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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

1. Framework for Offer for Sale (OFS) of Shares to Employees through Stock Exchange Mechanism

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide circular dated January 23rd 2024 released the circular which introduces a new framework for the Offer for Sale (OFS) of shares to employees through the stock exchange mechanism. The purpose is to streamline the existing process, enhance efficiency, and reduce costs associated with the current procedure.

For more information, you can access the SEBI circular here:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jan-2024/framework-for-offer-for-sale-ofs-of-shares-to-employees-through-stock-exchange-mechanism_80842.html

2. Extension of timeline for verification of market rumours by listed entities

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide circular dated January 25th 2024 released the circular which addresses the extension of the timeline for the verification of market rumors by listed entities, impacting the top 100 and top 250 listed entities by market capitalization.

For more information, you can access the SEBI circular here:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jan-2024/extension-of-timeline-for-verification-of-market-rumours-by-listed-entities_80867.html

3. Streamlining of Regulatory Reporting by Designated Depository Participants (DDPs) and Custodians

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide circular dated January 25th 2024 released the circular which focuses on streamlining regulatory reporting by Designated Depository Participants (DDPs) and Custodians. The objective is to establish uniform compliance standards, enhance ease of reporting, and meet regulatory requirements.

For more information, you can access the SEBI circular here:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jan-2024/streamlining-of-regulatory-reporting-by-designated-depository-participants-ddps-and-custodians_80869.html

4. Gazette Notification for renewal of recognition of AMC Repo Clearing Ltd. (ARCL)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide gazette notification dated January 16th 2024 has granted renewal of recognition to AMC Repo Clearing Limited, for one year commencing on the 17th day of Jan, 2024 and ending on the 16th day of Jan, 2025.

For more information, you can access the SEBI gazette notification here:
<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/gazette-notification/jan-2024/gazette-notification-for-renewal-of-recognition-of-amc-repo-clearing-ltd-arcl-80637.html>

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

1. Withdrawal of ₹2000 Denomination Banknotes – Status

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide press release dated February 01st 2024 informed that the total value of ₹2000 banknotes in circulation, which was ₹3.56 lakh crore at the close of business on May 19, 2023, when the withdrawal of ₹2000 banknotes was announced, has declined to ₹8,897 crore at the close of business on January 31, 2024. Thus, 97.50% of the ₹2000 banknotes in circulation as on May 19, 2023, has since been returned. The facility for exchange of the ₹2000 banknotes is available at the 19 Issue Offices of the Reserve Bank (RBI Issue Offices) since May 19, 2023. From October 09, 2023, RBI Issue Offices are also accepting ₹2000 banknotes from individuals / entities for deposit into their bank accounts. Further, members of the public from within the country are sending ₹2000 banknotes through India Post from any post office in the country, to any of the RBI Issue Offices for credit to their bank accounts.

For more information, you can access the RBI press release here:
https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=57235

2. RBI cautions against frauds in the name of KYC updation

The Reserve Bank of India vide press release dated February 02nd 2024 released that RBI had cautioned members of public against frauds in the name of KYC updation vide its [Press Release dated September 13, 2021](#). In the wake of continuing incidents/ reports of customers falling prey to frauds being perpetrated in the name of KYC updation, RBI once again urges the members of public to exercise caution and due care to prevent loss and safeguard themselves from such malicious practices.

For more information, you can access the RBI press release here:
https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=57244

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

1. Central Processing Centre at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (“MCA”) in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 396 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) vide notification dated February 02nd 2024 notified that the Central Government hereby establishes a Central Processing Centre at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Plot No. 6,7,8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code- 122050 having territorial jurisdiction all over India. The Centre shall process and dispose off e-forms filed along with the fee as provided in the Companies (Registration of Offices and Fees) Rules, 2014. This notification shall come into force from the 6th February, 2024.

For more information, you can access the MCA notification here:

<https://www.mca.gov.in/bin/dms/getdocument?mds=FrgS%252FjRXtmK%252BHpwLl3BHRQ%253D%253D&type=open>

2. Filing of certain forms to be impacted from 03.02.2024 to 05.02.2024

Due to a scheduled technical upgrade planned for CBDT e-filing services, filing of the following MCA eForm may be impacted from 3rd February 2024, 14:00 PM to 5th February 2024, 06:00 AM: SPICe+, FiLLip, DIR-3, DIR-3 KYC, DIR-6, IEPF-5, Form 4 LLP, DIR-12, FC-1, FC-2, BEN-2. Stakeholders are requested to plan accordingly to avoid any inconvenience.

For more information, you can access the latest news on MCA website here:

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

INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY BOARD OF INDIA (IBBI)

1. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Voluntary Liquidation Process) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has amended the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Voluntary Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2017, the objective of the amendments is to improve and streamline the voluntary liquidation process, incorporating modifications to several facets of the current regulations. The amendments highlight a systematic procedure for stakeholders to assert their entitlement to funds deposited into the Corporate Voluntary Liquidation Account.

For more information, you can access the IBBI press release here:

<https://ibbi.gov.in/uploads/legalframework/667534e8060790dcea7ac0a622a47db5.pdf>

2. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors) Regulations, 2019 and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Bankruptcy Process for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors) Regulations, 2019

IBBI has issued the "Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024", these amendments aim to refine and strengthen the insolvency resolution process for personal guarantors to corporate debtors.

For more information, you can access the IBBI press release here:

<https://ibbi.gov.in/uploads/legalframework/0a00165d04c84a48150a1679aa78d4b4.pdf>

3. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Model Bye-Laws and Governing Board of Insolvency Professional Agencies) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024

In accordance with the powers granted by sections 196 and 205, read with section 240 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 the IBBI hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Model Bye Laws and Governing Board of Insolvency Professional Agencies) Regulations, 2016, The amendments

