



# NEWSLETTER <sup>Weekly</sup>

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## **SECURITIES EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA**

### **1. Transactions in Corporate Bonds through Request for Quote (RFQ) platform by FPIs**

The Securities Exchange Board of India on 07<sup>th</sup> August 2023 with a view to increase liquidity on RFQ platform vis-à-vis trading in Corporate Bonds by FPIs., decided that FPIs shall undertake at least 10% of their total secondary market trades in Corporate Bonds by value by placing/seeking quotes on the RFQ platform of stock exchanges, on a quarterly basis. The aforesaid requirement shall come into force with effect from October 01, 2023.

You can access the notification here: <https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2023/transactions-in-corporate-bonds-through-request-for-quote-rfq-platform-by-fpis-75009.html>

### **2. Facility to remedy erroneous transfers in demat accounts**

The Securities Exchange Board of India on 08<sup>th</sup> August 2023 considering the challenges involved and in order to facilitate the reversal of erroneous transfers, decided that a well-balanced and operational mechanism for exemption from OTP may be provided for reversal of erroneous transfers in the Demat accounts. Therefore, the Depositories shall now constitute an internal and a joint committee for examining the intra-depository and inter- depository erroneous transfers respectively. Such committee shall be headed by a Public Interest Director of Depository and have a minimum of 3 members including the head.

You can access the notification here: <https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2023/facility-to-remedy-erroneous-transfers-in-demat-accounts-75035.html>

### **3. Reduction of timeline for listing of shares in Public Issue from existing T+6 days to T+3 days**

The Securities Exchange Board of India on 09<sup>th</sup> August 2023 notified that consequent to extensive consultation with the market participants and considering the public comments received pursuant to consultation paper on the aforesaid subject matter, it has been decided by SEBI to reduce the time taken for listing of specified securities after the closure of public issue to 3 working days(T+3 days) as against the present requirement of 6 working days(T+6 days); 'T' being issue closing date.

You can access the notification here: <https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2023/reduction-of-timeline-for-listing-of-shares-in-public-issue-from-existing-t-6-days-to-t-3-days-75122.html>

#### **4. Procedure for seeking prior approval for change in control with respect to Merchant Bankers and Bankers to an Issue**

Securities and Exchange Board of India vide notification dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 specified the procedure for seeking prior approval for change in control of with respect to Merchant Bankers and Bankers to an Issue.

You can access the notification here: [https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2023/procedure-for-seeking-prior-approval-for-change-in-control-with-respect-to-merchant-bankers-and-bankers-to-an-issue\\_75174.html](https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2023/procedure-for-seeking-prior-approval-for-change-in-control-with-respect-to-merchant-bankers-and-bankers-to-an-issue_75174.html)

#### **5. Timeline for the Exit Option Window Period for Change in Control of AMC**

Securities Exchange Board of India vide notification dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023, specified a timeline for the exit option window period for change in control of AMC considering the growth in technological communication which has enabled faster dissemination of information to unitholders.

You can access the notification here: [https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2023/timeline-for-the-exit-option-window-period-for-change-in-control-of-amc\\_75221.html](https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2023/timeline-for-the-exit-option-window-period-for-change-in-control-of-amc_75221.html)

#### **6. Simplification of KYC process and rationalisation of Risk Management Framework at KRAs**

Securities Exchange Board of India vide notification dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023 simplified the framework for validation of records by KRAs in securities market based on the feedback received from the stakeholders in securities market and for ease of onboarding of clients for dealing in securities market, the provisions of the previous circular have been reviewed and it has been decided to simplify the KYC process and rationalise the risk management framework as provided in this circular.

You can access the notification here: [https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2023/simplification-of-kyc-process-and-rationalisation-of-risk-management-framework-at-kras\\_75250.html](https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2023/simplification-of-kyc-process-and-rationalisation-of-risk-management-framework-at-kras_75250.html)

#### **7. Online Resolution of Disputes in the Indian Securities Market**

Securities Exchange Board of India uploaded the updated version of master circular on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023 on its website.

You can access the master circular here: [https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/master-circulars/aug-2023/online-resolution-of-disputes-in-the-indian-securities-market\\_75220.html](https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/master-circulars/aug-2023/online-resolution-of-disputes-in-the-indian-securities-market_75220.html)

## **RESERVE BANK OF INDIA**

### **1. 10 NBFCs surrender their Certificate of Registration to RBI**

The Reserve Bank of India vide press release dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023, informed the details of the 10 Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC) which have surrendered the Certificate of Registration (CoR) granted to them by the RBI. The RBI, in exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 45-IA (6) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, has therefore cancelled their CoR.

You can access the notification here:

[https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS\\_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56180](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56180)

### **2. Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies**

The Reserve Bank of India vide press release dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 released a statement issued by Chief General Manager. The Statement sets out various developmental and regulatory policy measures relating to (i) Financial Markets; (ii) Regulation and Supervision; (iii) Payment Systems; and (iv) FinTech.

You can access the press release here:

[https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS\\_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56174](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56174)

### **3. Governor's Statement: August 10, 2023**

The Reserve Bank of India vide press release dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 released Governor's Statement mentioning that as we celebrate India's 77th Independence Day in a few days, the Indian economy is exuding enhanced strength and stability despite the massive shocks to global economy in recent years. Our economy has continued to grow at a reasonable pace, becoming the fifth largest economy in the world<sup>1</sup> and contributing around 15 per cent to global growth. We have also made significant progress towards controlling inflation. Our banks remain healthiest in more than a decade with historically high levels of capital, declining levels of non-performing assets and rising profitability.. The resultant accretion to forex reserves has provided a buffer against external shocks. Overall, India's strong macroeconomic fundamentals have laid the foundations for sustainable growth.

You can access the press release here:

[https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS\\_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56175](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56175)

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. The Delhi services bill that entails the creation of an authority for the transfer and posting of Group-A officers in the national capital and gives the central government primacy over such appointments has received presidential assent.
2. The President of India Droupadi Murmu granted assent to the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023 (DPDP Bill) after it was passed by both the houses of the parliament. The DPDP bill was passed unanimously by the Rajya Sabha on August 9 while the Lok Sabha passed the bill on August 7 by voice-vote even as opposition leaders opposed it.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday introduced three Bills in the Lok Sabha to repeal the British-era Indian Penal Code, the Indian Evidence Act and the Code of Criminal Procedure. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023 will be sent to a parliamentary panel for further scrutiny, Shah said

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