

MONTHLY COMPLIANCE ROUNDUP

— JANUARY 2026 —



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

The month saw **918** legal and regulatory changes across Centre and States and across various categories.

REGULATORY CHANGES IN JANUARY 2026

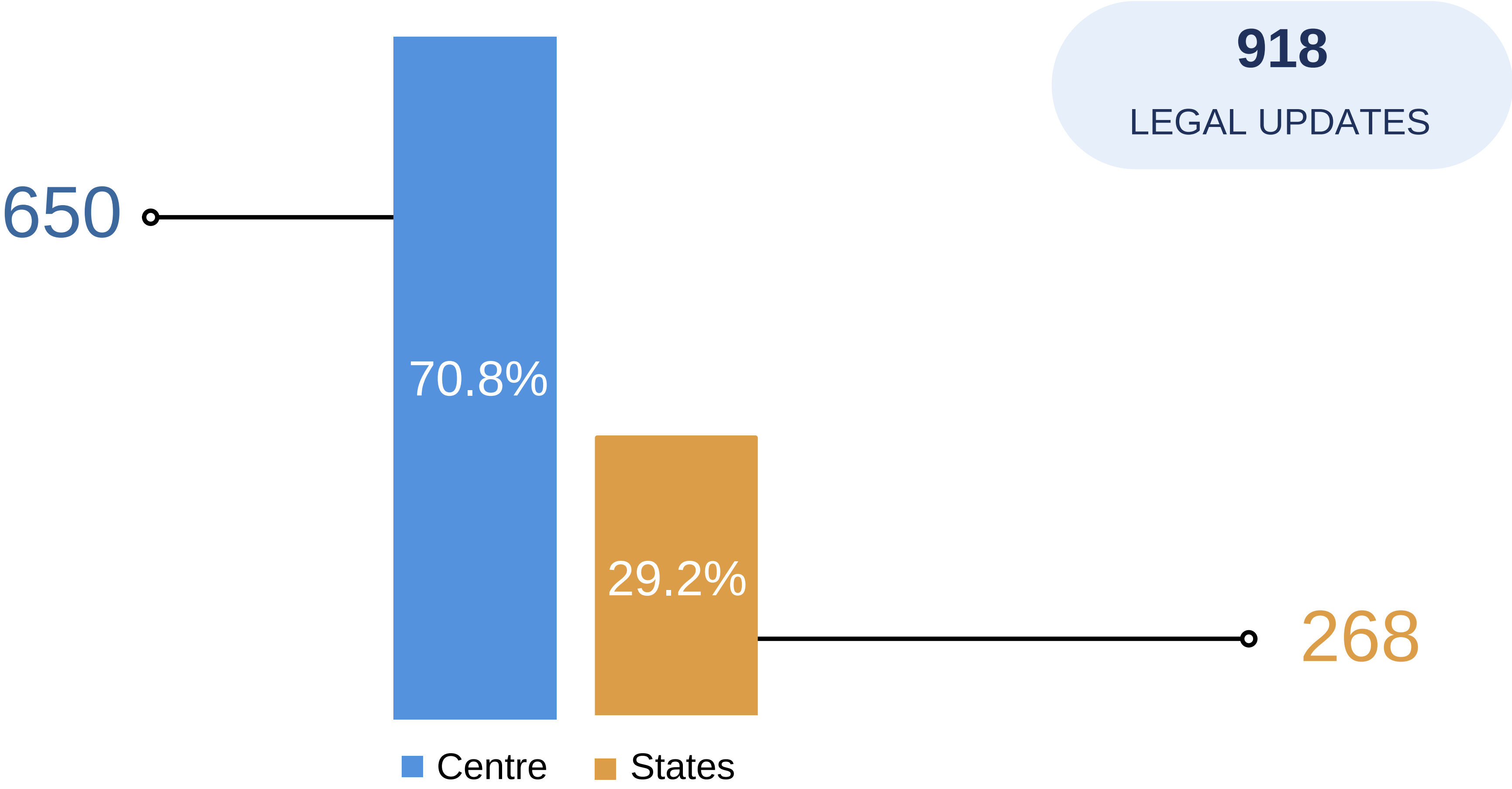
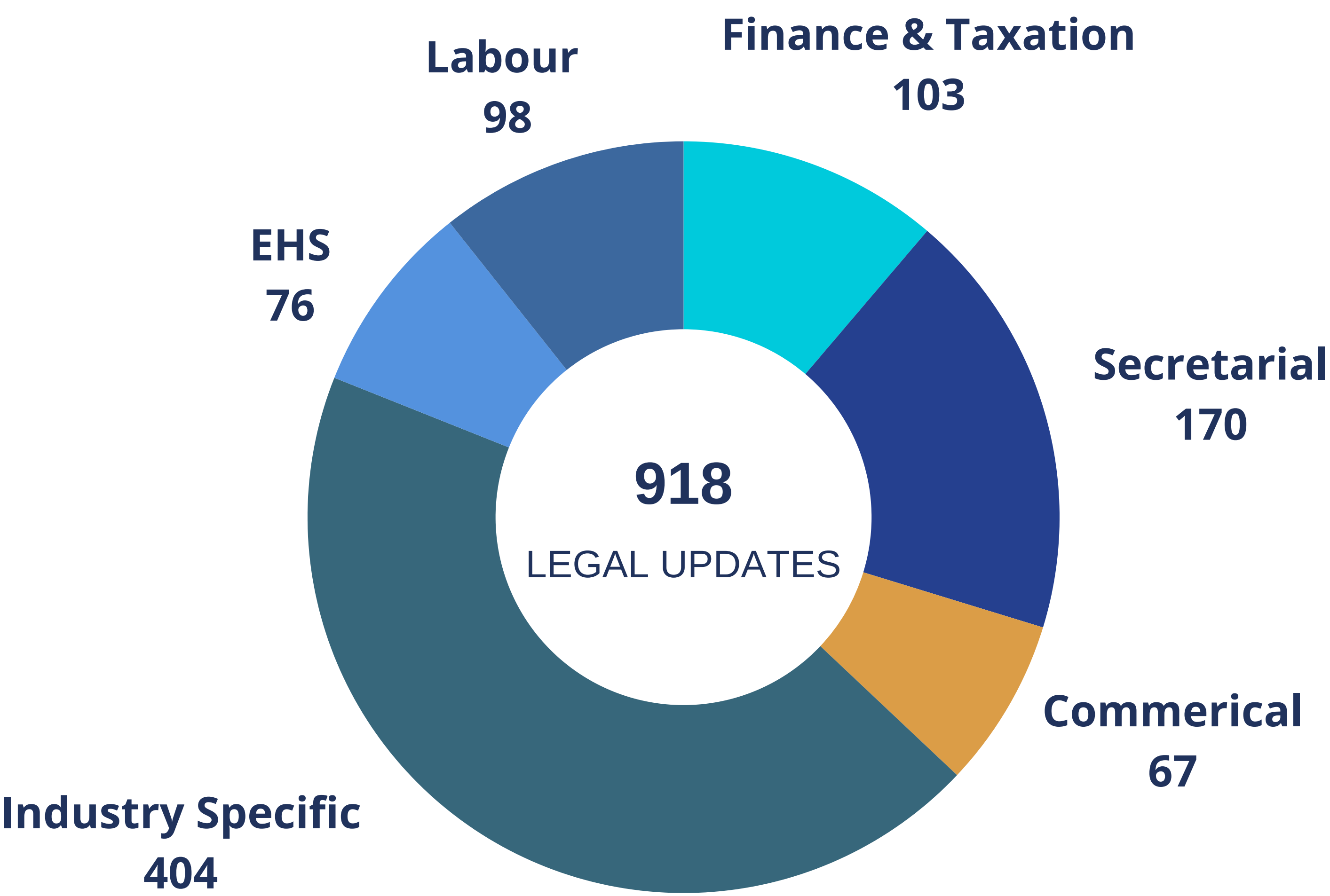


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Fig 2: Compliance Category Statistics



1 FINANCE AND TAXATION UPDATES

There were 103 regulatory updates in this category

- The Ministry of Finance (MoF), on January 08, 2026, issued the extension of Anti-Dumping Duty on Imports of Normal Butanol (N-Butyl Alcohol) from EU, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA up to July 12, 2026.
- The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoL&J), on January 08, 2026, issued a corrigenda to the Health Security Cess and National Security Cess Act, 2025.
- The Goods and Services Tax (GST), on January 04, 2026, issued an Advisory on Filing Opt-In Declaration for Specified Premises, 2025.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on January 01, 2026, issued the Health Security se National Security Cess Rules, 2026.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on December 31, 2025, notified regarding the charge structure of Points of Presence (PoP) for Common Schemes under NPS (All Citizen and Corporate Model), including NPS Vatsalya and NPS Lite.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 13, 2026, issued the Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2026.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on January 15, 2026, issued a circular regarding extending export benefits for exports made through the Postal mode, amending Circular No. 25/2022-Customs dated December 09, 2022.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on January 15, 2026, issued a notification to amend notification no. 24/2023 - Customs (N.T) dated April 01, 2023, related to the customs duty on materials imported under Advance Authorisation.
- The Goods and Service Tax (GST) on January 14, 2026, notified regarding the non-availability of the GST Portal services.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 12, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Foreign Exchange Management (Guarantees) Regulations, 2026.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 20, 2026, issued the date of establishment of amendment of certain Indian Standards (IS).
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on January 22, 2026, amended an older notification related to Crude oil, Gold and Silver.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 16, 2026, notified regarding the new FEMA Framework for Export and Import of Goods and Services.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on January 15, 2026, issued the Customs and Central Excise Duties Drawback (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Customs and Central Excise Duties Drawback Rules, 2017.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on January 29, 2026, amended an older Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.) dated August 03, 2001, related to Customs Tariff Values for key Commodities.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), on January 27, 2026, notified regarding the Initiation of sunset review anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of 'Phthalic Anhydride' from China PR, Korea RP and Thailand.

- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on January 29, 2026, notified regarding the India's Economic Survey 2025-26: Growth, Stability and Reform.
- The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) on January 23, 2026, issued an Advisory on RSP-Based Valuation of Notified Tobacco Goods under GST.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 23, 2026, issued a notification regarding Liquidity Injection Measures.

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2 SECRETARIAL UPDATES

There were 170 regulatory updates in this category

- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on January 09, 2026, issued a circular regarding the introduction of the New Order & Trade Drop Copy Facility in the CM Segment.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on January 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding Advisory on Placing Orders at Realistic Prices and Pre-Trade Risk Controls.
- The India International Bullion Exchange (IFSC) Limited (IIBX), on January 07, 2026, issued a Trading and Settlement Holiday for the Calendar Year 2026.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 07, 2026, notified the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Stock Brokers) Regulations, 2026.
- The Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCRR) on January 05, 2026, notified regarding the downtime of the portal on January 08, 2026.
- The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on January 16, 2026, notified regarding the modifications in the Contract launch calendar of Coriander Futures and Options on Futures on Coriander (Symbol: DHANIYA) Contract.
- The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL), on January 16, 2026, notified regarding the Guidelines for appointment of Internal Auditors by all Clearing Members (PCM, STCM and TCM for clearing activities).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 16, 2026, issued a Consultation paper for simplification of client on-boarding and rationalisation of risk management framework at KYC Registration Agencies.



- The National E-Governance Services Ltd. (NeSL) on January 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding Data submission, DDE and e-BG services Downtime.
- The Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCRR) on January 08, 2026, issued a notification regarding the introduction of mobile-based KYC search.
- The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on January 23, 2026, issued an notification regarding the Security Requirements for Members Connecting through MCX SSL VPN Solution.
- The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), on January 21, 2026, notified regarding Suspension of demat accounts of the existing clients whose KYC records are not found to be valid by KRAs after the validation process.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on January 20, 2026, issued the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 further amend the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
- The India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) on January 21, 2026, issued a circular regarding application processing Fees for non-QJ TRQ holders under the category of Micro and Small units importing Gold through the QJs of IIBX.



- The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), on January 20, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Final Settlement Price of Futures contracts expired on January 20, 2026.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on January 30, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Payment of SEBI Turnover Fees across segments including applicable GST.
- The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on January 29, 2026, issued a circular regarding modification in the Contract Specifications (Strike price Interval) in Gold and Gold Mini Options Contracts.
- The India International Depository IFSC Limited (IIDI) on January 28, 2026, notified regarding the Fees and charges to Demat account holder for TRQ Holders Micro and Small Enterprises under India-UAE CEPA Gold.
- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), on January 28, 2026, has invited comments from stakeholders on the draft amendments to simplify and expedite the refund process for claims filed with the Authority under the Companies Act, 2013. The consultation aims to improve efficiency in processing refunds relating to unclaimed dividends, shares, debentures and other eligible amounts transferred to the IEPF.
- The India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited (INX), on January 23, 2026, issued the Master Circular - 2026.

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3 COMMERCIAL UPDATES

There were 67 regulatory updates in this category

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 06, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Wrought Aluminium and Aluminium Alloy Bars.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India (MoRTH), on January 6, 2026, notified the Central Motor Vehicles (01st Amendment) Rules, 2026 after considering objections and suggestions received on the draft amendment published in September 2025 under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The amendments have been issued in exercise of powers under section 110 of the Act to further strengthen vehicle safety and regulatory compliance.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on December 31, 2025, notified regarding the launch of Market Access Support (MAS) under Export Promotion Mission - Niryat Disha.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD) on January 01, 2026, issued the Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Amendment Rules, 2026, further to amend the Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2013.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 13, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Dry Type Mining Transformers, Transwitch Units, and Load Centers.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), on January 13, 2026, issued an amendment in Import Policy & Policy Condition of Low Ash Metallurgical Coke under Chapter 27 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy).
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on January 12, 2026, issued notification on Rescission of Flux Cored Solder Wire (Quality Control) Order, 2023.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD), on January 10, 2026, notified regarding the Mandatory Levy of Service Charge by Restaurants Violates Consumer Law: CCPA.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD), on January 07, 2026, issued the Legal Metrology (General) Amendment Rules, 2026, to further amend the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011.



- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on January 20, 2026, issued the date of establishment of amendment of certain Indian Standards (IS).
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MoEIT), on January 19, 2026, issued the extension in timelines for the implementation of the Order for product categories included in the schedule of CRO vide S.O. 1929(E) published in Gazette of India on April 26, 2023 regarding the Television Set.
- The Ministry of Communications (MoC) on January 20 2026, issued the Use of Low Power and Very Low Pow Wireless Access System, including Radio Local Area Network in the Lower 6 GHz band (Exemption from Licensing Requirement) Rules, 2026.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 16, 2026, notified regarding the amendment in the export policy of items under HS Code 1101.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 29, 2026, issued amendment in import policy and policy condition of Penicillins and its salts, 6- APA and Amoxycilline and its salts falling under ITC (HS) Code 29411010, 29411050 and 29411030, respectively, of Chapter-29 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy).
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), on January 29, 2026, notified regarding the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade proposes an amendment to the Designs Act in line with global best practices.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards, on January 19, 2026, issued the date of withdrawal of Indian Standards related to pipes.
- The Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on January 23, 2026, issued a notification regarding the procedure for the Second Round of Allocation of TRQ under tariff head 7108 under India-UAE CEPA for FY 2025-26.

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4 INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC UPDATES

There were 404 regulatory updates in this category

- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), dated January 08, 2026, has informed Depository Participants (DPs) about the identification of Beneficial Owners (BOs) eligible for the Basic Services Demat Account (BSDA), in reference to earlier CDSL communiqué dated August 26, 2024, and SEBI Circular dated June 28, 2024.
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on January 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding extension for Amateur/HAM migration on the Saral Sanchar portal of DoT.
- The Ministry of Mines, on January 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding additional proposals in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on January 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding the implementation of TRAI direction on mandatory adoption of 1600-series to curb the menace of Unsolicited Commercial Communication (UCC).
- The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for the State of Goa and Union Territories on March 21, 2025, notified regarding the determination of the Generic Levelised Tariff for the Renewable Energy Technologies as specified under Regulation 8 of the JERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2024.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), on January 07, 2026, issued a corrigendum to the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Second Amendment Regulations, 2025, which were earlier notified on November 19, 2025 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on January 16, 2026, notified regarding the procedure and clarification on the filing of the scheme application under the Third-Party Fund Management Arrangement.
- The Ministry of Steel (MOS), on January 13, 2026, notified regarding the One-time Exemption from Compliance under Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025 for Certain Imported Consignments".
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 14, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks -Internal Ombudsman) Directions, 2026.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on January 16, 2026, issued the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026.
- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on January 14, 2026, notified regarding DP operating instructions as of December 2025.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on January 21, 2026, issued the Central Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on January 22, 2026, issued a Public Consultation - Draft circular on "Participation of IFSC Banking Units (IBUs) in remote booking arrangements (RBA)".
- The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on January 19, 2026, issued the Computation of Retail Price of Albendazole IP 400 mg + Ivermectin IP 6 mg for M/s Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Glensmith Labs Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer).

- The Ministry of Textiles on January 20, 2026, issued a notification regarding final fixation of Maximum Ex-Factory Price for 580gm Jute Bags.
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), on January 21, 2026, issued Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR), Section 7 - Flight Crew Standards, Training and Licensing, Series 'B', Part XIX, Issue III, prescribing standardized requirements for undergoing endorsement (type rating) training on aeroplanes used for Scheduled, Non-Scheduled and General Aviation operations. The CAR is issued under Rule 133A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, with reference to Rule 41, which mandates proof of flying experience and successful completion of tests/examinations for grant of licences and ratings.
- The Ministry of Power (MoP) on January 29, 2026, notified issued the draft Electricity Amendment Bill, 2025.
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on January 27, 2026, issued directions regarding the submission of the Performance Monitoring Report to the Authority under the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations, 2018.
- The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on January 28, 2026, has announced an enhancement allowing Cyber Security Audit Reports to be submitted electronically through the e-PASS portal, in line with the cybersecurity framework prescribed by SEBI and outlined in NSDL's Master Circular dated April 30, 2025.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), on January 28, 2026, issued amendment in the retail price of a specified fertiliser.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), on January 27, 2026, issued the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2026.
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) on January 07, 2026, modified Guidelines for Implementation of Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS).

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5 EHS (ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY) UPDATES

There were 76 regulatory updates in this category

- The Department Of Forest And Wildlife, Delhi on August 20, 2025, notified the statutory Definition of "Tree" as per the Section 2 (i) of the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act (DPTA), 1994.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on January 08, 2026, issued an amendment to the older notification no. S.O. 3921 (E), dated August 26, 2025, about the reconstitution of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) for Uttar Pradesh.
- The Government of Bihar on December 23, 2026, issued the Draft Bihar Boilers Rules, 2025.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on December 30, 2025, issued the notification regarding the Prohibition of Electric Detonators with Specified Exemptions for Oil & Gas Operations and Defence Use.
- The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on January 02, 2026, issued an order regarding the Revocation of actions under Stage III ('Severe' Air Quality of GRAP and intensifying actions under Stage-I & II of modified Graded Response Action Plan.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), on January 15, 2026, issued the Greenhouse Gases Emission Intensity Target (Amendment) Rules, 2025, to further amend the Greenhouse Gases Emission Intensity Target Rules, 2025.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on December 23, 2025, issued a notification regarding Annual Return Filing by registered PIBOs and PWP's for FY 2024-25.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on January 06, 2026, issued the Boiler Attendants' (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Boiler Attendants' Rules, 2025.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on November 25, 2026, issued clarification regarding implementation of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for obtaining comments from SPCBs/PCCs through PARIVESH Portal.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), on November 30, 2025, issued a SOP and Facilities Checklist for Utilization of Spent Acetic Acid (from Pharmaceutical Processes) in Pigment Yellow 12 Manufacturing under HW Rules, 2016 (Rule 9).



- The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), on January 16, 2026, invoked Stage-III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across the entire Delhi-NCR with immediate effect, in view of a continuous deterioration in air quality. The Air Quality Index (AQI) of Delhi was recorded at 354 on January 16, 2026, indicating a rising trend in the 'Very Poor' category, with forecasts by IMD and IITM suggesting a likely breach of the 'Severe' AQI threshold in the coming days due to unfavourable meteorological conditions.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on January 13, 2026, issued the extension notice for the deposit of AQC fee.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on January 28, 2026, issued the Control of Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026 to further amend the Control of Water Pollution (Grant Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on January 14, 2026, issued the Draft Indian Boiler Regulations, 2026.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), on November 2025, issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Checklist of Minimal Requisite Facilities under Rule 9 of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement, Rules, 2016, for the utilisation of spent Cupric Chloride (CuCl_2) generated during the manufacture of Cypermethric Acid Chloride (insecticide). The SOP permits utilisation of this hazardous waste (Category 29.1 of Schedule I and C-2 of Schedule II) for recovery of Copper Hydroxide, to be used strictly in pesticides, dyes and dye intermediates, and othe non-food, non-pharma, non-fertilizer industrial applications.
- The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB), on January 21, 2026, issued an Office Order clarifying the applicability of installation of Online Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (OCEMS) for Lead Recycling units located in the NCR region of Rajasthan, pursuant to the directions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) dated October 9, 2025.

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6 LABOUR UPDATES

There were 98 regulatory updates in this category

- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on January 07, 2025, issued the notification regarding the Extension of DG ESIC Rate Contract No. Homoeo-3.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), on January 07, 2026, notified regarding the Operational Guidelines on New Enrolment Incentive (NEI) under Multiple Scheme Framework (MSF).
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on December 31, 2025, notified regarding the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (2016=100) -November 2025.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), on January 02, 2026, notified regarding the OTP based authentication for paperless onboarding.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), on December 31, 2025, has issued an Office Memorandum to streamline and standardise the timelines and process flow for apprenticeship contract signing, advisor verification, and payroll creation on the Apprenticeship Portal.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on January 15, 2026, issued a circular regarding the reporting requirements under the Information and Cyber Security Policy Guidelines.
- The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on January 15, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Extension of the due date for filing of the Electronic Challan-cum-Return (ECR) for wage month December, 2025.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on January 12, 2026, issued awareness regarding SPREE.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on January 12, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Aadhaar-Based Identity Verification for Availing Benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana.



- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), on January 08, 2026, issued an Office Memorandum through its Apprenticeship Training Division regarding the standardisation of timelines and process flow for apprenticeship contract signing, advisor verification, and payroll creation on the Apprenticeship Portal.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on January 16, 2026, issued the notification regarding ensuring timely payment to vendors and updating payment status on GEM Portal by all ESIC Medical Institutions.
- The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), on January 22, 2026, issued an extension of the due date for filing of the Electronic Challan-cum-Return (ECR) for wage month December, 2025.
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on January 09, 2026, notified regarding the Holidays to be observed in IWAI Office Mumbai.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on January 19, 2026, implemented PM-SETU in consultation with the industry in Pune.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), on January 27, 2026, issued the introduction of 'NPS Swasthya Pension Scheme' as a Proof of Concept under the Regulatory Sandbox Framework.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on January 23, 2026, issued circular regarding the expanded guidelines on reinvestment of returned & pending transaction amounts into the respective PRANS.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on January 23, 2026, declared the drug/item tested as "Not of Standard Quality".

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