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SECURITIES EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

1. Master Circular on Know Your Client (KYC) norms for the securities market

The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide master circular dated 12th October 2023 compiled all the KYC norms to be followed by the intermediaries in the securities market. It is a compilation of the circulars/directions issued by SEBI up to September 30th, 2023 and includes certain modifications to align such circulars/directions with the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005 and the SEBI [KYC (Know Your Client) Registration Agency] Regulations, 2011. The provisions of this Master Circular shall come into force from the date of its issue.

You can access the Master Circular here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/master-circulars/oct-2023/master-circular-on-know-your-client-kyc-norms-for-the-securities-market-77945.html>

2. Extension in timeline for compliance with qualification and experience requirements under Regulation 7(1) of SEBI (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013

The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) circular dated 10th October 2023 has extended the timeline for investment advisers to comply with enhanced qualification and experience requirements under regulation 7(1) of SEBI (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013 to September 30, 2025. Presently, an individual investment adviser or principal officer of a non-individual investment adviser and persons associated with investment advice are required to comply with enhanced qualification and experience requirements by Sept. 30, 2023.

You can access the SEBI Circular here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/oct-2023/extension-in-timeline-for-compliance-with-qualification-and-experience-requirements-under-regulation-7-1-of-sebi-investment-advisers-regulations-2013-77901.html>

3. Amendment to the Guidelines on Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Standards and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) /Obligations of Securities Market Intermediaries under the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002 and Rules framed there under.

The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide circular dated October 13, 2023 has issued Amendment to the Guidelines on Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Standards and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT)/Obligations of Securities Market

Intermediaries under the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002 and Rules framed there under. The key changes brought about by these amendments are enhanced AML/CFT measures in host countries, group-wide AML/CFT programs, trust disclosure, beneficial ownership identification, periodic updates, strict CDD procedure, politically exposed persons (PEPS), enhanced due diligence (EDD) measures, records retrieval, appointment of principal officer etc.

You can access the SEBI Circular here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/oct-2023/amendment-to-the-guidelines-on-anti-money-laundering-aml-standards-and-combating-the-financing-of-terrorism-cft-obligations-of-securities-market-intermediaries-under-the-prevention-of-money-laund-77975.html>

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Processing of Applications forms for the purpose of name reservation and incorporation at Central Reservation Centre (CRC)

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on 12th October 2023 informed the stakeholders that the processing of application forms for the purpose of name reservation and incorporation at the Central Reservation Centre (CRC) is faceless and randomised. The applications if sent for resubmissions are normally not processed by the same official who has processed the application at the first instance. Stakeholders may inform the Ministry in case of any malpractice or irregularity on the part of any official/officer at CRC or any professional with supporting evidences at CVO-MCA@GOV.IN for taking action in accordance with the extent CVC guidelines.

You can access the news here:

<https://www.mca.gov.in/content/mca/global/en/notifications-tender/news-updates/latest-news.html>

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

1. Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) – Extension to Government NBFCs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide notification dated 10th October 2023 notified that the [PCA Framework for NBFCs](#) was introduced on December 14, 2021. The Framework has since been reviewed and it has been decided to extend the same to Government NBFCs (except those in Base Layer) with effect from October 1, 2024, based on the audited financials of the NBFC as on March 31, 2024, or thereafter.

You can access the RBI Notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12543&Mode=0>

2. Overseas Direct Investment for September 2023

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide press release dated 13th October 2023 released the data on [Overseas Direct Investment](#), both under Automatic Route and the Approval Route, for the month of September 2023.

You can access the press release here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56555

3. RBI approves the voluntary amalgamation of The Suvikas People's Co-operative Bank Limited, Ahmedabad (Gujarat) with The Kalupur Commercial Co-operative Bank Limited, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide press release dated 13th October 2023 sanctioned the Scheme of Amalgamation of The Suvikas People's Co-operative Bank Limited, Ahmedabad, Gujarat with The Kalupur Commercial Co-operative Bank Limited, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The Scheme will come into force with effect from October 16, 2023.

You can access the press release here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56561

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