



COMPLIANCE UPDATE

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Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC)

▪ Exemption on excise duty on certain goods

The CBIC on July 12, 2022 exempted excise duty on specific categories of 12% ethanol blended petrol and 15% ethanol blended petrol.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ Controlled Delivery (Customs) Regulations, 2022

The CBIC on July 12, 2022, notified Controlled Delivery (Customs) Regulations, 2022 to regulate controlled delivery systems.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ Amendment to GST on certain products where no GST was applicable

The Ministry of Finance on July 13, 2022 amended the GST rates as under:

- A tax of 5% on Curd, Lassi, Buttermilk, pre-packaged and labelled
- A tax of 5% on Jaggery of all types, including Cane Jaggery
- A tax of 5% on orthopaedic appliances

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ Applicability of GST on hospital rooms, hotels, and transport services

The Ministry of Finance on July 13, 2022 amended the GST rates as under:

- A tax of 5% on hospital rooms with rent over INR 5,000, excluding intensive care units
- A tax of 5% on transport by way of ropeways
- A tax of 18% on rental of goods carriers

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

- **No refund of accumulated, unutilized ITC on supply of edible oils and coal to remove IDS**

The Ministry of Finance on July 13, 2022 recommended adding edible oils and coal as goods against which no refund of accumulated unutilized Input Tax Credit (ITC) shall be allowed under Section 54(3) of the CGST Act to remove inverted duty structure.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

- **Income Tax (21st Amendment) Rules, 2022**

The CBDT on July 08, 2022 added Rule 21 AL in the Income Tax Rules, 1962. As per the amendment, an original fund transferring a capital asset to a Category III Alternative Investment Fund shall ensure that the aggregate participation or investment in the initial fund, directly or indirectly, by persons resident in India shall not exceed 5% of the corpus of such fund at the time of such transfer.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- **Requirement for obtaining prior approval in case of takeover/acquisition of control of non-bank PSOs**

RBI on July 04, 2022 directed all non-bank PSOs (authorized to operate any Payment System) to seek prior approval from RBI in case of acquisition of control or change in management.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

- **Master Direction on interest rate on deposits**

RBI on July 06, 2022 withdrew the interest rate ceiling applicable to FCNR (B) deposits for incremental FCNR (B) deposits mobilized by banks for the period until October 31, 2022.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

- **Relaxations in investment by FPIs in debt**

RBI on July 07, 2022 directed those investments by FPIs in government securities and corporate bonds made between July 08, 2022, and October 31, 2022 (both dates included) to be exempted from the limit on short-term investments till maturity or sale of such investments.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

- **International trade settlement in INR**

RBI on July 11, 2022 decided to put in place an additional arrangement for invoicing, payment, and settlement of exports or imports in INR and directed AD Banks to take prior approval from the Foreign Exchange Department of the Reserve Bank of India, Central Office at Mumbai.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

- **Investor grievance redressal mechanism**

SEBI on July 04, 2022 implemented an online platform (SCORES) designed to help investors lodge their complaints about the securities market against listed companies and SEBI registered intermediaries.

(To view the Circular, please click [here](#))

- **Modification in Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience Framework of KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs)**

SEBI on July 05, 2022 modified the Cyber Security Framework whereby all cyber-attacks, threats, cyber-incidents, and breaches experienced by KRAs shall be reported to SEBI within 6 hours of noticing/detecting or being brought to notice about such incidents. The Circular is made effective immediately.

(To view the Circular, please click [here](#))

- **Modification in Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience Framework of Qualified Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents (QRTAs)**

SEBI modified the Cyber Security Framework on July 06, 2022 whereby all cyber-attacks, threats, cyber-incidents, and breaches experienced by QRTAs shall be reported to the SEBI within 6 hours of noticing/detecting or being brought to notice about such incidents. The Circular is made effective immediately.

(To view the Circular, please click [here](#))

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)

- **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2022**

The Ministry of Home Affairs on July 01, 2022 amended the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011 allowing Indians to receive up to INR 10 lakh in a year from relatives staying abroad without informing the authorities. The earlier limit was INR 1 lakh.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Ministry of Commerce & Industry

- **Amendments to Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on July 01, 2022, exempted Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) and Compensation Cess under Advance Authorization, EPCG, and EOU schemes.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

- **Amendment in Export Policy of Wheat Flour**

Ministry of Commerce and Industry on July 06, 2022 amended the Export Policy of Wheat Flour and directed that export shall be subject to the Inter-Ministerial Committee recommendations on the export of wheat.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

- **Special Economic Zones (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on July 06, 2022 added Rule 19A to the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006. The amendment provides that any unit authorized to store bullion as the underlying asset for issuance of a bullion spot delivery contract or bullion depository receipt with underlying bullion that is traded in a bullion exchange, shall be deemed to be in an International Financial Services Centre.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

- **Special Economic Zones (Third Amendment) Rules, 2022**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on July 14, 2022 added Rule 43A to the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006. The newly added rule allows any unit to permit its employees, including contractual employees, to work from home or any place outside the Special Economic Zone.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Industry-wise updates

Agriculture

- **Almond (Kernel) Grading and Marking Rules, 2022**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on July 12, 2022 notified the Almond (Kernel) Grading and Marking Rules, 2022.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Wholesale & retail

- **Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022**

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on July 14, 2022 amended Rule 6 of Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 to provide that every package of an electronic product shall declare the name of the manufacturer or packer or importer on the package itself and such declaration shall also inform the consumers to scan the QR code for the address and other related information, in case such information is not declared on the package itself.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Forest & environment

- **Plastic Waste Management (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on July 06, 2022 amended the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 to notify the definitions for the term biodegradable plastics, end-of-life disposal, importer, plastic packaging, pre-consumer plastic packaging waste, etc.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Healthcare

- **Drugs (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2022**

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on July 01, 2022 exempted the wholesale license for liquid antiseptic for household use till November 30, 2022.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Telecommunications

- **Advisory on the proper use of wireless jammer and booster/repeater**

The Department of Telecommunications on July 01, 2022 issued an advisory on the appropriate use of wireless jammer and booster/repeater – using a cellular signal jammer, GPS blocker, or other signal jamming device is generally illegal, except permitted explicitly by the Government of India.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Insurance

- **Ease of filing insurance products for agriculture and allied activities**

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India on July 14, 2022 extended the 'use and file' procedure to products covering agriculture and allied activities to protect the interests of all segments of policyholders and improve the ease of doing business.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

- **Use and file procedure for retail products for agriculture & allied activities**

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India on July 14, 2022 allowed the general insurers to file retail products for agriculture & allied activities under the 'use and file' procedure.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Shipping, ports, fisheries

- **Marine Aids to Navigation (Development of Heritage Lighthouses) Rules, 2022**

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway on July 04, 2022 notified the Marine Aids to Navigation (Development of Heritage Lighthouses) Rules, 2022. The objective of the rules is to categorize and develop heritage lighthouses.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

State-wise updates

Andhra Pradesh

- **[Amendment in Andhra Pradesh Allopathic Private Medical Care Establishments \(Registration and Regulation\) Rules, 2007](#)**

The Government of Andhra Pradesh vide Notification dated July 01, 2022 has added Rule 4(aa) to Andhra Pradesh Allopathic Private Medical Care Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Rules, 2007 which states that all hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centers shall be required to enroll under National Digital Health Mission Portal. Further, all doctors, nurses and para medical staff and other health worker cadres shall be required to enroll under National Digital Health Mission Portal.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

- **[Work From Home facility to the SEZ units after intimation to the Development commissioner, Visakhapatnam Special Economic Zone](#)**

Office of the Development Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Special Economic Zone vide Circular dated June 30, 2022 permitted Work From Home facility to the SEZ units under proviso to Rule 43 of SEZ Rules, 2006. Therefore, the units, who would like to exercise this option for their employees may do so under intimation to the Development commissioner, VSEZ. This permission is valid up to December 31, 2022.

(To view the Circular, please click [here](#))

Bihar

- **[Disclosing the share of promoter in the project](#)**

The Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bihar vide Notice dated July 06, 2022 directed the promoter to provide an affidavit along with the registration application specifying the percentage of the promoter's stake in the project, including the number of blocks, shops, apartments, plots, etc.

(To view the Notifications, please click [here](#))

- **[Notice regarding the treatment of abandoned projects](#)**

The Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bihar vide Notice dated July 06, 2022 provided necessary relaxation in submitting required documents to register the projects abandoned in the interest of the allottees.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

- **[Notice regarding discontinuance of levying late fee in case of registration of ongoing projects](#)**

The Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bihar vide Notice dated July 06, 2022 has discontinued levying late fees on any category of ongoing or new projects that are not registered.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Goa

- **[Exemption from annual return with turnover up to INR 2 crore](#)**

The Government of Goa vide Notification dated July 08, 2022 has exempted registered persons whose aggregate turnover in FY 2021-22 is up to INR 2 crore from filing annual returns for the said financial year.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

NCT of Delhi

- **[Delhi Labour Welfare Board introduces an online portal for various services](#)**

The Delhi Labour Welfare Board on July 1, 2022 issued an Office Order regarding the Online Portal of Delhi Labour Welfare Board offering services for taking an online contribution from an Employer or Employee with effect from July 1, 2022. The following services are presently offered:

- Online registration of employers' establishment as per Bombay Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1953 extended to the Union Territory of Delhi
- Amendment or updation in details of employers' establishment, including the number of employees
- Online submission or deposit of employer or employee's contribution with details by the employer

- Online submission or deposit of unpaid accumulation or fine with details of employees by the employer
- Online closure of employer establishment
- Entry or uploading details of employees employed by an employer contributing under the Delhi Labour Welfare Fund Act

(To view the Office Order, please click [here](#))

Gujarat

▪ **Extension granted for filing Quarterly Progress Report**

The Gujarat Real Estate Regulatory Authority vide Order dated July 08, 2022 has extended the deadline for submitting the Quarterly Progress Report (QRP) for any real estate project registered under Gujarat RERA from July 7, 2022 to July 25, 2022.

(To view the Office Order, please click [here](#))

▪ **Gujarat Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017**

The Finance Department, Gujarat on July 02, 2022 has notified the rate of interest per annum to nil for registered e-commerce operators who failed to furnish FORM GSTR-8 in December 2020 due to a technical glitch.

(To view the Office Order, please click [here](#))

▪ **Exempt taxpayers having AATO up to INR 2 crore from the requirement of furnishing the annual return for FY 2021-22**

The Chief Commissioner of Sales Tax vide Notification dated July 08, 2022 has exempted the registered persons from filing the annual return for FY 2021-22 whose aggregate turnover in this financial year is up to INR 2 crore.

(To view the Office Order, please click [here](#))

▪ **Standard Operating Procedure for isolated storage of hazardous chemicals (toxic & non-toxic)**

The Gujarat Pollution Control Board on July 02, 2022 notified the Standard Operating Procedure for isolated storage of hazardous chemicals (toxic & non-toxic).

(To view the Office Order, please click [here](#))

Haryana

▪ **Policy regarding setting up of integrated or multi-modal logistic park (MMLP), integrated inland container depot, logistics park, warehouse cum retail, truckers parks, cash and carry, retail hub, warehouse, cold chain facility, and gas godown**

The Government of Haryana vide Memo dated July 5, 2022 has issued a policy regarding the setting up of the following:

- Integrated or multi-modal logistic park (MMLP)
- Integrated inland container depot
- Logistics park
- Warehouse cum retail
- Truckers' parks
- Cash and carry
- Retail hub
- Warehouse
- Cold chain facility
- Gas godowns

Further, the minimum area, approach norms, permitted land use, and Floor Area Ratio (FAR) have been defined based on the type of activity.

(To view the Policy, please click [here](#))

▪ **Policy regarding Change of Land Use permission for setting up of temporary site office concerning the development of licensed colonies**

The Government of Haryana vide Memo dated July 5, 2022 has issued a policy regarding Change of Land Use permission for setting up a temporary site office concerning the development of licensed colonies. The policy applies to the licencees or developers to whom a license has been granted under the provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975. The colony's construction is being undertaken within the validity of the license.

(To view the Policy, please click [here](#))

▪ **Haryana Electric Vehicle Policy, 2022**

The State Government of Haryana on July 08, 2022 notified the Haryana Electric Vehicle Policy, 2022, which will be effective from July 10, 2022, for five years. This policy places a special emphasis on the creation of an end-to-end ecosystem for e-mobility in the State. Salient aspects:

- The policy incentives will be available for manufacturers of EV (BEV and FCEV) and Hybrid EV (PHEV and SHEV), EV components, individual buyers, and enterprises setting up charging infrastructure
- Large and mega units shall compulsorily establish a battery disposal/recycling/material recovery facility at their proposed plant for claiming any incentive under this policy
- The Government shall grant 100% exemption on Electricity Duty for 20 years
- For units producing captive power, the exemption shall be limited to the energy consumed for its own operation only but not sold to other business entities/private companies/PSUs/DISCOMs/etc
- In case of the expansion/diversification of the existing units, a mechanism shall be made to exempt electricity duty in lieu of incremental power consumption
- To promote water recycling for manufacturing plants, the Haryana Government shall reimburse 50% of the cost of water treatment plants up to INR 50 lakh for the first five units in each category (Medium, Large, Mega, and Ultra-Mega units)

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Haryana Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2022**

The Forest and Wildlife Department, Haryana, notified certain amendments to the Haryana Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2022 on July 06, 2022 whereby in Rule 6(2) the aerial distance of any industry located from protected areas has been revised for registration purposes. The amendment states that 'no license or registration shall be granted to the industry situated within 500 meters of aerial distance from the boundary of nearest forests or protected areas, excluding roadside or railway side/canal side strip Protected Forest'.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Jammu & Kashmir

▪ **Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Renewable Purchase Obligation, its Compliance and REC Framework Implementation) Regulations, 2022**

The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Union Territories Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Renewable Purchase Obligation, its Compliance and REC Framework Implementation) Regulations, 2022. The regulations direct that each Distribution Licensee shall indicate, along with sufficient proof thereof, the estimated quantum of purchase from renewable sources for the ensuing year in the Tariff/Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) petition following the regulations notified by the Commission. If the Distribution Licensee fails to fulfill the minimum quantum of purchase from renewable energy sources, it shall be liable for a penalty.

(To view the Circular, please click [here](#))

Jharkhand

▪ **Notice for prohibiting production, stocking, distribution, sale & use of single-use plastic items**

The Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, on June 29, 2022, prohibited the production, stocking, distribution, sale, and usage of identified single-use plastic items from July 1, 2022.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Karnataka

▪ **Karnataka Excise (Sale of Indian and Foreign Liquors) (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

The Government of Karnataka vide Notification dated July 01, 2022 has amended the following provisions in Karnataka Excise (Sale of Indian and Foreign Liquors) Rules, 1968:

- **Rule 3:** the word 'breweries' shall be substituted with 'breweries of craft breweries'
- **Rule 3A:** A Person holding an Occasional License under Form CL-5 may purchase liquor from a person holding a license in Form CL-11 (Distribution Licensee)
- **Rule 4:** Application for obtaining an Occasional License can be made in Form CL-1A

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Karnataka Excise (Bottling of Liquor) (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

The Government of Karnataka vide Notification dated July 01, 2022 has amended the following provisions in Karnataka Excise (Bottling of Liquor) (Amendment) Rules, 1967:

- **Rule 5:** After the word brewery, the words 'rupees twenty-five thousand in case of Craft brewery' shall be inserted
- **Rule 10A:** The licensee is required to pay a fee of INR 10,000 for approval of the label of each brand of beer produced in a Craft brewery within the State
- **Rule 15-C:** Transfer of Bottling License in the event of death of the licensee or lessee to a legal representative

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Exemption from annual return with turnover up to INR 2 crore**

The Government of Karnataka vide Notification dated July 06, 2022 exempted registered persons whose aggregate turnover in the FY 2021-22 is up to INR 2 crore from filing annual returns for the said financial year.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Waiver of late fee for filing FORM GSTR-4**

The Government of Karnataka vide Notification dated July 12, 2022 extended the waiver for late fee for delay in filing FORM GSTR-4 for the financial year 2021-22 from June 30, 2022 to July 28, 2022.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Extension for furnishing FORM GST CMP-08**

The Government of Karnataka vide Notification dated July 12, 2022 has extended the due date for furnishing FORM GST CMP-08 of Karnataka Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the quarter ending June 30, 2022 till the 31st day of July 2022.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Kerala

▪ **Kerala Minimum Wages Notification**

The Government of Kerala vide Notification dated July 02, 2022 has released Kerala Minimum Wages notification for agricultural laborers and industrial workers for May 2022.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Work From Home facility to the SEZ units after intimation to the Development Commissioner, Cochin Special Economic Zone.**

Office of the Development Commissioner Cochin Special Economic Zone (CSEZ) vide Circular dated June 30, 2022 has permitted Work From Home facility to the SEZ units under proviso to Rule 43 of SEZ Rules, 2006. Therefore, the units that would like to exercise the option of WFH for their employees may do so under intimation to the Development Commissioner, CSEZ. This permission is valid up to December 31, 2022.

(To view the Circular, please click [here](#))

▪ **Extension of deadline for tax payment for contract carriages**

The Government of Kerala vide notification dated July 14 extended the deadline for penalty-free tax payment for the Q2 of this financial year for contract carriages in the State to August 15, 2022.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Maharashtra

▪ **Reduction in prices of petrol and diesel**

The Maharashtra Finance Department vide Notification No. VAT/1522/CR32/Taxation-1 dated July 14, 2022 amended Schedule B of the Maharashtra Value Added Tax, with effect from July 15, 2022. The notification reduced INR 5 and INR 3 per litre of petrol & diesel, respectively.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Meghalaya

▪ **Meghalaya Minor Minerals Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2022**

On July 4, 2022, the Government of Meghalaya amended Rule 4 of Meghalaya Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 2016. This has come into force on July 4, 2022. As per the amendment, no restriction, as specified in Rule 4, shall apply to riverbed sand mining and riverbed mining.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation & its Compliance) (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2018**

The Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (**MSERC**) on July 07, 2022 amended the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation & its Compliance) Regulations, 2018. As per the amendment, every Obligated Entity shall purchase electricity (in kWh) from renewable energy sources at a defined minimum percentage of its total consumption as an Obligated Entity during a year.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Puducherry

▪ **Manuals on Public Procurement updated by the Ministry of Finance**

The Government of Puducherry vide Notification dated July 06, 2022 has released three significant manuals, namely, Manual on Procurement of Goods, Manual on Procurement of Works, and Manual on Procurement of Consultancy and Other Services. All organizations must update/align their procurement guidelines/manuals in line with the Manual of the Department of Expenditure.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Tamil Nadu

▪ **Revision in rated for minimum wages**

The Government of Tamil Nadu vide Gazette Notification dated July 6, 2022 has issued revised rates for minimum wages for following industries:

- Employment in cotton ginning and pressing and employment in cotton waste
- Employment in polythene manufactory, processing foam items, and plastic manufactory
- Employment in polythene manufactory and processing foam items and plastic manufactory
- Employment in coffee curing works
- Employment in distillery industry
- Employment in chemical fertilizer industry
- Employment in electronic industry
- Employment in any rice mill, flour mill, or dhall mill
- Employment in vessel (utensil)
- Employment in printing press
- Employment in mushroom growing and allied works
- Employment in bricks and tiles manufactory
- Employment in appalam manufactory

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Exemption from annual return with turnover up to INR two crore**

The Government of Tamil Nadu vide Notification dated July 07, 2022, effective from July 05, 2022, has exempted registered Persons whose aggregate turnover in the FY 2021-22 is up to INR two crore from filing annual returns for the said financial year.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Telangana

▪ **Order on prohibition of certain single-use plastics**

The Government of Telangana vide Order dated July 01, 2022 has issued orders for a ban on the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of the following single-use plastics, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene:

- Earbuds with plastic sticks
- Plastic sticks for balloons
- Plastic flags
- Candy sticks
- Ice-cream sticks
- Polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration
- Plates, cups, glasses, and cutlery include forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, Invitation cards, and cigarette packets
- Plastic or PVC banners less than 100-micron stirrers

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Uttar Pradesh

▪ **Exemption from filing the annual return for FY 2021-2022**

The Commissioner, Sales Tax, Uttar Pradesh vide Notification dated July 06, 2022 has exempted every registered person whose aggregate turnover in the FY 2021-2022 is up to INR two crore from filing the annual return for the said financial year.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Revision of Variable Dearness Allowance in vacuum pan sugar industries**

The Labour Department, Uttar Pradesh vide Circular, July 06, 2022 has revised Dearness Allowance rates in vacuum pan sugar industries. The new rates will be applicable and paid from July 01, 2022.

(To view the Circular, please click [here](#))

West Bengal

▪ **Prohibition on manufacturing, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of single-use plastic items, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene**

The Environment Department of Government of West Bengal vide Notification dated June 27, 2022 has prohibited manufacturing, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of single-use plastic items, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities with effect from July 01, 2022:

- Earbuds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, and polystyrene (thermocool) for decoration
- Plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners with the thickness of lesser than one hundred microns and stirrers

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Revision in Variable Dearness Allowances for employees working in certain Scheduled Employments**

The Labour Department of West Bengal vide Notification dated July 06, 2022 has revised the Variable Dearness Allowances for employees working in certain Scheduled Employments under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. The wages will be effective from July 01 2022 to December 31 2022.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Clarification on inspection or survey to verify the statement made in return under the Act**

The Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, West Bengal vide Notification dated July 07, 2022 has clarified that the inspection or survey and measuring of land and building to verify the statement made in any return for determination of the annual valuation of any holding under Section 130 regarding submission of return and inspection of holding for assessment, is done if the Corporation feels it expedient to do so. Still, it has no linkage with such cases submitted to alter and amend the assessment list under Section 127 of the Act.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Request for distribution for very slow-moving medicines to other units**

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, West Bengal via Memo dated July 04, 2022 has requested for distribution of very slow-moving medicines to other units. The medicine named Ivermectin 6mg tablet, which has an expiry date of October 31, 2022, in an extra amount in the hospital that is 774X10 tabs and is assumed that it won't be consumed within its expiry date and, therefore, it is requested to take necessary steps to avoid the wastage of the above-said medicines.

(To view the Memo, please click [here](#))

▪ **Notification regarding re-fixing the pay of certain employees**

The Finance Department, West Bengal vide Notification dated July 11, 2022 re-fixed the income of certain employees on promotion from corresponding pre-revised pay structure PB 3 with Grade Pay INR 3,600 to PB 3 (minimum pay INR 11,720) under the WBS (ROPA) Rules, 2019. This has been in effect from January 1, 2020.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

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