in case of PSFIs, fraud declared, on or after January 06, 2022. (b) The cases of total amount involving Rs.3.00 Crore and up to Rs.50.00 Crore, which are classified as Fraud and reported to RBI by PSBS and in case of PSFIs, declared as fraud prior to January 06, 2022 but have reached the Disciplinary Authority through IAC and CVO on or after January 06, 2022, shall also be referred to ABBFF. (c) The cases of total amount involving Rs. 3.00 Crore and up to Rs. 50.00 Crore, where FMR is filed by PSBs or declared as fraud by PSFIs prior to January 06, 2022 but criminal complaint is yet to be filed with the investigating agencies, are also to be reported to ABBFF.

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CBDT extends due date for filing ITRs

Jan 12, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on January 11, 2022 has issued extension of due dates for filing of Income Tax Returns and various reports of audit for the Assessment Year 2021-22 under the Income-tax Act, 1961. The following was stated namely: - • Due date of furnishing of Report of Audit which was September 30, 2021, later extended to January 15, 2022, is further extended to February 15, 2022. • The due date of furnishing of Report of Audit which was October 31, 2021, is extended to February 15, 2022. • The due date of furnishing of Report from an Accountant by persons entering into international transaction or specified domestic transaction which was October 31, 2021, later extended to January 31, 2022, is further extended to February 15, 2022. • The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22, which was October 31, 2021, later extended to February 15, 2022, is further extended to March 15, 2022. • The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22, which was November 30, 2021, later extended to February 28, 2022, is further extended to March 15, 2022. [Circular No.01/2022]

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DGFT amends certain items of schedule 2 of ITCES export policy 2018

Jan 10, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 10, 2022 has issued a notification to amend schedule 2 of ITCES export policy 2018 which deals with the export of Enoxaparin and Intra-venous Immunoglobulin (IVIG). DGFT now has decided to revise the policy of the above stated description and put their export in the "RESTRICTED CATEGORY" with immediate effect. [Notification No. 50/2015-2020]

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CBDT issues notification regarding Faceless Appeal Scheme, 2021

Jan 10, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on January 7, 2022 has issued notification in respect of the Faceless Appeal Scheme, 2021. The following was said namely: - • Paragraph 10(i) which specify "Authentication of electronic record" the following shall be read as namely: - "The Commissioner of Income-tax (Appeals), in case of order passed under clause (x) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph 5 or under sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 6 or under sub-paragraph (8) of paragraph 7, by affixing digital signature." [Notification No. 02 /2022 (F. No. 370142/66/2021-TPL)]

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RBI amends the Basel III Framework on Liquidity Standards

Jan 08, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 06, 2022 has issued a notification to make certain amendments in the Basel III Framework on Liquidity Standards to better align our guidelines with the BCBS standard and enable banks to manage liquidity risk more effectively, it has been decided to increase the threshold limit for deposits and other extensions of funds made by non-financial Small Business Customers from ■ 5 crore to ■ 7.5 crore for the purpose of maintenance of Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR). This shall be applicable to all Commercial Banks other than Regional Rural Banks, Local Area Banks and Payments Banks. *Disclaimer – kindly refer to the Annexure provided in the document. [Notification RBI/2021-22/151 DOR.No.PRD.LRG.79/21.04.098/2021-22]

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MoF revokes ADD from 1,1,1,2- Tetrafluoroethane or R-134a

Jan 07, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on January 06, 2022 has issued a notification to revoke the Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) from 1,1,1,2- Tetrafluoroethane or R-134a. which was imposed by the Notification No. 30/2016-Customs (ADD), July 11, 2016. [Notification No. 1/2022-Customs (ADD)]

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CBIC amends exchange rates of certain foreign currencies

Jan 07, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on January 06, 2022 releases the amendment In Exchange Rate issued in the Notification No. 98/2021 – Customs N.T dated December 16, 2021 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 the new exchange rates determining the rate of exchange of conversion of the below mentioned foreign currencies in Indian rupees which will be effective from January 07, 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 • Korean Won • Turkish Lira • UAE Dirham • US Dollar • Japanese Yen [Notification No.02/2022 - Customs (N.T.)]

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DGFT amends the Para 9.08 of Handbook of Procedure 2015-20 for the inclusion of new agencies in standing committee

Jan 06, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 05, 2022 has issued a trade notice for the Amendment in Para 9.08 of Handbook of Procedures – 2015-20 - Inclusion of new agencies in the Standing

Grievance Committee. The following revision has been made: For speedy redressal of genuine grievances of trade and industry pertaining to Export and Foreign Trade, Grievance Committees have been constituted chaired by (i) DGFT at Headquarters and (ii) head(s) of RA(s) in regional offices. Grievance Committee will include representatives of Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), Export Promotion Councils/ Commodity Boards, Development Authorities, and Government Departments/ technical authorities, Custom Authorities, GST Authorities, DGARM, Banks (Public and Private Sectors), Export Inspection Agencies/Councils, ECGC, Industries Commissioner (State/UT), Export Commissioner (State/UT), General Manager (GM) District Industries Centre (DIC) as their members. [Trade Notice No. 44/2015-2020]

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RBI issues a master circular for Bank finance to NBFC's

Jan 06, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 05, 2022 has issued a master circular for Bank finance to non-banking financial companies (NBFC's). This master circular shall be applicable to all the Scheduled commercial banks (excluding regional rural banks). The following instructions have been issued: Accordingly, banks may extend need based working capital facilities as well as term loans to all NBFCs registered with RBI and engaged in infrastructure financing, equipment leasing, hire-purchase, loan, factoring and investment activities subject to provisions of para 8 of these guidelines. Banks may formulate suitable loan policy with the approval of their Boards of Directors within the prudential guidelines and exposure norms prescribed by the Reserve Bank to extend various kinds of credit facilities to NBFCs subject to the condition that the activities indicated in paragraphs 4 and 6 are not financed by them. As banks can extend financial assistance to equipment leasing companies, they should not enter into lease agreements departmentally with such companies as well as other Non-Banking Financial Companies engaged in equipment leasing. Banks should not grant bridge loans of any nature, or interim finance against capital / debenture issues and / or in the form of loans of a bridging nature pending raising of long-term funds from the market by way of capital, deposits, etc. to all categories of Non-Banking Financial Companies. Banks should not invest in Zero Coupon Bonds (ZCBs) issued by NBFCs unless the issuer NBFC builds up a sinking fund for all accrued interest and keeps it invested in liquid investments / securities (Government bonds). Banks are permitted to also invest in Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) with original or initial maturity up to one year issued by NBFCs. However, while investing in such instruments banks should be guided by the extant prudential guidelines in force, ensure that the issuer has disclosed the purpose for which the NCDs are being issued in the disclosure document and such purposes are eligible for bank finance in terms of instructions given in the preceding paragraphs. [Master Circular No. DOR.CRE.REC.No.77/21.04.172/2021-22]

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DGFT amends the import policy conditions of Gold

Jan 06, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 05, 2022 has issued a trade notice for the Amendment in import policy conditions of gold under Chapter 71 of Schedule – I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS), 2017. The following amendments have been made: Import of gold/silver under Advance Authorisation and supply of gold/silver directly by foreign buyers to exporters under para 4.45 of FTP against export orders

would continue to be governed by the relevant FTP provisions. The expression “Gold in any form” includes gold in any form above 22 carats under Chapter-71 of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule-I (Import Policy). In addition to nominated agencies as notified by RBI (in case of banks) and nominated agencies notified by DGFT, qualified jewellers as notified by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) will be permitted to import gold under specific ITC(HS) Codes through India International Bullion Exchange IFSC Ltd. (IIBX). However, Import of gold/silver under Advance Authorisation and supply of gold/silver directly by foreign buyers to exporters under para 4.45 of FTP against export orders would continue to be governed by the relevant FTP provisions. [Trade Notice No. 49/2015-2020]

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CBIC amends schedule for exchange rates of Turkish Lira

Jan 04, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on January 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 No.98/2021-CUSTOMS (N.T.), dated December 16, 2021, with effect from January 04, 2022. determining the rate of exchange of conversion of the below-mentioned foreign currency(ies) in Indian rupees. In the SCHEDULE-I of the said Notification, for serial No.18 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely: - •Turkish Lira (Notification No. 01/2022 - Customs (N.T.))

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Ministry of Finance Amends Notification No. 15/2021 related to Central Tax

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on December 31, 2021 has issued amendment for Notification No. 15/2021 – Central Tax (Rate) dated November 18, 2021 which specify “The Central tax, on the intra-State supply of services of description as specified, falling under Chapter, Section or Heading of scheme of classification of certain services, shall be levied at the rate as prescribed, subject to certain conditions.” This shall come into force on January 1, 2022. The following amendments were made namely: - • In Description of Service, items (iii), (vi), (ix) and (x) of column (3) which specify “Union territory, a local authority, a Governmental Authority or a Government Entity” the following shall be substituted namely: - “Union territory or a local authority” • In the heading “condition”, items (iii), (vi), (vii), (ix) and (x) under column (5) has been omitted [Notification No. No. 22/2021-Central Tax (Rate)]

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Ministry of Finance Amends Notification No. 15/2021 related to Union Territory Tax

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on December 31, 2021 has issued amendment for Notification No. 15/2021 – Union Territory Tax (Rate) dated November 18, 2021 which specify “The union territory tax, on the intra-State supply of services of description as specified, falling under Chapter, Section or Heading of scheme of classification of certain services, shall be levied at the rate as prescribed, subject to certain conditions.” This shall come into force on January 1, 2022. The following amendments were made namely: - • In Description of Service, items (iii), (vi), (ix) and (x) of column (3) which specify “Union territory, a local authority, a Governmental Authority or a Government Entity” the following shall be substituted namely: - “Union territory or a local authority” • In the heading “condition”, items (iii), (vi), (vii), (ix) and (x) under column (5) has been omitted. [Notification No. 22/2021-Union Territory Tax (Rate)]

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MoF amends certain chapters of an older customs notification

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on December 31, 2021 has issued a notification to make certain amendments in an older notification related to customs and central excise, by amending certain chapters in the notification no. 07/2020- Customs (N.T.), dated January 28, 2020. The following amendments have been made: Chapter 3, which specifies, FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES, has been amended. Chapter 4, which specifies, DAIRY PRODUCE; BIRDS' EGGS; NATURAL HONEY; EDIBLE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED, has been amended. Chapter 7, which specifies, EDIBLE VEGETABLES AND CERTAIN ROOTS AND TUBERS, has been amended. Chapter 8, which specifies, EDIBLE FRUITS AND NUTS, PEEL OF CITRUS FRUIT OR MELONS, has been amended. Chapter 15, which specifies, ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS AND THEIR CLEAVAGE PRODUCTS; PREPARED EDIBLE FATS; ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE WAXES, has been amended. Chapter 16, which specifies, PREPARATIONS OF MEAT, OF FISH OR OF CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS OR OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES, has been amended. Chapter 20, which specifies, PREPARATION OF VEGETABLES, FRUITS, NUTS OR OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS, has been amended. Chapter 22, which specifies, BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND VINEGAR, has been amended. Chapter 23, which specifies, RESIDUES AND WASTE FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRIES; PREPARED ANIMAL FODDER, has been amended. Chapter 24, which specifies, TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES, has been amended. Chapter 29, which specifies, ORGANIC CHEMICALS, has been amended. Chapter 30, which specifies, PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, has been amended. Chapter 36, which specifies, EXPLOSIVES; PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS; MATCHES; PYROPHORIC ALLOYS; CERTAIN COMBUSTIBLE PREPARATIONS, has been amended. Chapter 38, which specifies, MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, has been amended. Chapter 57, which specifies, CARPETS AND OTHER TEXTILE FLOOR COVERINGS, has been amended. Chapter 59, which specifies, IMPREGNATED, COATED, COVERED OR LAMINATED TEXTILE FABRICS; TEXTILE ARTICLES OF A KIND SUITABLE FOR INDUSTRIAL USE, has been amended. Chapter 63, which specifies, OTHER MADE UP TEXTILES ARTICLES; SETS; WORN CLOTHING AND WORN TEXTILE ARTICLES; RAGS, has been amended. Chapter 69, which specifies, CERAMIC PRODUCTS, has been amended. Chapter 70, which specifies, GLASS AND GLASSWARE, has been amended. Chapter 71, which specifies, NATURAL OR CULTURED PEARLS, PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES, PRECIOUS METALS, METALS CLAD WITH PRECIOUS METAL, AND ARTICLES THEREOF; IMITATION JEWELLERY; COIN, has been amended. Chapter 81, which specifies, OTHER BASE METALS; CERMETS ARTICLES THEREOF, has been amended. Chapter 84, which specifies, NUCLEAR REACTORS, BOILERS, MACHINERY AND

MECHANICAL APPLIANCES; PARTS THEREOF, has been amended. Chapter 85, which specifies, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF; SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS, TELEVISION IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS, AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF SUCH ARTICLES, has been amended. Chapter 88, which specifies, AIRCRAFT, SPACECRAFT, AND PARTS THEREOF, has been amended. Chapter 90, which specifies, OPTICAL, PHOTOGRAPHIC, CINEMATOGRAPHIC, MEASURING, CHECKING, PRECISION, MEDICAL OR SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS; PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF, has been amended. Chapter 95, which specifies, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTS REQUISITES; PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF, has been amended. Chapter 96, which specifies, MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, has been amended. Chapter 97, which specifies, WORKS OF ART, COLLECTOR'S' PIECES AND ANTIQUES, has been amended. This notification shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 2022. [Notification No. 108/2021- Customs (N.T.)]

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Ministry of Finance Amends Notification No. 15/2021 related to Integrated Tax

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance on December 31, 2021 has issued amendment for Notification No. 15/2021 – Integrated Tax (Rate) dated November 18, 2021 which specify “The Integrated tax, on the inter-State supply of services of description as specified, falling under Chapter, Section or Heading of scheme of classification of certain services, shall be levied at the rate as prescribed, subject to certain conditions.” This shall come into force on January 1, 2022. The following amendments were made namely: - • In Description of Service, items (iii), (vi), (ix) and (x) of column (3) which specify “Union territory, a local authority, a Governmental Authority or a Government Entity” the following shall be substituted namely: - “Union territory or a local authority” • In the heading “condition”, items (iii), (vi), (vii), (ix) and (x) under column (5) has been omitted [No. 22/2021-Integrated Tax (Rate)]

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MoF makes amendment in certain schedules of Central tax (rates)

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on December 31, 2021 has issued a notification to amend certain schedules of the older notification to insert a particular line item, that is Notification No.14/2021-Central Tax (Rate), dated November 18, 2021. The following amendment has been made: In schedule I, which specifies 2.5% of tax, Serial no. 225 and all the entries related to it have been omitted. In schedule II, which specifies 6% of tax, Entry no 171A1 which specifies “Footwear of sale value not exceeding Rs.1000 per pair.” Has been inserted. This notification shall come into force on January 01, 2022. [Notification No. 21/2021-Central Tax (Rate)]

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MoF makes amendment in certain schedules of Integrated tax (rates)

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on December 31, 2021 has issued a notification to amend certain schedules of the older notification to insert a particular line item, that is notification No.14/2021-Integrated Tax (Rate), dated November 18, 2021. The following amendment has been made: In schedule I, which specifies 2.5% of tax, Serial no. 225 and all the entries related to it have been omitted. In schedule II, which specifies 6% of tax, Entry no 171A1 which specifies "Footwear of sale value not exceeding Rs.1000 per pair." Has been inserted. This notification shall come into force on January 01, 2022. [Notification No. 21/2021-Integrated Tax (Rate)]

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MoF makes amendment in certain schedules of Union-Territory tax (rates)

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on December 31, 2021 has issued a notification to amend certain schedules of the older customs notification to insert a particular line item, that is notification No.14/2021-Union-Territory Tax (Rate), dated November 18, 2021. The following amendment has been made: In schedule I, which specifies 2.5% of tax, Serial no. 225 and all the entries related to it have been omitted. In schedule II, which specifies 6% of tax, Entry no 171A1 which specifies "Footwear of sale value not exceeding Rs.1000 per pair." Has been inserted. This notification shall come into force on January 01, 2022. [Notification No. 21/2021-Union-Territory Tax (Rate)]

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RBI further extends the timeline for periodic updation of KYC

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on December 30, 2021 has issued a circular to further extend the timeline for periodic updation of KYC related to Restrictions on Account Operations for Non-compliance while referring to circular DOR.AML.REC 13/14.01.001/2021-22 dated May 5, 2021. The date has now been extended till March 31, 2022, due to uncertainty of new covid-19 variant. [Circular NO. RBI/2021-22/144 DOR.AML.REC.74/14.01.001/2021-22]

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Department of Commerce issues extension of Last Date for submitting applications for scrip based FTP Schemes

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Department of Commerce on December 31, 2021 has issued Extension of Last Date for Submitting applications for Scrip based FTP Schemes. This shall come into effect from December 31, 2021. The Last

date of submitting applications have been extended to January 31, 2022 for the following schemes namely: -
• MEIS • SEIS • 2 % additional ad hoc incentive • ROSCTL • New late cut for applications submitted up to
January 31, 2022 shall be levied [Notification No. 48 /2015-2020]

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Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2021

Jan 03, 2022 | [Central](#) | [Finance & Taxation](#)

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on December 31, 2021 has issued the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2021 to further amend the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018. The following amendment has been made: In Section 15, which specifies Transitional provisions, sub-regulation (2) has been substituted, namely: (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the authorised sea carrier shall continue to deliver the cargo declaration in Form III of the Import Manifest (Vessels) Regulations, 1971 and Form I of the Export Manifest (Vessels) Regulations, 1976, in the manner as was applicable before the commencement of these regulations, “till 30th June 2022.” [Notification No. 109/2021-Customs (N.T.)]

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Labour

Ministry of Labour and Employment declares service in Bhartiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (P) Limited as Public Utility Service

Jan 28, 2022 | Central | Labour



The Ministry of Labour and Employment on January 27, 2022 has issued notification declaring certain services to be public utility services. This will be in effect from January 29, 2022. The following was stated namely: - • Services in the Bhartiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (P) Limited, Mysore (Karnataka) and Salboni (West Bengal) is said to be a public utility service. • This will be in effect for a period of six months. [Notification No. S.O. 355(E)]

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Employees State Insurance Corporation issues relaxation for eligibility condition of insurable employment before unemployment

Jan 28, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation on January 12, 2022 has issued notification to relax the eligibility condition of insurable employment before unemployment. This has come into effect from July 1, 2021. The following was stated namely: - • Relaxation of the eligibility condition of 2 years insurable employment before unemployment and contributory condition of Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana. • The condition is namely: - "The Insured Person should have been in insurable employment for a minimum period of 12 months immediately before his/her unemployment and should have contributed for not less than 78 days in the one completed contribution period in 12 months immediately preceding to unemployment" [Notification No. N-12/13/01/2019-P&D]

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MoLE further extends the tenure of certain public utility services

Jan 28, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of labour and Employment (MoLE) on January 27, 2022 has issued a notification to extend the period of certain public services for six months. The tenure of the following public utility services has been extended: (a) India Government Mints, Kolkata, Noida, Mumbai and Hyderabad (covered under item No.11); (b) India Security Press, Nashik (covered under item No. 12); (c) Security Printing Press, Hyderabad (covered under item No. 12); (d) Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad (covered under item No. 21); (e) Services in the Bank Note Press, Dewas (covered under item No. 22); (f) Currency Note Press, Nashik Road (covered under item No. 25). The above said industrial undertakings to be public utility service for the purposes of the Industrial Disputes Act for a further period of six months with effect from the January 30, 2022. [Notification No. S.O. 356(E)]

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Draft Goa Municipalities (Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jan 24, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Government of Goa on January 20, 2022, has issued draft Goa Municipalities (Amendment) Rules 2021. The following amendment has been made: • In the Rules specified in the Schedule which specifies hereto, in the short title, the expression, “Daman and Diu” shall be omitted. The said draft Rules will be taken into consideration by the Government after the expiry of a period of fifteen days from the date of publication of this Notification in the Official Gazette. All objections and/or suggestions to the said draft rules may be forwarded to the ex officio Additional Secretary to the Government of Goa, Department of Urban Development (Municipal Administration), First Floor, Dempo Towers, EDC Patto-Plaza, Panaji-Goa, before the expiry of the said period of fifteen days so that they may be taken into consideration at the time of finalization of the said draft Rules. (Notification No. 10/888/2021-DMA/Amend/Act/Rules/3835)

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MoF announced enforcement date and interest rates of special Deposit Scheme

Jan 05, 2022 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on January 03, 2021 has issued a notification on the Special Deposit scheme for Non-Government Provident, Superannuation and Gratuity Funds, which will come into effect from annuary 01, 2022 to March 31, 2022 and shall bear the Interest of 7.1 % (seven point one Percent). This notification shall come into force from January 01, 2022. [Notification F. No. 5(4)-B(PD)/2021]

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SEBI (Mutual Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Jan 27, 2022 | Central | Secretarial



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 25, 2022 has issued the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996. This has come into force on January 25, 2022. The following amendments have been made namely: - • Regulation 18(15)(c) which specifies “when the majority of the trustees decide to wind up or prematurely redeem the units” has been substituted namely: - “when the majority of the trustees decide to wind up a scheme in terms of clause (a) of sub regulation (2) of regulation 39 or prematurely redeem the units of a close ended scheme” • Regulation 50(1) which specifies “To maintain proper books of account and records, etc.” the following sub-regulation (1A) has been inserted namely: - “The financial statements and accounts of the mutual fund schemes shall be prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (IND AS) and any addendum thereto, as notified by the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended from time to time” • In Eleventh Schedule para 1 clause (vi) which specifies “Annual Report” has been substituted namely: - “Statement on the following lines - On written request, present and prospective unitholders/investors can obtain a physical copy of the trust deed, the annual report and scheme related documents at a nominal price” [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/70]

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Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Jan 27, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 25, 2022 has issued the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) Regulations, 2003. The following amendments have been made: • In regulation 4, which specifies Prohibition of manipulative, fraudulent and unfair trade practices, in sub-regulation (2), clause (k) has been substituted, namely: “(k) disseminating information or advice through any media, whether physical or digital, which the disseminator knows to be false or misleading in a reckless or careless manner and which is designed to, or likely to influence the

decision of investors dealing in securities;” • In regulation 6, which specifies Powers of Investigating Authority, clause (7), clause (8), Clause (9) and Clause (10) have been inserted, namely: “(7) to call for information and record from any person including any bank or any other authority or board or corporation established or constituted by or under any Central, State or Provincial Act in respect of any transaction in securities which are under investigation; (8) to make an application to the Judge of the designated court in Mumbai as notified by the Central Government for an order for the seizure of any books, registers, other documents and record, if in the course of investigation, the Investigating Authority has reasonable ground to believe that such books, registers, other documents and record of, or relating to, any intermediary or any person associated with securities market in any manner may be destroyed, mutilated, altered, falsified or secreted; (9) to keep in his custody the books, registers, other documents and record seized under these regulations for such period not later than the conclusion of the investigation as he considers necessary and thereafter to return the same to the person, the company or the other body corporate, or, as the case may be, to the managing director or the manager or any other person from whose custody or power they were seized: Provided that the Investigating Authority may, before returning such books, registers, other documents and record as aforesaid, place identification marks on them or any part thereof; (10) save as otherwise provided in this regulation, every search or seizure made under this regulation shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) relating to searches or seizures made under that Code.” • Regulation 7, which specifies Power of the Investigating Authority to be exercised with prior approval has been omitted. In regulation 8, which specifies Duties to co-operate etc. In sub-regulation (3), clause (c) has been substituted, namely: “(c) provide to such Investigating Authority or any person authorized by him in this behalf any such books, accounts and records which, in the opinion of the Investigating Authority, are relevant to the investigation or, as the case may be, allow the Investigating Authority or any person authorized by him in this behalf to take computer print-outs thereof.” • Regulation 11A, which specifies Manner of service of summons and notices issued by the Board has been substituted, namely: 11A. (1) A summons or notice issued by the Board under these regulations shall be served on the person through any of the following modes, namely— (a) by delivering or tendering it to that person or his duly authorised agent; or (b) by sending it to the person by fax or electronic mail or electronic instant messaging services along with electronic mail or by courier or speed post or registered post: Provided that the courier or speed post or registered post shall be sent to the address of his place of residence or his last known place of residence or the place where he carried on, or last carried on, business or personally works, or last worked, for gain, with acknowledgment due: Provided further that a summons or notice sent by fax shall bear a note that the same is being sent by fax and in case the document contains annexure, the number of pages being sent shall also be mentioned: Provided further that a summons or notice sent through electronic mail or electronic instant messaging services along with electronic mail shall be digitally signed by the competent authority and bouncing of the electronic mail shall not constitute valid service. (2) In case of failure to serve a summons or notice through any one of the modes provided under sub-regulation (1), the summons or notice may be affixed on the outer door or some other conspicuous part of the premises in which the person resides or is known to have last resided, or carried on business or personally works, or last worked, for gain and a written report thereof shall be prepared in the presence of two witnesses. (3) In case of failure to affix the summons or notice on the outer door as provided under sub-regulation (2), the summons or notice shall be published in at least two newspapers, one of which shall be in an English daily newspaper having nationwide circulation and another shall be in a newspaper having wide circulation published in the language of the region where that person was last known to have resided or carried on business or personally worked for gain.”

[Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/71]

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SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 24, 2022 has Issued Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. This has come into force on January 24, 2022. The following was amended namely: - • Regulation 17 which specify “The listed entity shall ensure that approval of shareholders for appointment of a person on the Board of Director is taken at the next general meeting or within a time period of three months from the date of appointment, whichever is earlier” the following proviso has been inserted namely: - “Provided that the appointment or a re-appointment of a person, including as a managing director or a whole-time director or a manager, who was earlier rejected by the shareholders at a general meeting, shall be done only with the prior approval of the shareholder” • Regulation 40 which specify “Transfer or Transmission or transposition of securities” the proviso has been substituted namely: - “Provided that requests for effecting transfer of securities shall not be processed unless the securities are held in the dematerialised form with a depository” • In Schedule VI, Clause D, Subclause (1) which specify “Procedure in case of claim by allottees” the proviso has been omitted. [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/66]

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SEBI recognises AMC Repo clearing Limited as clearing corporation

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 24, 2022 has issued a notification to provide AMC Repo Clearing Limited as the recognition of Clearing Corporation under sub-section (4) of section 8A of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 for one year starting from January 17, 2022 to January 16, 2023. The Clearing Corporation is bound to comply with conditions specified by SEBI from time to time. [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/67]

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SEBI issues notification regarding empowering investors through investor charters

Jan 18, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 17, 2022 has issued notification regarding empowering investors through investor charters. The various steps taken to implement the charter are as follows: - • Separate Investor Charters regarding investor related activities of various intermediaries have been developed by SEBI in consultation with the respective entities. • The Investor Charters of SEBI registered institutions and intermediaries, contain information related to details of various services provided by the intermediaries. • In case SEBI receives a large number of/repeated complaints on any issue, the root causes are analyzed and if required, appropriate policy changes are made to address the issue. • SEBI is also examining, in consultation with regulated entities, the possibility of introducing alternate dispute resolution mechanism in various agreements (wherever possible) between the regulated entities and their client. [Press Release No. 2/2022]

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SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 14, 2022 has issued The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018. This shall come into force on January 14, 2022. The following amendments have been made namely: - • In regulation 8 which specify "Additional Conditions for an offer for sale" new regulation 8A has been inserted namely: - "Additional conditions for an offer for sale for issues under sub-regulation (2) of regulation 6" • Regulation 40 which specify "If the issuer making an initial public offer other than through the book building process, desires to have the issue underwritten, it shall appoint merchant bankers or stock brokers, registered with the Board, to act as underwriters. • In Regulation 62 which specify "General Conditions", the following Sub-regulation (2A) shall be inserted namely: - "The amount for: (i) general corporate purposes, and (ii) such objects where the issuer company has not identified acquisition or investment target, as mentioned in objects of the issue in the draft offer document and the offer document, shall not exceed thirty-five per cent. of the amount being raised by the issuer" [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/63]

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SEBI (Foreign Portfolio Investors) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Jan 17, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 14, 2022 has issued The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Portfolio Investors) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 to further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Portfolio Investors) Regulations, 2019. This shall come into force on January 14, 2022. The following amendments have been made: - In Chapter VIII-A, after regulation 43A which specify "Power to Relax strict enforcement of the regulations" the following regulation 43 B shall be inserted, namely: – "(1) The Board may suo motu or on an application made by a foreign portfolio investor, for reasons recorded in writing, grant relaxation from the strict enforcement of any of the provisions of these regulations, subject to such conditions as the Board deems fit to impose in the interests of investors and the securities market and for the development of the securities market, if the Board is satisfied that: (a) the non-compliance is caused due to factors beyond the control of the entity; or (b) the requirement is procedural or technical in nature. (2) The application referred to under sub-regulation (1) shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of US \$ 1,000 payable by way of NEFT/ RTGS/ IMPS or any other mode allowed by the Reserve Bank of India in the designated bank account of the Board." [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2022/64]

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SEBI issues Grant of recognition to CDSL Ventures Limited as an Accreditation Agency

Jan 13, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 12, 2022 has issued Grant of recognition to CDSL Ventures Limited as an Accreditation Agency. This is in effect from February 1, 2022. The following was stated namely: - • CDSL Ventures Limited (CVL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Central Depository Services(India) Limited (CDSL) has been granted recognition as an Accreditation Agency under SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012. • This is for a period of three years. • The renewal of the recognition would be subject to satisfactory performance by CVL. [Press Release No. 1/2022]

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MCA notifies the implementation date of a section of Companies (amendment) act 2020

Jan 12, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on January 11, 2022 has issued a notification to appoint the implementation of section 56 of Companies Act, 2013, which was amended in Companies (Amendment) act 2020. The following amendment shall come into implementation on July 01, 2022. In section 56, which specifies Transfer and Transmission of Security, sub-section 6, was substituted, namely: "(6) Where any default is made in complying with the provisions of sub-sections (1) to (5), the company and every officer of the company who is in default shall be liable to a penalty of fifty thousand rupees.". The above stated sub-section shall come into implementation from July 01, 2022. [File No. 1/3/2020]

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The Companies (Registration Offices and Fees) Amendment Rules, 2022

Jan 12, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), on January 11, 2022 has issued The Companies (Registration Offices and Fees) Amendment Rules, 2022 to further amend The companies (Registration Offices and Fees) Rules, 2014. This shall come into force on July 1, 2022. The following was amended namely: - • In the Annexure, item I, sub-item B which specify "Table of additional fee shall be applicable for delay in filing of forms other than for increase in Nominal Share capital or forms under section 92/137 of the Act." Shall be substituted namely: - "Table of additional fee and higher additional fee (in certain cases) shall be applicable for delay in filing of forms other than for increase in Nominal share capital or forms under section 92/137 of the Act or forms for filing charges." [Notification No. 01/16/2013 CL-V (Pt-I)]

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SEBI issues Framework for operationalizing the Gold Exchange in India

Jan 11, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 10, 2022 has issued Framework for operationalizing the Gold Exchange in India. This circular shall come into effect from January 10, 2022. The following was stated namely: - • Government of India has declared “electronic gold receipts” as ‘securities’ and has paved the way for operationalizing of Gold Exchange. The stock exchanges desirous of trading in electronic gold receipts (EGRs) may apply to SEBI for approval of trading of EGRs in new segment. • The Framework for Gold Exchange in India is as follows:- 1. Details of transactions in first tranche are - Creation of Common Interface 2. Product denomination: Stock exchanges may launch contracts with different denomination for trading and / or conversion of EGR into gold 3. Trading features: EGRs shall have same trading features as available to “securities” defined under SCRA, 1956. • The exchanges are advised to comply with the following steps namely: - 1. Take steps to make necessary amendments to the relevant bye-laws, rules and regulations for the implementation of the same 2. The provisions must be brought to the notice of the members of the Exchange and also to disseminate the same on their website 3. Communicate to SEBI, the status of the implementation of the provisions. [Notification No. SEBI/HO/CDMRD/DMP/CIR/P/2022/07]

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SEBI issues Disclosure obligations of listed entities in relation to Related Party Transactions

Jan 10, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 7, 2022 has issued Disclosure obligations of listed entities in relation to Related Party Transactions. This shall come into effect from January 7, 2022. The following was stated namely: - • Provisions of the Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2021/662 dated November 22, 2021 which specify “disclosure obligations of listed entities in relation to Related Party Transactions with respect to specified securities” has been made applicable to high value debt listed entities. [Notification No. SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS_Div1/P/CIR/2022/0000000006]

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BSE has issued a notice for schemes of arrangements by the listed entities

Jan 06, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock exchange (BSE) on January 05, 2022 has issued a notice for the schemes of arrangement by the listed entities in order for clarification w.r.t timing of submissions of NOC from the lending scheduled commercial banks/ financial institutions/ debenture trustees. In respect of the NOC as required in terms of Circular dated November 16, 2021 and November 18, 2021, it is now clarified that the NOC shall be submitted before the receipt of the No[1]objection letter from stock exchange in terms of Regulation 37(1) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. [Notice No. 20220105-04]

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SEBI has issued a circular for increasing the awareness regarding online mechanism for investor grievance redressal

Jan 06, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 05, 2022 has issued a circular for increasing the awareness regarding online mechanisms for investor grievance redressal. In this regard, in order to increase the awareness regarding online grievance redressal mechanisms, all Recognized Stock Exchanges including Commodity Derivatives Exchanges/ Depositories / Clearing Corporations are advised to display the following on the home page of their websites and mobile apps: link / option to lodge complaints with them directly. link to SCORES website/ link to download SCORES mobile app. Investors are encouraged to lodge their complaints through online mechanisms more specifically through SCORES portal and SCORES mobile application for effective redressal of grievances. [Circular No. SEBI/HO/MRD1/MRD1_ICC1/P/CIR/2022/05]

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Securities and Exchange Board of India (Vault Managers) Regulations, 2021

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on December 31, 2021 has issued the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Vault Managers) Regulations, 2021. Following are the most important provisions of the regulations: ■Application for registration. (1)Any person intending to carry on the business as a Vault Manager on or after the commencement of these regulations shall make an application to the Board for grant of a certificate of registration. (2) An application for grant of a certificate under sub-regulation (1) shall be made in Form A of the First Schedule and shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee in the manner as specified in the Second Schedule. ■Eligibility criteria For the purpose of grant of certificate of registration, the applicant shall fulfil the following criteria, namely: (a) The applicant shall be a body corporate incorporated in India. (b) The applicant shall have the minimum net worth of fifty crores rupees. Explanation■ For the purposes of this regulation, the expression "net worth" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it under the Companies Act, 2013. (c) The applicant shall furnish refundable Financial Security Deposit as may be specified by the Board. (d) The applicant shall have the infrastructure as specified by the Board for safe deposit, storage and withdrawal of gold. (e) The applicant shall have adequate insurance to cover losses as may be specified by the Board. (f) The applicant shall have a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in respect of all the recognized vaults which shall specify the following: i. Procedures for deposit and withdrawal of gold; ii. Procedures for facilitating assaying of gold, wherever required; iii. Maintenance of details of persons appointed by the Vault Manager for creating the Electronic Gold Receipt; iv. Know Your Depositor requirements; v. Security policy for ensuring the safety of gold including from theft or burglary; vi. Procedure for dealing with losses including those caused due to theft, fire, burglary, fraud, negligence as well as other force majeure events; vii. Procedure for creation of Electronic Gold Receipt; viii. Procedure for maintenance of record; ix. Procedure for periodic reconciliation of physical gold with the records maintained by it and with the records of the Depository; x. Grievance redressal procedures; xi. Maintenance of adequate infrastructure, office space, technology and computer systems capability; and xii. Any other criteria as may be specified by the Board. ■Furnishing of information, clarification and personal representation (1)The Board may require the applicant to furnish such other information or clarification regarding matters relevant to the activities of a Vault Manager for the purpose of processing of the application. (2) The applicant or its authorized representative shall, if so required, appear before the Board for personal representation, in connection with the grant of

certificate. ■Surrender of registration (1)A Vault Manager shall make an application to the Board in terms of Chapter V of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Intermediaries) Regulations, 2008 to surrender the certificate of registration along with information that would satisfy the Board that: (a) the vaults have no pending obligations for physical delivery of gold; and (b) all disputes with respect to the gold deposited with it for the purpose of providing vaulting services as specified in these regulations have been satisfactorily resolved. (2) After surrender of registration, the financial security deposit furnished by the Vault Manager shall be refunded as per the procedure specified by the Board. ■General obligations (1) The Vault Manager shall be responsible for taking the deposit of the gold in the manner specified in Chapter IV of these regulations. (2) The gold deposited with the Vault Manager shall be in form and manner as specified by the stock exchange. (3) The Vault Manager shall store the gold only in recognized vaults. (4) The Vault Manager shall ensure the quality specifications of the gold at the time of deposit as per the gold standard. (5) The Vault Manager shall create Electronic Gold Receipt in accordance with regulation 18. (6) The Vault Manager shall not create an Electronic Gold Receipt without underlying physical gold. (7) The Vault Manager shall maintain records of all transactions or operations pertaining to the recognized vault(s). (8) The Vault Manager shall have appropriate safekeeping measures, as may be specified by the Board, to ensure that deposits, records and documents are protected at all times. (9) The Vault Manager shall have Data Recovery System in place to prevent loss or damage of electronic records. (10) The Vault Manager shall take necessary steps to maintain the quality and quantity of gold stored in the recognised vault(s). (11) The Vault Manager shall have adequate internal controls to prevent any manipulative activity. (12) The Vault Manager shall devise procedures for periodic reconciliation of physical gold with the corresponding record of Electronic Gold Receipts maintained by it and the depositories. (13) In case of any discrepancy between electronic records of the depository and physical gold with the Vault Manager, the Vault Manager shall ensure to resolve the same expeditiously, failing which the Vault Manager shall be liable for such discrepancy. (14) The Vault Manager shall deliver the gold, to the beneficial owner of Electronic Gold Receipt, after receiving specific instructions from the Depository. (15) The Vault Manager shall ensure that while withdrawing gold, the Beneficial Owner acknowledges the receipt of the gold in the form and manner as specified by the Vault Manager. (16) The Vault Manager shall not differentiate between any of the depositors for providing vaulting services. (17) The Vault Manager shall not create Electronic Gold Receipt in its own name with respect to the gold stored in its recognized vaults. (18) The Vault Manager shall not sell, remove, dispose or create any interest, including by way of pledge or hypothecation, in the gold deposited in the vault(s) for the creation of Electronic Gold Receipt, except in such manner as may be specified by the Board. (19) The Vault Manager shall have adequate mechanisms for the purposes of reviewing, monitoring and evaluating the vault's systems, procedures and safeguards. (20) The Vault Manager shall ensure delivery of gold to the beneficial owner as per the gold standard. (21) The Vault Manager shall clearly disclose all charges related to its services on its website. (22) The Vault Manager shall submit periodic reports to the Board in such form and manner, including in electronic form, as may be specified by the Board in this behalf. ■Obligations of the Vault Managers on inspection (1) It shall be the duty of the Vault Manager whose affairs are being inspected and of every director, officer and employee thereof to produce to the inspecting officer, such books of accounts, records and other documents in its custody or control and furnish him with such statements and information relating to his activities as Vault Manager and within such reasonable period as the inspecting officer may require. (2) The Vault Manager shall allow the inspecting officer to have reasonable access to the premises occupied by it or by any other person on its behalf and also extend reasonable facility for examining the books, records, documents and computer data in the possession of the Vault Manager or such other person and also provide copies of documents or other materials which in the opinion of the inspecting officer are relevant for the purposes of the inspection. (3) During the course of inspection, the inspecting officer shall be entitled to examine or to record the statements of any director, officer or employee of the Vault Manager. (4) It shall be the duty of every director, officer or employee of the Vault Manager to provide the inspecting officer

all assistance in connection with the inspection as may be reasonably required. ■Liability for action in case of default A Vault Manager who— (a) contravenes any of the provisions of the Act, the rules framed thereunder or these regulations; (b) fails to furnish any information relating to its activity as Vault Manager as required by the Board; (c) furnishes false and misleading information to the Board; (d) does not submit reports as required by the Board; (e) does not co-operate in any enquiry or inspection conducted by the Board. (f) fails to update its systems and procedures as recommended by the Board; (g) fails to resolve the complaints of complainants or fails to give a satisfactory reply to the Board in this behalf; (h) makes a breach of the Code of Conduct specified in the Third Schedule; or (i) fails to pay the fees in accordance with these regulations; shall be dealt with in the manner provided under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Intermediaries) Regulations, 2008. [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2021/61]

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The Securities Contracts (Regulation) (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) (Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Finance on December 31, 2021 has issued The Securities Contracts (Regulation) (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend The Securities Contracts (Regulation) (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) Rules, 2005. This shall come into force on December 31, 2021. The following amendments has been made recently: - • In rule 7 which specify "" has been substituted namely: - "Service of notices and orders. – A notice or an order issued under these rules shall be served on the person through any of the following modes, namely: – (a) by delivering or tendering it to that person or his duly authorised agent; or (b) by sending it to the person by fax or electronic mail or electronic instant messaging services along with electronic mail or by courier or speed post or registered post. [Notification No. G.S.R. 931(E)]

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Depositories (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) (Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Finance on December 31, 2021 has issued the Depositories (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Depositories (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) Rules, 2005. This shall come into force on December 31, 2021. The following has been amended namely: - In Rule 7 which specify "A notice or an order issued under these rules shall be served on the person in the following manner" the following shall be substituted namely: - "A notice or an order issued under these rules shall be served on the person through any of the following modes (a) by delivering or tendering it to that person or his duly authorised agent (b) by sending it to the person by fax or electronic mail or electronic instant messaging services along with electronic mail or by courier or speed post or registered post" [Notification No. G.S.R. 932(E)]

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SEBI clarifies on certain issues of Schemes of Arrangement by Listed Entities

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 03, 2022 has issued a circular to clarify certain issued under the Schemes of Arrangement by Listed Entities with respect to timing of submission of NOC from the lending scheduled commercial banks/ financial institutions/ debenture trustee. SEBI clarifies that the NOC shall be submitted before the receipt of the No-objection letter from stock exchange in terms of Regulation 37(1) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. [Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/SSEP/CIR/P/2022/003]

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EHS

Draft Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2022

Jan 25, 2022 | Central | EHS



The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on January 24, 2022 has issued the Draft Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2022 to further amend the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. The following amendments have been made:

- In rule 9, which specifies Responsibility of producers, Importers and Brand Owners, sub-rule (1) has been substituted, namely: "The Producers, Importers and Brand Owners, shall fulfil Extended Producers Responsibility on plastic packaging waste as per regulations issued under these rules from time to time".
- Rule 10, which specifies Protocols for compostable plastic materials has been substituted, namely: "10. Protocols for compostable and biodegradable plastic materials.-Determination of the degree of degradability and degree of disintegration of plastic material shall be as per the protocols of the Indian Standards listed in Schedule I to these rules, wherein, it shall be ensured that standard biodegradable plastic, other than compostable plastics, undergoes complete degradation by biological processes under ambient environment (terrestrial or in water) conditions, in specified time periods, without leaving any micro plastics, or visible, distinguishable or toxic residue, which has adverse environment impacts, following appropriate standards developed by Bureau of Indian Standards and certified by Central Pollution Control Board. The compostable plastic materials shall conform to the Indian Standard: IS 17088:2008 titled as Specifications for Compostable Plastics, as amended from time to time."
- In rule 11, which specifies Marking or labelling, in sub-rule (1), clause (d) has been inserted, namely: "(d) The importer or brand owner, of imported carry bags or multi-layered packaging or plastic sheets or like used for packaging, alone or along with products shall adhere to Sub-rule 11 (a) and 11 (b)."
- In rule 13, which specifies Registration of producer, recyclers and manufacturer, sub-rule (1) has been substituted, namely: "(1) No person shall manufacture carry bags or recycle plastic or multi-layered packaging unless the person has obtained registration from,- i. The concerned State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee of the Union Territory, if operating in one or two states or Union territories; or ii. The Central Pollution Control Board, if operating in more than two States or Union Territories."
- In rule 13, which specifies Registration of producer, recyclers and manufacturer, sub-rule (6) has been omitted.
- Rule 18, which specifies Imposition of Environmental Compensation has been inserted, namely: "1. Environmental Compensation shall be levied based upon polluter pays principle, on person(s) not adhering to the provisions of these rules, for the purpose of protecting and improving the quality of the environment and preventing, controlling and abating environment pollution. 2. CPCB shall lay down guidelines for imposition and collection of environment compensation and the same shall be notified. The Guidelines for Environmental Compensation shall be updated, as required."
- Form I, which specifies APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION FOR PRODUCERS or Brand Owners has been amended.
- Form IV, which specifies Format of Annual Report by Operator of plastic

waste processing or recycling Facility to the Local Body has been amended. • Form VI, has also been amended. All the persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said notification will be taken into consideration by the Central Government on or after the expiry of sixty days from the date on which copies of this notification as published in the Gazette of India are made available to the public; Any person interested in making any objection or suggestion on the proposals contained in the draft notification may do so in writing within the period so specified through post to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 or electronically at email address: satyendra.kumar07@nic.in, amit.love@nic.in. [Notification No. G.S.R. 22(E)]

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MoEFCC issues Environmental Guidelines For Poultry Farms

Jan 24, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on January 21, 2022 has issued Environmental Guidelines for Poultry Farms. The following was stated namely: - • Classification of Poultry Farms - Based on the number of handling of birds, Poultry farms may be classified into three categories namely: - 1. Small (5,000-25,000 bird) 2. Medium (above 25,000-1,00,000 birds) 3. Large (above 1,00,000 birds) • Environmental issues & Current practices to address the environmental issues in Poultry Farms – 1. Gaseous emission (NH₃ & H₂S) and Feed Mill Dust - The gaseous emission viz Ammonia (NH₃) and Hydrogen Sulphide (H₂S) are emanated from the excreta generated from the birds causes odour. 2. Solid Waste - Sources of solid waste are (i) Poultry droppings/Manure/Litter (ii) Dead Birds & (iii) Hatchery Waste 3. Waste water generation from cleaning operation - there is no process waste water generation from the poultry farming. However, wastewater is generated during cleaning operations. The waste water is collected in holding tank and utilized in gardening in the premises 4. Other issues - Breeding of flies and rodents, etc. are the other issues in poultry farms • Environmental Guidelines for Poultry Farms – 1. Gaseous emission (NH₃ & H₂S) and Feed Mill Dust – a. Minimization of odour/gaseous pollution by ensuring proper ventilation and free flow of air over manure collection points to keep it dry b. Dust from Feed Mills - Feed mill and Go-down should be located on a well elevated ground 2. Management of solid wastes – Manure handling and disposal - Proper ventilation and free flow of air over manure collection points to keep it dry • Composting of Manure - Proper mixing the waste with some carbon rich should be done in the pits.

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Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation issues Circular regarding the relaxation of provisions in regard to Medical Oxygen

Jan 24, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation on January 19, 2022 has issued Circular regarding the relaxation of provisions under Gas Cylinder Rules to facilitate fast track approval to import Medical Oxygen Cylinders for storage and transportation of medical oxygen. The following was stated namely: - • Exemptions under Gas Cylinder rules are extended to June 30, 2022 if certain conditions are met namely: - 1. Empty cylinders to be imported shall be manufactured in accordance with the Indian/International Codes. 2. Used Cylinders has been restricted from being imported. [Notification No. G.40(Misc) R.Min]

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NHRC issues Advisory on Identification, Treatment, Rehabilitation and Elimination of Discrimination of Persons Affected by Leprosy

Jan 18, 2022 | Central | EHS

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on January 14, 2022 has issued Advisory on Identification, Treatment, Rehabilitation and Elimination of Discrimination of Persons Affected by Leprosy. The following was stated namely: - • Early Detection - Union and/or State Governments should undertake periodic surveys to maintain an updated district-wise database of the leprosy affected persons • Treatment and Management of Leprosy and Associated Complications - Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare should launch a special programme for development of a leprosy vaccine within a specified time frame • Rehabilitation - The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDIA) should ensure that while issuing Aadhar card to such persons, use of iris scan may be promoted as many such persons suffers from the finger impairment • Elimination of Discrimination and Social Integration - The Union Government should consider to enact a Law to provide for substitution of derogatory terms used to describe persons affected by leprosy. All concerned authorities are advised to implement the recommendations given in the said advisory and send an 'Action taken Report' (ATR) on the same within three months for information of the Commission. [Notification No. R-18/15/2020-PRP&P (RU-3)]

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Draft notification on ash utilization by coal or lignite thermal power plants

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC) on December 31, 2021 has issued a draft notification to supersede an older notification related to restricting the excavation of top soil for manufacturing of bricks and promoting the utilisation of fly ash in the manufacturing of building materials and in construction activity within a specified radius of three hundred kilometres from the coal or lignite based thermal power plants. The ash generated from coal or lignite based thermal power plants shall be utilised only for the following eco-friendly purposes, namely: - (i) Fly ash based products viz. bricks, blocks, tiles, fibre cement sheets, pipes, boards, panels; (ii) Cement manufacturing, ready mix concrete; (iii) Construction of road and fly over embankment, Ash and Geo-polymer based construction material; (iv) Construction of dam; (v) Filling up of low lying area; (vi) Filling of mine voids; (vii) Manufacturing of sintered or cold bonded ash aggregate; (viii) Agriculture in a controlled manner based on soil testing; (ix) Construction of shoreline protection structures in coastal districts; (x) Export of ash to other countries; (xi) Any other eco-friendly purpose as notified from time to time. Environmental compensation for non-compliance.— (1) In the first two years of a three years' cycle, if the coal or lignite based thermal power plant (including captive or co-generating stations or both) has not achieved at least 80 per cent ash (fly ash and bottom ash) utilisation, then such non-compliant thermal power plants shall be imposed with an environmental compensation of Rs. 1000 per ton on unutilised ash during the end of financial year based on the annual reports submitted and if it is unable to utilise 100 per cent of ash in the third year of the three years' cycle, it shall be liable to pay an environmental compensation of Rs. 1000 per ton on the unutilised quantity on which environmental compensation has not been imposed earlier: Provided that the environmental compensation shall be

estimated and imposed at the end of last year of the first compliance cycle as per the various utilisation categories as mentioned in sub-paragraph (4) of Para A. (2) Environmental compensation collected by the authorities shall be deposited in the designated account of Central Pollution Control Board. (3) In case of legacy ash, if the coal or lignite based thermal power plant (including captive or co-generating stations or both) has not achieved utilisation equivalent to at least 20 per cent (for the first year), 35 per cent (for the second year), 50 per cent (for third to tenth year) of ash generated based on installed capacity, an environmental compensation of Rs. 1000 per ton of unutilised legacy ash during that financial year shall be imposed and if the utilization of legacy ash is not completed at the end of 10 years, an environmental compensation of Rs.1000 per ton shall be imposed on the remaining unutilised quantity which has not been imposed earlier. (4) It shall be the responsibility of the transporters or vehicle owner to deliver ash to authorised purchaser or user agency and if it is not complied, then an environmental compensation of Rs. 1500 per ton on such quantity as mis-delivered to unauthorised users or non- delivered to authorised users will be imposed besides prosecution of such non-compliant transporters by State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) or Pollution Control Committee (PCC). (5) It is the responsibility of the purchasers or user agencies to utilise ash in an eco-friendly manner as laid down at para B of this notification and if it is not complied, then an environmental compensation of Rs. 1500 or per ton shall be imposed by State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) or Pollution Control Committee (PCC). (6) If the user agencies do not utilise ash to the extent obligated under para B or the extent to which they have been intimated through Notice(s) served under sub-paragraph (1) of para D, whichever is lower, they shall be liable to pay Rs. 1500 per ton of ash for the quantity they fall short off: Provided that the environmental compensation on building constructions shall be levied at Rs.75/- per square feet of built up area of construction. (7) (i) The environmental compensation collected by Central Pollution Control Board from the thermal power plants and other defaulters shall be used towards the safe disposal of the unutilised ash and the fund may also be utilised for advancing research on use of ash including ash based products. (ii) The liability of ash utilisation shall be with thermal power plants even after imposition of environmental compensation on unutilised quantities and in case thermal power plant achieves the ash utilisation of any particular cycle after imposition of environmental compensation in subsequent cycles, the said amount shall be returned to thermal power plant after deducting 10 per cent of the environmental compensation collected on the unutilised quantity during the next cycle and deduction of 20 per cent, 30 per cent, and so on, of the environmental compensation collected is to be made in case of utilisation of ash in subsequent cycles. Procedure for supply of ash or ash based products. — (1) The owner of thermal power plants or manufacturers of ash bricks or tiles or sintered ash aggregate shall serve written notice to persons or agencies who are liable to utilise ash or ash based products, offering for sale, or transport or both. (2) Persons or user agencies who have been served notices by owner of thermal power plants or manufacturers of ash bricks or tiles or sintered ash aggregate, if they have already tied up with other agencies for the purpose of utilisation of ash or ash products, shall inform the thermal power plant accordingly, if they cannot use any ash or ash products or use reduced quantity. All persons likely to be affected thereby before the expiry of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing the said draft provisions were made available to the public; And, whereas all the objections and suggestions received from all persons likely to be affected thereby in respect of the said draft notification have been duly considered by the Central Government; [Notification No. S.O. 5481(E)]

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Draft Regulation on Extended Producer Responsibility for Waste tyres

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC) on December 31, 2021 has issued a draft Regulation on Extended Producer Responsibility for Waste tyres. The foremost provisions of the regulations are as follows:

Registration The following entities shall register on the centralized portal of CPCB: a) Producer. b) Recycler of waste tyre No entity shall carry out any business without registration. The entities registered under clause 5.1 shall not deal with any unregistered producer/recycler. In case, any registered entity furnishes false information or wilfully conceals information for getting registration or return /report/information required to be provided/furnished under this regulation or in case of any irregularity, the registration of such entity may be revoked by CPCB for a period up to three-years after giving an opportunity to be heard. In addition, environmental compensation charges may also be levied as per clause 12 of this regulation in such cases. In case any entity is producer as well as recycler, then the entity shall register under those categories separately The CPCB may charge reasonable registration fees from the applicants with the approval of the steering committee.

Responsibilities of the producer The producer of tyre shall be responsible for fulfilment of Extended Producers Responsibility by purchasing EPR certificates from registered recyclers only. File quarterly returns in prescribed Form on the portal of Central Pollution Control Board on or before end of the month succeeding the quarter to which the return relates. Each registered entity shall have to file the quarterly return.

Responsibilities of the recycler All the recycler shall submit on monthly basis the information regarding quantity of waste tyres used and end product produced, EPR Certificate sold and such other relevant information on the portal in the form prescribed by CPCB. All the recycler shall file quarterly returns in prescribed Form on the portal of Central Pollution Control Board on or before end of the month succeeding the quarter to which the return relates

Environmental Compensation CPCB shall lay down guidelines for imposition and collection of environment compensation on the Producers in case of non-fulfilment of obligations set out in this regulations and use of falls EPR Certificate. The said guidelines shall be in accordance with this regulation and will be approved by MoEF&CC before implementation. The Environment Compensation shall also be levied on the recyclers for issue of falls EPR Certificate and providing false information. It shall also be levied on unregistered producers, recyclers and any entity which aids or abets the violation of these regulation. Payment of environmental compensation shall not absolve the Producers of the obligation set out in these regulations. The unfulfilled EPR obligation for a particular year will be carried forward to the next year and so on and up to 3 years. In case, the shortfall of EPR obligation is addressed after 1 year, 85% of the environmental compensation levied shall be returned to the Producers, In case, the shortfall of EPR obligation is addressed after 2 year, 60% of the environmental compensation levied shall be returned to the Producers, and in case, the shortfall of EPR obligation is addressed after 3 year, 30% of the environmental compensation levied shall be returned to the Producers, thereafter no EC will be returned to the producer.

Falls information resulting in over generation of EPR certificates by recycler above 5% of the actual recycled waste will result in revocation of registration and imposition of EC which shall not be returnable. The funds collected under environmental compensation shall be kept in a separate Escrow account by CPCB. The funds collected shall be utilized in collection and recycling/end of life disposal of uncollected and non-recycled/ non-end of life disposal of waste tyres on which the environmental compensation is levied, and on other heads as decided by the committee. Modalities for utilization of the funds would be recommended by the Steering Committee and approved by the Competent Authority in MoEF&CC, which may also issue instructions in this regard.

Prosecution Any person, who provides incorrect information required under these regulations for obtaining EPR certificates, uses or causes to be used false/forged EPR certificates in any manner, over generates EPR certificates above 5% of the actual waste recycled, willfully violates the directions given under these regulations or fails to cooperate in the verification and audit proceedings, may be prosecuted under section 15 of Environment Protection Act, 1986. This prosecution will be in addition to the EC levied under clause 12 above. Power to remove difficulties The Steering Committee will have power to remove any difficulty in smooth implementation of these EPR regulations. All persons and stakeholders likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given

that the said notification will be taken into consideration by the Central Government on or after the expiry of sixty days from the date on which copies of this notification as published in the Gazette of India are made available to the public; Any person interested in making any objection or suggestion on the proposals contained in the draft notification may do so in writing within the period so specified through post to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi 110003 or electronically at email address: mishra.vp@gov.in or vinodsingh.77@gov.in .
[Notification NO. S.O. 5497(E)]

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The Environment (Protection) Fifth Amendment Rules, 2021

Jan 03, 2022 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on December 31, 2021 has issued The Environment (Protection) Fifth Amendment Rules, 2021 to further amend The Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986. This shall come into force on December 31, 2021. The following amendments were made namely: - • In Rule 5 which specify “Prohibitions and restrictions on the location of industries and the carrying on processes and operations in different areas” the following has been substituted namely: - “June 30, 2022”
[S.O.5487(E)]

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Govt. imposes night curfew and other restrictions due to covid

Jan 13, 2022 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on January 12, 2022 has imposed night curfew with effect from January 18, 2022 to January 31, 2022. The timings of the night curfew shall be 11 pm to 5 am. The imposition of night curfew will affect the movement of buses and other transport vehicles and this may pose a problem to those who are either visiting their native places or returning home from other places. The following exemptions are also there: • Hospitals, diagnostic centres, labs and pharmacies • Print and electronic media • Telecommunications, internet and broadcasting services, IT and ITeS • Power generation, transmission and distribution • Water supply and sanitation • Central, State and local bodies' officials, who are on emergency duties • Medical personnel, including doctors, nursing staff, paramedics and providers of other hospital services • Pregnant women and patients for the purpose of receiving medical care • Persons coming or going to airports, railway stations and bus stands on production of valid ticket • All inter-state and intra-state movement of goods

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APERC Licensee's Duty for Supply of Electricity on Request (second amendment) Regulation 2021

Jan 04, 2022 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory commission (APERC) on December 31, 2021 has issued a the APERC Licensee's Duty for Supply of Electricity on Request (second amendment) Regulation 2021 to further amend the APERC Licensee's Duty for Supply of Electricity on Request Regulation 2013. The following amendment have been made: In clause 8, which specifies Specific provision for Development charges, sub-clause (3) has been omitted. In clause 8, which specifies Specific provision for Development charges, sub-clause (4) has been substituted, namely: "All consumers of LT services other than agriculture services whose contracted load exceeds 20 KW shall be provided with dedicated transformers by the licensees on collecting full cost of the transformer. Where dedicated transformers are provided, the Distribution Licensee shall not collect development charges and shall own the transformer and maintain it. The dedicated DTRS shall be installed within consumers' premises only. The Distribution Licensee shall not extend power supply to any consumer from the dedicated transformer other than the consumer who has borne the full cost of the transformer. The cost of such transformers shall not be factored in the AKRS of the licensees. Consumers who are supplied with power from common DTRS shall pay development charges as prescribed by the Commission from time to time" In annexure I, which specifies Schedule of Development charges, has also been amended. [Notification No. Lr.No. APERC/Secy/F.No.S-19 (Vol-II)D.No.694/21.]

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Assam

Assam Pollution Control Board has issued the Guidelines for Processing of Consent Application.

Jan 28, 2022 | State | Assam

The Assam Pollution Control Board on January 11, 2022 has issued the Guidelines for Processing of Consent Application. The following guidelines are formulated, which shall come into force with immediate effect:

- Facilitators shall be trained by the Regional Heads to ensure that the applications are properly filled up by the project proponents before accepting the same.
- After acceptance of the applications, the industry shall be monitored by our inspecting official with a target to monitor status of installation and operation of Air Pollution Control Devices (APCD), ETP, STP, etc. The required information about the plant, status of earlier CTE/CTO, Authorization/Registration, submission of CTE/CTO fees, submission of Return, etc. shall be collected during the visit. Photographs of observations should be part of the monitoring report.
- Query, if any, shall be posted only after completion of the monitoring. For query, the project proponent shall be contacted by concerned official through telephone/email with details regarding required documents sought from the industries shall be noted in the OCMMS by marking the note to himself/herself. Subsequently, when documents shall be submitted by the industry through. email/hardcopy, those shall be uploaded by the concerned official in Regional Office. If some queries are not replied by the industries, those will be noted and forwarded to Head Office. If required, officials from Head Office will then visit the industry.
- Decision has already been taken to exclude the condition of mandatory submission of analysis reports by all the industries along with the application form
- For renewal cases irrelevant queries such as CA Certificate, Site Plan, Layout Plan, Land Documents, etc. should be ignored.
- For regular cases of renewal of CTO, visiting the industry is not mandatory. The official concerned for an industry need not visit the industry, if he/she is confident about the environmental management inside the factory. Small units like hallmarking centre, restaurant with brand name like KFC, Pizza Hut, etc. may not be required to visit every time for renewal of CTO.
- For standalone DG Sets, RO may ask the unit to submit photographs showing acoustic enclosures, height of the chimney, etc. For such units, field visit is not required. Asking for DG Set emission with analysis report should be avoided and issues of installation of acoustic enclosure and vertical chimneys as per the CPCB guidelines should be focused.
- Some inspection procedures may be even completed with the help of Video call. In such cases, the concerned official shall make a note of the same.
- In any case, the Regional Office shall forward the applications to the Head Office within 50 days of acceptances of the applications.
- The Regional Heads shall not keep the file with himself/herself for more than (5) working days before assigning to any concerned official.
- The concerned official in Head Office shall prepare the CTE/CTO orders within five (5) working days after the approved CTE/CTO is marked to the official by the Member Secretary/Chief Env. Engineer.
- Head Office shall prepare the CTE/CTO & Authorization order and shall send the hard copy of such orders only by Speed Post. Present practice of handing over the CTE/CTO and Authorization orders to the industry representative shall be stopped to discourage the frequent visit of industry representatives to the Head Office. Head Office shall upload the said orders in the OCMMS portal within two (2) working days of issue of such orders. Regional Office shall ensure that the industries write full postal address with pin code in the application.
- All Consents prepared by Regional Office shall also be dispatched by Speed Post.
- Decision has been taken not to send the copy of the CTE/CTO and Authorization to the Industry Department, Director of Health Services and respective Regional Offices as the uploaded documents can be easily downloaded from our portal by the all stakeholders. [Notification No. WB/G-295/21-22/228]

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ESIC extends benefits under Assam Employees' State Insurance (Medical Benefit) Rules, 1958 to certain other districts

Jan 28, 2022 | [State](#) | [Assam](#)

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on January 21, 2022 has issued a notification to extend the benefits of the Assam Employees' State Insurance (Medical Benefit) Rules, 1958 to the families of insured persons in certain other districts/areas. The extended districts are as followed: Barpeta, Bangaigaon, Bishwanath, Cachar, Chirang, Darrang, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Golaghat, Goalpara, Karbi Anglong, Karimganj, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Nalbari, Marigaon, Nagaon, Sibsagar, South Salmara Mankachar, Udalguri, West Karbi Anglong. The benefits shall be provided from January 01, 2022 as fixed by the Director General [Notification No. N-17011/1/2021-P&D]

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Govt. of Assam issues guidelines on recovery proceedings under Assam GST act, 2017

Jan 24, 2022 | [State](#) | [Assam](#)

The Government of Assam on January 19, 2022 has issued an instruction on guidelines on recovery proceedings under Assam GST act, 2017 and cases which are under explanation on sub-section (12) of section 75 of the said act. Sub-section 12 of section 75 is provided for the reference is as follows: (12) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 73 or section 74, where any amount of self-assessed tax in accordance with a return furnished under section 39 remains unpaid, either wholly or partly, or any amount of interest payable on such tax remains unpaid, the same shall be recovered under the provisions of section 79. Explanation.- For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression "self-assessed tax" shall include the tax payable in respect of details of outward supplies furnished under section 37, but not included in the return furnished under section 39. " The following guidelines have been issued: • There may, however, be some cases where there may be a genuine reason for difference between the details of outward supplies declared in GSTR-1 and those declared in GSTR-3B. For example, the person may have made a typographical error or may have wrongly reported any detail in GSTR-1 or GSTR-3B. Such errors or omissions can be rectified by the said person in a subsequent GSTR-1/GSTR-3B as per the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 37 or the provisions of sub-section (9) of section 39, as the case may be. There may also be cases, where a supply could not be declared by the registered person in GSTR-I of an earlier tax period, though the tax on the same was paid by correctly reporting the said supply in GSTR 3B. The details of such supply may now be reported by the registered person in the GSTR-1 of the current tax period. In such cases, there could be a mis-match between GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B (liability reported in GSTR-1 > tax paid in GSTR-3B) in the current tax period. Therefore, in all such cases, an opportunity needs to be provided to the concerned registered person to explain the differences between GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B, if any, and for short payment or non-payment of the amount of self-assessed tax liability, and interest thereon, before any action under section 79 of the Act is taken for recovery of the said amount. • Accordingly, where ever any such amount of tax, self-assessed by the registered person in his outward supply statement GSTR-1 is found to be short paid or not paid by the said person through his GSTR-3B return in terms of the provisions of sub-section (12) of section 75 of the Act, the proper officer may send a communication to the registered son to pay the amount

short paid or not paid, or to explain the reasons for such short payment or non-payment of self-assessed tax, within a reasonable time, as prescribed in the communication. If, the concerned person is able to justify the differences between GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B, or is able to explain the reasons of such short-payment or non-payment of tax, to the satisfaction of the proper officer, or pays the amount such short paid or not paid, then there may not be any requirement to initiate proceedings for recovery under section 79. • However, if the said registered person either fails to reply to the proper officer, or fails to make the payment of such amount short paid or not paid, within the time prescribed in the communication or such further period as may be permitted by the proper officer, then the proceedings for recovery of the said amount as per provisions of section 79 may be initiated by the proper officer. Further, where the said registered person fails to explain the reasons for such difference / short payment of tax to the satisfaction of the proper officer, then the proper officer may proceed for recovery of the said amount as per provisions of section 79. [Instruction No. 06/2022 GST]

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Govt of Assam clarifies on the GST to be applicable on restaurants through e-commerce operators

Jan 24, 2022 | State | Assam

The Government of Assam on January 19, 2022 has issued clarification after receiving certain requests regarding the GST compliance modalities to be applicable on restaurants rendering their services through e-commerce operators. The following clarifications have been made: • Would ECOs have to still collect TCS in compliance with section 52 of the Assam GST Act, 2017? As 'restaurant service' has been notified under section 9(5) of the Assam GST Act, 2017, the ECO shall be liable to pay GST on restaurant services provided, with effect from the 1st January, 2022, through ECO. Accordingly, the ECOs will no longer be required to collect TCS and file GSTR-8 in respect of restaurant services on which it pays tax in terms of section 9(5). On other goods or services supplied through ECO, which are not notified u/s 9(5), ECOs will continue to pay TCS in terms of section 52 of Assam GST Act, 2017 in the same manner at present. • Would ECOS have to mandatorily take a separate registration w.r.t. supply of restaurant service [notified under 9(5)] through them even though they are registered to pay GST on services on their own account? As ECOs are already registered in accordance with rule 8 (in Form GST-REG 01) of the Assam GST Rules, 2017 (as a supplier of their own goods or services), there would be no mandatory requirement of taking separate registration by ECOs for payment of tax on restaurant service under section 9(5) of the Assam GST Act, 2017. • Would the ECOs be liable to pay tax on supply of restaurant service made by unregistered business entities? Yes. ECOs will be liable to pay GST on any restaurant service supplied through them including by an unregistered person. • What would be the aggregate turnover of person supplying 'restaurant service' through ECOS? It is clarified that the aggregate turnover of person supplying restaurant service through ECOs shall be computed as defined in section 2(6) of the Assam GST Act, 2017 and shall include the aggregate value of supplies made by the restaurant through ECOs. Accordingly, for threshold consideration or any other purpose in the Act, the person providing restaurant service through ECO shall account such services in his aggregate turnover. • Can the supplies of restaurant service made through ECOs be recorded as inward supply of ECOS (liable to reverse charge) in GSTR 3B? No. ECOs are not the recipient of restaurant service supplied through them. Since these are not input services to ECO, these are not to be reported as inward supply (liable to reverse charge). • Would ECOs be liable to reverse proportional input tax credit on his input goods and services for the reason that input tax credit is not admissible service'? on 'restaurant ECOs provide their own services as an electronic platform and an intermediary for which it would

acquire inputs/input service on which ECOS avail input tax credit (ITC). The ECO charges commission/fee etc. for the services it provides. The ITC is utilised by ECO for payment of GST on services provided by ECO on its own account (say, to a restaurant). The situation in this regard remains unchanged even after ECO is made liable to pay tax on restaurant service. ECO would be eligible to ITC as before. Accordingly, it is clarified that ECO shall not be required to reverse ITC on account of restaurant services on which it pays GST in terms of section 9(5) of the Act. It may also be noted that on restaurant service, ECO shall pay the entire GST liability in cash (No ITC could be utilised for payment of GST on restaurant service supplied through ECO).

- Can ECO utilize its Input Tax Credit to pay tax w.r.t. 'restaurant service' supplied through the ECO? No. As stated above, the liability of payment of tax by ECO as per section 9(5) shall be discharged in cash.
- Would supply of goods or services other than 'restaurant service through ECOS be taxed at 5% without ITC? ECO is required to pay GST on services notified under section 9(5), besides the services/other supplies made on his own account. On any supply that is not notified under section 9(5), that is supplied by a person through ECO, the liability to pay GST continues on such supplier and ECO shall continue to pay TCS on such supplies. Thus, present dispensation continues for ECO, on supplies other than restaurant services. On such supplies (other than restaurant services made through ECO) GST will continue to be billed, collected and deposited in the same manner as is being done at present. ECO will deposit TCS on such supplies.
- Would 'restaurant service' and goods or services other than restaurant service sold by a restaurant to a customer under the same order be billed differently? Who shall be liable for raising invoices in such cases? Considering that liability to pay GST on supplies other than 'restaurant service' through the ECO, and other compliances under the Act, including issuance of invoice to customer, continues to lie with the respective suppliers (and ECOs being liable only to collect tax at source (TCS) on such supplies), it is advisable that ECO raises separate bill on restaurant service in such cases where ECO provides other supplies to a customer under the same order.
- Who will issue invoice in respect of restaurant service supplied through ECO whether by the restaurant or by the ECO? The invoice in respect of restaurant service supplied through ECO under section 9(5) will be issued by ECO.
- Clarification may be issued as regard reporting of restaurant services, value and tax liability etc in the GST return. A number of other services are already notified under section 9(5). In respect of such services, ECO operators are presently paying GST by furnishing details in GSTR 3B. The ECO may, on services notified under section 9 (5) of the Assam GST Act, 2017, including on restaurant service provided through ECO, may continue to pay GST by furnishing the details in GSTR 3B, reporting them as outward taxable Supplies for the time being. Besides, ECO may also, for the time being, furnish the details of such supplies of restaurant services under section 9(5) in Table 7A(1) or Table 4A of GSTR-1, as the case maybe, for accounting purpose. Registered persons supplying restaurant services through ECOs under section 9(5) will report such supplies of restaurant services made through ECOs in Table 8 of GSTR-1 and Table 3.1 (c) of GSTR-3B, for the time being. [Circular No. 120/2022-GST]

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AERC fixes threshold for any intrastate transmission projects as per Tariff policy 2016

Jan 13, 2022 | State | Assam

The Assam Electricity Regulatory commission (AERC) on January 12, 2022 has issued a notification for fixation of the threshold limit of Rs 100Cr, irrespective of the voltage level for all new development and augmentation schemes of Intra State transmission projects. All new and augmentation of intra State transmission projects shall be developed through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) in accordance with the guidelines issued by the State Transmission Utility (STU).

[View Document](#)**Govt. of Assam issued new SOP for containment of COVID-19**

Jan 12, 2022 | State | Assam

The Assam State Disaster Management Authority on January 07, 2022 has issued new Standard of Procedure (SOP) for containment of Covid-19 for public safety and possible outbreak of COVID with variant forms of the virus which will come into force with effect from 6 AM of January 8, 2022 and will remain in force until further orders. The key highlights of the SOP are as followed:

- **Containment Zones:** In case the test positivity of COVID-19 in any area reaches more than 10 cases in the last seven days, the jurisdictional District Magistrate will notify such areas as total containment zone in consultation with MD, NHM and ensure necessary containment measures for COVID-19. However, in such zones, 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.
- **Other restrictions and relaxations:** All Government servants (including contractual and fixed pay) should be fully vaccinated and shall attend office. Employees who are not fully vaccinated will not be allowed to attend office and they will have to avail leave, if available or extra ordinary leave for which they will not be paid salary. However, all other employees except those in whose case vaccination is contra-indicated as per guidelines issued by the Health Department of Government of Assam and /or such claim is certified by a registered medical practitioner, will have to get themselves vaccinated and attend office.

2. Employees engaged in emergency / essential services shall attend their duty without any restrictions at any place.

3. The organizations (Government / Private) rendering Essential/Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Services and Election work will continue working without any restrictions in all districts.
- **Educational Institutions (Government and Private):**

1. All Educational Institutions including Schools/Colleges/Universities shall continue to provide quality virtual options.
2. All schools upto Class VIII in Kamrup-Metropolitan district and upto Class V in all other districts shall remain closed. No physical classes are allowed.
3. Physical classes shall be allowed on alternate days for class IX and above in Kamrup-Metro district and for class VI and above in all other districts.
4. The physical classes in respect of Degree/Post-Graduate final year students of Engineering/Medical Colleges may be allowed with fully vaccinated students.

- **Omicron specific regulation**

1. All District Magistrates, Superintendent of Police, and all other authorities concerned shall be responsible for ensuring COVID Appropriate Behaviour viz. wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing, regular hand washing and use of sanitizer, maintaining health hygiene, no spitting etc. in all shops, malls, markets, market complexes, weekly markets, restaurants, ISBTs, railway platforms / stations, cinemas /theatres / multiplexes, auditoriums / assembly halls, banquet halls / marriage halls, schools, colleges, educational / coaching institutes, religious places etc. for containment of COVID-19 virus.
2. All District Magistrates, Superintendent of Police should ensure that the people who visit the above mentioned places strictly follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour and are wearing masks, maintaining social distancing etc. without fail. If the aforesaid norms of COVID Appropriate Behaviour are not maintained at any establishment/ business premises/weekly market/ schools, colleges, educational / coaching institutes, libraries, religious places etc, then such premises/ weekly market shall be liable to be closed for containing the spread of COVID-19 virus and the defaulter shall also be liable for criminal prosecution under the relevant laws.
3. All District Magistrates and Superintendent of Police shall deploy sufficient number of teams for keeping utmost vigil at public places and for enforcing COVID Appropriate Behaviour so as to avoid any possibility of surge in COVID-19 cases.

- **Penal Provisions:-**

1. Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005,

besides legal action under Sec. 188 of IPC and other legal provisions as applicable. 2. Any person not wearing face mask and/ or spitting in public places shall be fined to the tune of Rs.1000 vide ASDMA's earlier Order No. ASDMA/24/2020/Part 1/122 dt. 14/10/2020 which can be imposed by District wise Task Force comprising of District Disaster Management Authority, Magistrates, Police, Enforcement wing of District Transport Officer and Enforcement wing of Guwahati Municipal Corporation in their respective jurisdictions. [Order No. ASDMA.28/2021/347]

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Bihar

Bihar Government issues the date of enforcement of certain sections of Bihar GST act

[Jan 24, 2022](#) | [State](#) | [Bihar](#)

The Trade Tax Department of Bihar on January 21, 2022 has issued a notification to appoint January 01, 2022 as the date of enforcement of certain sections of Bihar Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. The following sections are to be enforced: • Section 2, which specifies Definitions. • Section 3, which specifies officers under this act. • Section 7, which specifies, Scope of supply • Section 8, which specifies, Tax liability on composite and mixed supplies • Section 9, which specifies, Levy and collection • Section 10, which specifies, Composition levy • Section 11, which specifies, Power to grant exemption from tax • Section 12, which specifies, Time of supply of goods • Section 13, which specifies, Time of supply of services • Section 14, which specifies, Change in rate of tax in respect of supply of goods or services • Section 15, which specifies, Value of taxable supply • Section 16, which specifies, Eligibility and conditions for taking input tax credit. [Notification No. S.O. 69]

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Bihar Government issues the date of enforcement of a rule of Bihar GST rules

[Jan 24, 2022](#) | [State](#) | [Bihar](#)

The Trade Tax Department of Bihar on January 21, 2022 has issued a notification to appoint January 01, 2022 as the date of enforcement of a rule of Bihar Goods and Services Tax rules, 2017. The following section is to be enforced: • Rule 2, which specifies definition. [Notification No. S.O. 70]

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Bihar Professional Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2021

[Jan 18, 2022](#) | [State](#) | [Bihar](#)

The Governor of Bihar on January 13, 2022 has issued the Bihar Professional Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend The Bihar Professional Tax Rules, 2011. This shall come into force on January 13, 2022. The following was amended namely: - • Rule 3 which specify “Registration”, a new sub-rules (5) shall be inserted namely: - “Where there is any change in the name of employer or deductor or date of liability, the employer shall, within a period of fifteen days of such change, submit an application electronically along with the documents relating to such change on the official web-site of the Commercial Taxes Department” • Rule 4 which specify “Enrollment” a new sub-rule (4) has been inserted namely: - “Where there is any change in the name of the assessee or the date of liability, the assessee shall, within a period of fifteen days of such change, submit an application electronically along with the documents relating to such change on the official web-site of the Commercial Taxes Department.” [Notification No. S.O. 68]

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Bihar Municipal (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022

Jan 18, 2022 | [State](#) | [Bihar](#)

The Governor of Bihar on January 12, 2022 has issued The Bihar Municipal (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 to further amend the Bihar Municipal Act, 2007. This shall come into force on January 12, 2022. The following amendments have been made namely: - • Section 23 which specify “Election of Chief Councillor and Deputy Chief Councillor” has been substituted namely: - “A Chief Councillor and Deputy Chief Councillor of the Municipality shall be directly elected by the voters enrolled in the voter’s list of that Municipality under the direction, control and supervision of the State Election Commission, who shall assume office forthwith after taking the oath of secrecy under section 24” • Section 25 which specify “Removal of Chief Councillor/Deputy Chief Councillor” has been substituted namely: - “The Chief Councillor and Deputy Chief Councillor may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Government.” [Notification No. 01, 2022]

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Bihar Govt. issues order on edible oil and edible oilseed

Jan 12, 2022 | [State](#) | [Bihar](#)

The Department of Consumer Affairs, Bihar on January 5, 2022 has issued Additional Order to be laid down in Bihar Trade Article (License Unification) Order, 1984 regarding the Stock limit for edible oil and edible oilseed. This shall come into force on January 5, 2022 and will stay in effect till March 31, 2022. The Order stated the following namely: - • Any dealer in the State shall not keep the stock of Edible Oil and Edible Oil seed in a given time in excess of quantities mentioned below: - 1. Municipal Corporation Areas - Edible Oil - 500 (Five Hundred) quintals and Edible Oilseed -1000 (One Thousand) quintals 2. All Other Areas - Edible Oil - 250 (Two Hundred fifty) quintals and Edible Oilseed -500 (Five Hundred) quintals. • The stock limits fixed as above shall not be exceeded in any case without prior approval of the State Government. • In case, the stocks held by respective legal entities are higher than the prescribed limits then they shall declare the same on the portal. • It shall be ensured that Edible Oils and Edible Oilseeds stock is regularly declared and updated on the portal of the Department. [Notification No. G.S.R. 01]

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Dadra and Nagar Haveli,Daman and Diu

Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Govt. issues Disclosure pursuant to the filing of Business Plan for Multi Year Tariff Determination

Jan 18, 2022 | State | Dadra and Nagar Haveli,Daman and Diu

The Electricity Department, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu on January 13, 2022 has issued Disclosure pursuant to the filing of Business Plan for Multi Year Tariff Determination for the Control Period FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25 before the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC). The following was stated namely: - • Interested parties may inspect/peruse the said Business Plan and take note thereof during office hours at the office. • Objections/suggestions, if any on the Business Plan, together with supporting material may be filed with the Secretary, Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC). • The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC), after perusing the written objection received in response to this notice may invite such objector as it considers appropriate for a hearing on February 2, 2022 at 11 A.M. [Notification No. DNH/ELE/TRANS/2019/22/17]

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Delhi

Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jan 19, 2022 | State | Delhi

The Finance Department, Delhi on January 17, 2022 has issued The Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Delhi Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. This has come into force from September 24, 2021. The following amendments have been made namely: -

- In Rule 10 A which specify "Furnishing of Bank Account Details" the following proviso has been inserted namely: - "Provided that in case of a proprietorship concern, the Permanent Account Number of the proprietor shall also be linked with the Aadhar number of the proprietor"
- Rule 10 B which specify "Aadhaar authentication for registered person" has been inserted namely: - "The registered person, other than a person notified under sub-section (6D) of section 25, who has been issued a certificate of registration under rule 10 shall undergo authentication of the Aadhar number of the proprietor."
- Rule 89 which specify "Application for refund of tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount", sub-rule (1A) has been inserted namely: - "Any person, claiming refund under section 77 of the Act of any tax paid by him, in respect of a transaction considered by him to be an intra-State supply, which is subsequently held to be an inter-state supply, may, before the expiry of a period of two years from the date of payment of the tax on the inter-State supply, file an application electronically in FORM GST RFD-01 through the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner." [Notification No. 35/2021]

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Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jan 13, 2022 | State | Delhi

The Finance Department, Delhi on January 5, 2022 has issued The Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend The Delhi Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. This shall come into force on August 1, 2021. The following amendments are made namely: -

- Rule 80 which specify "Annual Return" has been substituted namely: - "Every registered person, other than those referred to in the second proviso to section 44, an Input Service Distributer, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person, shall furnish an annual return for every financial year as specified under section 44 electronically in FORM GSTR-9 on or before the thirty-first day of December following the end of such financial year through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the commissioner."
- In FORM GSTR-9 paragraph 7 the following shall be inserted namely: - "For FY 2020-21, Part V consists of particulars of transactions for the previous financial year but paid in the FORM GSTR-3B between April 2021 to September 2021."
- In Paragraph 7, Serial Number 13, the following shall be inserted namely: - "For FY 2020-21, details of ITC for goods or services received in the previous financial year but ITC for the same was availed in returns filed for the months of April 2021 to September 2021 shall be declared here. Table 4(A) of FORM GSTR-3B may be used for filing up these details. However, any ITC which was reversed in the FY 2020-21 as per second proviso to sub-section."

[Notification No. 30/2021 – State Tax]

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Delhi Govt. extends the time limit for application of revocation of cancellation of registration

Jan 13, 2022 | State | Delhi

The Finance Department of Delhi on January 05, 2022 has issued a notification regarding the extension of the time limit for application of revocation of cancellation or registration under sub-clause (b) and (c) of sub-section (2) of section 29 of Delhi goods and services Act, 2017. The date which was March 31, 2020 to August 31, 2021 earlier now has been extended to September 30, 2021. [Notification No. F.3(143)/FIN-EXP-I/2021-22/DS-I/(6)]

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Delhi Govt. amends Seeds, fruit and spores, of kind used for sowing

Jan 13, 2022 | State | Delhi

The Finance Department of Delhi on January 06, 2022 has issued the amendment in the Notification No- 2/2017- state Tax (Rate), dated June 28, 2017 which specifies the exemption intra-State supplies of goods under the Delhi state Good and Services Tax Act, 2017. This notification shall come into force on the October 1, 2021. In the mentioned notification, serial number 86 which stated "Seeds, fruit and spores, of a kind used for sowing", has been substituted. [Notification No- 09/2021- state Tax (Rate)]

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Delhi Govt. issues COVID Guidelines

Jan 11, 2022 | State | Delhi

The Disaster Management Authority, Delhi on January 11, 2022 has issued Guidelines to be followed amid the spread of COVID. The following was stated namely: - • All Private Offices shall be closed, except those which are falling under the -Exempted Category. The practice of work from home shall be followed. • All Restaurants & Bars shall be closed. However, restaurants will be allowed only for home delivery or takeaway of food items. This is in continuation to the previous guidelines which specify:- • All Offices of GNCT of Delhi/Autonomous Bodies/Corporations shall remain closed except those involved in essential and emergency services • There shall be "Weekend Curfew" on movement of individuals in NCT of Delhi from 10 PM of Friday till 5 AM of subsequent Monday. [Notification No. F.60/DDMA/COVID-19/2021/509]

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Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2021

Jan 07, 2022 | State | Delhi

The Finance Department, Delhi on January 6, 2022 has issued the Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2021 to further amend the Delhi Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. This shall be in effect from August 29, 2021. The following amendments were made namely: - • In rule 26(1) which specify “also that a registered person registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013(18 of 2013) shall, during the period from the 27th day of April, 2021 to the [31st Day of October, 2021], also be allowed to furnish the return under section 39 in FORM GSTR-3B and the details of outward supplies under section 37 in FORM GSTR-1 or using invoice furnishing facility, verified through electronic verification code (EVC).” Has been substituted. • In Rule 138 E which specify “Restriction on furnishing of information” the following has been inserted namely: - “Provided also that the said restriction shall not apply during the period from the 1st day of May, 2021 till the 18th day of August, 2021, in case where the return in FORM GSTR-3B or the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 or the statement in FORM GST CMP-08, as the case may be, has not been furnished for the period March, 2021 to May, 2021” [Notification No. 32/2021–State Tax]

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Goa

Govt. of Goa extends the Covid-19 related protocols

Jan 31, 2022 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on January 27, 2022 has issued an order to extend the compliances and protocols related to Covid-19 directed by the order of Ministry of Home Affairs on December 27, 2021 and by the order of Ministry of Health and Family welfare on December 21, 2021 to make sure all the measures to contain the spread of Covid-19 in the state/districts. This shall now remain in force till February 28, 2022. [Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)]

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Govt. of Goa restricts outdoor camping and certain other activities

Jan 25, 2022 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on January 24, 2022 has issued an order in respect of the surge in the latest covid-19 cases in the state to impose certain restrictions. The Govt clarified that: "Nukkad sabhas (meetings) shall not be allowed on public roads, roundabouts or public streets or corners. No outdoor campaigning shall be allowed." [Order No.37/19/2020/L&O/MAG/1469]

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Government of Goa issues restrictions on certain activities amid COVID

Jan 25, 2022 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on January 23, 2022 has issued restrictions on certain activities till further order. The following activities has been restricted namely: - • Casinos may operate only upto 50 % of its capacity. • Cinema hall/river cruises/waterparks /entertainment parks shall not operate beyond 50% of the seating capacity • Place of public amusement to adhere to all Covid safety protocols. • Schools, Colleges and other institutions shall be closed till February 15, 2022, however teachers to attend schools for conducting online classes. • Public gatherings in case of indoor and outdoor spaces. shall be restricted to a maximum of 50% of the seating/venue capacity or as per the limit imposed by ECI. • Inter-state movement for persons except: - 1. Asymptomatic persons who are fully vaccinated possessing vaccination certificates issued through the COWIN portal, provided 15 days have elapsed since the administration of the said vaccine. 2. Persons entering in Goa for medical emergencies on production of proof therefore. 3. Two drivers and one helper per goods vehicle. Thermal screenings will be conducted prior to permitting entry. 4. for those carrying Covid negative test reports for a test done a maximum of 72 hours prior to entering in Goa. [Notification No. 1/5/29/2020-RD/22]

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Govt. of Goa imposes restrictions under section 144 of criminal procedure code, 1973

Jan 25, 2022 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on January 24, 2022 has issued an order after the election commission has announced the General Election to the Goa State Legislative Assembly 2022 scheduled to be held on February 14, 2022 and the Election Model Code of Conduct has already come into force with effect from January 08, 2022. Even the number of covid-19 cases are increasing in the state which might aggravate the situation in the future. The election commission has issued certain Guidelines and restriction extending ban on physical rallies and road shows until January 31, 2022. The following activities/events shall be restricted till further Orders as below:-

1. No road show, Pad-yatra, cycle/bike/vehicle rally and procession shall be allowed till January 31, 2022.
2. No physical rally of Political parties or candidates (including probable) or any other group related to election shall be allowed till January 31, 2022.
3. Public gatherings in case of indoor halls/auditoriums/community halls/ etc shall be restricted to 50 % of the seating/venue capacity or 300, whichever is less.
4. Political parties, Candidates, their party workers, shall ensure the compliance of COVID appropriate behaviour & guidelines and Model Code of Conduct at all occasions during the activities connected with elections.
5. No campaigning is allowed between 8pm and 8 am.
6. Door to Door campaigning shall be allowed for a maximum of 10 (ten) persons including candidates (excluding security personnel).

All remaining restrictions as contained in the Revised Board Guidelines for Conduct of Election, 2022 issued on January 08 and January 15, 2022 shall continue, if the candidate or political party violates any of the above guidelines, no further permission shall be given to the concerned candidate/party for rallies, meetings etc. The Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers, Flying Squads, Sector Magistrates/Officers, Police or any other authorized officers/officials shall act immediately in case any violation comes to their notice or reported to them and initiate necessary action against the violator by filing FIR under appropriate sections before the respective Police Station. 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/ 1468]

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Government of Goa has issued COVID guidelines

Jan 20, 2022 | State | Goa

Government of Goa on January 08, 2022 has issued the COVID guidelines. The powers conferred under the Epidemic Act, 1897, the undersigned has been directed to convey that the following activities/establishment/facilities/events shall be restricted:

- Schools shall be closed for students till January 26, 2022, however teachers to attend schools for conducting online classes;
- Colleges and other institutions of higher educations shall be closed for students till January 26, 2022 except for the conduct of examinations, however teachers to attend schools for conducting online classes;
- The Health department and Directorate of Education/other school authorities shall endeavor to complete vaccination of children from 15 to 18 years of age as soon as possible.
- Public gatherings in case of indoor halls/auditoriums/mandaps etc. shall be restricted to a maximum of 50 persons or 50% of the seating capacity or whichever is less.
- Public gatherings in case of open spaces shall be restricted to a maximum of 100 persons.

[Notification No. 23/20/2014-1]

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Govt. of Goa issues capping rates for Covid-19 testing

Jan 18, 2022 | [State](#) | [Goa](#)

The Public Health Department of Goa on January 18, 2022 has issued a notification to provide capping rates for Covid-19 testing, along with the respective equipment. The following rates shall be applicable with immediate effect: Conventional RT-PCR – Open Ended systems – Rs.500 Rapid Antigen Testing – Lateral Flow Immune Chromatography – Rs.250 [Order No. 38-36-2020-I-PHD-Part/80]

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Govt of Goa further extends timeline of applicability for fixed MRP of Oxygen concentrators

Jan 10, 2022 | [State](#) | [Goa](#)

The Directorate of Foods and Drugs Administrations Goa on January 07, 2022 has further extended the timeline for the validity of a previous Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers notification no. S.O. 2161 dated June 03, 2021. Which specifies capping the trade margin of oxygen concentrators at first point of sale for fixation of Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of the product. This was previous validity was November 30, 2021, which is not extended till March 31, 2022 or till further orders. [Notification No. S.O. 4909 (E)]

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Gujarat

Draft Gujarat Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2021

Jan 10, 2022 | State | Gujarat

The Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department (Gujarat) on December 30, 2021 has issued the Gujarat Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2021 which shall be applicable to apply to all Factories/Establishment/Building or other construction work relating to any establishment in relation to which appropriate Government is the State Government under the Code. These rules shall supersede the following: • Gujarat Factories Rules, 1963; • Gujarat Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2003; • Gujarat Motor Transport Workers Rules, 1965; • Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) (Gujarat) Rules, 1968; • Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) (Gujarat) Rules, 1972; and • Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and • Conditions of Service)(Gujarat) Rules, 1981 The foremost provisions of the rules are as followed: • Application for registration under section 3.- The employer/occupier seeking registration for an establishment/factory not already registered shall apply electronically in Form 1 annexed to these rules, on the portal of Commissioner of Labour by giving details about the establishment/factory, and submitting/uploading documents related to Registration of the establishment/factory, proof of Identity and address of the employer(s) /occupier as specified in the Form. The Form shall be signed digitally or in any other manner as may be required. The applicant shall be responsible for veracity of all information submitted in the application. • Annual Health Examination under section 6.- (a)The occupier of factory/Employer of building or other construction work shall arrange to conduct free of cost, medical examination annually i.e. within 120 days from the commencement of the calendar year for every worker/employee who has completed 45 years of age. The medical examination shall be conducted by a qualified medical practitioner as per proforma in the Form 5. (b)The Medical Certificate shall be submitted by the qualified medical practitioner to the employer and employee. • Factories exempted for overlapping of shift under section 29.- The Printing press attached to the newspaper offices shall be exempted from the provisions of section 29 of the Code, subject to the following conditions, namely:- In such printing press- (i) The workers of each relay shall bear a badge of distinct colour which will identify the worker of one relay from that of the other; (ii) The colour of the badge to be worn by the workers of each relay shall be specified in the notice of periods of work required to be displayed and correctly maintained and in the copies of the notice to be sent to the Inspector cum facilitator; (iii)a flag or light having the same colour as that of the badge to be worn by the workers of any relay actually at work shall be displayed during the time of actual working of one or more relays in the department concerned; (iv)Each worker engaged in the work carried on by means of overlapping shifts shall be in possession of an identity card. The identity card shall be supplied to the worker by the factory management free of costs and shall bear the photograph of the workers, his full name, signature or thumb impression and visible identification mark and the signature of the Manager. • Restriction of double employment under section 30.- The Inspector cum facilitator may allow the employment of adult workers in more than one factories on the same day subject to the following circumstances — (1) such adult worker has not worked more than forty-eight hours in a week and is allowed weekly holidays as per rule 24; (ii) A note under the initials of the Inspector shall be made in the remarks column of a Register of such workers permitted to work in more than one factory. • Register of Attendance, Wages, Overtime, fine, deduction for damage or loss.- (1) Every employer shall- (a) maintain register of workers, wages, overtime, fine, deduction for damage or loss in Form 13, shall be kept available at a factory/establishment. (b) maintain muster roll of the all workers employed in the factory/establishment in Form 14 showing the name of each workers, the nature of his work and daily attendance of the worker. (c)in case of manual registers and other records, be

legibly entered in ink in English/Hindi/ Gujarati or the language understood by a majority of the persons employed; (d) be preserved in original for a period of three calendar year after the date of the last report or entry: Provided that when the original record is lost or destroyed before the expiry of one-year period, true copies thereof, if available, shall be preserved for the prescribed period; (e) issue where the wage period is one week or more, wage book to each of such building worker, in Form 15 in which entries shall be made at least a day prior to the disbursement of wages to them; (f) issue a service certificate to each of such building worker in Form 16 on termination of his service on account of completion of such work or for any other reason; (g) be produced, electronically or by registered post or manually, on demand before the Chief Inspector-cum-facilitator or an Inspector- cum-facilitator or any person authorized in that behalf of the State Government or the Central Government. • Annual Return. - Every employer of an establishment shall send annually a return relating to such establishment in duplicate in Form 23 to the Inspector-cum-facilitator having jurisdiction so as to reach him not later than 1st February following the end of each calendar year with a copy to Director General, Labour Bureau and Director General, Factory Advise Service & Labour Institute (DGFASLI) electronically or otherwise. • Employment of Women in establishment under Section 43.- (1) The following conditions shall be met for employment of women during night or before 6.00 a.m. and beyond 7.00 p.m. in any day, namely: - (a) the consent of women employee shall be taken; (b) No women shall be employed against the maternity benefit provisions laid down under the Social Security Code, 2020 (36 of 2020); (c) adequate transportation facilities shall be provided to women employee to pick-up and drop such employee at her residence; (d) the workplace including passage towards conveniences or facilities concerning toilet, washrooms, drinking water, entry and exit of women employee should be well-lit; (e) the toilet, washroom and drinking facilities should be near the workplace where such women employee are employed; and (f) Provide safe, secure and healthy working condition such that no women employee is disadvantaged in connection with her employment. (g) The provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and rules thereunder, as applicable to the establishments shall be complied with. • Responsibility of contractor under sub-section (4) of section 48.- (1) The rates of wages payable to the workers by the contractor shall not be less than the rates prescribed under the Code on Wages, 2019 (29 of 2019) and where the rates have been fixed by agreement, settlement or award, not less than the rates fixed. (2) In case where the worker employed by the contractor perform the same or similar kind of work as the worker directly employed by the principal employer of the establishment, the wage rates, holidays, hours of work and other conditions of service of the workers of the contractor shall be the same as applicable to the workers directly employed by the principal employer of the establishment on the same or similar kind of work. In case of any dispute whether the work is of similar kind, the matter be referred to the Inspector-Cum Facilitator whose decision shall be final. (3) In other cases, the wage rates, holidays, hours of work and conditions of service of the workers of the contractor shall be such as specified under the Code and rules made thereunder. (4) All contract labour shall be made member of EPF and ESI subject to applicability as under respective provisions of the Code on Social Security, 2020. (5) The contractor shall notify any change in the number of workers or conditions of work to the Licensing Authority, electronically. All the persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules will be taken in to consideration by the Government of Gujarat on or after the expiry of forty-five days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. Any objection or suggestion which may be received by the Deputy Secretary to Government of Gujarat, Labour , Skill Development and Employment Department , 5th Block, 6th Floor, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar or by email ds-labour-led@gujarat.gov.in from any person with respect to the said draft rules on or before the expiry of the aforesaid period will be considered by the Government.

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Haryana

Haryana Govt. Grants Deemed Exemption to Certain Employers

Jan 24, 2022 | State | Haryana

The Labour Department, Haryana on January 17, 2022 has issued order regarding exemptions under Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020. The following was stated in respect to categories of employers being granted deemed exemptions namely: - • Vacancies in new Startups and new IT/ITES of new employers for a period of two year from the date of commencement of work or business or manufacturing process. • Short term employment, the total duration of which is less than forty five days. • Vacancies under any employer for domestic work or services in residential homes. • Vacancies under any employer, who primarily engages in agriculture activities. • Vacancies, which are being filled up through promotion or transfer or by absorption of surplus staff of any unit of the same employer in the State • Any class, post, skill and category of employment, as may be notified by the Government from time to time, where the Local Candidates of the desired skill, qualification or proficiency required in such employment are not available. [Notification No. Lab./2022/HSELC/spl-01 to 03]

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Haryana Govt. issues COVID guidelines till Jan 28, 22

Jan 19, 2022 | State | Haryana

The Disaster Management Authority, Haryana on January 18, 2022 has issued further guidelines under "Mahamari Alert-Surakshit Haryana". The following was stated namely: - • Gym and Spas shall operate with 50% capacity utilisation • Liquor vends will be allowed to open till 10 PM This shall be in force till January 28, 2022 [Notification No. DMC-SPO-2020/600]

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Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Rules, 2021

Jan 12, 2022 | State | Haryana

The Labour Department of Haryana on January 10, 2022 has issued the Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Rules, 2021. The foremost provisions of the rules are as follows: • Registration of employees by the employer. Every employer using its Haryana Udhyaam Memorandum Identification Number shall register all its employees, who receive gross monthly salary or wages as notified from time to time under section 3 of the Act by providing the required details of each such employee, in the form as specified on the designated portal. • Registration of Local Candidate. Local Candidate who seeks employment under this Act may register on the designated portal in the format as specified on the designated portal. • Exemption application. (1) Any employer who seeks exemption from the provisions of section 4 of the Act, shall apply on the designated portal to the Designated Officer in the format as specified in Form-I and shall furnish reasonable grounds for granting such exemption mentioning there in the specific requirement of qualification, skill and experience for the said post and availability or otherwise of the Local Candidates possessing such qualification, skill and

experience. (2) The Designated Officer after due consideration of such request under section 5 of the Act, shall pass an order within a period of fifteen days and upload the same on the designated portal. The Designated Officer may for the purpose of conducting inquiry or verifying the grounds of exemption taken by the employer for claiming exemption under section 5, take such assistance, as he deems fit, of the Authorized Officer. Provided that any exemption granted under these rules shall be valid for a maximum period of one year from the date of grant of the exemption. Provided further that any vacancy remain unfilled after granting the exemption beyond the period of one year, shall be treated as new or fresh vacancy unless the exemption is granted subject to providing training sub clause (iii) of under sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Act. • Maintenance of records in digital form. (1) Every employer shall maintain records and make available for inspection and verification by the Designated Officers / Authorized Officers, as the case may be, in digital form, as under :- (a) number of employees (regular, temporary, contractual, casual and fixed term employee) on the last date of every quarter. (b) occupational/ post-wise details of employees on last date of every quarter. (c) number of Local Candidates recruited / appointed during every quarter. (d) record of exemption obtained during the quarter due to non-availability of suitable candidates. (e) record of training imparted or camp for skill development organized for Local Candidates. (f) any other relevant record. (2) The production of record in digital form shall be acceptable for the purpose of this Act. • Appeal. (1) Any employer preferring an appeal shall accompanied in duplicate a memorandum of appeal setting forth concisely the grounds of the appeal, one copy of which shall bear a proof of payment of fee of one hundred rupees through electronic mode and a certified copy of the impugned order or direction. (2) On receipt of the appeal, the Appellate Authority, having been satisfied that the grounds of appeal are reasonable, shall issue, notice as per Form-IV to the appellant and to the Authority to present their case in person or through an Authorized representative or legal practitioner who is well acquainted with the fact of the case, on the date and time as specified in the said notice. (3) The appellate authority, after hearing the parties and after such further inquiry, as it may deem necessary, may confirm, vary or set aside the order or directions from which, the appeal is preferred and shall make an order accordingly. [Notification No Lab/1128]

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Govt. of Haryana implements the enhanced rates of DA In the state

Jan 11, 2022 | State | Haryana

The Government of Haryana on January 04, 2022 has issued a notification to implement the revised rates of Dearness allowance for central government which was issued by the central government of central government employees. The Employees shall draw their basic pay at the rate of 31% instead of 28%. The Dearness Allowance will continue to be a distinct element of remuneration and will not be treated as pay within the ambit of FR 9(21). The payment on account of Dearness Allowance involving fractions of 50 paise and above may be rounded to the next higher rupee and the fractions of less than 50 paise may be ignored. These orders shall also apply to the civilian employees paid from the Defence Services Estimates and the expenditure will be chargeable to the relevant head of the Defence Services Estimates. In respect of Armed Forces personnel and Railway employees, separate orders will be issued by the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways, respectively. These revised rates of DA shall be applicable to All India Services in the state cadre and other officers whose initial pay was fixed in accordance with IAS(Pay) rules 2016, IPS(Pay) rules 2016, IFS(Pay) rules 2016. [Notification No. 16/2/89-1S(i)]

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Govt. of Haryana issues preventive measures to contain new strain to covid-19 for state government offices

Jan 05, 2022 | State | Haryana

The Government of Haryana on January 04, 2022 has issued preventive measures to contain new strain to covid-19 for state government offices related to the attendance of the state government employees. The following measures have been taken: • Physical attendance of Government servants below the level of Under Secretary shall be restricted to 50% of the actual strength and the remaining 50% shall work from home. A roster may be prepared accordingly by all the departments concerned. • All officers of the level of Under Secretary, equivalent and above are to attend office on regular basis. • Persons with Disabilities and Pregnant women employees shall be exempted from attending office but are required to work from home. • To avoid rush in commuting and lifts & corridors, all officers who attend office shall stagger entry and exit timings i.e. spread entry to office between 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM and responding exit time. The Head of Office and HoDs shall take care of this aspect. • All officials residing in containment zones shall continue to be exempted from coming to office till the containment zone is de-notified. • 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. • Meetings, 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. • All officials/staff to ensure strict compliance with Covid-appropriate behavior viz. frequent washing of hands/sanitization; wearing a face mask covering the nose; observing social distancing at all times; ensure non-crowding in corridors, canteens etc. • Entry of visitors/outside to the Government office shall be curbed appropriately. • Proper cleaning and frequent sanitization of work place, particularly of the frequently touched surfaces shall be ensure by HoDs/Heads of Office. This notification shall come into force from immediate effect and shall remain in force till January 20, 2022. [Notification No. 62/69/2021-6GSI]

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Himachal Pradesh

HP Govt. invites suggestions on the draft policy guidelines and criteria for empanelment and rate fixation for advertisements on news websites

Jan 31, 2022 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on January 27, 2022 has issued Invitation for suggestions on the draft policy guidelines and criteria for empanelment and rate fixation for Himachal Pradesh Government advertisements on news websites. The following was stated namely: - • The draft policy guidelines and criteria for empanelment and rate fixation for advertisements on news websites has been shared with the stakeholders and also placed on the home page of the government website. • Suggestions, if any, on the same has to be sent at digitalmediaipr@gmail.com before February 15, 2022. [Notification No. 86/2022-Pub]

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Govt. of Himachal Pradesh revises emoluments of contract employees

Jan 13, 2022 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Finance Department of Himachal Pradesh on January 12, 2022 has issued an order to revise the emoluments of contract employees provided to the State Government employees appointed on contract basis shall now be revised to a fixed amount, equal to 60% (sixty percent) of the first cell of the applicable level of the Pay Matrix of the corresponding cadre of employees, appointed working on a regular basis. This revision of contractual salary would be applicable to all contractual appointments in the State Government, made on or after January 01, 2022. Contract employees already working on a consolidated contractual amount as per present formulation, may be given an option to shift to this revised formulation regarding revision of contractual emoluments, which will be effective from January 01, 2022 or alternatively, to continue with the existing formulation determining their contractual salary. In case, a contract employee already working on a consolidated amount as per the previous contract opts to shift to the revised formulation as per this order, a fresh contract may be entered into with the employee, by the department. [Endst No. Fin(C)-8(7)-2J2021]

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HP Govt. issues decision relating to grant of Dearness Allowance to State Government Servants-Revised rates pursuant to revision of Pay Scales

Jan 05, 2022 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Finance Department, Himachal Pradesh on January 3, 2022 has issued Decision of the Government relating to grant of Dearness Allowance to State Government Servants-Revised rates pursuant to revision of Pay Scales. The following was stated namely: - • The rate of Dearness Allowances per mensem according to Himachal Pradesh Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2022 are follows: - 1. From January 1, 2016 - No Dearness Allowance 2. From July 1, 2016 - 2% of basic pay 3. From January 1, 2017 - 4% of basic pay 4.

From July 1, 2017 - 5% of basic pay 5. From January 1, 2018 - 7% of basic pay 6. From July 1, 2018 - 9% of basic pay 7. From January 1, 2019 - 12% of basic pay 8. From July 1, 2019 - 17% of basic pay 9. From July 1, 2021 - 28% {3 instalments of DA with effect from January 1, 2020 (3%), July 1, 2020 (4%) & January 1, 2021 (4%) shall be admissible only notionally, without any arrears}} • The payment on account of Dearness Allowance involving fraction of 50 paise and above may be rounded off to the next higher rupee and the fractions of less than 50 paise may be ignored. • The Dearness Allowance shall be paid in cash with the salary of January, 2022 payable in February, 2022. [Notification No. No. FIN(C)-B(7)-1/2021]

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Karnataka

Draft Karnataka Educational Institutions (Issue of No Objection Certificate and control) Rules, 2022

Jan 27, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on January 21, 2022 has issued the Draft Karnataka Educational Institutions (Issue of No Objection Certificate and control) Rules, 2022. The foremost provisions of the rules are as follows:

- **Issue of No Objection Certificate.-** (1) The Government after verifying the proposal regarding the fulfilment of norms specified under rule 4 as per detailed checklist in Form-B may issue No Objection Certificate (NOC) in Form-II which shall be valid for a period of two years only. (2) The institution shall obtain affiliation from the CBSE or the Council for ICSE and other recognized Boards within two years from the date of issue of No Objection Certificate (NOC). The NOC may be renewed after the expiry of the validity period specified in Rule 8.
- **Procedure for modification of No Objection Certificate.-** (1) No modifications shall be made in the NOC. However, if the Institution seeks change in the name, such applications shall be recommended by the Commissioner for Public Instruction or Additional Commissioner for Public Instruction or the concerned Director and the Government may pass suitable orders as per these rules. Such applications shall be submitted to the jurisdictional BEO or DDPI as the case may be. (2) The Institution seeking change in the management shall have to submit a fresh application as if it is seeking for new NOC, through online as required under rules 3 to 5.
- **Renewal of No Objection Certificate.-** If the Institution fails to seek or obtain affiliation within the stipulated period of two years, the NOC shall stand lapsed. However, the Institution may seek for renewal of NOC within one year from the lapse of such NOC or as may be. Such application for renewal shall be submitted online and the Government may pass suitable orders based on the recommendations of CPI or ACPI by considering the following documents, namely:- (a) Meeting proceedings resolving for the modification or renewal of the NOC by the concerned Management or Institution. (b) A report from the Commissioner or Additional Commissioner for public instruction after inspection of the school or Institution. (c) The Institution shall produce an undertaking in Form-A along with request as per III for modification or renewal of No objection certificate. Renewal / Modification Certificate will be issued as per Form III-A. (d) The Institution shall also submit the records pertaining to conversion of land and lease deed as per specifications with adequate infrastructure, with a valid fire safety certificate and building safety certificate obtained from the competent authorities as required under the National Building Code. (e) The school or institution shall also produce a compliance regarding the fulfilment of child safety norms as notified by the Government from time to time. (f) The Institution after getting an approval shall remit an amount of Rs.50,000-00 (rupees fifty thousand only) towards the processing fees to the designated head of account through Khajane-2 portal online or as may be specified by the Government.
- **Responsibility of Institution for furnishing false information or document –** (1) The service provided under these rules shall be covered under the provisions of the Karnataka Sakala Services Act 2011 (Karnataka Act 01 of 2012). (2) The Institution which furnishes for false information or document shall be liable for disciplinary action under the Act and the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Institution shall be liable for de-recognition. (3) Any Educational Institution affiliated to CBSE or CISCE or other Boards found violating the teaching of Kannada language either as Second or Third language or not following the norms suitably as per the Kannada Language Learning Act 2015 will be penalized as per the provisions of Karnataka Education Act 1983 and suitable provisions of Kannada Language Learning Act 2015. (4) The management of any Institution submitting forged document in relation to building safety, fire safety shall be liable for action as laid down under the National Building Code and Indian Penal Code and the official responsible for issue of such false certificates shall be liable accordingly.

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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 the 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), 2nd Phase, 6th Floor, M.S. Building, Bangalore-560 001. [Notification No: ED 63 PGC 2013]

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Draft Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and Karnataka Municipal Corporations Telecommunication Infrastructure and Underground Optical Fibre Cable Rules/Bye-laws, 2021 and the Karnataka Municipalities Telecommunication Infrastructure and Underground Optical Fibre Cable Rules/Bye-laws 2021

Jan 17, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Government of kerala on January 12, 2022 has issued the Draft Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and Karnataka Municipal Corporations Telecommunication Infrastructure and Underground Optical Fibre Cable Rules/Bye-laws, 2021 and the Karnataka Municipalities Telecommunication Infrastructure and Underground Optical Fibre Cable Rules/Bye-laws 2021. The foremost provisions of the by-laws are as follows: Essentiality Of Permit,- No person shall erect or re-erect any non-Governmental telecommunication infrastructure tower or telecommunication pole structures or accessory rooms or lay underground cables or over ground cables or make alteration or cause the same to be done without obtaining a separate permission for each such erection or laying from the nodal officer. "Provided, if any person erects a telecommunication tower or lays down cables (either underground or over ground) in the absence of permission under these Rules/Bye-Laws, the nodal officer shall initiate action, after giving notice, for removal of the telecommunication tower or cables as per law. Obligations of permission holder in undertaking work.- (1) The permission holder shall ensure that – (a) prior to the commencement of work of laying the underground cable infrastructure and at all times during the execution of work, the measures to mitigate public inconvenience and provide for public safety are implemented,; and (b) the work of laying underground cable infrastructure is carried out in accordance with the conditions specified in the grant of permission by the appropriate authority. (2) The permission holder shall ensure provision of positional intelligence, through appropriate technology, of all underground cable infrastructures to enable the Appropriate Authority to obtain real time information on its location. (3) The permission holder shall comply with the technical guidelines provided for under "Schedule-D" Powers of Appropriate Authority to supervise the work.- (1) The appropriate authority may supervise the execution of work to ascertain if the conditions imposed in the grant of permission are observed by the permission holder. (2) The concerned appropriate authority may, on the basis of such supervision, impose such other reasonable conditions as it may think fit. (3) If the concerned appropriate authority comes to the conclusion that the permission holder has wilfully violated any of the conditions for grant of permission, it may forfeit, in full or in part, the bank guarantee submitted by the permission holder and withdraw the permission granted to the permission holder, for reasons to be recorded in writing; Provided that no action shall be taken under this sub-rule unless the permission holder has been given an opportunity of being heard. Maintenance of Cables,- (1) The permission holder shall not remove or translocate the cables without the prior approval of the concerned local authority. (2) In the event the Local Authority/ Urban Local Body or any other agency of the State Government or Central Government seeks to widen or modify the roads below which the cables of the permission holder exist, such permission holder

shall coordinate with such agency for removal or shifting of the cable ducts. (3) The permission holder shall be notified by Appropriate Authority / Urban Local Body or any other agency of the State Government or Central Government, 30 days prior, if any coordination is required to reposition the under-ground assets to accommodate the requirements of government projects and developmental works. (4) In the event the cable ducts laid down by the permission holder is required to be removed for the purposes provided for under subclause (ii), he shall apply for permission, afresh under these Rules/Byelaws for laying cables in another location but shall be exempted from payment of fees or furnishing bank guarantee. Powers of the Appropriate Authority to supervise the work.- (1) The concerned appropriate authority may supervise the establishment and maintenance of telecommunication infrastructure tower or overground cable infrastructure to ascertain if the conditions imposed in the grant of permission are observed by the permission holder. (2) The concerned appropriate authority may, on the basis of such supervision, impose such other reasonable conditions, as it may think fit. (3) If the concerned appropriate authority comes to the conclusion that the permission holder has willfully violated any of the conditions for grant of permission, it may withdraw, for reasons to be recorded in writing, the permission granted to the permission holder: Provided no action shall be taken under sub-rule unless the permission holder has been given notice, and an opportunity of being heard. The permission holder shall be given a period of 30 days to remedy violations identified by the Authority. Penalties,- (1) The permission holder shall be responsible for restoration of any damages caused to any public or private property during the course of erection of telecommunication infrastructure tower or overground cable infrastructure. In addition, the nodal officer may levy penalty of Rupees One Lakh for such damages caused. (2) In case of any untoward incidences or accidents arising due to negligence on the part of permission holder during erection of telecommunication infrastructure tower or overground cable infrastructure or due to failure in structural stability of the building on which the telecommunication infrastructure tower is erected, the nodal officer shall initiate criminal proceedings against the permission holder and take necessary action as per law, in addition to levy of penalty. (3) The nodal officer shall grant permission for establishing overground Telecommunication Infrastructure Tower shall mandatorily obtain structural safety certificate as stipulated in clause 14 (viii). If permission is granted without the above mentioned certificate, criminal proceedings against the concerned nodal officer shall be initiated along with disciplinary action as per law. All persons likely to be affected thereby within thirty days from the date of its publication in Official Gazette. And whereas the said Gazette was made available to public on 23rd June 2021 and whereas the objections and suggestions received are considered by the state Government. Now therefore in exercise of powers conferred under the Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016 read with sections 318 and 321 of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act, 2020 (Karnataka Act 53 of 2020), sections 423 and 427 of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1977) and section 325 of the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964 (Karnataka Act 22 of 1964) [Notification No. UDD 75]

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Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Act, 2021

Jan 17, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Kerala on January 11, 2022 has issued the Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Act, 2021 to further amend the e Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1977) and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act, 2020 (Karnataka Act 53 of 2020). The following amendments have been made: Section 299A, which specifies Levy of imposts, restrictions and conditions in respect of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has been inserted, namely: “299A. Levy of imposts, restrictions and conditions in respect of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.-

(1) The Commissioner may grant such permission to execute the work together with a site plan of the land, ground plan, elevations and section of the building subject to such restrictions and conditions, as may be specified in the zoning regulations or building bye-laws or he may refuse to grant such license subject to the conditions specified in section 303. (2) The Commissioner may for approving or sanctioning the plan or grant of commencement certificate or completion certificate, charge and levy the following fee at such rates based on the guidance value fixed by the Department of Stamps and Registration under the provisions of the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957, namely:- (a) fee for issuance of license; (b) fee for security of the building for which license granted; (c) fee for maintenance of public roads or storing of construction materials in public places during construction viz, ground rent; (d) security fee, ensuring that the construction is in accordance with plan sanctioned; (e) fee for commencement certificate; (f) fee for occupancy certificate; (g) penalty imposed at the time of issuance of occupancy certificate for not obtaining commencement certificate at the commencement of the construction; (h) penalty for regularization up to 5% of violation or deviation in the construction with respect to sanctioned plan or zonal regulation limit; and (i) such other fee as specified by the Government from time to time. Section 299B which specifies . Power of the State Government to exempt or reduce fee levied or charged or assessed in respect of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has been inserted, namely: 299B. Power of the State Government to exempt or reduce fee levied or charged or assessed in respect of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.- (1) The State Government may, if in its opinion it is necessary in the public interest so to do, by notification and subject to such restrictions and conditions and for such period, as may be specified in the notification, exempt or reduce the fee payable under this Act, for any Board or Corporation or Organization owned or controlled by the Central Government or the State Government. (2) The State Government may, by notification cancel or vary any notification issued under sub-section (1). (3) Where any restriction or condition specified under sub-section (1) is contravened or is not observed by a person or a declaration furnished under subsection (1) is found to be wrong, then such person shall be liable to pay by way of penalty, an amount equal to twice the difference between the fee payable at the rate specified by or under the Act and the fee paid at the rate specified under the notification on consideration in respect of which such contravention or non-observance has taken place or a wrong declaration is furnished. (4) For removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that the levy of imposts, assessment and collection of fee or penalty under the Act as amended by the Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Act, 2021 or any rules, notification, order, letter or guidelines shall be deemed to have always been levied and collected as levy of imposts. (5) No penal proceeding shall be commenced against any person for any contravention of the provisions of Chapter-XV of the Act that may arise as a consequence of the retrospective amendment made by the Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Act, 2021. Section 299C which specifies Validation of levy and collection of fee, has been inserted, namely: 299C. Validation of levy and collection of fee.- Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, decree or order of any Court, Tribunal or other authority to the contrary levy, assessment or collection of any amount as fee or penalty for sanctioning plan or commencement certificate or occupancy certificate made or purporting to have been made under section 299A and any action or thing taken or done, (including any notices or orders issued or assessment made) and all proceedings held and any levy and collection of fee or amount purported to have been collected by way of fee or penalty in relation to such levy, assessment or collection under the provisions of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1977) or any rules, notifications, order, guidelines or letters before the commencement of this Act shall be and shall be deemed to be valid and effective for all purposes as if such levy, assessment or collection or action or thing had been made, taken or done under the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1977) as amended by the Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Act, 2021 and accordingly: (a) all acts, proceedings or things done or any action taken by the Government or the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officers as the case may be in connection with the levy, assessment or collection of any amount as fee

for all purposes be deemed to be and to have always been made, done or taken in accordance with law; (b) no suit or other proceeding shall be maintained or continued in any Court or Tribunal or before any authority for the refund of any such fee; and (c) no Court shall enforce any decree or order directing the refund of any such fee.” Amendment in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act, 2020 (Karnataka Act 53 of 2020), Section 240A, which specifies Levy of imposts, restriction and condition, has been inserted, namely: “240A. Levy of imposts, restriction and condition. -(1) The Chief Commissioner may grant such permission to execute the work together with a site plan of the land, ground plan, elevations and sections of the building subject to such restrictions and conditions, as may be specified in the bye-laws or he may refuse to grant such licence, subject to the conditions specified in section 244. (2) The Chief Commissioner while fixing the rates for levy of fee or penalty shall consider all the costs related to the issue and execution of the approval as he may deem fit. (3) The Chief Commissioner may for approving or sanctioning the plan or grant of commencement certificate or completion certificate, - (A) charge and levy the following fee at such rates based on the guidance value fixed by the Department of Stamps and Registration under the provisions of the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957, namely :- (a) fee for issuance of license; (b) fee for maintenance of public roads or storing of construction materials in public places during construction viz, ground rent ; (c) security fee ensuring that the construction is in accordance with plan sanctioned; (d) fee for commencement certificate; (e) fee for completion certificate; and (f) such other fee as specified by the Government from time to time. (B) charge and levy any other deposit or fee or cess specified under any other law in force. Section 240B, which specifies Power of the State Government to exempt or reduce fee levied or charged or assessed has been inserted, namely: 240B. Power of the State Government to exempt or reduce fee levied or charged or assessed.- (1) The State Government may, if in its opinion, it is necessary in the public interest so to do, by notification and subject to such restrictions and conditions and for such period as may be specified in the notification, exempt or reduce either prospectively or retrospectively, the fee payable under this Act for any Board or Corporation or Organization owned or controlled by the Central Government or the State Government. (2) The State Government may, by notification cancel or vary any notification issued under sub-section (1). (3) Where any restriction or condition specified under sub-section (1) is contravened or is not observed by a person or a declaration furnished under sub-section (1) is found to be wrong then such person shall be liable to pay by way of penalty an amount equal to twice the difference between the fee payable at the rates specified by or under the Act and the fee paid at the rates specified under the notification on the consideration in respect of which such contravention or non-observance has taken place or a wrong declaration is furnished: Provided that, before taking action under sub-section (1), the person shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard. (4) For the removal of doubts it is hereby declared that, the levy of imposts, assessment and collection of fee or penalty under the Act as amended by the Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Act, 2021 or any rules, notification, order, letter or guidelines shall be deemed to have always been levied and collected as levy of imposts. Section 240C which specifies Validation of levy and collection of fees has been inserted, namely: 240C. Validation of levy and collection of fees.- Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, decree or order of any Court, Tribunal or other authority to the contrary, levy, assessment and collection of any amount as fee or penalty for sanctioning Building plan, Commencement Certificate, made or purporting to have been made under section 240A, section 246 and any action initiated or done, including any notices or orders issued or assessment made and all proceedings held and any levy and collection of fee or amount purported to have been collected by way of fee or penalty in relation to such levy, assessment or collection, under the provisions of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act, 2020 (Karnataka Act 53 of 2020) or any rules, notification, order, letter or guidelines, before the commencement of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Act, 2021 shall be and shall be deemed to be valid and effective for all purposes, as if such levy, assessment or collection or action had been made, taken or done under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act, 2020 (Karnataka Act 53 of 2020) as amended by the Karnataka Municipal

Corporations and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Act, 2021 and accordingly,- (a) all acts, proceedings or things done or any action taken by the Government or the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officers as the case may be in connection with the levy, assessment or collection of any amount as fee for all purposes be deemed to be and to have always been made, done or taken in accordance with law; (b) no suit or other proceeding shall be maintained or continued in any Court or Tribunal or before any authority for the refund of any such fee; and (c) no Court shall enforce any decree or order directing the refund of any such fee.”

[Notification No. DPAL 50]

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Karnataka Land Revenue (Amendment) Act, 2021

Jan 17, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on January 13, 2022 has issued the Karnataka Land Revenue (Amendment) Act, 2021 to further amend the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 (Karnataka Act 12 of 1964). The following amendments have been made: In Section 18A, which specifies Appointment of licensed surveyors, sub-section (1) has been amended, namely: (1) The Director of Survey Settlement and Land Records may, for the purposes of the third proviso to section 128 and of clause (c) of section 131 and such other purposes, issue, with the prior approval of the State Government and subject to such conditions and restrictions and in such manner as may be prescribed, a licence to any person (hereinafter referred to as the Licensed Surveyor) possessing the prescribed qualifications and experience. In section 128, which specifies, Acquisitions of rights to be reported, in sub-section (1) third proviso has been amended. In section 131, which specifies, Requisition of assistance in preparing maps, clause (c) has been amended. [Notification No. DPAL 53]

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Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Certain Other Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2021

Jan 17, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Department of Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation Secretariat, Karnataka on January 13, 2022 has issued The Karnataka Municipal Corporations and Certain Other Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2021 to further amend the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 and the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964. This shall come into force on January 13, 2022. The following amendments has been made to the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964 namely:- • In Section 101(2) which specify “The property tax shall be levied in certain cases” the following clause (d) shall be inserted namely: - “Industrial building at such percentage not being less than seventy percent of rate levied in case of commercial building in accordance with clause (a) of subsection (2) of taxable capital value of the building.” The following amendments has been made to the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 namely: - • In Section 108 which specify “Description and class of property tax” the following clause (d) shall be inserted namely: - “industrial building at such percentage not being less than seventy percent of rate levied in case of commercial building in accordance with clause (a)” [Notification No. DPAL 51]

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Karnataka Govt. issues Guidelines for schools amid OMICRON

Jan 06, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Government on January 5, 2022 has issued notification issuing guidelines for schools in regard to spread of COVID-19 OMICRON. The guidelines issued are namely: - • Physical classes of schools are shut down in Bengaluru City District. • Classes shut from January 6, 2022 to January 19, 2022 • Classes 10th, 11th, 12th are to continue with offline classes in accordance with precautionary measures.

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Govt. of Karnataka appoints date of enforcement of certain sections of KGST act

Jan 04, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on December 31, 2021 has issued a notification to provide the date of enforcement of certain sections of Karnataka Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act 2021. The sections which are to be enforced on January 01, 2022 are as followed: • Section 2, which specifies Definitions. • Section 3, which specifies officers under the Act. • And section 7 to 15, which specifies Levy and collection of Tax and Time and Value of supply (Collectively). [Notification No. FD 16 CSL 2021]

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Karnataka Govt. brings certain rules from GST (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2021 into force

Jan 04, 2022 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Government on December 31, 2021 has issued notification to bring into force certain rules of Karnataka Goods and Services Tax (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2021. The following rules has come into force namely: - • Rule 3 which specify "Amendment of Section 16". Section 16 specify "the details of the invoice or debit note referred to in clause" has come into force. • Rule 4 which specify the "omitting of section 35(5)" has come into force. • Rule 7 (i) which specify the "amendment in section 74" has come into force • Rule 8 which specify "amendment of section 75" has come into force. [Notification no. FD 02 CSL 2021]

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Kerala Govt. extends deadline for constructions

Jan 28, 2022 | [State](#) | [Kerala](#)

The Government of Kerala on January 27, 2022 has issued extension of deadline for constructions whose building permit has expired. The following has been stated namely: - • The time limit for construction of buildings whose building permit has expired has been extended till March 31, 2022.

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Government of Kerala Imposes Restrictions Based on Category Amid COVID

Jan 24, 2022 | [State](#) | [Kerala](#)

The Government of Kerala on January 21, 2022 has issued New Restrictions in regard to COVID. The restrictions will divide the districts into three categories namely: - • Category 1 (Threshold 1) - If the rate of hospital admissions doubles from the baseline date (January 1) and the rate of covid patients admitted to the ICU exceeds 50 percent. Would face the following restrictions namely: - 1. maximum of 50 people can attend all ceremonies • Category 2 (Threshold 2) - If more than 10 percent of the patients admitted to the hospital in the district are Covid patients and if the rate of Covid patients admitted in ICU doubles from the baseline date (January 1), they will be included in Category 2 and would have the following restrictions namely: - 1. No social, cultural, political, religious, community, or public events will be allowed in these districts. 2. Religious worship should be conducted online only. 3. Only a maximum of 20 people will be allowed for marriage and posthumous ceremonies. • Category 3 (Threshold 3) - If more than 25 percent of the patients admitted to the hospital in the district are Covid patients, they will be included in Category 3. And will have the following restrictions namely: - 1. No social, cultural, political, religious, or community activities are allowed in these districts. 2. Religious worship should be conducted online only. 3. Only a maximum of 20 people will be allowed for marriage and posthumous ceremonies. 4. Operation of movie theaters, swimming pools, and gyms will not be allowed. 5. All classes (including tuition centers) except undergraduate and postgraduate final year classes and tenth and twelfth classes will be allowed online only. This does not apply if residential educational institutions operate on a bio-bubble model.

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Kerala Govt. issues COVID Guidelines for Home Isolation

Jan 19, 2022 | [State](#) | [Kerala](#)

The Government of Kerala on January 19, 2022 has issued COVID Guidelines for Home Isolation The following was stated namely: - • Those in close contact with the patient should do self-monitoring at home • Seek medical attention if any symptoms such as a high fever that persists for three consecutive days, shortness of breath, chest pain and pressure, confusion and difficulty in getting up, severe fatigue and muscle aches, and low oxygen levels in the body are shown. • Those diagnosed with COVID has to: - 1. stay away from family members 2. Isolate in a well-ventilated room 3. Use N95 or Double mask 4. Drink plenty of

fluids and take a rest 5. Hands should be washed and sanitized frequently with soap and water 6. Do not share items used for personal use, including utensils, with anyone 7. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned with soap, detergent, and water 8. Oxygen levels and body temperature should be closely monitored

- Home isolation can be terminated after seven days of being Covid positive or if there is no fever for three days
- No need to test again after home isolation expires.

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Kerala Govt. issues COVID regulations

Jan 19, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on January 17, 2022 has issued COVID-19 guidelines. This shall be implemented from January 17, 2022. The following was stated namely: -

- Schools in Kerala from classes 1 to 9 has been closed. Schools will continue working for classes 10 to 12.
- Pregnant women working in the government have been allowed to work from home and all government offices have been asked to have only online programmes.
- The number of people at weddings and funerals to be restricted to 50 wherever the TPR is 20 per cent and in places where it is above 30 per cent, there should be no public functions.
- Shops and establishments should ensure that they promote online bookings and sales and in malls there should be only one person in every 25 sq ft space, the meeting decided.
- Authorities should reach the educational institutions to give the first dose vaccine to students and complete it at the earliest.

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KSEB issues Explanation of the Electricity Board's Capital Investment News for the Next Five Years

Jan 18, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) on January 17, 2022 has issued Explanation of the Electricity Board's Capital Investment News for the Next Five Years. Capital Investment 2022-27: The envisaged capital investment in the manufacturing, transmission and distribution sectors for the five-year period 2022-27 is `28419.98 crore. Out of this, the expected increase in assets during T period is `25890.32 crore. The bulk of the said capital investment (■ 12123.74 crore) is included in the 60% GRAND (RDSS) scheme envisaged by the Central Government for strengthening and modernizing the transmission and distribution network. Therefore, there is no need to convert the said amount into tariff. An amount of `8200 crore has been set apart for the conversion of existing electronic energy meters into prepaid smart energy meters under the RDSS scheme. Central share will be available for this too. The following features have been issued: 1. Idukki Second Plant, the largest project in the state in the field of manufacturing. The expected cost of the 800 MW project is `3062 crore. Out of this `2421 crore is provided for a period of 5 years. It is imperative that the capacity of the Idukki Reservoir be utilized for the next 50 years. 2. Capital expenditure of 14 non-hydropower projects worth `4108 crore including Idukki Second Plant cannot be avoided. 3. A centralized scheme of `12123 crore for modernization and empowerment of transmission and distribution network and installation of smart prepaid meters. It aims to reduce transmission and distribution losses by 2% and save Rs. 2000 crore. 4. 2624 crore Transgrid project for strengthening the domestic transmission network. Plan to reduce transmission loss by 2%. 5. `2052 crore for construction / modernization of substations The modernization of the supply chain cannot be avoided. Excluding available grants and other funds (■

11811.69 crore), the expected increase in assets for the next five years is ■ 14078.63 crore. That is an average expenditure of Rs 2815.73 crore per annum. Expenses such as interest, depreciation and operating costs of this asset are also subject to the tariff. This is expected to increase by Rs 2.33 per unit in 5 years alone. However, the Board is likely to see a further reduction in the rate of increase mentioned above, taking into account the benefits of the increase in assets, such as reduction in the cost of purchasing electricity and additional power sales. In that case, a practical increase of Rs.1 to Rs.1.5 is likely in five years due to asset investment. The board is also likely to reap the benefits of a two per cent reduction in transmission losses. Investments in the required expansion of power generation / transmission capacity are not avoidable. They must be implemented through a competitive scheme / tender with the approval of the Commission.

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Kerala government issues new Guidelines for Covid containment

Jan 17, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on January 17, 2022 has issued a notification related to guidelines for Covid containment. The following guidelines have been issued: Schools in Kerala have been closed with immediate effect until further orders for Classes 1 to 9 in view of COVID-19 case surge. Online classes would continue for these students. However, schools will remain open for senior students of Classes 10 to 12 and offline classes would continue for them. Pregnant women working in the government have been allowed to work from home and all government offices have been asked to have only online programmes. It has also been directed to restrict the number of people at weddings and funerals to 50 wherever the TPR is 20 per cent and in places where it is above 30 per cent, there should be no public functions. Shops and establishments should ensure that they promote online bookings and sales and in malls there should be only one person in every 25 sq ft space, the meeting decided. It was also advised to see that authorities should reach the educational institutions to give the first dose vaccine to students and complete it at the earliest

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Jan 17, 2022 | State | Kerala

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Kerala Govt. limits the number of people who can attend weddings and Funerals

[Jan 12, 2022](#) | [State](#) | [Kerala](#)

The Kerala Government on January 11, 2022 has issued Notification to limit number of people who can attend weddings and funerals. The following was stated namely: - • The number of people who can attend weddings and funerals is limited to a maximum of 50 people. • Reunions, ceremonies, and general social, political, cultural, and community events should be conducted online, except in emergencies. • Precautions, including physical distance, should be taken when conducting events directly in case of emergency. • Public meetings should be avoided

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Kerala Govt. issues guidelines for International arrivals amid COVID surge

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The Kerala Government on January 7, 2022 has issued guidelines for international arrivals amid COVID surge. With effect from January 11, 2022 The following was stated namely: - • Mandatory seven-day home quarantine for international arrivals in the country. • Travelers from specified countries need to furnish post-arrival COVID-19 test report before leaving the airport or catching connecting flight. • RT-PCR test done on 8th day of Home quarantine. The following steps need to be taken namely: 1. Upload report on Air Suvidha portal 2. If positive, send samples for genome testing at INSACOG laboratory network.

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Govt of Kerala invites applications for the financial assistance to expatriates

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The Government of Kerala on January 10, 2022 has issued a notification to invite applications for the financial assistance to expatriates for the persons who are returning from exile can apply for the one-time relief fund, which is distributed through Norka Routes. The assistance is available to expatriate Malayalees with an annual income of less than Rs 1.5 lakh and close family members. Up to Rs 50,000 for medical treatment, up to Rs 100,000 for deceased expatriate heirs and up to Rs 15,000 for daughters' marriage. A one-time assistance of up to Rs. 15.63 crore has been disbursed to 2,483 beneficiaries so far this financial year. Thiruvananthapuram-350, Kollam-380, Pathanamthitta-130, Alappuzha-140, Kottayam-77, Idukki-2, Ernakulam-120, Thrissur-444, Palakkad-160, Wayanad-5, Kozhikode-215, Kannur-100 and Malappuram- The district wise number of beneficiaries for this financial year is 300 and Kasaragod-60. Visit www.norkaroots.org for project details and to apply. You can also contact the toll free number 1800-425-3939 for details.

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Draft of Kerala Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2021

Jan 06, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Labour and Skills Department, Kerala on December 15, 2021 has issued the Draft of Kerala Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2021. This shall come into force on December 15, 2021. The following rules have been introduced: - • Rule 27 which specify “Facilities to be provided to Safety Officers. - The employer of the factory shall provide each Safety Officer with such facilities equipment and information as are necessary to enable him to discharge his duties effectively” has been introduced. • Rule 80 which specify “Cancellation of License - If an occupier of a Factory has obtained the License of his Factory by fraud or misrepresentation or suppression of any material fact or any other reason, the License so obtained shall be cancelled by the issuing authority with immediate effect after having given the Licensee a reasonable opportunity for being heard why his license should not be cancelled.” has been introduced. • Rule 112 which specify “Cleanliness of well or Reservoir Drinking water shall not be supplied from any open well or reservoir unless it is so constructed, situated, protected and maintained as to be free from the possibility by chemical or bacterial or extraneous impurities” has been introduced. • Rule 152 which specify “Social security fund - The Government shall notify in the gazette, sources from which the social security fund under sub section (2) of section 115 may be augmented” has been introduced. Objections and suggestions, if any may be addressed to the Secretary to Government, Labour and Skills before the expiry of a period of forty-five days from December 15, 2021. [Notification No. LBRD -D2/395/2020-LBR]

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Kerala Code on Wages Rules, 2021

Jan 06, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Labour and Skills Department, Kerala on December 14, 2021 has issued the Draft of Kerala Code on Wages Rules, 2021. This shall come into force on December 14, 2021. The following rules have been introduced namely: - • Rule 5 which specify “Time Interval for revision of dearness allowance. - The dearness allowance payable to employees on minimum wages shall be revised in every April and October on the basis of cost of living allowance and cash value of concession in respect of essential commodities of the preceding six months” has been introduced. • Rule 23 which specify “Meeting of the Board. - The Chairperson may, subject to the provision of rule 29, call a meeting of the Board, at any time as he thinks fit” has been introduced. • Rule 31 which specify “Appointment of the committees. - The State Government may constitute as many committees under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 8 as it considers necessary for the purposes specified in that clause” has been introduced. • Rule 53 which specify “Timely Payment of Wages to contract employees. - Where the employees are employed in an establishment through contractor, then, the company or firm or association of any other person who is the proprietor of the establishment shall pay to the contractor the amount payable to him” has been introduced. Objections and suggestions, if any may be addressed to the Secretary to Government, Labour and Skills before the expiry of a period of forty-five days from December 14, 2021. [Notification No. LBRD-E1/1/2021-LBRD]

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Kerala Industrial Relations Rules, 2021

Jan 06, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Labour and Skills Department, Kerala on December 30, 2021 has issued the Kerala Industrial Relations Rules, 2021. This shall come into force on December 30, 2021. The following rules were introduced namely: -

- Rule 5 which specify “Application in respect of any dispute to be filed before the Grievance Redressal Committee by any aggrieved worker under sub-section (5) of section 4.- Any aggrieved worker may file an application stating his dispute therein before the Grievance Redressal Committee giving his name, designation, employee code, Department where posted, length of service in years, category of worker, address for correspondence, contact number, details of grievances and relief sought. Such application may be sent electronically or otherwise. The Grievance may be raised within one year from the date on which the cause of action of such dispute arises” has been introduced.
- Rule 31 which specify “Collection of membership fee, subscription or any other dues from the members of the Trade Union.- The registered Trade Unions may collect their membership fee and monthly subscription as per the bye-laws made under the Code” has been introduced.
- Rule 85 which specify “Written Agreement under clause (zi) of section 2.- The written agreement under clause (zi) of section 2 between the employer and worker shall be in Form XXI and signed by the parties in the agreement. A copy of the agreement shall be sent to the concerned conciliation office” has been introduced.
- Rule 112 which specify “Compounding of Offences.- The State Government shall notify as many officers not below the rank of District Labour Officer of Labour Department as an officer for compounding of offences” has been introduced. [Notification No.E3/54/2021-LBRD]

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Draft of Kerala Social Security Rules, 2021

Jan 06, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Labour and Skills Department, Kerala on December 15, 2021 has issued the Draft of Kerala Social Security Rules, 2021. This shall come into force on December 15, 2021. The following rules have been introduced namely: -

- Rule 3 which specify “The constitution, term, functions and powers of the Kerala Unorganized Workers Social Security Board constituted under sub-section (9) and (10) of section 6 of the Code” has been introduced.
- Rule 29 which specify “Procedure for dealing with application for direction” has been introduced.
- Rule 87 which specify “Agreement to abide by Competent Authority’s decision if a party states in writing his willingness to abide by the decision of the Competent Authority, the Competent Authority shall inquire whether the other party is willing to abide by his decision.” has been introduced.
- Rule 108 which specify “Manner and form of reporting vacancies and form of filing the return by the employer, to the concerned career centre” has been introduced. Objections and suggestions, if any may be addressed to the Secretary to Government, Labour and Skills before the expiry of a period of forty-five days from December 15, 2021. [Notification No. D2/400/2020/LBRD.]

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Kerala Govt. imposes more control over the activities of social life

Jan 05, 2022 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on January 04, 2022 has issued a circular to impose more control over the activities of social life and decided to limit the crowding in weddings, posthumous ceremonies and other socio-political, cultural and community events taken place in the state. 75 persons were allowed in the closed room and maximum 150 persons in the open space in the current scenario of omicron diffusion.

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Pondicherry

Puducherry Govt. issues Notice regarding Clearing of long outstanding payments of suppliers

Jan 13, 2022 | State | Pondicherry

The Finance Department, Puducherry on January 10, 2022 has issued Notice regarding Clearing of long outstanding payments of suppliers against Contracts placed by various buyers/organizations on GeM Portal and updation all pending payments on the Portal. The following was stated namely: - • Non-Compliance with payment terms on GeM and delayed payment by buyers to suppliers. This can lead to a situation that bonafide sellers reduce supplies and/or raise prices. This would hurt the general interest of buyers. • For ease in updating offline payments, GeM has created a bulk payment updation facility where the buyer, instead of updating individual order payment position, can upload an excel sheet specifying payment status of all order in bulk. • This may be done positively by the end of January, under intimation to the Finance Department. [Notification No. 16016/FD/F3/2018(Part)]

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Govt of Puducherry amends Description of service in state tax rate notification

Jan 10, 2022 | State | Pondicherry

The Commercial Taxes Secratiate, Puducherry on December 07, 2021 has issued a notification regarding amendment in Description of Service by making amendment in G.O. Ms. No. 12/2017- Puducherry GST (Rate), dated June 29, 2017. The following amendments have been made: • In serial No. 3, description of goods, has been substituted namely: "the words or a Governmental authority or a Government Entity shall be omitted." • In serial No. 3A description of goods, has been substituted namely: "the words or a Governmental authority or a Government Entity shall be omitted." • In serial No. 15, the following proviso has been inserted, namely: "Provided that nothing contained in items (b) and (c) above shall apply to services supplied through an electronic commerce operator, and notified under sub-section (5) of Section 9 Puducherry Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Act No.6 of 2017)."; • In serial No. 17, the following proviso has been inserted, namely: "Provided that nothing contained in item (e) above shall apply to services supplied through an electronic commerce operator, and notified under sub-section (5) of Section 9 of the Puducherry Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Act NO.6 of 2017)." This notification shall come into force on January 01, 2022, unless otherwise stated. [G.O. Ms. No. 16/2021-Puducherry GST (Rate)]

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Puducherry Govt. amends Notification No. 17/2017 regarding intra-State supplies shall be paid by the electronic commerce operator for certain services

Jan 10, 2022 | State | Pondicherry

The Commercial Taxes Secretariat, Puducherry on December 7, 2021 has issued amendments to the G.O. Ms. No. 17/2017- Puducherry GST (Rate), dated June 29, 2017 which specify "On Certain services, the tax

on intra-State supplies shall be paid by the electronic commerce operator” The following amendments were made namely: - • Clause (i) which specify “services by way of transportation of passengers by a radio-taxi, motorcab, maxicab and motor cycle, omni bus or any other motor vehicle” has been substituted. • Clause (iv) which specify “supply of restaurant service other than the services supplied by restaurant, eating joints etc. located at specified premises.” has been inserted. [G.O. Ms. No. 17/2021-Puducherry GST (Rate)]

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Puducherry Govt. amends notification regarding intra-State supplies shall be paid by the electronic commerce operator for certain services

Jan 10, 2022 | State | Pondicherry

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Rajasthan

Govt. of Rajasthan issues new rate of interest on General Provident Fund

Jan 24, 2022 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department of Rajasthan on January 24, 2022 has issued a notification regarding the new interest rates for the General Provident Fund and other similar funds. The new rate of interest would be 7.1 % per annum will remain in force from January 01, 2022 to March 31, 2022. [Circular No.F.21(5)/FMW/2007]

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Draft Rajasthan State Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Fund (Planning, Allocation and Utilization of Financial Resources) Act, 2022

Jan 18, 2022 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department of Rajasthan on January 17, 2022 has issued the Draft Rajasthan State Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Fund (Planning, Allocation and Utilization of Financial Resources) Act, 2022. The foremost provisions of the bill are as follows: ■Transparency and Accountability Each department shall ensure transparency and accountability at all levels in the implementation of activities under Scheduled Castes Development Fund/Scheduled Tribes Development Fund. ■Annual Report to be placed before State Legislature The Nodal Department shall place before the House of the State Legislature, an Annual Report on outcome of implementation of Scheduled Castes Development Fund/ Scheduled Tribes Development Fund. ■Power to make rules: 1) Subject to the other provisions of this Act, the State Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act. 2) Every rule and regulation made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is so made, before the House of the State Legislature, while it is in session, for a period of not less than fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions and if before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or of the session immediately following the House of the State Legislature makes any modification in the rule or regulation or resolves that the rule or regulation should not be made, the rule or regulation 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 there under. ■Power to remove difficulties: 1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of the Act, the State Government may, by order, make such provisions or give such directions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act as may appear to it to be necessary or expedient for the removal of the difficulty: 2) Every order made under this section shall be laid, as soon as it is made, before the State Legislature.

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Rajasthan Govt. extends the date of ITC verification

Jan 13, 2022 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department of Rajasthan on January 03, 2022 has issued a notification to extend the timeline for the ITC verification which was issued by the notification No. F.16 (100) Tax/CCT/14-15/2655 dated March 12, 2021. The date for ITC verification which was December 31, 2021 earlier now has been extended till March 31, 2022. Also, clause 2.2 which specifies Category-B (Where ITC mismatch is more than Rs. 1 Lac and up to Rs. 10 Lac related to the years 2006-07 to 2010-11) has been amended. And, clause 2.4 which specifies Category-D (Where ITC mismatch is more than Rs. 1 Lac related to the years 2011-12 onwards) has been amended. [Notification No. F.16 (100)/Tax/CCT/14-15/1039]

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Sikkim

Govt. of Sikkim issues measures for containment of COVID-19

Jan 11, 2022 | State | Sikkim

The Home Department of Sikkim on January 09, 2022 has issued the measure for containment of COVID-19. The department has reviewed and taken measure for certain activities within the state such as: • Inter-state movement of persons and vehicles • Movement of Vehicles within the state • Markets, shops and commercial establishments • Factories and Pharmaceutical companies • Government offices and PSUs • Educational Institution • Social, political, sports and religious congregations • Relief work and medical services • Surveillance and containment zones • Covid-19 Appropriate Behaviour • Penal provisions All the guidelines for above stated conditions shall be applicable from January 10, 2022 till January 24, 2022. *Disclaimer -Kindly find the detailed guidelines in the Annexure I and Annexure II in the provided link. [Order No.01/Home/2022]

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Sikkim Govt. issues Ban on Plastic Water Bottles

Jan 11, 2022 | State | Sikkim

The Forests and Environment Department, Sikkim on December 29, 2021 has issued Ban on Plastic Water Bottle. This shall come into effect from January 1, 2022. The following was stated namely: - • Ban on use, manufacture, import and sale of plastic water bottles of capacity up to 2 litres. [Notification no. 135 /GOS/F&ED/PCCF-ACS]

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu Govt. notifies rate of interest on state Industrial Employees Contributory Provident Fund

Jan 25, 2022 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Finance Department of Tamil Nadu on January 19, 2022 has issued an order to provide the new rate of interest on deposit and balances in the account of each member of the Tamil Nadu Government Industrial Employees Contributory Provident Fund for the financial year 2020-2021. The new rate of interest shall be 8.50 % (eight point five percent). [Order No. GO MS NO 22]

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Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax Appellate Tribunal Regulations, 2011

Jan 24, 2022 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Commercial Taxes and Registration Department on January 20, 2022 has amended Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax Appellate Tribunal Regulations, 2011:- The following amendment has been made: - In Regulation 6 in sub-regulation (2), for clauses (b) and (c), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely (b) All appeals arising from the districts of Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Thirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Thoothukkudi and Kanyakumari shall be presented to the Secretary at Madurai. (c) All appeals arising from the districts of Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Nilgiris, Salem, Erode, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Tiruchirappalli, Karur, Ariyalur, Perambalur and Pudukkottai shall be presented to the Secretary at Coimbatore.” - In regulation 9, for sub-regulations (2) and (3) excluding the provisos thereunder, the following sub-regulations shall be substituted, namely:- (2) The Additional Bench of the Appellate Tribunal at Madurai shall have jurisdiction in respect of appeals arising from the districts of Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Thirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Thoothukkudi and Kanyakumari. (3) The Additional Bench of the Appellate Tribunal at Coimbatore shall have jurisdiction in respect of appeals arising from the districts of Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Nilgiris, Salem, Erode, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Tiruchirappalli, Karur, Ariyalur, Perambalur and Pudukkottai”. (Notification No. II(2)/CTR/60(a)/2022)

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Tripura

Covid Guidelines, Tripura

Jan 24, 2022 | State | Tripura

The Tripura Disaster Management Authority on January 19, 2021, has extended the restriction which has already been imposed via Order No.F.12 REV/Corona Curfew /2021 dated January 06, 2022 Following CORONA restrictions must be in force throughout the State: •Corona Night Curfew is imposed throughout the State from 8 pm to 5 pm. •Meeting/gathering at any closed spaces (maximum of 1/3rd of capacity only) will be allowed. The seating arrangement should be made maintaining the social distance norm of 2-yard distance. Video recording should be done for any such events to ensure that restrictions were maintained •No public meetings in open spaces are allowed •Movie Halls/Multiplexes, Entertainment Parks, Picnic Areas, Swimming Pool should be closed. •Gymnasium, sports complexes & stadium, etc will be allowed (maximum of 1/3rd of capacity only) •All standalone shops and commercial establishments including shopping complexes/malls, beauty parlors, barbershops will 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 7:30 pm with only 50% of their total capacity. •All religious gatherings including Kirtan should be canceled. •No offline training programme should be conducted. •All government offices in Agartala Municipal Corporation (AMC) area will function with 50% of staff except those who are engaged in essential services. •Proper cleaning and frequent sanitization of the workplace. HoDs will also ensure non-crowding in corridors, canteens, etc. •Funeral/last rites will not contain more than 20 persons. •All religious places will remain open for the public to maintain aggressive COVID-appropriate behavior. •Exemptions/Allowed activities throughout the State are at Annexure A. (Order No. F.12(8)-REV/Corona Curfew/2021)

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Tripura Govt. amends Notification No. 01/2017-State Tax (Rate) regarding The rate of tax certain goods

Jan 10, 2022 | State | Tripura

The Finance Department, Tripura on January, 7, 2022 has issued amendments to Notification No. 01/2017-State Tax (Rate), dated June 29, 2017 which specify "The rate of tax certain goods". This shall come into force on January 1, 2022. The following amendments were made namely: - • Schedule I – 2.5% 1. Serial number 225 which specify "Footwear having a retail sale price not exceeding Rs.500 per pair, provided that such retail sale price is indelibly marked or embossed 1 on the footwear itself" has been omitted. • Schedule II – 6% 1. The following entry shall be inserted namely: - "171A1 – 64 – Footwear of sale value not exceeding Rs. 1000 per pair." [Notification No. 21/2021 – State Tax (Rate)]

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Tripura state Goods and Services (tenth) amendment rules 2021

Jan 08, 2022 | State | Tripura

The Finance Department of Tripura on January 04, 2022 has issued the Tripura state Goods and Services (tenth) amendment rules 2021 to further amend the Tripura state Goods and Services rules 2017. The following amendment has 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) and (3A) have 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" "(3A) Notwithstanding anything contained 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), in 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 144 A, 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: I 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: "Disposal of proceeds of sale of goods or conveyance and movable or immovable property. 154. (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. This notification shall come into effect from December 29, 2021 and some of the provisions shall come into force from January 01, 2022. [Notification No. F.1-11(91)-TAX/GST/2021 (Part-III)]

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Tripura Govt. amends certain items tax rates table for Handicraft goods

Jan 07, 2022 | State | Tripura

The Finance Department of Tripura on January 04, 2022 has issued a notification to amend certain entries in the state tax notification which specifies the tax rates for the Handicraft goods, that is Notification No. 21/2018-State tax (rates) dated July 26, 2018. The following amendments have been made: • In the table, in serial no. 04, entry in column (2) which specifies chapter, heading or sub-heading/tariff item, has been substituted, namely: "4414" • In the table, in serial no. 29, entry in column (2) which specifies chapter, heading or sub-heading/tariff item, has been substituted, namely: "7419 80" This notification shall come into force on January 01, 2022. [Notification No. 20/021-State Tax (Rate)]

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Tripura Govt. amends notification regarding exemption of intra-state supply of goods

Jan 07, 2022 | State | Tripura

The Finance Department, Tripura has issued on January 4, 2022 has issued amendment to Notification No. 2/2017- State Tax (Rate), dated June 29, 2017 which specify "exemption of intra-state supply of goods". This notification shall come into force on January 1, 2022. The following amendments were made namely: - • In S.No. 22 which specify "0306" the following shall be substituted namely: - "0303, 0304, 0305, 0306, 0307,

0308, 0309” • In S.No. 49 which specify “Other nuts, Other huts, fresh such as Almonds, Hazelnuts or filberts (Corylus spp.), walnuts, Chestnuts (Castanea · spp.), Pistachios, Macadamia nuts, Kola nuts (Cola spp.), Areca nuts, fresh, whether or not shelled or peeled” has been substituted namely: - “other nuts, fresh such as Almonds, Hazelnuts or filberts (corylus spp.), w,alnuts, chestnuts (castanea spp.), Pistachios. Macadamia nuts, Kola nuts (cola spp.), Areca nuts, pine nuts, fresh, whether or not shelled or peeled” [Notification No. 19/2021-State Tax (Rate)]

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Tripura Govt. amends notification regarding the rate of tax on certain goods

Jan 07, 2022 | State | Tripura

The Finance Department, Tripura has issued on January 4, 2022 has issued amendment to Notification No. 1/2017- State Tax (Rate), dated June 29, 2017 which specify “The rate of state tax on certain goods”. This notification shall come into force on January 1, 2022. The following amendments were made namely: - • In Schedule I- 2.5% 1. In S. No. 9 which specify “Cream, yogurt, kephir and other fermented or acidified milk and cream, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured or containing added fruit, nuts or cocoa” the following shall be substituted namely: - “yoghurt; cream, kephir and other fermented or acidified milk and cream, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored or containing added fruit, nuts or cocoa.” • In Schedule II – 6% 1. In S. No. 29 which specify “Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood” the following shall be substituted namely: - “Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal, blood or insects” • In Schedule III – 9% 1. In S. No. 41 which specify “Nicotine polacrilex gum” shall be omitted. • In Schedule IV – 14% 1. In S. No. 176 which specify “8802” the following shall be substituted namely: - “8802 or 8806” [Notification No. 18/2021-State Tax (Rate)]

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West Bengal

Government of West Bengal issues COVID Guidelines

Jan 21, 2022 | State | West Bengal

Government of West Bengal on January 17, 2022 has issued the COVID guidelines. In continuation of order No 753/XX/ISS/2M-22/2020 dated January 15, 2022 in respect of restrictions and relaxations notified to contain spread of COVID-19 pandemic, following additional relaxations shall come into effect from January 18, 2022: i) Gym may remain open with 50% of the capacity at a time upto 9 PM provided staff and users are fully vaccinated or are RTPCR negative. ii) Jatra shall be allowed in a very restricted manner upto 9PM only with 50% of capacity in an outdoor venue and in case of an indoor venue with a maximum of 200 people or 50% of the capacity whichever is lower. iii) Outdoor shooting for films and TV programmes will be allowed with adherence of physical distancing and COVID appropriate protocols. Wearing of masks, maintenance of physical distancing and health & hygiene protocol must be followed at all times. [Notification No-753/XXI-ISS/2M-22/2020]

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West Bengal Govt. extends the restriction and relaxation measures as already in force with certain other restrictions

Jan 03, 2022 | State | West Bengal

The Government of West Bengal on January 02, 2022 has issued a circular to extend the restriction and relaxation measures as already in force, along with certain new restrictions in the keeping in mind about the coming Covid-19 variant Omicron. The old restricts shall remain in force till January 15, 2022. The following guidelines have been added: 1) All academic activities in schools, colleges and universities shall remain closed. Only administrative activities shall be permitted with 50% of employees at a time. 2) All government offices including public undertakings shall function with 50% of employees at a time. Work from home shall be encouraged as far as possible. 3) All private offices and establishments shall function with 50% of employees at a time. Work from home shall be encouraged as far as possible. 4) Swimming pools, spas, gyms, beauty parlours, saloons and wellness centres shall remain closed. 5) All entertainment parks, zoos, tourist places shall remain closed. 6) Shopping malls and market complexes may function with restricted entry of people by not exceeding 50 % of the capacity at a time and up to 10 PM. 7) Restaurants and bars may operate with 50% of capacity at a time and up to 10 PM. 8) Cinema halls and theatre halls may operate with 50% of seating capacity at a time and up to 10 PM. 9) Meetings and conferences shall be allowed with a maximum of 200 people at a time or 50% seating capacity of the hall, whichever is lower. 10) Not more than 50 persons at a time shall be allowed for any social, religious and cultural gatherings. 11) Not more than 50 persons shall be allowed for marriage related ceremonies. 12) Not more 20 persons shall be allowed for funeral/ burial services and last rites. 13) Local trains shall operate with 50% seating capacity up to 7 PM only. 14) Metro services shall operate with 50% seating capacity as per usual operational time. 15) Movement of people and vehicles and public gatherings of any kind shall be prohibited between 10 PM to 5 AM. Only essential and emergency services shall be permitted. These guidelines shall come into force from January 03, 2022. [Order No-753/XVII-ISS/2M-22/2020]

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