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Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs

▪ Increase in Special Additional Excise Duty on Petroleum Crude

The Ministry of Finance on July 01, 2024, has increased the Special Additional Excise Duty on Petroleum Crude from INR 5,700 per tonne to INR 6000 per tonne. (To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2024

The Ministry of Finance on July 10, 2024, has notified Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2024. The changes include insertion of new Form GSTR-1A, amendment to Rule 88B to provide no interest liability on amount deposited up to due date of filing GSTR-3B and debited from Cash Ledger while filing return, exemption from GSTR-9 up to turnover of 2 crores etc. (To view the Amended Rules, please click [here](#))

▪ Revision of GST Rates for certain Goods and Services

The Ministry of Finance on July 12, 2024, has revised the following GST Rates:

- 6% slabs:
 - o Cartons, boxes
 - o Milk cans made of Iron, Steel, or Aluminum
 - o Solar cookers
- 9% slabs:
 - o All Goods (other than Cartons, boxes and cases of, corrugated paper or paper board or non-corrugated paper or paper board).

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

Ministry of Finance

▪ [Interest rates on Special Deposit Scheme for Non-Government Provident, Superannuation and Gratuity Funds](#)

The Ministry of Finance on July 03, 2024, has notified the rate of interest on Special Deposit Scheme for Non-Government Provident, Superannuation and Gratuity Funds as 7.1 per cent.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

▪ [Dispatch of Consolidated Account Statement \(CAS\) for all securities assets](#)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 01, 2024, directed all Depositories, Mutual Fund Registrars and Transfer Agents to adopt email as the default mode of dispatch for Consolidated Account Statement (CAS).
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ [Reduction in denomination of debt securities and non-convertible redeemable preference shares](#)

The minimum face value of a listed debt security or non-convertible redeemable preference share issued on private placement basis traded on a stock exchange or OTC basis has been reduced from INR. 1,00,000 to INR. 10,000.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ [Ease of doing business - Streamlining of prudential norm for passive schemes regarding exposure to securities of group companies of the sponsor of Mutual Funds](#)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 08, 2024, has streamlined the extant prudential norm applicable to investments by passively managed Mutual Fund schemes in the group companies of their sponsors.

Equity oriented Exchange Trade Funds (ETFs) and Index Funds, based on widely tracked and non-bespoke indices, can make investments in accordance with the weightage of the constituents of the underlying index.

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

▪ [Securities and Exchange Board of India \(Mutual Funds\) \(Amendment\) Regulations, 2024](#)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 02, 2024, has amended Schedule 7 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996.

Earlier, Clause 9(c) of the Seventh Schedule stated that no mutual fund [scheme] shall make any investment in the listed securities of group companies of the sponsor which is in excess of 25 percent of the net assets.

After the 2024 Amendment Regulations, an exception to the above provision has been added which provides that investments by equity-oriented exchange traded funds and index funds may be done which may be subject to the conditions specified by the Board.

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

▪ [Securities and Exchange Board of India \(Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities\) \(Second Amendment\) Regulations, 2024](#)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 02, 2024, has amended the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The key amendments are:

- The Amendment Regulations have inserted a second proviso to Regulation 52(8) in regard to the publishing of financial results by listed entities in at least one national daily newspaper.
- The insertion states that the listed entity may publish only a window advertisement referring to a QR Code along with the link of the website of the listed entity and stock exchange(s) where the financial results may be available and accessible by the investors. This proviso is subject to certain conditions.

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

Bureau of Indian Standards

▪ [Amendment of BIS Standards for Performance of High-Voltage Direct Current \(HVDC\) Systems with Line Commutated Converters and Low-Pressure Steam Cooker](#)

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 01, 2024, amended the following standards among others:

- **IS 3028 (Part 2): 2023:** Automotive Vehicles — Noise Emitted by Moving Vehicles — Specification and Method of Measurement Part 2 Other than L 2 and L 5 Category

- **IS 7302: 2018:** Valve Fitting for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) — Specification (First Revision)
- **IS 14902 (Part 3): 2013:** IEC/TR 60919-3: 2009 Performance of High-Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Systems with Line Commutated Converters Part 3 Dynamic Conditions (First Revision)
- **IS 15960: 2013:** Composite Bottom Stainless Steel Cooking Utensils — Specification

All amended standards will come into force **retrospectively** from **June 11, 2024**.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Amendment of BIS Standards for Acetic Acid and Laundry Soap Powders/Flakes**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 01, 2024, amended the following standards among others:

- **IS 695: 2020:** Acetic Acid — Specification (Fourth Revision)
- **IS 2887: 2017:** Laundry Soap Powders/Flakes — Specification (Third Revision)
- **IS 8637: 2020:** H Acid — Specification (Second Revision)

All amended standards will come into force **retrospectively** from **June 25, 2024**.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Revision of BIS Standards of Textile Raw Material**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 01, 2024, revised the following standards of Textile Raw Material:

- **IS 3255 – 1979:** Specification for Scoured or Dyed Cotton Tapes for Aerospace Purposes (First Revision), shall be replaced by IS 3255: 2024 Textiles — Scoured or Dyed Cotton Tapes for Aerospace Purposes — Specification (Second Revision).
- **IS 7056: 1989:** Cotton Towelling and Towels — Specification (First Revision), shall be revised by its Second Revision titled as IS 7056: 2024 Textiles — Cotton Towelling and Towels — Specification (Second Revision).
- **IS 7867: 2022:** Textiles — Continuous Filament Polyamide (Nylon) Yarn — Specification (First Revision) has been revised by IS 7867: 2024 Textiles — Continuous Filament Polyamide (Nylon 6) Yarn — Specification (Second Revision)

All revised standards will come into force **retrospectively** from **June 19, 2024**.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Revision of BIS Standards of Agricultural Equipments**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 03, 2024, revised the following standards:

- **IS 5406: 2024:** Urea, Fertilizer Grade - Specification (Second Revision)
- **IS 6025: 2024:** Knife Sections for Harvesting Machines — Specification (Second Revision)
- **IS 10378: 2024:** Knife Back for Harvesting Machines — Specification (First Revision)
- **IS 10683: 2024:** Khurpi — Specification (First Revision)

All revised standards will come into force **retrospectively** from **June 13, 2024**.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Revision of BIS Standards of Load Chains and Solar Collector Tubes**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 03, 2024, revised the following standards:

- **IS 3109 (Part 1): 2024:** Short Link Chain, Grade M (4) — Specification Part 1 Non-Calibrated Load Chain for Lifting Purposes (Third Revision)
- **IS 11951: 2024:** Pumpset for Direct Evaporative Air Cooler — Specification (Second Revision)
- **IS 16543: 2024:** All-Glass Evacuated Solar Collector Tubes — Specification (First Revision)

All revised standards will come into force **retrospectively** from **June 20, 2024**.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Revision of BIS Standards of Household Sewing Machine**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 03, 2024, revised the following standards:

- **IS 1296: 2024:** Household Sewing Machine — Presser Foot — Specification (Fourth Revision)
- **IS 1297: 2024:** Household Sewing Machine — Presser Bar — Specification (Fourth Revision)

All revised standards will come into force **retrospectively** from **June 20, 2024**.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Amendment of BIS Standards for Medical Textiles**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 04, 2024, amended the following standards:

- **IS 17630: 2021:** Medical Textiles — Bedsheet and Pillow Cover — Specification

All amended standards will come in force **retrospectively** from **June 20, 2024**.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Amendment of BIS Standards for Wind Turbines**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 04, 2024, amended the following standards:

- **IS 16589 (Part 11):** 2018 IEC 61400-11: 2012: Wind Turbines Part 11 Acoustic Noise Measurement Techniques
- **IS 17191 (Part 1):** 2019: Electric Power Train Vehicles Part 1 Measurement of Electrical Energy Consumption
- **IS/IEC 61400-13: 2015:** Wind Turbines Part 13 Measurement of Mechanical Loads (First Revision)

All amended standards will come into force **retrospectively** from **June 11, 2024**.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Amendment of BIS Standards for Writing and Printing Papers**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 04, 2024, amended the following standards:

- **IS 1848 (Part 1):** 2018: Writing and Printing Papers — Specification Part 1 Account Book, Azure Lead, Bond, Cream Laid and Cream Wove/Printing White/Printing Colored/Printing Offset, Printing Maplitho, Printing White Super Calendared and Typewriting Types (Fifth Revision)

All amended standards will come into force **retrospectively** from **June 17, 2024**.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Issuance of BIS Standards for Electrical Safety in Low Voltage Distribution Systems and Water-Cooling Systems**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 04, 2024, issued the following standards:

- **IS 18596 (Part 6):** 2024 IEC TS 62257-6: 2015: Recommendations for Renewable Energy and Hybrid Systems for Rural Electrification Part 6 Acceptance, Operation, Maintenance and Replacement
- **IS 18671: 2024:** Textiles — Coated Car Body Covers — Specification
- **IS/IEC 61557-4:** 2019: Electrical Safety in Low Voltage Distribution Systems up to 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c. — Equipment for Testing, Measuring or Monitoring of Protective Measures Part 4 Resistance of Earth Connection and Equipotential Bonding
- **IS/IEC TR 63259: 2022:** Water Cooling Systems for Power Electronics Used in Electrical Transmission and Distribution Systems

All standards will come in force **retrospectively** from **June 17, 2024**.
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Industry-wise updates

Telecommunication

▪ **Draft Telecommunications (Digital Bharat Nidhi) Rules, 2024**

The Ministry of Communications on July 04, 2024, issued a notification proposing the draft Telecommunications (Digital Bharat Nidhi) Rules, 2024.

The Key objectives of these rules include the definition of administrator, who is appointed by the Central Government and DBN- which stands for the Digital Bharat Nidhi, the Powers and Functions of the administrator and highlights the provisions of the Funding from the Digital Bharat Nidhi.
(To view the Draft Rules, please click [here](#))

▪ **Draft Telecommunications Right of Way Rules, 2024**

The Ministry of Communications on July 09, 2024, issued Draft Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024.

The proposed Draft Rules aim to streamline procedures for the deployment of telecommunication infrastructure. These rules address concerns related to public safety, property rights, and operational standards. By providing clear guidelines, the rules seek to ensure efficient and effective network expansion while safeguarding the interests of all stakeholders.
(To view the Draft Rules, please click [here](#))

State-wise updates

Goa

▪ **Draft Goa Boiler (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Goa on July 11, 2024, issued the Draft Goa Boiler (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2024, to further amend the Goa Boilers Rules, 1983 whereby the following Rules have been inserted:

- **Rule 24A:** Bare Inspection and Non-Destructive Testing of shell type boilers
- **Rule 38-B:** Procedure for approval of firm and renewal
- **Form D:** Insertion of new Form D (Questionnaire to be submitted for approval / renewal of approval of firm for Manufacture of Boiler / Boiler Components)

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

Govt of NCT of Delhi

▪ **Draft DERC (Supply Code and Performance Standards) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) on July 02, 2024, issued the Draft Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2024 to further amend the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017 whereby the following amendments have been made:

- Addition of the following to the Principal Regulation
 - o 10(7) – “Power to disconnect supply of electricity in certain cases” &
 - o 10(8) – “Obtaining Fire Clearance Certificate”

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

▪ **DPCC issued directions u/s 33(A) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 read along with Rule 34 (6) of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Rules, 1975**

The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) on June 22, 2023, issued directions u/s 33(A) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 read along with Rule 34 (6) of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Rules, 1975.

- All Dyeing units and Jeans/Denim washing units operating outside the Approved Industrial Areas/Industrial Estates/Redevelopment Areas or operating within the Approved Industrial Areas/Industrial Estates/Redevelopment Areas but without mandatory consent of DPCC are therefore ordered to be closed/ sealed with immediate effect.

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

Gujarat

▪ **Notice related to Fire Safety Certificate and Occupancy Certificate**

The Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation on June 01, 2024, issued a notice related to the Fire Safety Certificate and Occupancy Certificate.

As per the notification, owners, administrators and occupiers of all buildings in the area are hereby notified to obtain a Fire Safety Certificate and Occupancy Certificate compulsorily by registering at the following Portal (<https://gujfiresafetycop.in>).

Failure to comply with the compliance will result in the disconnection of electricity, water, and sewerage services to the affected buildings. Additionally, if necessary, criminal actions will be pursued.

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

▪ **Gujarat Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) (Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Gujarat on July 02, 2024, issued the Gujarat Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) (Amendment) Rules, 2024, to further amend the Gujarat Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2017. The following amendment has been stated:

- In Rule 19, which states “Terms and conditions and the fine payable for compounding of offence”, in sub-rule (3), for the words and figures “section 300 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the words and figures “section 337 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023” shall be substituted.

This notification will come into force from **July 02, 2024**.

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

▪ **Gujarat Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (Matters relating to the Real Estate Regulatory Authority) (Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Urban Development and Urban Housing Department, Gujarat on July 02, 2024, notified the Gujarat Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (Matters relating to the Real Estate Regulatory Authority) (Amendment) Rules, 2024 to further amend the Gujarat Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (Matters relating to the Real Estate Regulatory Authority) Rules, 2016. The following has been stated:

- In Rule 8, in sub-rule (1), in clause (b), for the words and figures "section 123 and 124 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 (1 of 1872), the words and figures "section 129 and 130 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (47 of 2023)" shall be substituted.

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

▪ **Gujarat Laws (Amendment of Provisions) Ordinance, 2024**

The Government of Gujarat on July 01, 2024, issued the Gujarat Laws (Amendment of Provisions) Ordinance, 2024 to further amend the provisions of the Acts made by the State of Gujarat to give effect to the references to Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023.

The newly re-enacted Acts shall come into force with effect from **July 01, 2024**.

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

Haryana

▪ **Draft Haryana Municipal Advertisement (Amendment) Bye-Laws, 2024**

The Government of Haryana on July 09, 2024, issued the Draft Haryana Municipal Advertisement (Amendment) Bye-Laws, 2024 to further amend the Haryana Municipal Advertisement Bye-Laws, 2022.

In Schedule 1, in clause 14, for sub-clause (2), the following sub-clause, shall be substituted, namely:

- "Self-advertisement is permitted only on 3% of the total area of facia/ facade of the building, in form of billboard, walls wrap. If the owner utilizes more than 3% of total area for self-advertising, then it shall be considered under categories defined in Annexure-5 and accordingly applicable charges shall be levied."

The draft bye-laws shall be taken into consideration by the State Government on or after the expiry of a period of **fifteen days** from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

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

▪ **Punjab Stamp (Haryana Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Haryana on July 09, 2024, issued the Punjab Stamp (Haryana Amendment) Rules, 2024, to further amend the Punjab Stamp Rules, 1934.

- Rule 26, which states "Grant of license to any person" has been substituted
- Rule 33, which states "Duties of ex-officio vendors" has been substituted

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

▪ **Policy for determination of compensation towards the 'damages' for laying of 66kV and above overhead Transmission lines**

The Government of Haryana on July 10, 2024, issued the Policy for the determination of compensation towards the 'damages' for laying of 66kV and above overhead Transmission lines.

- Compensation be paid to the farmers for damage caused to their crops at the specified stages of obtaining the certificate of Patwari.
- The compensation shall be payable only for transmission lines supported by a tower base of 66kV Voltage level and above, and not for sub-transmission and distribution lines below 66kV.
- Compensation for the tower base area shall be 200% of the land value. The tower base area shall be the area enclosed by the four legs of the tower at ground level, plus an additional one-meter extension on each side.

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

Himachal Pradesh

▪ **Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Levy and Collection of Fees and Charges by State Load Despatch Centre) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) on July 04, 2024, issued the Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Levy and Collection of Fees and Charges by State Load Despatch Centre) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024, to further amend the Himachal

Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Levy and Collection of Fees and Charges by State Load Despatch Centre) Regulations, 2011, whereby the following amendments have been made:

- In Regulation 20, which states "Return on Equity", in sub-regulation (1) for the figures and signs "15.5%", the figures and signs "14.5%" shall be substituted
- Regulation 27, which states "Registration fee" has been amended
- The existing Regulation 27(3) shall be omitted

These Regulations will be taken into consideration after the expiry of thirty (30) days from **July 04, 2024**.

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

▪ **Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Short Term Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) on July 04, 2024, notified the Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Short Term Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2024 further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Short Term Open Access) Regulations, 2010 whereby the following amendments have been made:

- Regulation 6 which is about the "Submission of short-term open access application" has been amended
- Regulation 26 which specifies "Operating Charges" has been amended

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

▪ **Nagar Panchayat Narkanda Property bye-laws-2024 (Property Taxation) Bye-laws, 2024**

The Government of Himachal Pradesh issued the Nagar Panchayat Narkanda Property bye-laws 2024 which specifies:

- The list of what to contain in the Assessment list has been stated
- The Procedure where the name of the person primarily liable for property tax cannot be ascertained has been stated
- The Remission/Refund is not claimable unless a notice of vacancy is given to the Secretary

This shall come into force on **March 16, 2024**.

(To view the Bye-laws, please click [here](#))

Jammu & Kashmir

▪ **Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy system and its related matters) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh on June 28, 2024, issued the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy system and its related matters) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024, to further amend the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy system and its related matters) 2023. This shall come into force on **July 11, 2024**.

- Clause 15.1 - Procedure for Application and Registration, clause (f) shall be substituted, it states that for rooftop solar photovoltaic systems over 10 kW capacity, the licensee shall complete a technical feasibility study within 15 days and notify the applicant via email/SMS/post regarding application status, fee estimate, and agreement details.
- Clause 15.1 - Procedure for Application and Registration, clause (i) shall be substituted, it states that upon submission of the installation certificate by the prosumer, the distribution licensee shall finalize the connection agreement, install the meter, and commission the Renewable Energy system within fifteen days, formats for the agreement and certificate shall be available on the licensee's web portal within thirty days of these Regulations.

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

Jharkhand

▪ **Draft Jharkhand Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration and Welfare) Bill, 2024**

The Government of Jharkhand on July 01, 2024, issued the Draft Jharkhand Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration and Welfare) Bill, 2024. As per the bill the following has been stated:

- Gig Workers must be registered with the State Government on being on boarded on any platform, irrespective of the duration of the work, and be provided with a Unique ID applicable across all platforms.

- Gig Workers have access to general and specific social security schemes based on contributions made as may be notified by the State Government.
 - Gig Workers have access to the grievance redressal mechanism.
- (To view the Draft Bill, please click [here](#))

▪ **Wage rate for different categories of Workers**

The Government of Jharkhand on June 28, 2024, notified the wage rate for the different categories. As per the Notification, where no rate of wage has been regulated by way of agreement, settlement or award for such employment applicable for any category or class of workmen, the contractor shall pay the following wages: -

- Un-Skilled – INR 12,203.36/- (per month)
- Semi-Skilled – INR 12,784.72/- (per month)
- Skilled – INR 16,853.20/- (per month)
- Highly-Skilled – INR 19,467.76/- (per month)

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

Karnataka

▪ **Karnataka Excise (Sale of Indian & Foreign Liquor) (Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Karnataka on July 09, 2024, notified the Karnataka Excise (Sale of Indian & Foreign Liquors) (Amendment) Rules, 2024 further to amend the Karnataka Excise (Sale of Indian & Foreign Liquors) Rules, 1968. The following has been stated: -

- In Rule 3, in sub-rule (4), after the third proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: Provided also that, new licenses granted in Form CL-4 in a place having not less than 10,000 sq. feet built-up area in City Corporations having a population of more than 20 lakhs, shall have any of the facilities specified in condition number 3 of first proviso, i.e., either outdoor games or indoor games or both.

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

▪ **KSPCB's Online service delivery for effective governance**

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on July 05, 2024, notified regarding the Online service delivery to the businesses for effective governance & mandate order to publish a real-time Dashboard on the Board's Website for implementation of Reform points of Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) – 2024 under Ease of Doing Business (EODB). The following has been stated namely: -

- It states that KSPCB has developed a comprehensive online system for all industry services (consents/authorizations/renewals) wherein service approvals shall be applied, accepted, and processed mandatorily through online mode.

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

▪ **Corrigendum under the Karnataka Compulsory Gratuity Insurance Rules, 2024**

The Government of Karnataka on July 04, 2024, issued a corrigendum under the Karnataka Compulsory Gratuity Insurance Rules, 2024. The following has been stated namely: -

- It states that in the para 'the time limit specified for the employer of an establishment that is in existence at the time of commencement of the Karnataka Compulsory Gratuity Insurance Rules, 2024, for obtaining valid insurance policy,' the word "sixty days" shall be substituted with "six months".

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

▪ **Enhancement of the existing quota of Auto rickshaw permits**

The Government of Karnataka on July 06, 2024, issued a notification regarding the enhancement of the existing quota of Auto rickshaw permits.

As per the Notification after detailed examination, the Government in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 74(3)(a) of the Motor Vehicle Act 1988, decided to enhance the existing quota of Auto rickshaw permits from 1,55,000 to 2,55,000 for the next 05 years period Bengaluru city with certain conditions. Some of the conditions are as follows: -

- Permit has to be granted for green auto-rickshaws fitted with four-stroke BSVI, with authorized LPG/CNG/ Electric kits and digital fare meters.
- No Auto rickshaw permits shall be granted to the applicant who is already holding the auto rickshaw permit.
- The applicant must be the holder of a valid Driving License to drive an auto rickshaw cab.

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

▪ **Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Transmission, Distribution and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations, 2024**

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) on July 04, 2024, issued the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Transmission, Distribution and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations, 2024. The following provisions have been stated:

- The Commission shall determine the Tariff and Charges for the matters covered under Regulation 2.1, under a Multi-Year Tariff framework for each of the Control Period commencing from FY26 onwards.

This notification will come into force from **July 04, 2024**.

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

Kerala

▪ **Kerala Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Kerala on July 06, 2024, issued the Kerala Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Rules, 2024 to further amend the Kerala Motor Vehicles Taxation Rules, 1975. As per the amendment, in rule 5, after the entries in column (3) against serial No.4 of the Table, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: -

- "Provided that in the case of vehicles covered with permit under sub-section (9) of section 88 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and registered in any State other than in the State of Kerala and entering the State of Kerala and staying therein, the tax shall be payable from the date of entry till the end of the quarter."

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

▪ **Kerala Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Kerala on July 02, 2024, notified the Kerala Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2024 further to amend the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The following has been stated:

- Rule 260A which deals with Special provision applicable to a stage carriage permitted to be operated as certain classes of services. As per the amendment, a stage carriage older than twelve years from the date of its registration shall not be permitted to be operated as a Fast Passenger Service, a Super-Fast Service, a Luxury Service, a Super Deluxe Service, or a Super Express Service.

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

▪ **Rubber Board implemented the tenth phase of the Rubber Production Incentive Scheme**

The Rubber Board on July 02, 2024, implemented the tenth phase of the Rubber Production Incentive Scheme in Kerala. It has approved the implementation of the tenth phase of the Rubber Production Incentive Scheme (RPIS).

- The scheme is envisaged to ensure Rs. 180 per kilogram of RSS 4 sheet rubber.
- The rubber growers not yet registered in the scheme can also register up to November 30, 2024.
- For a new registration, the growers should produce a copy of the Aadhar Card and a copy of the bank passbook along with the current year's land tax receipt and a photograph at respective Rubber Producer's Societies (RPSs).
- All beneficiaries should submit land tax receipts for 2024-25 for renewal. The sale invoices/ purchase bills submitted should be from a dealer with a valid license and prompt in submitting statutory returns.

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

▪ **Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) (Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Kerala on July 03, 2024, issued the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) (Amendment) Rules, 2024 to further amend the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Rules, 1975.

As per the amendment, any licensee desirous of obtaining spirit under this clause shall apply to the commissioner through the Deputy Commissioner of Excise in whose territorial jurisdiction the transferor's Compounding, Blending and Bottling unit is situated.

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

Madhya Pradesh

▪ [Draft Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission \(Establishment of Forum and Electricity Ombudsman for redressal of grievances of the consumers\) \(Revision-II\) \(First Amendment\) Regulations, 2021](#)

The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (MPERC) on July 08, 2024, issued the Draft Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Establishment of Forum and Electricity Ombudsman for redressal of grievances of the consumers) (Revision-II) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2021, to further amend the MPERC (Establishment of Forum and Electricity Ombudsman for redressal of grievances of the consumers) (Revision-II) Regulations, 2021.

As per the Regulations, Every Distribution Licensee shall establish one or more Forum(s), to be designated as 'Electricity Consumers Grievances Redressal Forum' for redressal of Grievances of the Consumers in accordance with the provisions under these Regulations to cater the needs of consumers at the sub-division, division, circle, region and company level. The Forum(s) may be assigned different types of grievances depending on the nature of the grievance and the level at which it can be best resolved.

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

Maharashtra

▪ [Clarification regarding the input tax credit on ducts and manholes used in network of optical fiber cables \(OFCs\)](#)

The Commissioner of State Tax, Maharashtra on July 04, 2024, issued the Clarification on the availability of input tax credit on ducts and manholes used in the network of optical fiber cables (OFCs) in terms of section 17(5) of the MGST Act, 2017. The Circular issued by CBIC is being made applicable mutatis mutandis in implementation of the MGST Act, 2017. The CBIC circular stated the following namely: -

Sub-section (5) to Section 17 of the CGST Act provides that input tax credit shall not be available, inter alia, in respect of the following:

- Works contract services when supplied for construction of an immovable property (other than plant and machinery) except where it is an input service for further supply of works contract service; or
- Goods or services or both received by a taxable person for construction of an immovable property (other than plant or machinery) on his own account including when such goods or services or both are used in the course or furtherance of business.

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

▪ [Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission \(Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement for Solar and Wind Generation\) \(First Amendment\) Regulations, 2024](#)

The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) on July 04, 2024, notified the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement for Solar and Wind Generation) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024 to further amend the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement for Solar and Wind Generation) Regulations, 2018 whereby the following amendments have been made:

- Regulation 5.11 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted
- Regulation 5.20A is introduced after Regulation 5.20
- Regulation 7.2 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted.

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

▪ [MERC notified regarding the Timelines to be followed under the applicable provisions of the MERC \(Framework for Resource Adequacy\) Regulations, 2024 for FY 2024-25](#)

The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) on July 03, 2024, issued the notification regarding the Timelines to be followed under the applicable provisions of the MERC (Framework for Resource Adequacy) Regulations, 2024 for FY 2024-25. The timelines for submission of MTDRAP/ST-DRAP along with associated activities for implementation of the Resource Adequacy Framework in the State of Maharashtra have been stated:

- DLs to submit the category-wise consumption data of previous to STU/MSLDC - August 14, 2024
- DLs to submit ST and MT demand forecasts to MSLDC - August 14, 2024 o MSLDC to submit State-level forecasts to CEA/ RLDC/NLDC - As per CEA/NLDC
- DLs to submit ST-DRAP and MT-DRAP to the Commission - September 30, 2024
- STU/MSLDC to communicate aggregated State-shortfall to the Commission - October 15, 2024
- The Commission to approve ST-DRAP and MT-DRAP - October 31, 2024
- DLs to contract capacities for shortfall/surplus management - December 31, 2024
- DLs to submit updated Annual Rolling Plan to STU/MSLDC - January 31, 2025

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

▪ **Exemption for the installation of Sewage treatment plants (STPs) in Health Care Establishments**

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) on July 02, 2024, issued a circular regarding the Exemption for the installation of Sewage treatment plants (STPs) in Health Care Establishments. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in its 183rd Board meeting held on June 13, 2024, has considered an exemption for the installation of Sewage treatment plants (STPs) in Health Care Establishments which are as follows:

- Healthcare Facilities with a bed capacity of up to 50 that are discharging their sewage into the public sewer which further leads to terminal Sewage treatment plants (STPs) shall be granted combined consent and BMW authorization without the necessity of installing individual STPs.
- All Health Care Facilities irrespective of the bed capacity shall install scientifically designed disinfection facilities before discharging the effluent into the sewer line or reusing in the premises as stipulated under Schedule II (6) of Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- Also, non-bedded Healthcare Facilities (HCFs) are required to dispose of infectious liquid wastes only after treatment by disinfection as stipulated under Schedule II (6) of said Rules.
- Existing healthcare facilities with their own sewage/effluent treatment plants must continue to operate these plants to meet the standards specified in the Combined Consent and Authorization (CCA).

This exemption is applicable to the state of **Maharashtra**.
(To view the Circular, please click [here](#))

▪ **Extension of the Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees for violating the Combined Consent Regime prescribed under the Air /Water Act**

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) on June 27, 2024, issued a circular regarding the extension of the Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees for violating the Combined Consent Regime prescribed under the Air /Water Act.

- Considering the positive response to the Amnesty scheme by the industries/health care establishments, it has been decided & resolved to extend the Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees to be imposed on industries/health care establishments violating the combined consent regime prescribed under Air/Water Act i.e., delay in applying for a grant of consent, operating without consent from the Board has been extended for further 3 months i.e., upto August 31, 2024.
- This extension of the amnesty scheme is not for those units/ industries/health care establishments who had already paid the penalty. This extension of the amnesty scheme will apply to those industries that will submit online applications for combined consent within 3 months period.
- Industry applying under the amnesty scheme will have to pay the total penal fees within a 15-day period once the online link for payment of fees is provided through the online e-payment gateway by the Board

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

Rajasthan

▪ **Stamp duty chargeable on the assignment deed**

The Finance Department, Rajasthan on July 10, 2024, issued the notification regarding the stamp duty chargeable on the assignment deed, executed by the person who is eligible to get a lease deed from the local authority for the purpose of assigning or transferring his right in favour of another person to get the lease deed shall be reduced and charged as stated.

- For every allotment letter executed by the developer in respect of the project covered under the Rajasthan Township Policy, 2002 or Rajasthan Township Policy, 2010 – INR 500 on every such deed
- In any other case not covered under serial number 1 above – 5% on the market value of the property in respect of which the assignment deed is executed.

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

▪ **Rajasthan remitted the stamp duty chargeable on the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST) charged as the part of consideration**

The Finance Department, Rajasthan on July 10, 2024, remitted the stamp duty chargeable on the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST) charged as part of consideration. This notification shall also be applicable on instruments executed or instruments pending for registration or reference before the Sub-Registrar or for adjudication of stamp duty before the Collector (Stamps) or Rajasthan Tax Board or any other Court, but stamp duty already paid shall not be refunded.

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

▪ **Grant of rebate of electricity duty and waiving of interest and penalty payable on auxiliary energy consumption of self-generated energy**

The Finance Department, Rajasthan on July 10, 2024, issued the notification regarding the grant of rebate of electricity duty and waiving of interest and penalty, payable on auxiliary energy consumption of self-generated energy used exclusively for generation of energy in captive power plants.

- The Exemption under this notification shall be calculated on the basis of energy used for self-consumption but shall not be allowed on the sale of electricity by the captive power plan
- The benefits under this notification shall be available on the fulfillment of the following certain conditions

The notification shall come into force on **July 10, 2024**, and shall **remain in force till December 31, 2024**

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

▪ **Motor vehicle tax payable on Passenger Vehicles**

The Transport and Safety Department, Rajasthan on July 10, 2024, issued the motor vehicle tax payable on Passenger Vehicles registered in the State or registered in other State and plying on non-temporary permit or temporary permit. The following Class of Motor Vehicle has been stated: -

- Stage Carriage Vehicles plying on scheme routes (nationalized routes) excluding those owned by a fleet owner or those plying exclusively within the area of the municipality or urban improvement trust or both or sub-urban routes or rural routes.
- Stage Carriage Vehicles not covered in serial number 1 above excluding those owned by a fleet owner or those plying exclusively within the area of municipality or urban improvement trust or both or rural routes
- Stage Carriage Vehicles plying on rural routes
- Stage Carriage Vehicles plying exclusively within Municipal/UIT limits

This shall come into force from **July 10, 2024**.

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

▪ **Rajasthan Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Rajasthan on July 10, 2024, issued the Rajasthan Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Rules, 2024, to further amend the Rajasthan Motor Vehicles Taxation Rules, 1951 whereby the following Rule has been substituted:

- Rule 32. Compounding of Offences - Any person accused of an offence punishable under section 11 of the Act may, on payment of the tax, if any, due from him, present an application for compounding the offence to the Taxation Officer or Motor Vehicle Inspector/Sub-inspector who may compound the offence on payment of 2% of amount of tax due at the time of offence committed but such amount shall not be less than Rs. 100.

This notification will come into force from **July 10, 2024**.

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

▪ **Rajasthan Registration (Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Finance Department, Rajasthan on July 10, 2024, issued the Rajasthan Registration (Amendment) Rules, 2024 to further amend the Rajasthan Registration Rules, 1955.

- Rule 181 shall be substituted to state "Cancellation of or correction in registered documents"

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

▪ **Rate of one-time tax payable on non-transport vehicles and transport vehicles**

The Finance Department, Rajasthan on July 10, 2024, issued a notification to specify the rate of one-time tax payable on non-transport vehicles and transport vehicles as specified in column number 2 of the table, at the rates specified against each of them in column number 3 of the table.

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

▪ **Exemption from payment of electricity duty payable by a person on consumption of self-generated energy**

The Finance Department, Rajasthan on July 10, 2024, notified regarding exempts from payment of electricity duty payable by a person on consumption of self-generated energy used exclusively for generation of energy in captive power plants, commonly known as auxiliary energy consumption, to the extent as allowed by the Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC); provided that exemption under this notification shall be calculated on the basis of energy used for self-consumption but shall not be allowed on the sale of electricity by the captive power plant.

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

▪ **Exemption for registered dealers from tax on the sale of Foreign Liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor, where tax exceeds 20%**

The Finance Department of Rajasthan on July 10, 2024, notified regarding the exemption for registered dealers from tax on the sale of Foreign Liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor, where tax exceeds 20%. It is stated that a registered dealer shall be exempted with immediate effect from the tax payable on the sale of Foreign Liquor, Indian Made Foreign Liquor, and Beer sold to the dealers/persons not having retail off licenses issued by the Excise Department to the extent the rate of tax exceeds 20%.

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

▪ **Government of Rajasthan issued a notification regarding the Motor vehicle tax payable on goods vehicles of other States**

The Government of Rajasthan on July 10, 2024, issued a notification regarding the Motor vehicle tax payable on goods vehicles of other States. The State Government, as specified in column no. 2 of the table below, operates goods vehicles registered in the State on temporary permits.

Motor vehicle tax payable on goods vehicles of other States, construction equipment vehicles, motor vehicles or chassis of motor vehicles temporarily registered and passing through the State and goods vehicles of other States plying on permits issued under mutual agreement, It is hereby specified against each of them with immediate effect at the rates specified in column number 3 of the said table attached to the document.

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

Tamil Nadu

▪ **Amendments to the Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Rules, 1948**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on July 02, 2024, issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Rules, 1948 wherein the following Rules have been inserted:

- Rule 2A. Application for registration of establishment:
 - o Every application for registration of an establishment shall be made in Form-Y to the Inspector of the area in which the establishment is located.
 - o Every application under sub-rule (1), shall be made online together with a fee of Rs.100/- (Rupees one hundred only) through the designated web portal of the Labour Department.
- Rule 2B. Issue of registration certificate for establishment:
 - o The Inspector shall issue a registration certificate online in Form-Z within twenty-four hours from the time of making of the application under rule 2A.
 - o A Register of establishments shall be maintained by the Inspector in Form-ZA.
- Rule 2C. Intimation of existing establishments:
 - o The employer of every establishment in existence on the date of commencement of the Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2018 shall furnish online, through the designated web portal of the Labour Department, details of the establishment in Form ZB to the Inspector of the area in which the establishment is located.
- Rule 2D. Amendment of Registration Certificate:
 - o The application for amendment of a registration certificate shall be made online, through the designated web portal of the Labour Department.
 - o The Inspector shall issue a fresh registration certificate online in Form-Z within twenty-four hours from the time of making the application under sub-rule (1).

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

Telangana

▪ **Notification regarding the online dashboard issuance of Fire NOC**

The Telangana Disaster Response and Fire Services Department on July 01, 2024, issued a notification regarding the online dashboard issuance of NOC.

In compliance with the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Business Reforms Action Plan 2024, the State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department has developed an online dashboard for the following services. The details are available on the website Fire Service License, Fire No Objection Certificate (NOC), Provisional NOC, Occupancy NOC, and Renewal of NOC.

The online dashboard covers features related to service timelines prescribed as per the Public Service Delivery Guarantee (PSDG) Act, the total number of applications approved, the average, median and minimum time taken for obtaining applications received, approvals, along with the average fee for completion of the entire process. The dashboard is developed in the format attached to the document.

For new registrations, application-wise details are updated in the online portal concerning the date of application, date of approval and breakup of fee details.

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

Uttarakhand

▪ Determination of Additional Surcharge under UERC (Terms and Conditions of intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2015

The Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) on July 06, 2024, invited comments on UPCL's proposal for the determination of an Additional Surcharge under the provisions of UERC (Terms and Conditions of intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2015 to meet the fixed cost of UPCL arising out of its obligation to supply electricity to the Open Access Consumers for the period **October 01, 2024 to March 31, 2025**.

The Responses/suggestions, if any, are sought from consumers and other stakeholders on the Petition. Responses may be sent to the Secretary, Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission, either in person or by post at 'Vidyut Niyamak Bhawan', Near ISBT, PO-Majra, Dehradun-248171 or through e-mail to secy.uerc@gov.in by **August 10, 2024**.

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

West Bengal

▪ Govt. of West Bengal issued guidelines for the issuance of Transit Pass for Converted Timber

The Government of West Bengal on July 01, 2024, issued guidelines for the issuance of Transit Pass for Converted Timber, etc. The following has been stated: -

- Transit Pass shall be issued in accordance with the West Bengal Forest Produce Transit Rules 2019 for movement and/or transport of converted timber (sawn timber/veneer/ply) and payment of fees as prescribed.
- As machines for conversion have become more efficient with the passage of time, the conversion percentage of a round log into Veneer, Fali, and Rolla shall be 70%, 10%, and 20% respectively.

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

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