



# COMPLIANCE UPDATE

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## Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

### ▪ [Appointment of Director nominated by the Debenture Trustee on Boards of issuers](#)

SEBI on July 04, 2023 clarified on the appointment of nominee for issuers that are not companies. As per the clarification, all issuers incorporated under different statutes shall submit an undertaking to their Debenture Trustees (DT) that a non-executive/independent director/trustee/member of its governing body shall be designated as nominee director for the purposes of NCS Regulations, in consultation with the DTs, or, in case of multiple DTs, in consultation with all the DTs.

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

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

### ▪ [Roles and responsibilities of Trustees and Board of Directors of AMCs of Mutual Funds](#)

SEBI on July 07, 2023 defined roles and responsibilities of Trustee and Board of Directors of AMCs in terms of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023. The responsibilities are:

- Third party assurances
- Formulation of Unit Holder Protection Committee
- Appointment of the Trustee Company

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#### ▪ **Regulatory framework for Sponsors of a Mutual Fund**

SEBI on July 07, 2023 notified Regulatory Framework for Sponsors of a Mutual Fund. The key points of the framework are:

- Deployment of liquid net worth by AMC
- Acquisition of an AMC
- Pooled Investment Vehicle as sponsor of Mutual Funds
- Reduction of stake and disassociation of sponsor
- Re-Association of the Sponsor(s)

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

#### ▪ **BRSR Core - Framework for assurance and ESG disclosures for value chain**

SEBI on July 12, 2023 issued Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report Core Framework. The BRSR Core is a sub-set of the BRSR, consisting of a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)/metrics under 9 ESG attributes. The Framework will be applicable to top 150 Listed Entities for FY 2023-24.

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

#### ▪ **Disclosure of material events/information by Listed Entities**

SEBI on July 13, 2023 issued a Circular for disclosure of material events by Listed Entities. The Circular specifies the details that need to be provided while disclosing events, specifies the timeline for disclosing events, provides guidance on when an event/information can be said to have occurred and guidance on the criteria for determination of materiality of events.

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

#### ▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Ombudsman) (Repeal) Regulations, 2023**

SEBI on July 03, 2023 repealed the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Ombudsman) Regulations, 2003.

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

#### ▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023**

SEBI on July 04, 2023 directed that all claims, differences or disputes in the securities market shall be submitted to a dispute resolution mechanism that includes mediation and/or conciliation and/or arbitration, in accordance with the procedure specified by the Board.

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

#### ▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Credit Rating Agencies) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023.**

SEBI on July 04, 2023 added Chapter IV A in Securities and Exchange Board of India (Credit Rating Agencies) Regulations, 1999 to regulate Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) rating providers.

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

#### ▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2023**

SEBI on July 06, 2023 amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021. Key changes include the insertion of a clause defining 'Key Managerial Personnel' and the inclusion of the term 'Senior Management' in the regulations. The amendment also introduces Chapter VA, which focuses on the issuance and listing of non-convertible securities on a private placement basis. Furthermore, Clause jj wrt shelf placement memorandum and Clause pp wrt tranche placement memorandum have been omitted.

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

## Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC)

#### ▪ **GSTN under the ambit of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002**

The Ministry of Finance on July 07, 2023 added Goods and Service Tax Network under the ambit of India's money laundering law. The move has been taken amid rising cases of GST fraud and fake registrations. As a result of the addition of GSTN in the list of authorities, tax authorities will get more power to trace the original beneficiary in case of fraud.

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

#### ▪ **Increase in import duty on Liquefied Propane and Liquefied Butane**

The Ministry of Finance on July 01, 2023 increased the Custom Import Duty on Liquefied Propane and Liquefied Butane to 15%.

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

# Industry-wise updates

## Agriculture & allied sectors

### ▪ [Vegetable Oils Grading and Marking \(Amendment\) Rules, 2023](#)

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on July 11, 2023 directed all domestic traders of vegetable oils to comply with the restrictions in regard to residual levels of metal contaminants, pesticides residues, microbial requirements, crop contaminants, naturally occurring toxic substances and other food safety requirements as specified under the Food Safety Regulations and other regulations made for domestic trade under the provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

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

## Forests & environment

### ▪ [Hazardous and Other Wastes \(Management and Transboundary Movement\) Amendment Rules, 2023](#)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on July 12, 2023 permitted that 5% of unrepairable used electrical and electronic assemblies of used electrical and electronic assemblies imported for repair or refurbishment may be retained in the country and the same shall be sent to authorised recyclers only in accordance with Hazardous Waste Rules and the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022. For the words 'Used electrical and electronic assemblies imported for repair and to be re-exported back after repair within one year of import \*\*\*', the following shall be substituted by '*Used electrical and electronic assemblies imported for repair or refurbishment and to be re-exported after repair or refurbishment to OEMs or any other company in the country of origin or any other company in any other country within one year of import*'.

Also in column (4), for item (e) and entries relating thereto the following item and entries shall be substituted, namely: '*(e) Certificate from exporting company for accepting the repaired and unrepairable electrical and electronic assemblies and the spares or part or component or consumables being re-exported or certificate from any other company in the country of origin or any other company in any other country for accepting the repaired and unrepairable electrical and electronic assemblies and the spares or part or component or consumables being re-exported*'.

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

### ▪ [Environment \(Utilization of Crop Residue by Thermal Power Plants\) Rules, 2023](#)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on July 11, 2023 notified Environment (Utilization of Crop residue by Thermal Power Plants) Rules, 2023 directing all coal based thermal power plants of power generation utilities shall mandatorily use minimum 5 % lend of pellets or briquettes made of crop residue along with coal.

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

## Healthcare

### ▪ [Assisted Reproductive Technology \(Regulation\) Amendment Rules, 2023](#)

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on July 11, 2023 directed that an Andrologist shall be MCh/DNB in urology or MS General Surgery or FNB/MCh/DM in reproductive medicine with minimum 2 years' experience and having hands-on experience of minimum 15 surgical sperm retrieval.

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

## Wholesale & retail

### ▪ [Condonation of delay in submission of installation certificate under EPCG Scheme to promote ease of doing business](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on July 13, 2023 granted a relaxation for delay in submission of installation certificate under the EPCG Scheme on payment of INR 10,000 as late fee, subject to conditions provided below:

- The authorizations have been issued under FTP, 2009-14 and FTP, 2015-20.
- The installation certificate was obtained within the prescribed period but the same could not be submitted to the RA within time.
- The authorization holder has given bonafide reasons for the delay in submission of installation certificate to RA.
- The subject EPCG authorization is not under investigation/adjudicated by RA/Customs authority/any other investigating agency.

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

- **Flame Producing Lighters (Quality Control) Order, 2023**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on July 05, 2023 directed that all Flame producing lighters shall conform to IS/ISO 9994:2018.

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

- **Potable Water Bottles (Quality Control) Order, 2023**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on July 05, 2023 directed that all potable water bottles (Copper, Stainless Steel, Aluminum) shall conform to IS/ISO 17803:2022.

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

- **Special Economic Zones (Third Amendment) Rules, 2023**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on July 04, 2023 inserted Rule 29B in Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 to provide the procedure of import or export or procurement from or supply to Domestic Tariff Area of ship by a Unit in International Financial Services Centre.

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

## State-wise updates

### Andhra Pradesh

#### ▪ **SOP with operational guidelines and instructions on industrial accidents**

The Labour, Factories, Boilers and Insurance Medical Services Department on July 07, 2023 published a Notification to amend the non-compliance of provisions under Factories Act and Rules with respect to 'Work in Confined Space' resulting into accidents in certain factories.

As per the Notification, obligations have been imposed on the owners and managers of factories that must provide 'Confined Spaces' for employees to work in. Detailed guidelines/instructions are issued to factories in the State that are properly exercising the powers vested in the Director of Factories, Andhra Pradesh, in order to facilitate factory management in operationalizing the safety measures with much ease and better understanding in this regard and thereby to prevent accidents in confined spaces in the future.

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

### Bihar

#### ▪ **Bihar Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Rules, 2023**

The Government of Bihar on June 07, 2023 notified the Bihar Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Rules, 2023 under the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Scheme Act, 2019. Key aspects are:

- Various terms like competent authority and designated courts have been defined in Rule 2.
- The manner of provisional attachment of property under sub-Section (3) of Section 7 of the Act is discussed in Rule 3.
- The powers of the Government to empanel agencies for forensic or digital audit, valuation, or sale of assets are given in Rule 8.
- The Rules shall extend to the whole of the state of Bihar.

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

#### ▪ **Bihar Biofuels Production Promotion Policy, 2023**

The Government of Bihar on July 11, 2023 notified the Bihar Biofuels Production Promotion Policy, 2023 to amend the Ethanol Production Promotion Policy, 2021. As per the Notification:

- This policy aims to broad base the coverage by including Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG)/bio-CNG manufacturing units apart from Ethanol.
- This policy in turn will help utilize agricultural residues, animal dung, food waste, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), sewage water etc. to generate alternative renewable automotive fuel.
- Eligibility for the type of feedstock -Ethanol and compressed bio-gas (CBG)/bio-CNG production from all feedstock permitted under the National Policy on Biofuels, 2018, and by the National Biofuel Coordination Committee shall be allowed in the State of Bihar. Subsequent permission of any additional feedstock for Ethanol and compressed bio-gas (CBG)/bio-CNG production by the National Biofuel Coordination Committee will be automatically allowed for Ethanol and compressed bio-gas (CBG)/bio-CNG production in the State of Bihar.

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

### Chandigarh

#### ▪ **Amendments to the Chandigarh Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy, 2022**

The Department of Science & Technology & Renewable Energy, Chandigarh on July 07, 2023 issued amendments to the Chandigarh Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy, 2022 by virtue of which the following have been inserted to the said Policy:

- Consumers purchasing EVs from other states/outside UT of Chandigarh and registering their vehicles in Chandigarh are now eligible for availing incentives under Section 4.1 of Chandigarh EV Policy, 2022
- In addition to the vehicles empaneled with the FAME portal, incentives will also be given to vehicles irrespective of empanelment with the FAME portal but subject to condition availability of ARAI (Automotive Research Association of India) certification.

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

### Chhattisgarh

#### ▪ **Amendment to the Rules of Felling of Trees, 2022**

The Government of Chhattisgarh on July 06, 2023 issued amendments to the Rules of Felling of Trees, 2022. As per the amendment in Rule 5-A, in case of acquisition of land or acquiring the right to use the land for any government or semi-government project, the requiring body, after paying

the compensation of the trees situated on the land under acquisition to the land-owner may cut the trees or may get the trees cut by the Forest Department in the minimum necessary number as per the purpose of acquisition, by giving intimation to the Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue).

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

## Goa

### ▪ **Importers to not hold Tur/Arhar and Urad beyond 30 days**

The Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Goa on July 11, 2023 issued a Notification advising importers of Tur/Arhar and Urad not to hold imported stock beyond 30 days from the date of Customs Clearance.

The stockholding entities such as dealers, millers, importers, stockiest, etc. in the State of Goa are to upload stocks of pulses held by them on the online portal of the Department every Friday <https://fcainfoweb.nic.in/psp>.

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

### ▪ **Implementation of ban of Single Use Plastic (SUP)**

Government of Goa has issued Notification regarding issuance of directions to the Director/ex-officio, Jt. Secretary (Environment & Climate Change), effective from 5th July 2023 whereby the following directions have been laid down:

- To conduct exhaustive inspection drives at regular intervals in the area under jurisdiction along with State UDDS to identify manufacturers and suppliers of banned SUP items including the plastic-coated SUP items through contact tracing.
- To identify the suppliers of banned SUP items through contact tracing.
- To take necessary action against the violators including imposing penalty, seizure of SUP items, levying environmental compensation, suspension of commercial license/sealing of the manufacturing.
- To conduct regular checking at entry and exit points of the State boundaries to ensure that banned thin plastic layered plates and other SUPS are not being supplied to Bihar and other States.

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

## Gujarat

### ▪ **Use of Aadhaar as an identity document for availing benefits under the Skilling Scheme**

The Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department, Gujarat on July 10, 2023 issued a Notification regarding the use of Aadhaar as an identity document for availing benefits under the Skilling Scheme through the Gujarat Skill Development Mission (GDSM).

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

## Haryana

### ▪ **Exemption under Haryana Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 2016**

The Government of Haryana on June 28, 2023 issued a Notification regarding the Haryana Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 2016.

- An exemption of INR 5000 rupees from the total arrears of the Motor Vehicle Tax to the owner of the vehicle registered in the State of Haryana is granted.
- There shall be a voluntary offer of a vehicle to the Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility registered under Rule 6 of the Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021.
- The balance amount of the Motor Vehicle tax after exemption due on the date of the submission of the application to the Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility shall be cleared by the motor vehicle owner before initiation of the process of scrapping the vehicle.
- This one-time exemption shall be effective for 1 year.

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

### ▪ **State Renewable Energy Scheme to promote the implementation of renewable energy-based industrial applications in MSME sectors**

The Government of Haryana introduced State Renewable Energy Scheme for promoting the implementation of renewable energy-based industrial applications in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sectors, aligning with the global mission to increase renewable energy resource utilization and reduce dependence on fossil fuel-based energy sources. Key aspects:

- By virtue of this scheme, the State Government shall provide interest subsidy on term loan for renewable technology at the rate of 5%, up-to a maximum of INR 10 lakh per year for 3 years, to an eligible industry.

- Eligibility criteria include existing MSME units in Haryana who have filed Haryana Udhyaam Memorandum (**HUM**) and have availed term loans for new renewable energy technology applications from Nationalized or scheduled Commercial banks/Financial Institutions under RBI regulations

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

## Himachal Pradesh

- **Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2023**

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) on July 10, 2023 notified the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2023 further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2005 whereby, Regulation 5, which talks about the Initial security deposit, has been amended in the table of Sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 5 and the sign and word 'EV Charging Stations' shall be added in serial No. 1 (b), 2 (b) and 3 (b) under column Type of Category.

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

- **Draft Himachal Pradesh Motor Vehicles (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023**

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on June 27, 2023 notified the draft Himachal Pradesh Motor Vehicles (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023 to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Motor Vehicles Rules, 1999. Per the Notification, Rule 69-B pertaining to Special Registration Fee for allotment of registration marks, has been amended.

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

- **Fixation of retail prices of essential commodities including all taxes and other incidental charges**

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on July 01, 2023 issued a Notification to fix the retail prices of essential commodities including all taxes and other incidental charges that may be charged by the dealers or a retailer in Sirmaur district with immediate effect. The list specifies the Name of the Articles and the Maximum price inclusive of all taxes of the essential commodities.

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

## Jammu & Kashmir

- **Draft Jammu and Kashmir Motor Vehicle Aggregator Rules, 2023**

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir on July 04, 2023 notified the Draft Jammu and Kashmir Motor Vehicle Aggregator Rules, 2023 under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 read with Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines, 2020 whereby:

- Various definitions of the aggregators, area of operation, and other terms have been defined under Rule 2.
- These rules are applicable to Aggregators on-boarding transport vehicles in the area of operation. The vehicles that may be integrated by the Aggregator shall include all Motor Vehicles under the Act and e-rickshaw.
- They shall be applicable to aggregators operating in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

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

## Karnataka

- **Draft Karnataka Excise (Excise Duties and Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 2023**

The Government of Karnataka on July 10, 2023 published a Notification of the draft Karnataka Excise (Excise Duties and Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 2023. The amendments are as follows:

- The Entries in Serial Number I and Serial Number II of Schedule D are substituted.
- Any comments or suggestion by the persons likely to be affected thereby will be taken into consideration with respect to the said draft before the expiry of 7 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
- These shall be in effect from July 20, 2023.

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

## Madhya Pradesh

- **Amendment to Motor Vehicles Act, of 1988**

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on June 27, 2023 issued a Notification regarding the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. As per the amendment, the State Government has enforced twice the amount of

fine prescribed in Section 184 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, for driving a motor vehicle dangerously.

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

▪ **Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce Production, Supply and Distribution) Madhya Pradesh Amendment Bill 2023**

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on July 12, 2023 published the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce Production, Supply and Distribution) Madhya Pradesh Amendment Bill 2023, in that Section 4 deals with 'Prohibition of smoking in public places'.

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

## Maharashtra

▪ **Maharashtra Labour Welfare Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2023**

The Government of Maharashtra on July 05, 2023 published the Maharashtra Labour Welfare Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2023 to further amend Maharashtra Labour Welfare Fund Rules, 1953.

Per the amendment, in Rule 18, which states 'Supersession of the Board' in Rule 18-A in sub-Rule (1), in Clause (c), the words 'by a deputation of officers from the cadre of Deputy Commissioner of Labour or of Assistant Commissioner of Labour' have been substituted with the words 'by a deputation of officers from the cadre not below the rank of Deputy Commissioner of Labour'.

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

▪ **Maharashtra Industry, Trade, and Investment Facilitation Ordinance, 2023**

The Industries, Energy and Labour Department, Maharashtra on July 03, 2023 issued the Maharashtra Industry, Trade, and Investment Facilitation Ordinance, 2023 and it shall come into force on July 03, 2023.

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

## Mizoram

▪ **Revision of minimum wage for various daily waged employee**

The Government of Mizoram on June 16, 2023 issued a Notification revising the minimum wage for various daily waged employees classified as skilled, semi-skilled, highly-skilled, unskilled under the Government departments, semi-Government organizations, public undertakings, private undertakings and on a contract basis with effect from April 01, 2023.

Workers other than clerical, peon etc. working in the office will enjoy the holidays mentioned in the document attached paid holidays and the Sunday benefit as enjoyed by the workers provided, they work continuously for 6 days a week.

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

## NCT of Delhi

▪ **Directions of the Supreme Court of India vide its judgement dated October 18, 2022**

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (**DERC**) on July 10, 2023 issued an order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its Judgement dated October 18, 2022, whereby the following issues have been decided:

- Change in methodology in the computation of Aggregate Technical and Commercial (**AT&C**) losses
- Change in methodology for computation of depreciation
- Disallowance of salary for Fundamental Rules and Supplementary Rules
- Disallowance of interest accrued on Consumer Security Deposit retained by Delhi Power Corporation Limited (**DPCL**)
- Disallowance of Fringe Benefit Tax
- Reduction in Million Units (**MU**) in relation to enforcement sale for the purpose of calculation of AT&C Loss

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

▪ **Draft Delhi Public Distribution System (Transparency and Accountability) Rules, 2023**

The Government of Delhi on July 10, 2023 notified the Draft Delhi Public Distribution System (Transparency and Accountability) Rules, 2023 whereby the following has been stated:

- Disclosure of records of the Public Distribution System



- Protection of the action taken under these Rules, no suit, prosecution, or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Rule

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

#### ▪ **Delhi Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2023**

The Government of Delhi on July 04, 2023 notified the Delhi Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2023 to further amend the Delhi Excise Rules, 2010 whereby One of the notable changes in the Delhi Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2023 pertains to the total quantity of special denatured spirit that industrial manufacturers can store at their premises. Previously, the limit was set at 1896 kilo litres. However, this amendment now allows them to store up to 6744 kilo litres of special denatured spirit at one time.

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

### Puducherry

#### ▪ **Reduction in the e-invoice applicability limit to INR 5 crore**

The Government of Puducherry on July 5, 2023 published a Notification for preparation of invoices and other prescribed documents for registered persons. As per the Notification, a registered person whose aggregate turnover in a Financial Year exceeds INR 5 crore rupees shall prepare an invoice and other prescribed documents in respect of the supply of goods or services or both to a registered person. This shall be in effect from August 01, 2023.

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

### Punjab

#### ▪ **Guidelines for regulation and monitoring of Imported Pet Coke and prohibition on the use of Furnace Oil and alternate fuels**

The Government of Punjab has issued Guidelines for regulation and monitoring of Imported Pet Coke (IPC). By virtue of these guidelines, the import of pet coke is prohibited for use as fuel. However, industries like cement, lime kiln, calcium carbide, and gasification can be used as feedstock or in manufacturing processes on an actual user basis.

The importer must obtain consent and registration from the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), specify the quantity permitted for import and use, and only registered industrial units with valid consent can import pet coke. Importing pet coke for trading purposes is not allowed. Authorized importers must furnish opening and closing stock of imported pet coke to the SPCB on a quarterly basis.

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

#### ▪ **All establishments registered under the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958 permitted to remain open on all 365 days of the year**

The Government of Punjab on June 02, 2023 issued a Notification to permit all establishments registered under the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958 in the State of Punjab to keep open on all 365 days of the year, for a further period of 1 year i.e., up to May 31, 2024, unless it is revoked, subject to the following conditions:

- Every employee working in the establishment shall be given 1-day holiday in a week without making any deductions from his/her wages on account thereof and a list of the timetable of such holidays for a month shall be placed on the notice board in advance.
- Every employee shall be given a rest period of one hour after 5 hours of continuous work.
- No employee shall be required to work for more than 9 hours in a day or 48 hours in a week.
- If the establishment remains open after 10.00 PM on any day, adequate safety and security arrangements shall be ensured for employees and visitors.
- As establishments are being given permission to be open for all days' new staff shall be appointed for the extended time.
- Female employees shall be provided separate lockers, security, and rest rooms at the workplace.

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

### Rajasthan

#### ▪ **Guidelines for best practices in foundries (cupola furnaces) in Rajasthan**

Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board has issued Office Order regarding Issuance of Guidelines for best practices in foundries (cupola furnaces) in Rajasthan, effective from July 11, 2023, whereby, all existing units are directed to upgrade their pollution control measures and adopt best practices as per the provisions of the guidelines and the existing units with single blast furnaces should be

shifted to divided blast cupola furnace by January 01, 2024 which will reduce consumption of coke and the generation of carbon monoxide. Highlights of the Guidelines for cupola furnaces for prevention and control of pollution are:

- Good quality scrap should be used as raw material. Raw material, sand and coke should be stored and kept in closed spaces. The raw material and finished products should be stored on a concrete platform covered by all sides.
- Low-ash metallurgical coke having low sulfur content (preferably < 0.6%) should be used as fuel in furnaces.
- Scientifically designed pollution control measures such as wet scrubbers should be installed and maintained to achieve the following prescribed standards.
- A stack of adequate height should be installed and maintained. The stack should be constructed over the cupola beyond the charging door and emissions are directed through the stack which should be at least six times the diameter of cupola.
- Operation and maintenance of air pollution control devices should be checked from time to time, and records of the same should be maintained.
- Monitoring of carbon monoxide should be carried out along with other parameters.
- Wastewater generated from the wet scrubber should be treated scientifically before disposal.

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

#### ▪ **Rajasthan Platform-Based Gig Workers Registration and Welfare) Bill, 2023**

The Government of Rajasthan on June 20, 2023 issued the Rajasthan Platform-Based Gig Workers Registration and Welfare) Bill, 2023 which aims to constitute a Welfare Board and to set up a welfare fund for the platform-based gig workers, to register platform-based gig workers, aggregators, and primary employers in the State and to facilitate a guarantee of social security to the platform-based gig workers. The bills will be open for suggestions till July 07, 2023. The Bill will be applicable to the following:

- An aggregator or primary employer operating in the State of Rajasthan
- An aggregator or primary employer providing any one or more services specified in the Schedule
- Any service or work being carried out that meets with the definition of gig worker and platform as defined respectively under Clause (f) and Clause (g) of Section 2 of the Act

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

## Tamil Nadu

#### ▪ **Amendment to the Tamil Nadu Fire and Match Workers' Social Security and Welfare Scheme, 2021**

The Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, Tamil Nadu on July 07, 2023 issued an amendment to the Tamil Nadu Fire and Match Workers' Social Security and Welfare Scheme, 2021 under the Tamil Nadu Manual Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Work) Act, 1982 whereby in Clause 17(2) in item (a), for the expression 'Rs. 1,25,000', the expression 'Rs. 2,00,000', has been substituted.

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

#### ▪ **Amendments to Tamil Nadu Tax on Consumption or Sale of Electricity Rules, 2003**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on July 12, 2023 issued a Notification regarding amendments to the Tamil Nadu Tax on Consumption or Sale of Electricity Rules, 2003 whereby the following amendments were made:

- Rule 5, which talks about the registration procedure has been amended.
- Rule 10, which talks about the Installation of Meters to Measure the Quantity of Electricity for Own Consumption or Sale of Surplus Electricity to others has been amended.
- Rule 12, which talks about the Procedure for Refund has been amended.

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

## Tripura

#### ▪ **Revised Variable Dearness Allowance for different categories of workers**

The Labour Department, Tripura on June 16, 2023 issued a Notification regarding the revision in the VDA for the different categories of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers engaged in the employment under the following:

- Stone Breaking and crushing
- Shops & establishments
- Safai karamchari
- Rubber plantation
- Rice mill
- Public motor transport

- Private security guard
- Private schools
- Petrol pumps
- Mechanical workshops
- Loading & unloading
- LAMPS PACS
- Incense sticks
- Hotel & restaurant
- Goldsmith
- Domestic worker
- Construction & maintenance of roads & buildings
- Beedi Industry
- Auto-rickshaws
- Agriculture

The Variable Dearness Allowance shall be payable with effect from April 01, 2023.

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

## West Bengal

### ▪ **Extension of the last date of filing applications for settlement under the West Bengal Sales Tax (Settlement of Disputes) Act, 1999**

The Finance Department of Government of West Bengal vide Notification dated June 30, 2023 extended the last date of filing applications for settlement under Section 5(1) of the West Bengal Sales Tax (Settlement of Disputes) Act, 1999. As per the Notification, last date of filing of the application for settlement is now July 31, 2023.

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

### ▪ **Declaration of Paid Holiday for General Election on July 08, 2023**

The Labour Department of Government of West Bengal on June 23, 2023 declared Paid Holiday for General Elections on July 08, 2023 (i.e., Saturday) to all workers and employees of shops, commercial and industrial establishments who are voters within the respective polling areas to enable them to exercise their franchise.

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

### ▪ **Mandatory National Transit Pass System for inter-State transport of round timber and sawn timber**

The Government of West Bengal on June 28, 2023 issued a Notification regarding the mandatory National Transit Pass System for inter-State transport of round timber and sawn timber from West Bengal on and from July 01, 2023. As per the Notification, the Transit Pass for intra-State movement of round timber and sawn timber will be available both in online system through NTPS and offline system, i.e., manual system of issuance till September 30, 2023. However, the existing offline system of Transit Pass will be followed for the movement of the timber of foreign origin, NTFP items and boulders/sand/RBM till further order.

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

### ▪ **Introduction of Non-Government Institutions Provident Fund (NGIPF) Module in WBIFMS**

The Government of West Bengal on June 12, 2023 published a Notification regarding the introduction of the Non-Government Institutions Provident Fund (NGIPF) Module in WBIFMS for Provident Fund maintenance in Non-Government Educational Institutions, Local Bodies, and other similar institutions. As per the Notification, the NGIPF Module has been introduced to provide real-time online services to the employees of these institutions for accessing Provident Fund accounts and aims at timely disbursement of interest on PF balances immediately after closure of the financial year or whenever required through system-based calculation of interest and accounting.

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

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